

TRAILS OF IPSWICH

# White Rock – Spring Mountain Conservation Estate

White Rock Drive,  
Redbank Plains



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# Destination overview

## Proximity



Paperbark Flats  
Picnic Area

**14km** (20 mins drive)  
from city centre



## Trail rating



**Easy - Difficult**



**More Difficult**



**Intermediate**

## Length of tracks



**200m - 19km return**

## How long will it take me?



**5 min walk -  
10 hr hike**

Open: 6.00 am - 6.00 pm

**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 almost 3,000ha 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 animal 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 then onto White Rock Drive to the Paperbark Flats Picnic Area. The horse float parking area is on your left as you enter Paperbark Flats.

## Choose the best trail for you

There are several trails within the estate which are established as multi-user for bushwalking, horse riding and mountain bike riding. Please be considerate of other users on these trails.

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

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 PAPERBARK FLATS PICNIC AREA

**Bluff Lookout Circuit 200m return**  5 mins

This track has rough surfaces and steep inclines to the top of a rocky outcrop. Tree top views over Six Mile Creek.

**Six Mile Creek Boardwalk 300m one way**

 10 mins

On this shaded boardwalk through blue gum forest you may see signs of koalas such as scratches and droppings.

## White Rock Trail 7km return



3 hrs



1 hour

This trail goes through a mix of vegetation types and scenery from riparian to open eucalypt forest and rocky ridges.

**THIS TRACK PROVIDES ACCESS TO OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST:**

## Little White Rock Trail 600m return



The native Splendid Hibiscus can be seen along this trail, flowering in Spring and Summer. A detour on the Little White Lookout Circuit.

## Little White Lookout Circuit 200m



This trail provides a steep climb to treetop views over Six Mile Creek.

## Gunpit Ridge Track 3.1km one way



This shared-use trail is a challenging ascent to views over White Rock to the cityscape horizon. A side trail has remnants of military training gun pits.

## Main Ridge Track 1.8km one way



The lookout at the end of this track features the best view of White Rock and surrounding bushland. There are some steep edges and difficult sections that require caution and rock scrambling skills.

## White Rock Loop 1.5km



This trail provides views of the impressive and culturally significant White Rock. Follow the eastern side of the loop to find grass trees. White Rock is protected under the *Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and climbing is prohibited.



White Rock - climbing prohibited

**Yaddamun Trail 22km 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.



## FROM PETER TULLETT MEMORIAL PARK, WILD IRIS TCE AND WANDERER CRES, 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.

### 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 Trail 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.

### Mountain Creek Track 360m one way



10 mins

This track meanders through establishing young trees and shrubs in the revegetated area before linking to the Yuddamun Trail.



## 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 Natural Environment Strategy 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

Nugum/Boogun (White Rock) is a sacred site known culturally as a Women's area.

Climbing White Rock and the adjacent southern ridge is prohibited. It is registered cultural heritage and protected under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* (Qld).

Cultural heritage also extends to the natural world of plants and animals. One of the significant species in this estate is the uncommon but magnificent Splendid Hibiscus (*Hibiscus splendens*). This species has edible seeds, flowers and leaves, and the bark can be used to make netting.

# Know before you go

Please refer to the Estate 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:



## 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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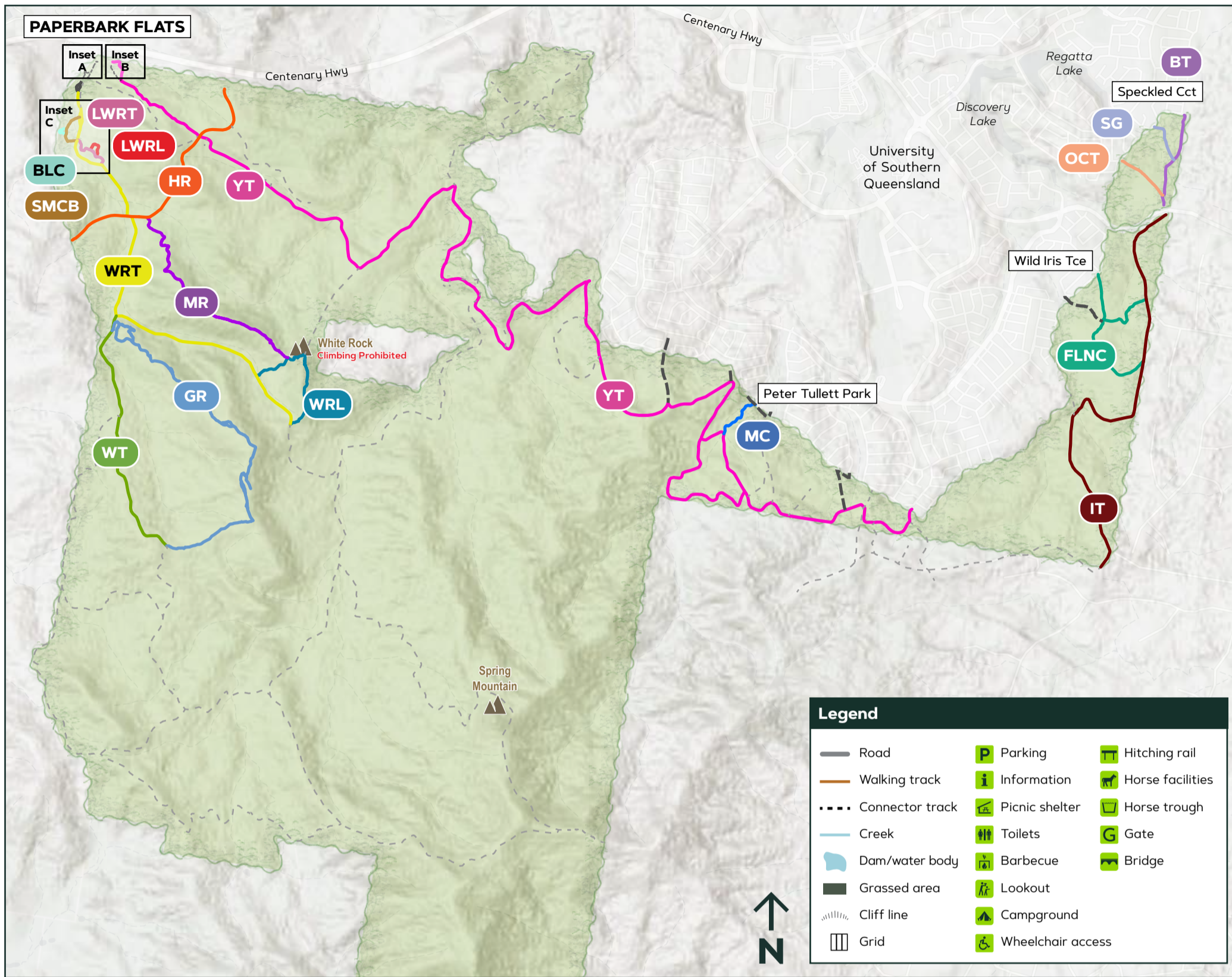
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# White Rock – Spring Mountain Conservation Estate

Paperbark Flats Picnic Area



## 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

- Easiest
- Easy
- More Difficult
- ◆ Very Difficult
- ◆◆ Extremely Difficult

### Horse Riding

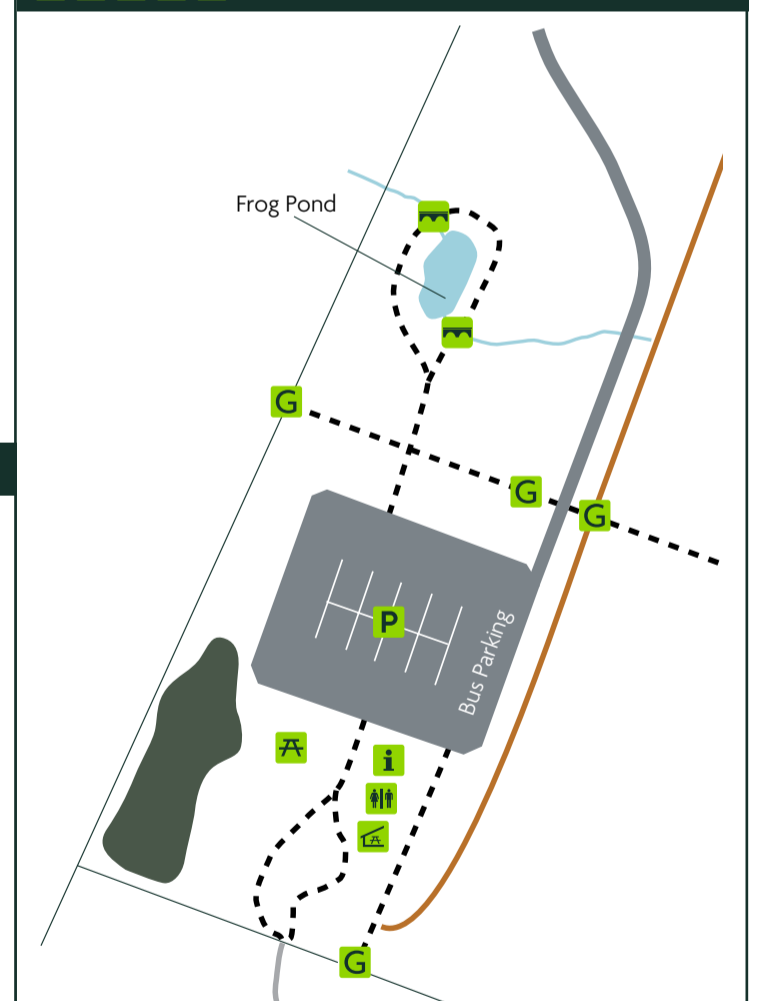
- Class 1 - Easy
- Class 2 - Intermediate
- Class 3 - Advanced
- ◆ Advanced Grade: rough surface

### Walking Trails

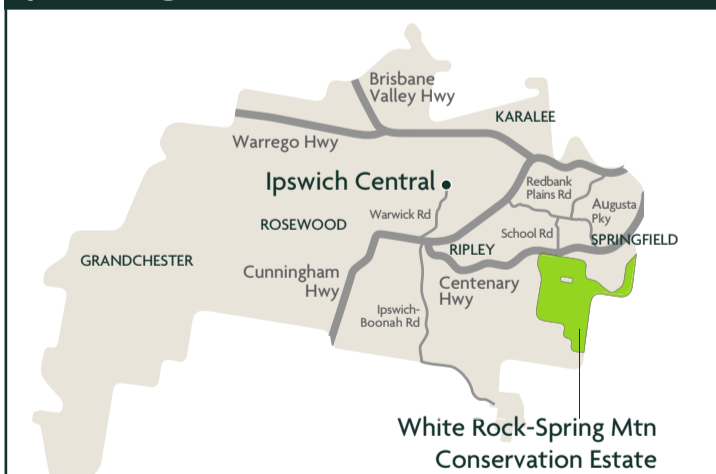
- **Class 2 - Easy**  
Easy level track; suitable for all fitness levels; with all junctions sign-posted.
- ◆ **Class 3 - Moderate**  
Moderate level track; suitable for average fitness levels; with junctions sign-posted.
- ◆ **Class 4 - Moderate**  
Moderate level track with rough surfaces; steep inclines and limited signage; suitable for experienced walkers with bushwalking experience and average fitness levels.
- ◆◆ **Class 5 - Difficult**  
Difficult track level with unmodified ground surface; alignment locally indistinct; high level of fitness and high level of specialised outdoor skills and knowledge including navigation required; steep sections of natural surfaces; facilities not provided; signage is for management purposes only.

## Inset A – Paperbark Flats Picnic Area

■ ◆ ◆ ◆◆ P i T P Access for hiking and mountain bike riding

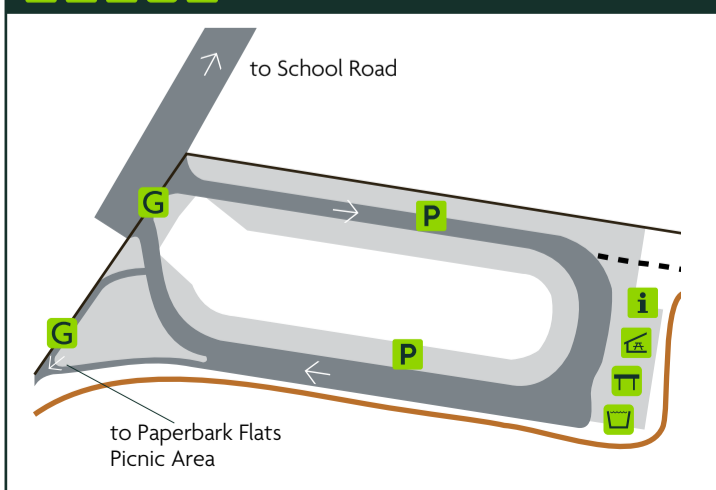


## Ipswich Region



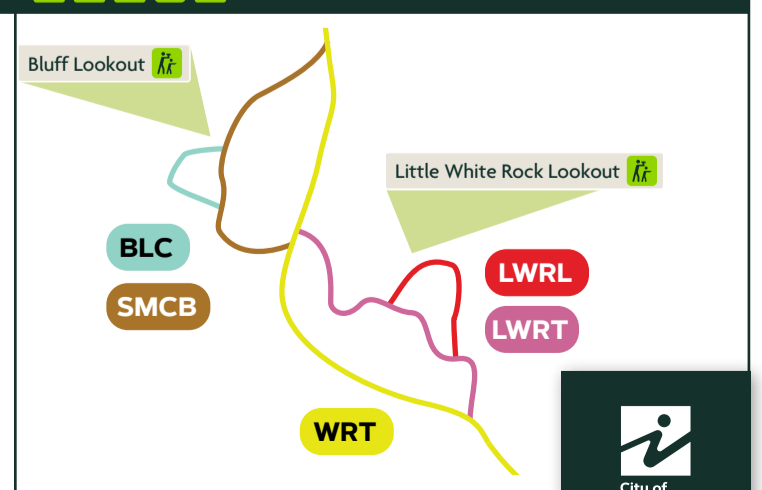
## Inset B – Horse Float Parking Area

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## Inset C – Bluff and Little White Rock Lookouts

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Trail name	Trail Rating			Distance
	Hiking	Mountain Bike Riding	Horse Riding	
<b>FROM PAPERBARK FLATS VIA WHITE ROCK TRAIL</b>				
<b>BLC</b> Bluff Lookout Circuit	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>			200m return
<b>LWRL</b> Little White Rock Lookout Circuit	<span style="background-color: #FF0000; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">◆</span>			200m one way
<b>SMCB</b> Six Mile Creek Boardwalk	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>	<span style="background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">●</span>		300m one way
<b>LWRT</b> Little White Rock Trail	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>			600m return
<b>WRT</b> White Rock Trail	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>	<span style="background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">●</span>	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>	7km return
<b>YR</b> Yaddamun Trail	<span style="background-color: #FF0000; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">◆</span>	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>	<span style="background-color: #FF0000; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">◆</span>	22km return
<b>GR</b> Gunpit Ridge Track	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>			3.1 km one way
<b>HR</b> Haul Road Track	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>			1.8km
<b>MR</b> Main Ridge Track	<span style="background-color: #FF0000; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">◆</span>			1.8km one way
<b>WT</b> Western Track	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>			1.9km one way
<b>WRL</b> White Rock Loop	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>		1.5km
<b>FROM PETER TULLETT PARK / WILD IRIS TCE / WANDERER CRES</b>				
<b>MC</b> Mountain Creek Track	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>	<span style="background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">●</span>		360m one way
<b>SG</b> Spotted Gum Trail	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>	<span style="background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">●</span>		600m return
<b>OCT</b> Opossum Creek Trail	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>	<span style="background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">●</span>		800m return
<b>BT</b> Boronia Trail	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>	<span style="background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">●</span>		1.4km return
<b>FNLC</b> Frilled Neck Lizard Circuit	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>	<span style="background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">●</span>		2.5km return
<b>IT</b> Ironbark Trail	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">■</span>			4km return