Toohey Forest

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. Toohey Forest is located in Brisbane’s southern suburbs. Extensive walking tracks wind through large sandstone outcrops and eucalypt forest with stunning grass trees and banksias scattered throughout the understorey. These plants are particularly spectacular when wildflowers are in bloom in late winter and spring.

Toohey Forest is home to koalas, echidnas and gliders with more than 75 species of birds and an array of reptiles, butterflies and frogs.

Enjoy the barbecue and picnic facilities at any of the four picnic areas located throughout Toohey Forest or take a bike ride along the Toohey Ridge and Nathan Ridge tracks. The Intercampus Link provides access between Griffith University’s Nathan and Mt Gravatt campuses.

Visit brisbane.qld.gov.au for more information.
Special features

Mt Gravatt Outlook
Pegg’s Lookout
Federation Lookout

These lookouts provide spectacular views of Brisbane and surrounding suburbs. On a clear day the Moreton Bay islands, the D’Aguilar Ranges and the Glasshouse Mountains can be seen from Mt Gravatt Outlook.

Popular walking tracks

Nathan Ridge Track – 3.5 km (1 hour to walk) 🏃
This track leads from Toohey Ridge Track and connects to the Griffith University Ring Road. An all-weather track, it is also a gateway to other interesting tracks within the forest.

Toohey Ridge Track – 3 km (1 hour to walk) 🏃
This track extends from Toohey picnic area along the ridgeline to the South East Freeway. A small track to the right joins you to the main bikeway. Planchon’s stringybark and Bailey’s stringybark feature along this track – both of these trees are significant as they are not commonly found in Brisbane.
Sandstone Circuit – 750 m (30 minutes)
This track begins at the Toohey picnic area and meanders up the sandstone knoll.

Toohey Mountain Track – 1.5 km (50 minutes)
This track leaves from the Mayne Estate picnic area. It follows the ridge to the south to Pegg’s Lookout. From here you overlook Archerfield towards Ipswich, Flinders Peak and ranges beyond.

Summit Track – 1.2 km (40 minutes)
This track begins at Gertrude Petty Place and leads to Mt Gravatt Outlook. You will see creepers, ferns, shrubs and large trees on this winding track up the mountain. Once you reach the summit a breathtaking view is your reward.
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.

- To report a fire call emergency services on 000 (triple zero).
- To report suspicious behaviour contact Policeline 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 is from Toohey Road, Tarragindi and Outlook Drive, Mt Gravatt.

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


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  On bikeway 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 horse riding

No interference with plants  No unauthorised vehicles or motorised vehicles  No motorbikes  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. Steps may be present.
- **Hard**: track may be steep, uneven and have obstacles in sections. Steps may be present.

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.

**Toohey Forest tracks**

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- Walking
- Multi-use
- Bikeway
- Picnic area
- Toilets
- Disabled toilet
- Tap
- Bridle/boardwalk
- Car park
- BBQ
- Reservoir
- Mt Gravatt Outlook + Summit Picnic Area
- Peggy’s Lookout
- Federation Lookout
- Mayne Estate Picnic Area
- Toohey Picnic Area
- Gertrude Petty Place Picnic Area