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Brisbane City Council's newest environment centre, located in Karawatha Forest, aims to inform locals and visitors about the environmental significance of the natural area.

Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre is an innovative, inspiring and engaging place of discovery, enhanced by its relaxed, natural setting in the bush.

Features

An interactive frog habitat floor projection highlights the important protection Karawatha Forest provides for sensitive, endangered ecosystems and species. There are 25 amphibian species found at Karawatha Forest.

The nature play space outside the centre is the first of its kind in Queensland. It stimulates discovery and helps families reconnect with nature through outdoor play.

Other features include an indoor craft and learning table and live stick insects and frogs.

Events and activities

We offer free and low-cost activities and events.

The night-time experience room gives visitors an immersive experience of the vibrant nocturnal wildlife in the forest, otherwise not seen. See the rain, hear the birds and feel the wind.

The virtual reality experience allows visitors to 'fly over' Karawatha Forest and see this expansive tract of bushland from a bird's-eye view.

For more information visit **www.brisbane.qld.gov.au** and search 'Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre' or call **(07) 3403 8888**.

Volunteering

We are looking for volunteers to join a flexible roster and help to lead nature walks, greet and interact with centre visitors, learn about the forest's unique flora and fauna and help with interactive projects. A formal qualification is not needed to become a volunteer, but good social and communication skills are important.

Volunteer role opportunities include:

- leadership and administrative positions
- greeting guests and facility representatives
- project work including helping to create and deliver programs
- forest guides to lead group walks and facilitate nature spotting
- special projects and events.

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

Facilities

The following facilities are available at Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre.

- Sheltered picnic tables

- Free double-plate electric barbeques

- Public toilets including a change table

- Improved pathways

- A car park area and overflow parking area

- Coach facilities

- Wheelchair access

- A meeting room and adjacent large outdoor undercover area available for environmental group use

The new environment centre also incorporates sustainable features such as rainwater harvesting to flush toilets, and solar panels to offset energy use.

Getting there

BY CAR
Access Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre and picnic area at 149 Acacia Road, Karawatha.

BY FOOT
The reserve can be accessed from surrounding streets at points highlighted on the Karawatha Forest Track Map.

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT
For public transport information visit **www.translink.com.au** or phone **13 12 30**.

How to protect our bushland

Keep to walking tracks

Dog on leash

Under Council's local laws, conducting or engaging in the following activities is prohibited.

No littering

No fires

Clean up after your dog

No camping

No horse riding

No motorbikes

No swimming in water bodies

No interference with plants

No unauthorised or motorised vehicles

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Find us at 149 Acacia Road, Karawatha
Open Tuesday-Sunday, 9am-4pm
Closed Mondays and public holidays

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