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19<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Your Ref: 8/7/2856 (4169484)

Dear Michelle

**PROPOSED LAND USE ON LOT 1 FOREST CREEK RD, FOREST CRK, SP161489**

Further to your site visit and correspondence on 6<sup>th</sup> November, please find detailed below the additional plans you requested and the description of our land uses for Lot 1 Forest Creek Rd.

**Enclosed;**

1. Site Layout on Survey Plan – detailing existing driveways, existing buildings, proposed house site, waste water treatment area, the locations of existing vanilla vines, peppercorns and dragon fruit.
2. Walking Trails on Survey Plan – shows the locations of all of the trails, driveways and parking area.
3. Daintree Forest Trail Map – provides additional information regarding the walking trails.

**Land Uses;**

- The old logging tracks (now walking trails) have been mapped using GPS, colour tagged (to match map) and over 300 hundred trees and shrubs have been labeled detailing their common name, scientific name and general information about the plant. The walking trails require continuous maintenance to safely appreciate the local flora and fauna.
- We have a planting program in place to replant rare and endangered native plant species back onto the property. We have planted over 250 native trees to date on the property (mainly sourced from Cassowary Care).
- Regular weed and pest control is essential to eradicate invasive weeds and feral pigs.
- Between 2007 & 2013 we have trialed over seventy different edible plant crops to see what works in this environment. Dragon Fruit, Black Peppercorn and Vanilla have been our most successful crops. Unfortunately all three crops are very labour intensive and will require continuous maintenance if we are going to make a successful business growing them.
- The long-term plan is to produce quality exotic fruit and create an informal botanical garden open to the public for recreational, education and business purposes.

We have quite a few large projects underway and we cannot complete them on our own. In 2007 we requested permission for a caretaker's residence, which was approved and constructed in 2009. We are now at the stage where we would like to build the main dwelling and continue with our business plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samantha Carey-Sage".

SAMANTHA CAREY-SAGE

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**SITE LAYOUT**

SCALE 1:5000

SC SL 296

SURVEY PLAN

LOT 1 SP161489

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House Creek

10 metre buffer zone

Vanilla vines

Black peppercorns

Dragon Fruit

1. Existing cleared building site
2. Caretakers House
3. Shed
4. Waste water treatment

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BK15780

293.69  
270°22'10"

ROAD

457.58  
180°24'

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NEW ROAD

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# WALKING TRAILS ON SURVEY PLAN

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Palm Valley

Trail Name	Trail Colour
Cassowary Drive	Red
Dragon's Loop	Orange
Palm Valley	Pink
Ridgeway	Blue
Walt - White	Yellow
Unsealed Road	Black

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Ridgeway

Cassowary Drive

Dragon's Loop

Picnic Area

Timber Trail

293.69

270°22'10"

ROAD

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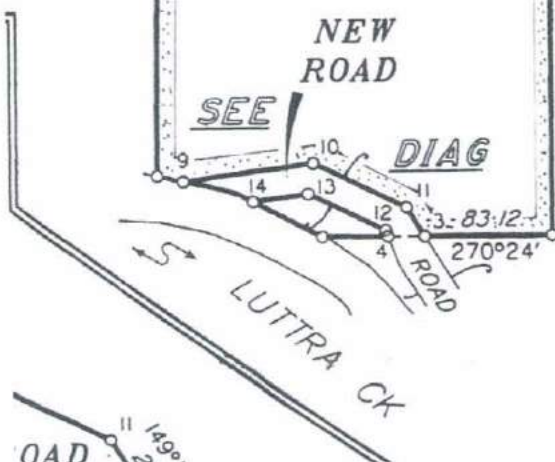
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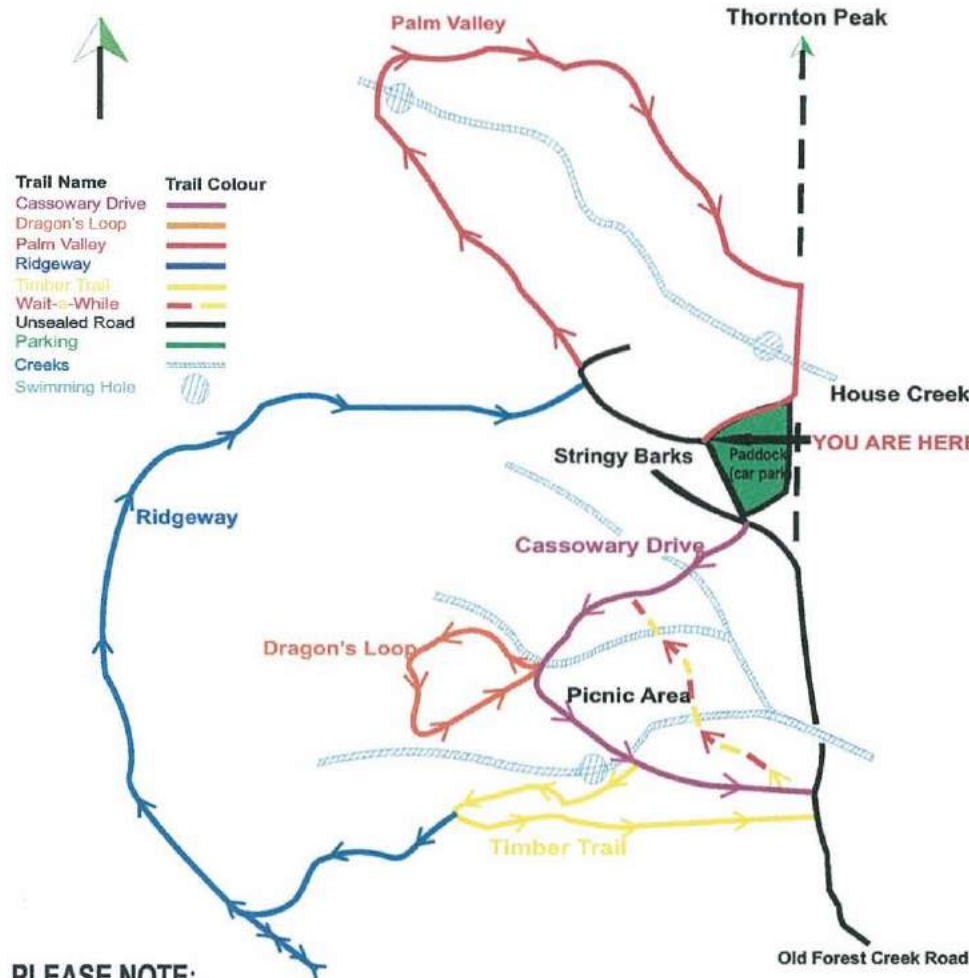
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# Daintree Forest Trails



## PLEASE NOTE:

- ◆ You are in a natural environment and there may be trip hazards and slippery surfaces.
- ◆ Please follow the coloured markers attached to the trees on the trails and Do Not stray off the trails.
- ◆ The local wildlife are wild and can be unpredictable, therefore please do not feed or touch them.
- ◆ We suggest that you wear walking shoes, long trousers, a hat and use a suitable insect repellent & sun screen.

The trails have been designed to walk in one direction, please follow the arrows as shown on this map.

**Cassowary Drive (Pink Trail)** — 20 mins 610 metres

This old logging track leads to all of the trails except Palm Valley. This is a favoured route used by Cassowaries and other wildlife due to the many varieties of native fruit trees, shrubs, vines and epiphytes plus the three seasonal creeks. This trail is mostly flat and quite wide and is suitable for all terrain prams. This trail also has a picnic table and a small swimming hole if you fancy a dip.

**Dragon's Loop (Orange Trail)** — 15 mins 380 metres

This beautiful trail starts next to a seasonal creek and winds through the dense rainforest. Look for epiphytes in the canopies and Forest Dragons on the tree trunks or see if you can spot a Noisy Pitta foraging in the leaf litter. This trail has a nice selection of ferns, palms, cycads, vines and many large rainforest trees.

**Palm Valley (Red Trail)** — 45 mins 1350 metres

Is one of the harder and most varied trails. The trail changes from flat ground to steep inclines and meanders through a beautiful valley full of palms, ferns and ancient cycads. You will also cross 3 creeks, clamber through large root buttress trees and finish in an open paperbark forest full of orchids and ant plants. There are also two small swimming holes to cool off in.

**Ridgeway (Blue Trail)** — 60 mins 1835 metres

If you are a mountain goat or love a challenge, then this is the trail for you. Ridgeway is the highest point on the property and offers glimpses of the Daintree River and the farm land beyond. Fortunately for us, the Pioneers seemed to have been put off by the steep inclines and therefore we have a wide variety of fauna, flora and large specimen trees on this trail. Good hiking boots and above average fitness is required for this trail.

**Timber Trail (Yellow Trail)** — 20 mins 550 metres

An exceptional trail that is slightly harder than Dragon's Loop but well worth the effort. It has a wonderful collection of epiphytes, orchids and native trees such as Briar Oak, Ivorywood, Quandong, Rose Butternut, Wattle, Yellow Walnut and many more. Halfway along this trail you will come to the start of the Ridgeway Trail.

**Wait-a-While (Red & Yellow Trail)** — 15 mins 305 metres

This trail is a fine example of how the rainforest is repairing itself after it was cleared for timber and grazing in the early to mid 1900s. You will see how the short lived (15-20 years) pioneer species die and fall to the ground taking with them a tangled network of vines and epiphytes. These disturbances create light gaps for surrounding plants to take advantage and before long you have a mass of plants and vines. Eventually the slower growing rainforest trees which can grow underneath the canopy will take over and block out the light to prevent future pioneer seedlings from germinating.

- ◆ Carry plenty of drinking water, as we do not recommend drinking from the creeks.
- ◆ Take photographs and only leave footprints.
- ◆ You enter our property and use our trails at your own risk. Please be responsible for your own life!

*Daintree Forest Trails are distinct, but have not been extensively formed. People using these tracks should be reasonably fit*