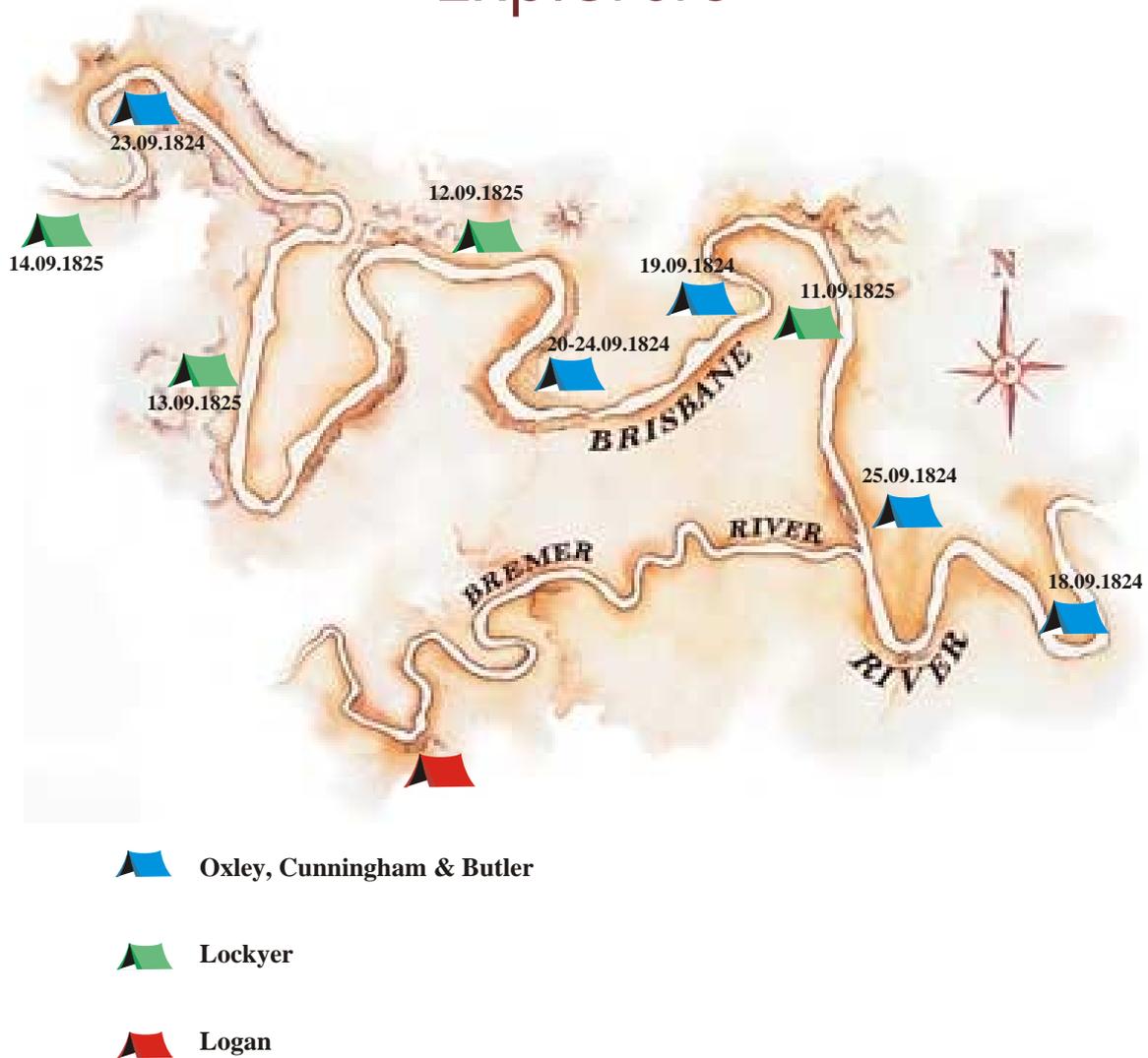


Explorers



Oxley, Cunningham & Butler 1824

Sept 19: Passed, but did not explore the Bremer River. Camped at night on a gravel bank (near Kookaburra Park).

Sept 20: 'About Sunset, our people had hauled the Boats over the rapid [Colleges Crossing] ... we hauled in on the margin of another body of Torrent gravel. The rock is a sandstone, a pudding stone base as is shown in the steep bank opposite to our Encampment [the cliff face below Allawah Road] The channel before us is choked up by fallen timber...'

Sept 21: Followed the river on foot, met an elderly Aboriginal man fishing - he showed them an easy place to cross the river and accompanied them westwards to the base of Pine Mountain. Cunningham examined the pine trees which grew there and named the Brisbane Pine; they are now known as the Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*).

Sept 22: Climbed Mt Crosby. Oxley said it was one of the most magnificent views he had ever seen.

Sept 23: Explored westwards on foot. Climbed Mt Araucaria and at night, made 'a Hut of Boughs' for the night. Returned to the main camp next day.

Sept 24: At main camp.

Sept 25: Return trip in the two boats. Noticed sharks about one metre long. Saw an Aboriginal family extracting a type of worm from decayed timber and cooking them in a fire - there was little game around for hunting because the country had been burned. Camped at night opposite the Junction.

Lockyer 1825

Sept 11: Camped on 'a sandstone rock forming a natural wharf'. Caught 'very fine eels and a fish called the cat fish'.

Sept 12: Camped near Mt Crosby where there were recent Aboriginal campfires.

Sept 13: Saw a coal bed near present-day Kholo Bridge. This was the first observation of coal in Queensland. Caught cod fish.

Sept 14: Met a group of Aboriginal people who were surprised to see the two sheep Lockyer had in his boat. Camped the night in heavy rain near Watercress Creek.

Logan 1827

Patrick Logan, Commandant of the convict settlement at Brisbane Town, explored the Bremer River and discovered deposits of limestone. In 1827, he established a convict outstation to quarry the lime, burn it in a limekiln and transport it to Brisbane by boat. This small settlement eventually became the City of Ipswich.