

TRAILS OF IPSWICH

Purga Nature Reserve

Middle Road, Purga



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Destination overview

Proximity



12km (15 min drive)
from city centre



Trail rating



Easy – Moderate

Open: 6.00 am – 6.00 pm

Length of tracks



350m – 1.4km

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

How long will it take me?



10–20 min walk

Destination description

Purga Nature Reserve allows visitors to view the largest protected area of endangered Swamp Tea-tree (*Melaleuca irbyana*) 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.

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.

Ngudur Trail 1.4km  30 mins

Venture further into the Tea-tree forest and appreciate the Indigenous cultural significance of the Ngudur (Tea-trees). Ngudur are valuable as a healing and food resource tree.

Wirepi Trail 500m  15 mins

Inspired by the Yuggerah word for 'Come back', the Wirepi trail circles through a site where the Swamp Tea-tree ecological community is being restored.



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 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://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/enviroplan)

Traditional Owner Connection

Purga maintains its highly significant landscape value as a traditional healing site, due to its richness of Swamp Tea-tree, in an environment providing an abundance of resources.

The Swamp Tea-tree has many medicinal and other uses for Traditional Owners. There are many artefacts recorded in the region and the site is in proximity to the former Purga Mission.



Know before you go

Please refer to the Reserve 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:



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, 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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Purga Nature Reserve

Ipswich Region

Legend

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

Walking Trails

Classification

A **Class 2 - Easy**

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

A **Class 3 - Moderate**

Moderate level track; suitable for average fitness levels; with junctions sign-posted.

Trail name	Class	Distance
TRACKS ACCESSED FROM MIDDLE ROAD		
TTB Tea Tree Boardwalk Circuit	A	350m return
MC Melaleuca Circuit	A	500m return
NT Ngudur Trail	A	1.4km
WT Wirepi Trail	A	500m

