

TRAILS OF IPSWICH

# Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve

Chelmsford Avenue, Ipswich



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# Destination overview

Proximity



**Edge of CBD**



Trail rating



**Easy – Moderate**

Open: 6.00 am – 6.00 pm

Length of tracks



**200m – 800m**

How long will it take me?



**5–60 min walk**

**A natural bushland oasis in the heart of Ipswich City.**

## Destination description

Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve is protected and maintained through Ipswich City Council's Enviroplan initiative. Its tracks are popular for recreational bushwalking, birdwatching and walking dogs on-leash.

Established as a reserve in the 1880s and covering 11.5ha in area, it is steeped in history with the discovery of fossils and intense coal mining activity early last century.

A nature-based playground in the day use area provides opportunity for children to explore and engage in the natural environment. The pond provides an ideal location for relaxation while the short walks are great for bird watching, giving visitors a glimpse into the mining history of the reserve.

### Amenities:

BBQs, toilets, picnic settings, sealed walking paths, drinking water, playground.

## Getting there

Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve is located 3 minutes drive from the Ipswich CBD. The main entry and parking areas are located opposite the corner of Deebing and Clay Streets, just south of the city centre.

## Choose the best trail for you

### Waterfall Track 60m one way 5 mins

The sealed path leads up a set of stairs to a sheltered viewing area with picnic facilities. While the waterfall no longer flows, this trail is worth exploring.

### Triassic Circuit 195m return 5 mins

The name of this walk pays homage to the fossils found on the site.

### Quarry Circuit 410m return 10 mins

A number of viewing areas over the historic quarry make great vantage points for looking back in time through the geology of the rock strata.



## Water Tower Circuit 800m return 20 mins

Shaded sealed pathways lead through native bushland to the water tower. This location is a scenic high point and provides views across the Ipswich region.

## Bluey's Circuit 630m one way 20 mins

Passes through a dry sclerophyll forest community which is recovering from historical mining disturbances. Scrub species such as hoop pines (*Araucaria cunninghamii*) are beginning to emerge in the gullies. Keep your eyes open for koalas in the taller Eucalypts.



## 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 Natural Environment Policy and Waterway Health Strategy, sets the path for natural resources within Ipswich City. For more information about Ipswich Enviroplan visit [ipswich.qld.gov.au/enviroplan](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/enviroplan)



## Traditional Owner Connection

One of the site's cultural uses was as a location for communication via smoke signals. This could be internally, to arrange meetings or call for assistance, or from others signalling their intent and seeking permission to enter/ traverse through Traditional Lands.

The totem landscape art feature at the Quarry Street entrance recognises the connection and cultural significance of this site to Traditional Owners.



# Know before you go

Please refer to the Reserve Notice Board for detailed track information or visit [ipswich.qld.gov.au/parkssearch](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/parkssearch)

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:



Dogs must remain **on leash** at all times.

## 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 for 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, rocks 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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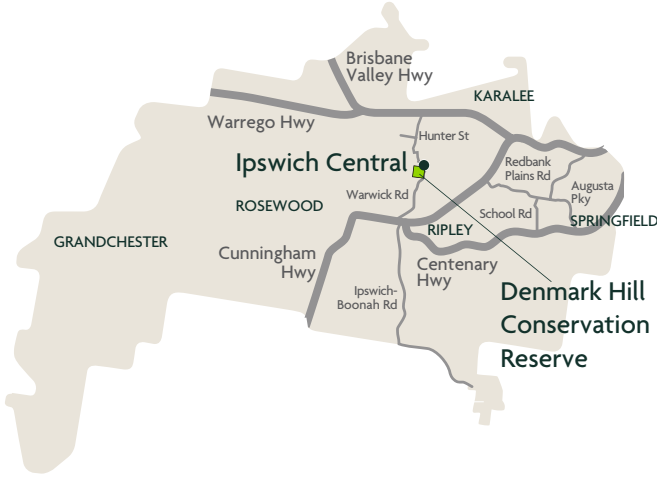
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# Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve

### Ipswich Region



### Legend

Road

Walking track

Connector track

Creek

Dam/water body

Grassed area

Cliff line

Parking

Information

Playground

Picnic shelter

Shaded seating

Picnic Table

Toilets

Barbecue

Water tap

Lookout

Wheelchair access

Gate

Stairs


### Walking Trails

#### Classification

**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.

Trail name	Class	Distance
FROM QUARRY STREET DAY USE AREA		
BC	Bluey's Circuit	630m one way
QC	Quarry Circuit	410m return
TC	Triassic Circuit	195m return
WT	Water Tower Circuit	800m return
WF	Waterfall Track	60m one way



### Inset A - Quarry Street Day Use Area

