



Big Sandhills Moreton Is.

Access to the Big Sandhills on the west coast, for walkers, is limited to half tide or lower, as high tide blocks the beach "road." Sea kayakers have a 14 kilometres paddle south from "The wrecks" at Tangalooma, or 10 kilometres north from Koorinal at the island's southern tip. At low tide there is a kilometre wide beach to the water.

The entry marker to the Big Sandhills, is where the dunes break through the line of vegetation above the beach, and reach to the high tide level. There is a water pump 50 metres north of the entry to the dunes; but the water is low quality, needing boiling and filtering.

Camping sites are north and south of the water point, under the trees, with views across the water. The Big Sandhills almost reach from coast to coast across the island. There is a walking track that makes it possible to walk west to east, but although it is shown on some National Parks maps, it is not signposted at either end, nor is it easy to find.



slide down the steep dune face or look for wind sculptures in the sand

blue seas and white sand



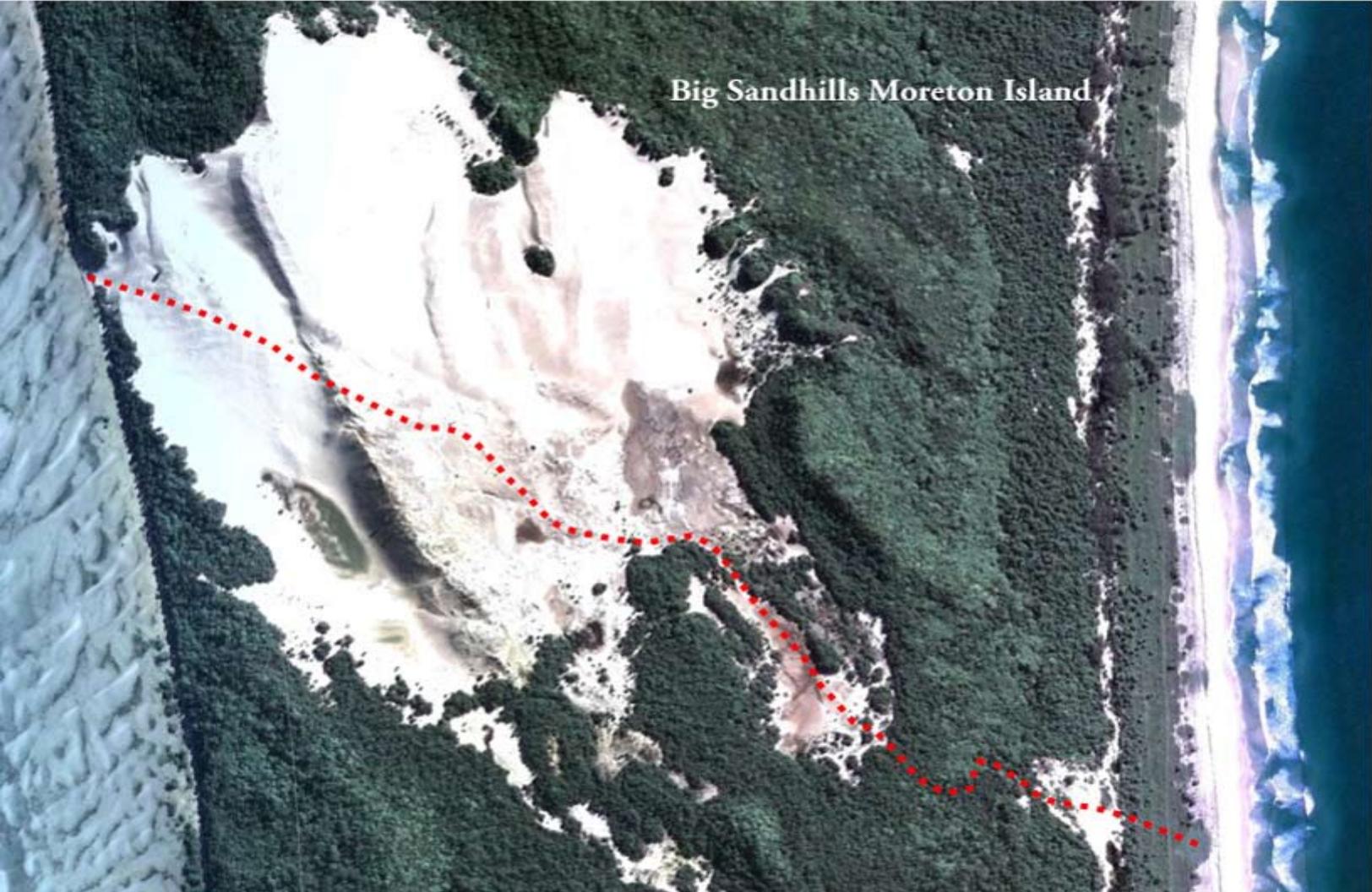
campsite under the trees next to the water point



high tide blocks travel. Little Sandhills - 3 kms



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The trail above, in red, shows the way across the island. There is no marked trail across the sand dunes as you move East. The North South dark line, 400 metres inland from the western bay side, is the major dune crest line, a geographical feature that does not vary despite storms. East of that crest line, the land slopes down towards the east, and the trail follows the natural drainage features, that is, a sandy creek bed in the dune.

The entry into the eastern treeline was made by small earthmoving machinery, and the track is clear, level and wide, with sawn timber to the sides.

Do not try to proceed east unless you are on the trail. The trail emerges at a small sand blow behind the eastern ocean beach; a small lagoon is usually present immediately south.

A faint vehicle path leads down to the beach across the open foredunes. That path is visible in the image, right, as the line exiting lower right from the centre sandblow.

GPS bearings for the trail exiting the Big Sandhills dunes into the eastern treeline, are $27^{\circ}17'07.96$ S, $153^{\circ}24'55.69$ E. The trail entry west from the beach, into the treeline, is at $27^{\circ}17'10.14$ S, $153^{\circ}25'05.91$ E.

