Brisbane City Council is creating more to see and do in a clean and green Brisbane with more opportunities to enjoy Brisbane’s beautiful climate. Brisbane Koala Bushlands, stretching from Belmont to Burbank in Brisbane’s east, provides significant koala habitat and is part of an area known as the Koala Coast. The Koala Coast is one of the most important koala habitat areas in Australia and includes bushland in Brisbane, Logan and Redland cities.

Brisbane Koala Bushlands includes open eucalypt forest with an understorey of native grasses and wildflowers, and pockets of rainforest along creeks and moist gullies.

The main picnic area is located at the Alperton Road entrance at Burbank. Here visitors can enjoy information displays including handy hints to help spot a koala. The picnic area has electric barbecues, large shelters and toilets. A horse riding trail starts from here for those who would like to explore the site by horseback.

There is a smaller picnic area at JC Trotter Memorial Park, located along Cherbon Street at Burbank, with electric barbecues and a large shelter. During autumn and winter this is one of the best spots to see beautiful golden candlestick banksias in flower.

Visit brisbane.qld.gov.au for more information.
Popular tracks and trails

Stockyard Creek Walking Track 1.4 km (50 minutes) 🦘
This circuit extends (see inset) to Stockyard Creek with a boardwalk and a viewing deck. Keep an eye out for koalas sleeping in forks of trees, especially closer to the creek. After rain you may be able to hear the calls of some of the different frog species. The creek is also home to the eastern water dragon that you can hear the splash of when they launch themselves into the water.

Horse Trail 5.4 km one-way from Alperton Road picnic area to Ford Road Conservation Area (1 hour to ride, 2 hours walk) 👣خيل
This multi-use trail is designed for use by both horse riders and bushwalkers. Access to the track is available from the Alperton Road visitor node, from Longton Court, Burbank or through the Redland City Conservation Area off Ford Road, Sheldon. Check signage at the start of the trail to confirm distances to the various exit points. Along your way you will see patches of rainforest along Stockyard and Tingalpa creeks, and swamp wallabies and wildflowers in the understorey of the open forests on adjoining ridgelines. Horse riders must give way to bushwalkers at all times and strictly stay on the designated track.
JC Trotter Multi-use Trail 3 km (1 hour) ⛰️ 🎥

Access to the trail is 250 m south of the picnic area on Cherbon Street, Burbank. The circuit can be used by both bushwalkers and horse riders, and passes through eucalypt woodland dotted with scribbly gums and an understorey rich in grass trees and banksias. Horse riders must give way to bushwalkers at all times and strictly stay on the designated track.
Managing Brisbane’s natural areas

Brisbane City Council manages more than 9500 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 ruralfire.qld.gov.au and search ‘arson’.

For your safety

- Enjoy the forest with a friend (don’t go alone).
- Wear a hat, sunscreen 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 cross creek lines and are unsafe to cross when flooded after heavy rain.
- Take a track map or use your mobile phone to download a map from 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.
Getting there

By car: access to the main picnic area is from Alperton Road, Burbank; access to JC Trotter Memorial Park is from Cherbon Street, Burbank.

By foot: the reserve can be accessed from surrounding streets at points identified on the map.

By public transport: there is no public transport to Brisbane Koala Bushlands.

By bike: go to brisbane.qld.gov.au and search ‘cycling in Brisbane’ to plan your trip.

How to protect our bushland

Keep to walking tracks  Designated trails only  Dog on leash

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

No littering  No fires  No camping  No cycling

No motorbikes  No interference with plants  No unauthorised vehicles or motorised vehicles  Clean up after your dog
**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.

**Horse riding safety**

When using horse riding trails, always wear a helmet and ride to your skill level – some tracks have a range of obstacles and uneven or steep ground. Be sure to tell others where you are going and when you expect to return. Remember that these trails are also used by bushwalkers.

**Brisbane Koala Bushlands tracks**

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**Note:** There is no drinking water in Brisbane Koala Bushlands.