

# Purga Nature Reserve

*Middle Road, Purga*

TRAILS OF IPSWICH



## Destination overview

### Proximity



**12km** (15 min drive)  
from City centre



### Trail rating



**Easy**

Open: **6.00 am - 6.00 pm**

### Length of tracks



**350m - 500m**

**Catch a glimpse of wallabies grazing and orchids hidden amongst the weeping foliage of Swamp Tea tree.**

### How long will it take me?



**10 - 12 min walk**

## Destination description

Purga Nature Reserve allows visitors to view the largest protected area of endangered Swamp Tea-Tree forest in the world.

These self-guided walks provide visitors with a unique opportunity to explore vegetation and view wildlife while only 15 minutes from Ipswich Central.

See the local koala and wallaby populations from the conveniently raised boardwalks and level walking paths. The tranquil atmosphere makes Purga a great place to relax, recharge and unwind.

### Amenities:

Toilets, picnic settings, parking suitable for mini-buses, drinking water.

## Getting there

From the Cunningham Highway head south on Middle Road (approximately 8.5 kilometres) then east along the access road to the reserve.



## Choose the best trail for you

**Tea Tree Boardwalk Circuit** 350m return  10 mins

Easy, flat circuit suitable for all fitness levels and wheelchair friendly. Follow the raised timber boardwalk as it winds through gnarled paperbark tree trunks and spot orchids and mistletoes hidden amongst the weeping foliage.

**Melaleuca Circuit** 500m return  12 mins

Take a leisurely stroll through Tea Tree forest leading to a tranquil picnic setting beside Frog Pond.



*Tongue Orchid*



*Weeping foliage*



*Tea Tree Boardwalk Circuit*

## **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 [Ipswich.qld.gov.au](http://Ipswich.qld.gov.au)

## History and culture

This reserve remains sacred to the Traditional Owners of Ipswich. 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.



*Pretty-faced Wallaby at Purga Nature Reserve*



*Melaleuca Circuit*

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### Ipswich Region

### Legend

- Road
- Walking track
- Dam/water body
- P Parking
- i Information
- A Picnic table
- ☀ Shaded seating
- ♿ Toilets
- ♿ Wheelchair access

### Walking Trails

Trail name	Class	Distance	10,000 STEPS
Tracks accessed from Middle Road			
<span style="background-color: orange; color: white; padding: 2px;">TTB</span> Tea Tree Boardwalk Circuit	<span style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 2px;">♿</span>	350m return	438
<span style="background-color: orange; color: white; padding: 2px;">MC</span> Melaleuca Circuit	<span style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 2px;">♿</span>	500m return	625

**Classification**

♿ **Class 2 - Easy**

Easy level track; suitable for all fitness levels; with all junctions sign-posted.

## Know before you go

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