Boondall Wetlands

Managing Brisbane's natural areas
Brisbane City Council manages more than 8000 hectares of bushland and wetland reserves. To ensure our natural areas provide healthy habitat for native plants and animals, and beautiful places for the community to enjoy, Council has to actively manage these areas. Pressures include weeds, arson, pest animals, unrestrained domestic pets, illegal dumping and unauthorised recreational activities such as trail bike riding.

Report arson
Arson, or bushfire started illegally, is a crime and a major threat to all reserve users, reserve neighbours and wildlife. The majority of fires in Brisbane’s bushlands are deliberately lit, or start under suspicious circumstances.
- To report a fire call emergency services on 000 (triple zero).
- To report suspicious behaviour contact PoliceLink on 13 14 44.

For more information visit www.ag.gov.au/EmergencyManagement

For your safety
- Enjoy the forest with a friend (don’t go alone).
- Wear a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and carry water.
- Wear comfortable footwear if you are going bushwalking.
- Make sure you let someone know where you are going, and when you plan to return.
- Exercise caution when on tracks. Some tracks may be muddy or flooded after heavy rain or very high tides.
- Take a track map or use your mobile phone to download a map from www.brisbane.qld.gov.au.
- Carry a mobile phone. In an emergency dial 000 or 112 (or text 106 if you have a Teletyper device) as full mobile coverage may not be present in all areas.

Special features

Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre
The centre has displays and friendly staff to provide information on the reserve. The centre also offers interesting and fun walks and activities for visitors and school groups as well as opportunities for volunteers. For more information about centre events and activities visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Anne Beasley Lookout
Located beside the bikeway this lookout provides fantastic views of the wetlands and Moreton Bay.

Nurri Millen Totem Trail
A series of cast aluminium totems symbolise aspects of Indigenous Australian culture in the wetlands. Brochures are available at the Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre.

Canoe trails and boat ramps
A great way to explore the wetlands is to go canoeing. Shorncliffe and the Nudgee Road boat ramps provide access to the estuaries and creeks.

Canoe trail
Nundah Creek canoe Trail (2.1 km)
This canoe trail starts at the Sinbad Street boat ramp at Shorncliffe and follows Nundah Creek. It winds past Dinah Island’s woodland forests, mangrove forests and intertidal saltmarshes. Watch for eagles soaring high and you may even see a dolphin on a high tide.

Getting there
By car: access Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre from Paperbark Drive at the end of Bicentennial Road, Boondall. The wetlands can also be accessed from Nudgee Road, Nudgee.
By foot: the reserve can be accessed from surrounding streets at points identified on the map.
By bike: go to www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search ‘cycling in Brisbane’ to plan your trip.

How to protect our bushland
Keep to walking tracks
On bike only
Dog on leash only

Under Council’s local laws, conducting or engaging in the following activities is prohibited.
- No littering
- No fires
- No camping
- No horse riding
- No unauthorised vehicles or motorised vehicles
- No motorbikes
- Clean up after your dog

Walking and cycling tracks

Boondall Wetlands
Bikeway – 13 km
(1 hour to cycle, 3.5 hours to walk)
This popular pathway extends from the Brisbane Entertainment Centre to Nudgee Beach via Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre and Anne Beasley Lookout. Cyclists can link this path to other bikeways outside the wetlands to create an extended ride. Visit www.cyclingbrisbane.com.au for local cycling news and information.

Tabbl-ban dhagun Boardwalk – 1.5 km (1 hour)
Meaning ‘place of salt water’, this track passes through mangroves fringing the shores of Moreton Bay and the banks of Nudgee Creek. Birdlife abounds in the mangroves and a birdhide overlooks the tidal flats at the creek mouth. At low tide these flats are vital feeding grounds for shorebirds.

Tulla-yugaipa dhagun Track – 100 m (15 minutes)
Meaning ‘place of useful plants’, this short track showcases plants once used by local Indigenous and colonial people. Signage along the walk identifies featured plants and explains their surprising uses.

Billai dhagun Circuit – 2 km (1 hour)
Meaning ‘place of she-oaks’, this track winds through many wetland communities including a delightful section of she-oak forest. Observe the distinct changes in vegetation in response to salt levels as you walk around the track or spend some time at the birdhide on the junction of Nundah and Cabbage Tree creeks – a great place to see an osprey due for fish. Some of the Nund Millen totems can be seen on this walk so remember to pick up a brochure from the Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre.

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Boondall Wetlands, located in Brisbane’s north-east, has international significance as habitat for migratory shorebirds under the Ramsar Convention. The wetlands protect a variety of habitats including tidal flats, mangroves, salt marshes, melaleuca wetlands, grasslands and eucalypt forest.

Boondall Wetlands is home to a range of wildlife including penguins, squirrel gliders, frogs, reptiles and butterflies but is best known for its amazing variety of birdlife. Large numbers of international migratory shorebirds visit between September and March each year. Two bird hides located in the wetlands provide excellent vantage points for viewing birdlife.

Brochures are available for more information about centre events and activities. To report a fire call emergency services on 000 (triple zero).
Boondall Wetlands Track Map

**Legend**
- Walking
- Multi-use
- Bikeway
- Canoeing
- Boardwalk
- Picnic area
- Toilets
- Disabled toilet
- Tap
- Bridge
- Car park
- Boat/canoe ramp
- Viewing deck
- Bird hide
- BBQ
- Playground
- Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre
- Anne Beasley Lookout
- Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre

**SCALE**
0 250 500 1000
Metres

**Walking track rating**
- Easy: mostly flat with minor slopes and fairly even track surface with few obstacles.
- Moderate: track may be hilly and have uneven surfaces in sections.
- Hard: track may be steep, uneven and have obstacles in sections.

**Canoeing safety**
Canoe trails in Boondall Wetlands are easy if planned correctly. Check tides, currents and wind conditions as these trails can become difficult when paddling against the wind and current.

**Bikeway safety**
Cycling is a fun and easy way to stay healthy and to see Brisbane’s natural areas. Be sure to always wear a helmet, keep to the left of paths and only ride your bike on designated bikeways. Remember to give way to pedestrians at all times and travel at a suitable speed.

**Boondall Wetlands Tracks**

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