

TRAILS OF IPSWICH

Flinders - Goolman Conservation Estate

Carmichael's Road, Purga



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Destination overview

Proximity



Hardings Paddock
15km (20 mins drive)
from city centre



Flinders Plum
25km (30 mins drive)
from City centre



Open: 6.00 am – 6.00 pm

Trail rating



Easy – Difficult



Easy – Very Difficult



**Intermediate –
Advanced**

Length of tracks



220m–19km

How long will it take me?



**5 min walk –
6 hr hike**

This large conservation estate features a range of trails showcasing spectacular views over the distinctive valleys and peaks from the Scenic Rim to the bay islands. Visitors are constantly amazed by the feeling of remoteness they gain so close to Brisbane and Ipswich.

Destination description

Visitors to the Flinders - Goolman Conservation Estate can take in the natural wonders of the area through a range of recreational activities. Opportunities for bird-watching, hiking, mountain bike riding, horse riding, nature study and camping are all provided for your enjoyment.

The conservation estate is over 2,200 hectares in area and supports extensive forests and rugged volcanic peaks and slopes including Flinders Peak, Mt Blaine, Mt Catherine and Mt Goolman.

Hardings Paddock and Flinders Plum Picnic Areas are the destination highlights within the conservation estate.

The area forms part of the regionally significant Flinders - Karawatha Corridor and is listed on the Register of the National Estate. It acts as an important refuge for wildlife and supports a diverse range of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians as well as over 500 different native plant species.

Amenities

HARDINGS Paddock

BBQs, toilets, large day use area, camping facilities, picnic tables, BYO drinking water.

FLINDERS PLUM

BBQ, toilets, picnic tables, BYO drinking water.

Getting there

HARDINGS Paddock

Travel along the Ipswich Boonah Road (off the Cunningham Highway) to Carmichael's Road and continue to the end to reach Hardings Paddock

FLINDERS PLUM

Travel along the Ipswich Boonah Road (off the Cunningham Highway) to Mount Flinders Road and continue to the end of the gravel section of road to reach Flinders Plum.



Camping at Hardings Paddock

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Only 20 minutes from Ipswich City, Hardings Paddock campground offers a rustic nature-based camping experience within one of our largest natural areas.

With toilets, camp-shower cubicles, kitchen, BBQs, picnic tables and a holding yard for horses, the campground is perfect for a short weekend escape and also suitable for caravans and campervans.

For bookings visit [Discoveripswich.com.au](https://www.discoveripswich.com.au)

Choose the best trail for you

Before setting out, consider your group's fitness level, the trail difficulty rating, weather conditions and time you have available. During summer, plan your activity for the cool of the early morning for the best experience.

Mountain Bike Riding	Horse Riding
<input type="radio"/> Easiest	<input type="radio"/> Class 1 - Easy
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<input type="radio"/> More Difficult	<input type="radio"/> Class 3 - Advanced
<input type="radio"/> Very Difficult	<input type="radio"/> Advanced Grade: rough surface
<input type="radio"/> Extremely Difficult	

FROM HARDINGS Paddock

Chalk Circuit 560m one way  5-10 mins

Encompassing the picnic area this trail is flat and easily accessible for all levels of fitness.

Bush Tucker Trail 220m return  5 mins

Along the trail you can learn about various bush tucker plants through interpretive signage from both Indigenous and European perspectives.

Gamlen Circuit 3km return

 1 hr |   30 mins

Enjoy a hike or leisurely mountain bike ride along this circuit or use it as the launching pad for longer and more challenging trails including the Goolman and Rocky Knoll Lookouts and Flinders-Goolman Trail. This circuit includes some moderate slopes.

Goolman Lookout Circuit 794m one way



20 mins

Goolman Lookout offers the best view of the culturally significant Mt Goolman, Ivory's Rock, the Scenic Rim and Brisbane. On a clear day, it's possible to see the Pacific Ocean.

Spowers Road Track 1.85km



40 mins

Take a scenic country drive to the Spowers Road entry of the estate. From this entry you can enjoy a stroll through Spotted Gum woodland to Goolman Lookout (via Flinders Goolman Trail).

Horse Trail Circuit 9km return



part track only



3 hrs

This trail allows you to do a circuit of the Hardings Paddock Picnic Area as well as taking in Goolman and Rocky Knoll Lookouts.

Flinders Goolman Trail 19km one way



5-7 hrs



3-6 hrs



part track only

Includes 7.4km Spotted Gum Track.

This multi-user trail forms the backbone of all trails in the Conservation Estate, and connects the two picnic areas.

Please note: due to access restrictions, horse float turnaround and unloading facilities are only available at Hardings Paddock Picnic Area including hitching rail, water trough and holding yard. Horse riding is restricted to the section of this trail between Hardings Paddock and Flinders Plum Picnic Areas.

FROM FLINDERS PLUM

Mt Blaine Summit Circuit 4.3km return



6 hrs



30 mins



1 hr

This hike to Mt Blaine Saddle requires a moderate level of fitness, but the reward is beautiful views of Flinders Peak. On your return to Flinders Plum picnic area you will glimpse Cunninghams Gap and the Great Dividing Range.

Sandy Creek Track 3.5km return



1 hr



30 mins

Walk through patches of majestic Hoop Pine forests on this moderate level track as it meanders along Sandy Creek.

Flinders Peak Track 6km return



6 hrs

Experienced walkers should allow a full day to reach the summit and return safely.

The upper slopes of Mount Flinders provide spectacular views of craggy peaks, the Bremer River catchment and the Scenic Rim. This track becomes increasingly challenging as you ascend, with rough surfaces, steep inclines, cliff edges, limited signage and no water sources. It should only be undertaken by well-equipped, fit and experienced hikers with bush sense, navigation and rock scrambling skills.

Mt Catherine Trail 300m one way



10 mins

Explore the rocky peak of Mt Catherine, with views to Mt Blaine.

Mt Elliott Road Track 2.6km one way



30 mins

This track traverses spectacular remnant forest which supports the endangered Flinders Plum (*Pouteria eerwah*) and features glimpses of the rocky eastern slopes of Mt Flinders.



Sandy Creek

Nature and conservation

The Flinders - Goolman Conservation Estate contains unique ecosystems and species associated with the weathered remnants of once mighty mountain peaks. This area is home to some of Ipswich's most threatened animal species including the peregrine falcon, wedge-tailed eagle and council's faunal emblem the brush-tailed rock wallaby. Watch for rock wallabies as you traverse the Flinders Peak Track and remember to provide any sightings or images to council to assist with their management.

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 Strategy and the Waterway Health Strategy, sets the path for natural resources within Ipswich City. For more information about Ipswich Enviroplan visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/enviroplan

Traditional Owner Connection

Cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are documented for this area, such as a former Bora Ring between Mt Blaine and Flinders Peak.

Burrumpah / Booroongaph / Boorrumpaa/h (Flinders Peak) is considered part of The Dreaming landscape. All caves and outcrop overhangs are culturally significant, with many uses for Traditional Owners.

Today, Hardings Paddock's permanent Kupmurri cooking area and Bush Tucker Trail enable continuation of cultural practices.

Know before you go

Please refer to the Estate Notice Board for detailed track information or visit 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:



Camping only permitted in Hardings Paddock Campground.

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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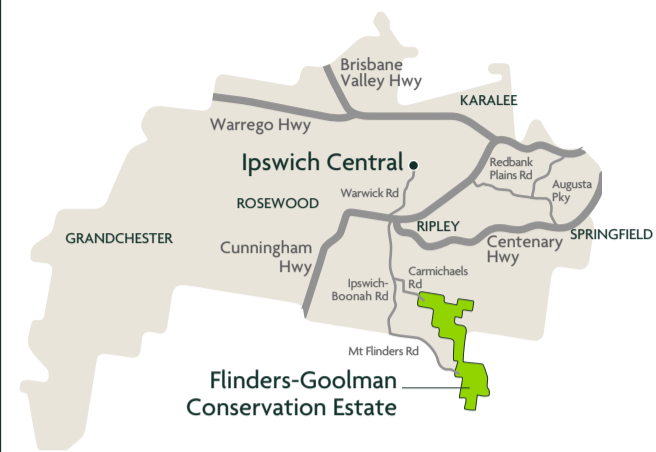
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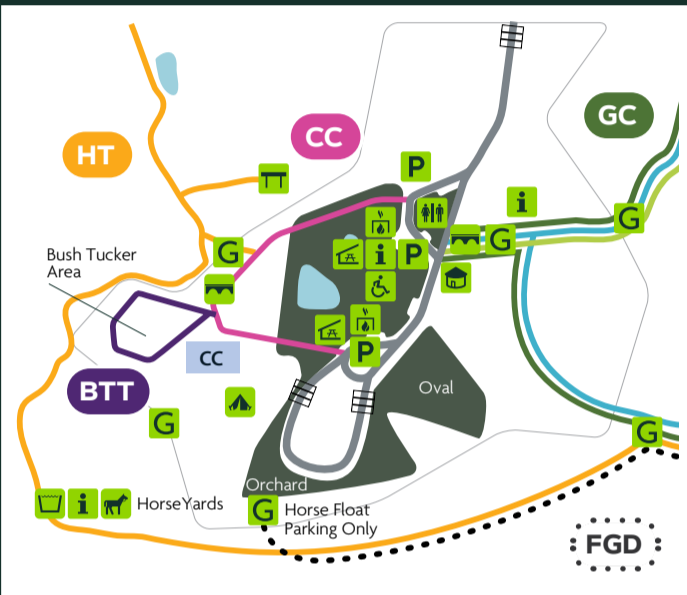
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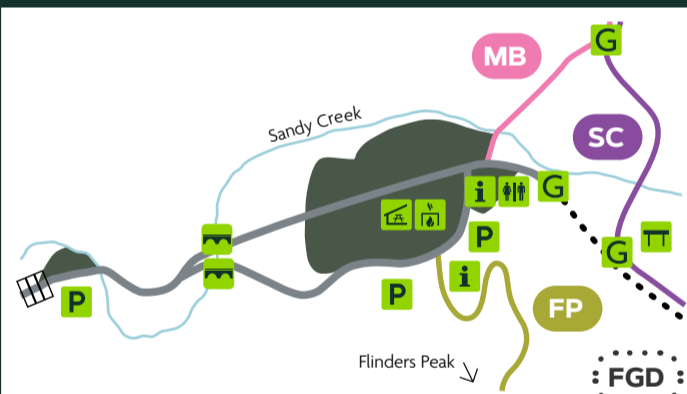
Inset A - Hardings Paddock Picnic Area

No horse float access



Inset B - Flinders Plum Picnic Area

No horse float access



Legend



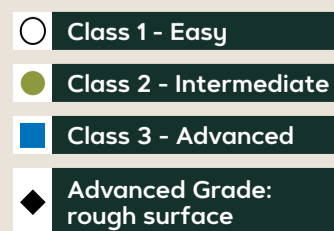
Trail Rating Classifications

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.

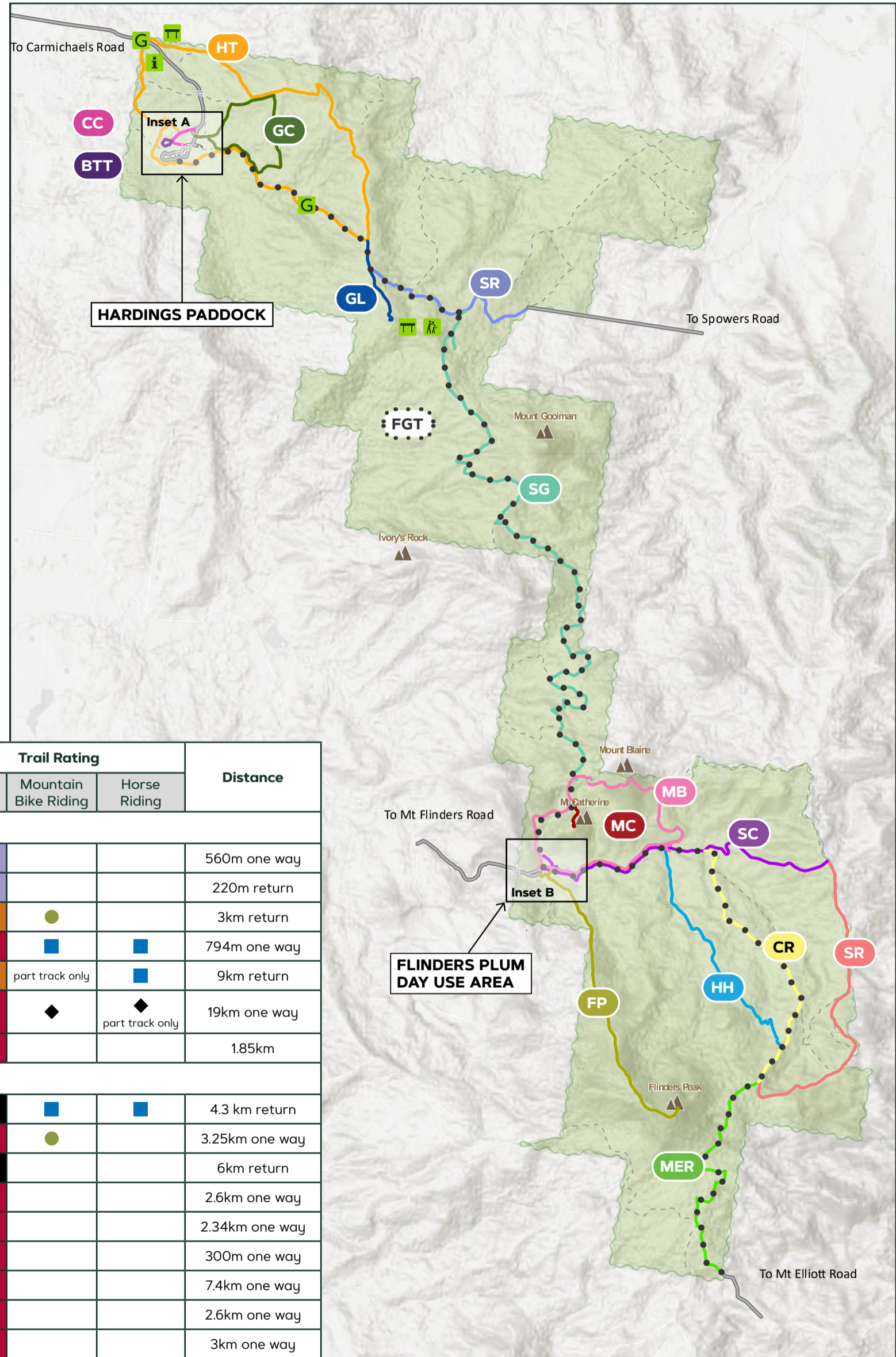
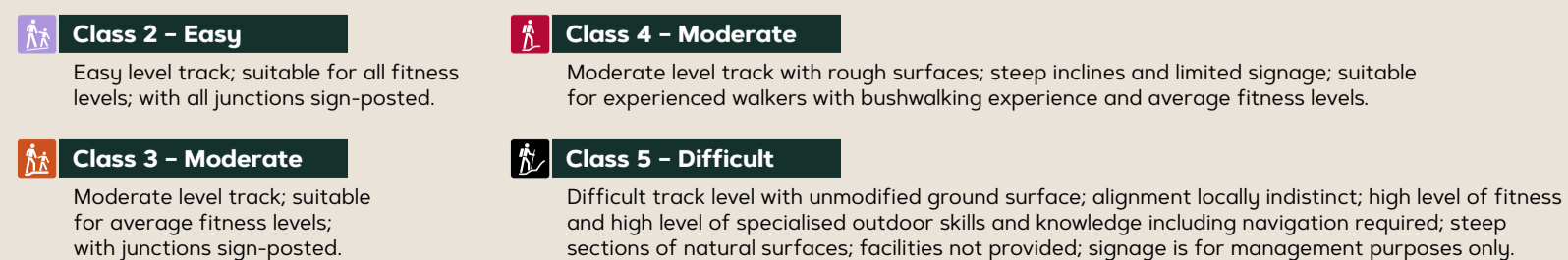
Mountain Bike Riding



Horse Riding



Walking Trails



Trail name	Trail Rating			Distance	
	Hiking	Mountain Bike Riding	Horse Riding		
FROM HARDINGS PADDOCK PICNIC AREA					
CC	Chalk Circuit				560m one way
BTT	Bush Tucker Trail				220m return
GC	Gamlen Circuit				3km return
GL	Goolman Lookout Circuit				794m one way
HT	Horse Trail Circuit		part track only		9km return
FGT	Flinders - Goolman Trail			part track only	19km one way
SR	Spowers Road Track				1.85km
FROM FLINDERS PLUM PICNIC AREA					
MB	Mt Blaine Summit Circuit				4.3 km return
SC	Sandy Creek Track				3.25km one way
FP	Flinders Peak Track				6km return
CR	Central Ridge Track				2.6km one way
HH	Honeymoon Hill Track				2.34km one way
MC	Mt Catherine Trail				300m one way
SG	Spotted Gum Track				7.4km one way
MER	Mt Elliott Road Track				2.6km one way
SR	Skyline Ridge Track				3km one way

