

Welcome to Yanks Jetty

# Orpheus Island



# Fun facts about Orpheus Island...

## How Orpheus was named...

In Greek mythology, the musical Prodigy Orpheus was renowned for his ability to enchant any audience. It is particularly apt then that Queensland's Orpheus Island, an exclusive tropical island retreat surrounded by turquoise waters, should bear his name. In reality, Lt G E Richards named the island after the Royal Navy ship, 'The Orpheus', which was wrecked in 1863. The Aboriginal name for Orpheus Island is Goolboddi Island.

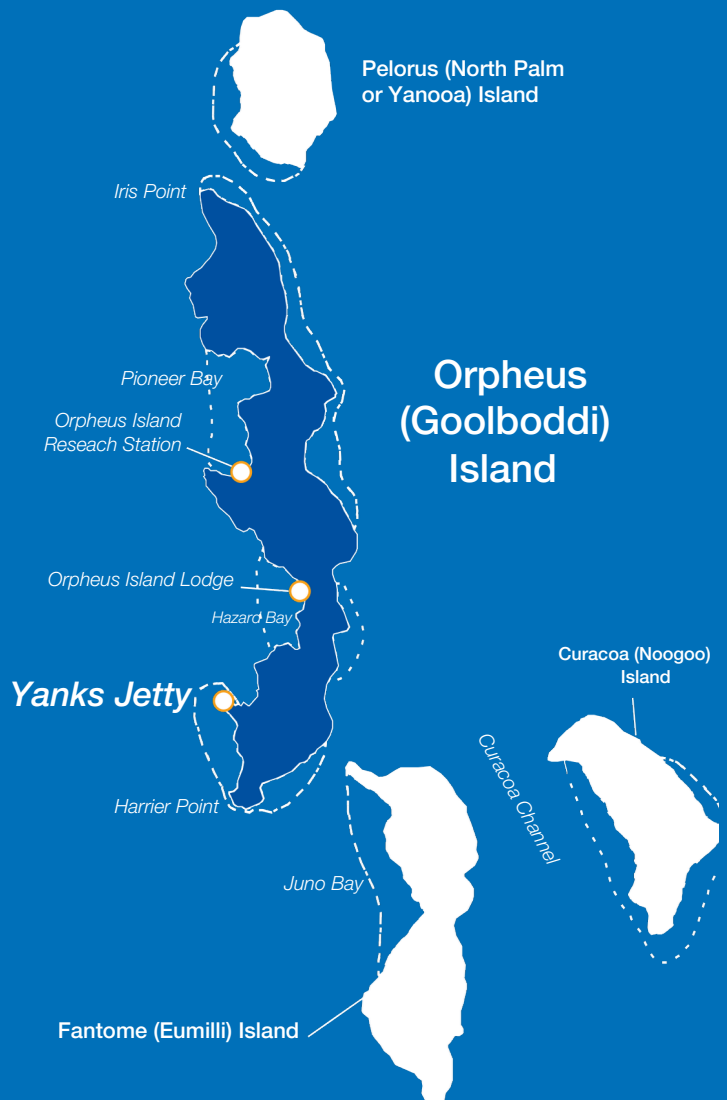
## History and Nature insights

Orpheus Island is situated within the Great Barrier Reef and one of the 16 islands that make up the Palm Island Group.

It is about 12 km long and varies from 1 to 2.5 km wide. It is hilly, has rocky headlands and sandy beaches and covers an area of 1300 hectares. The island is composed of volcanic rocks that formed around 280 million years ago. Molten rock intruded into cracks in the granite bedrock, forming distinctive ring dykes.

The fringing reef surrounding Orpheus and the neighbouring islands offer some of the region's most diverse marine wonderlands. Orpheus' local dive sites are home to 1,100 of the 1,500 species of fish on the reef, 340 of the 359 varieties of hard corals and some of the region's largest collections of soft corals.

Today we are headed to Yanks Jetty located at the southern end of Orpheus Island. Yanks Jetty is another reminder of Australia's role during the wars. The jetty was a degaussing (demagnetising) station for American ships and submarines in WWII.





# Your guide to Yanks Jetty!

## Day Schedule

Depart Townsville 8.00am

Scenic cruise to Orpheus Island - approx. 1hr 45m

Morning tea is served

Arrive at Yanks Jetty 10.00am

Free time to swim, snorkel and explore

Back on board by 1.00pm - lunch is served

Arrive in Townsville at 3.00pm (approx.)

*\* Please note these are estimate arrival/departure times, subject to change without notice.*

## Make the most of your time at Yanks Jetty...

Plan ahead - No vessel access while ashore.

Don't forget to take your essentials before disembarking:

Sun safe gear - hat, sunnies, sunscreen, towel

Footwear

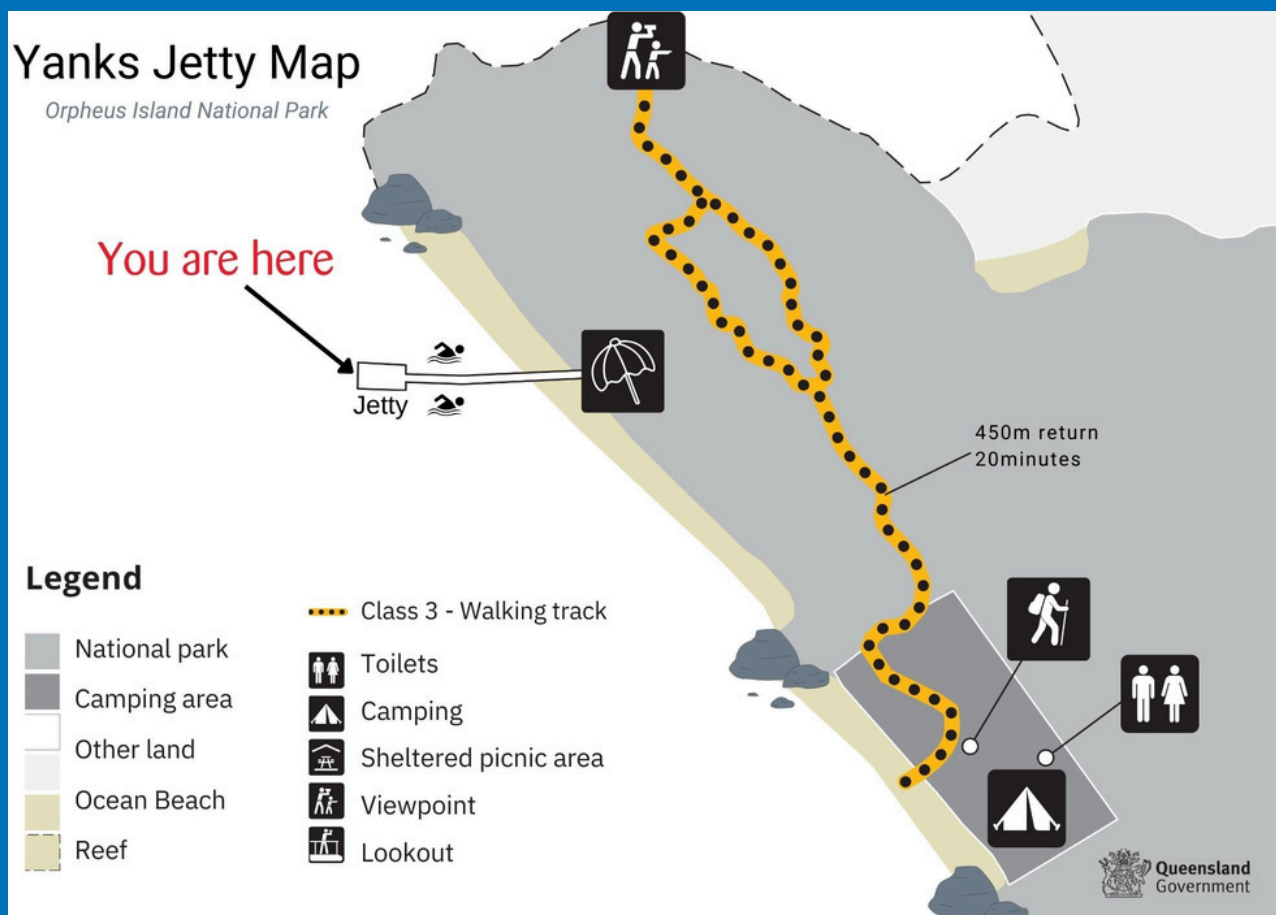
Water bottle

Snorkel gear

Be mindful - Yanks Jetty is part of QL National Park.

Access to basic amenities while ashore.

Please only leave your footprints.



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