

White Rock - Spring Mtn Conservation Estate

School Road, White Rock

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Destination overview

Proximity

 Paperbark Flats Picnic Area
14km (20 mins drive)
from City centre

 Springfield Lakes Trails
21km (30 mins drive)
from City centre



Open: **6.00 am - 6.00 pm**

Trail rating

 **Easy - Moderate**


 **More Difficult**

 **Intermediate**

Length of tracks

 **200m - 19km return**

How long will it take me?

 **5 min walk -
10 hr hike**

**White Rock -
Spring Mountain
Conservation Estate
features distinctive,
sculptured, rocky
outcrops, extensive
forested ridges,
escarpments
and valleys with
amazing wildlife.**

Destination description

White Rock - Spring Mountain Conservation Estate is over 2,500ha in size. It features the weathered rocky outcrops of White Rock and Spring Mountain located within a large area of regionally significant bushland supporting some of the highest natural and conservation values in the region.

The estate contains a great diversity of life. Over 600 plant species and 150 fauna species have been identified here, including five threatened flora and three fauna species. It also supports three endangered vegetation types and functions as the headwaters of seven major waterways.

Visitors have a range of recreational opportunities including hiking, bird-watching, horse riding, mountain bike riding and nature study.

Amenities

Toilets, picnic facilities, horse float parking, BYO drinking water.

Getting there

From Redbank Plains Road (accessible from the Cunningham Highway), head south on School Road and drive directly into the Paperbark Flats Picnic Area. The horse float parking area is on your immediate left as you enter Paperbark Flats.

Choose the best trail for you

The Six Mile Creek Track, White Rock Multi-User Trail and the Yaddamun Trail have been established as 'multi-user' trails that allow for bushwalking, horse riding and mountain bike riding.

Before setting out, consider your group's fitness levels, the trail difficulty rating, weather conditions and time you have available.

From Paperbark Flats Picnic Area

Bluff Lookout Circuit 200m one way 5 mins

You will encounter a moderate level track with rough surfaces and steep inclines as you climb to the top of this rocky outcrop. Experience tree top views over Six Mile Creek and across the undulating forested hills and escarpments.

Little White Rock Lookout Circuit 200m one way

 10 mins

Take a detour from the Little White Rock Track and ascend a moderate difficulty track to the lookout for great forest views. This is a great walk for adventurous families.

Six Mile Creek Boardwalk 300m one way  10 mins

Wander along the boardwalk in the cool shade of the endangered blue gum forest. Keep an eye out for a koala resting in a large gum. Scratches and droppings at the base of the tree will point you in the right direction. From the boardwalk you can also access the Bluff Lookout trail.

Little White Rock Track 600m one way  15 mins

Pass along the base of a rocky ridge where you will see caves and relics of a military training bunker. The spotted gum forest supports a local koala population.

Six Mile Creek Track 1.4km return



45 mins



20 mins

A moderate level trail that leads you into a world of large paper barks, swamp box and blue gums. If you are lucky enough, you may even see a shy lace monitor as you walk along Six Mile Creek and through the surrounding bushland.



White Rock Multi-user Trail



White Rock Multi-user Trail 6.5km return

 3 hrs |   1 hour

Leading to the base of the culturally significant White Rock, this trail goes through a mix of vegetation types and scenery from riparian to open eucalypt forest and rocky ridges. The Traditional Owners request that visitors respect their cultural beliefs and resist the temptation to climb to the summit of White Rock.

Yaddamun Trail 19km return

 8 hrs |   4 hrs |   4 hrs

The Yaddamun Trail contains some steep inclines and rough surfaces. It crosses the northern section of the estate providing glimpses of Ipswich, Brisbane City and towards Moreton Bay.

If you are planning to go for a leisurely mountain bike ride or hike, then access this trail from the Paperbark Flats Picnic Area car park. Horse riders can access the trail from the horse float parking area.

At the horse float parking area hitching rails, a water trough and picnic table are provided to support your riding needs.

Please note that water for horses is only available within the Horse Float Parking Area. Prior to your ride please ensure you read and follow Council's Trails Guidelines.

From Wild Iris Terrace and Speckled Circuit, Springfield Lakes

Spotted Gum Trail 600m return



5 mins



5 mins

Take a short stroll to the junction with Boronia trail.

Opossum Creek Trail 800m return



10 mins



6 mins

This trail traverses areas of *Melaleuca* (Paperbark) Trees along a seasonal wetland as it links with Boronia Trail.

Boronia Trail 1.4km return



20 mins



10 mins

Keep an eye out for the pink, sweet-scented flowers of the Boronia bushes along this trail in late Winter and Spring, and enjoy the tranquillity of the surrounding forest all year round.

Friiled Neck Lizard Circuit 2.5km return



35 mins



20 mins

Follow this well-marked trail through peaceful Eucalypt forest and listen out for the wide range of bush birds.

Ironbark Track 4km return



1 hour



30 mins

This vehicle width trail was once a timber haulage road and still features an historic timber bridge along the way.



Nature and conservation

The conservation estate contains unique ecosystems and species associated with the weathered remnants of sandstone ridges and bluffs. This area is home to some of Ipswich's most threatened species including the powerful owl, peregrine falcon and Council's floral emblem- the plunkett mallee (*Eucalyptus curtisii*) - an attractive multi-stemmed mallee form which rarely exceeds 7 metres in height.

Ipswich Enviroplan

The Ipswich Enviroplan demonstrates Ipswich City Council's commitment to environmental protection through innovative programs and the effective management of our City's natural resources.



Enviroplan, together with key documents such as the Nature Conservation Strategy and the Integrated Water Strategy, sets the path for natural resources within Ipswich City. For more information about Ipswich Enviroplan visit www.ipswich.qld.gov.au

History and culture

This estate remains sacred to the Traditional Owners of Ipswich, the Yagara People, consisting of the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul Clans. Sacred sites are very important to the Traditional Owners, as they provide a link between Country and personal identity and allow the passing on of cultural knowledge. Some of the sacred sites within Ipswich include quarry sites, traditional food resources, story places, pre-contact and historical camp sites, fighting grounds, ceremonial sites, bora rings and women's business sites.

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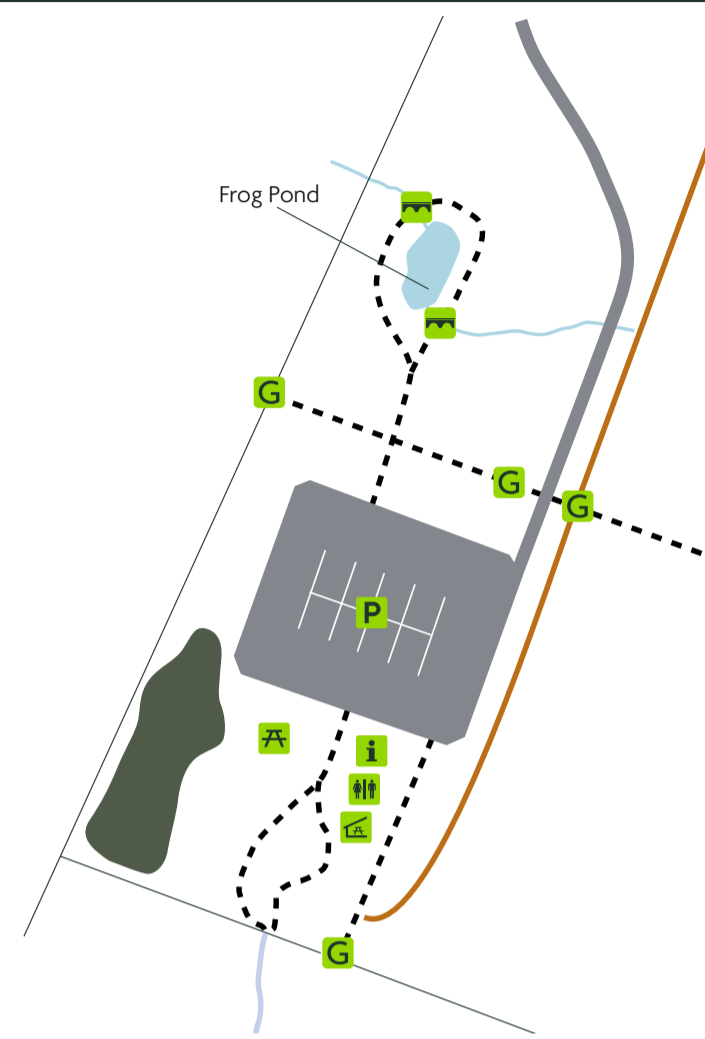
Paperbark Flats Picnic Area

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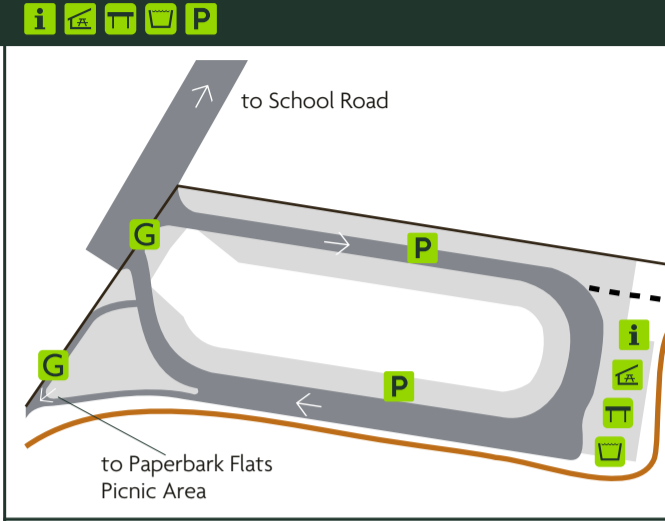


Inset A Paperbark Flats Picnic Area

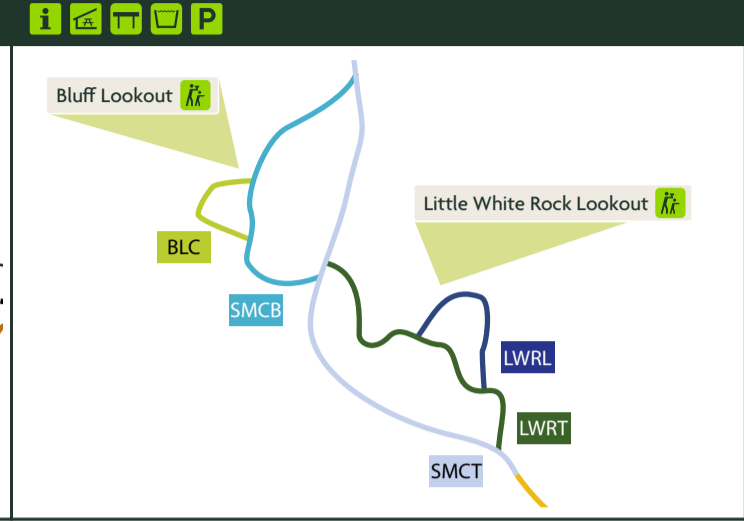
Access for hiking and mountain bike riding



Inset B Horse Float Parking Area



Inset C Bluff and Little White Rock Lookouts



Trail Rating Classifications

Trails in this estate have been assigned a rating under the Australian Standard for Walking Tracks, a difficulty rating under the International Mountain Biking Association Rating System and South Australian Governments Trails Rating Classification for Horse Riding adapted from the Draft Recreational Trails Strategy for South Australia 2005-2010.

Recreational Touring

- Mountain Bike Riding
- Easiest
 - Easy
 - More Difficult
 - ◆ Very Difficult
 - ◆ Extremely Difficult

Horse Riding

- Class 1 - Easy
- Class 2 - Intermediate
- Class 3 - Advanced
- ◆ Advanced Grade: rough surface

Walking Trails

- **Class 2 - Easy**
Easy level track; suitable for all fitness levels; with all junctions sign-posted.
- **Class 3 - Moderate**
Moderate level track; suitable for average fitness levels; with junctions sign-posted.
- ◆ **Class 4 - Moderate**
Moderate level track with rough surfaces; steep inclines and limited signage; suitable for experienced walkers with bushwalking experience and average fitness levels.

Trail name

Trail name	Trail Rating			Distance	10,000 STEPS
	Hiking	Mountain Bike Riding	Horse Riding		
Trails accessed from Paperbark Flats Picnic Area					
BLC Bluff Lookout Circuit	●			200m one way	250
LWRL Little White Rock Lookout Circuit	●			200m one way	250
SMCB Six Mile Creek Boardwalk	●			300m one way	375
LWRT Little White Rock Track	●			600m one way	750
SMCT Six Mile Creek Track	●	●		1.4km return	1,750
WRMT White Rock Multi-user Trail	●	■		6.5km return	8,125
YT Yaddamun Trail	●	■	◆	19km return	23,750
Trails accessed from Wild Iris Terrace and Speckled Circuit, Springfield Lakes					
SGT Spotted Gum Trail	●	●		600m return	750
OCT Opossum Creek Trail	●	●		800m return	1,000
BT Boronia Trail	●	●		1.4km return	1,750
FNLC Frilled Neck Lizard Circuit	●	●		2.5km return	3,125
IT Ironbark Track	●	●		4km return	5,000



Know before you go

Please refer to the Estate Notice Board for detailed track information or visit www.ipswich.qld.gov.au.

Visitors are to contact Ipswich City Council on (07) 3810 6666 for access requirements if they wish to:

- Venture away from the designated picnic area or track system
- Undertake organised group activities
- Undertake activities of a commercial nature

Conducting or engaging in the following activities is prohibited:



For your safety, please:

- Bring water, food, hat and sunscreen
- Take a mobile phone and emergency contact details
- Notify someone of your planned walk
- Check weather forecasts and fire and weather warnings
- Beware of falling branches

Trail etiquette – Tread lightly

- Stay on the designated track network
- Do not remove or disturb plants, animals or cultural sites
- Be prepared to share tracks with other recreational users
- In case of accident or other emergency please call 000 or 112
- Take out all the rubbish you take in



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