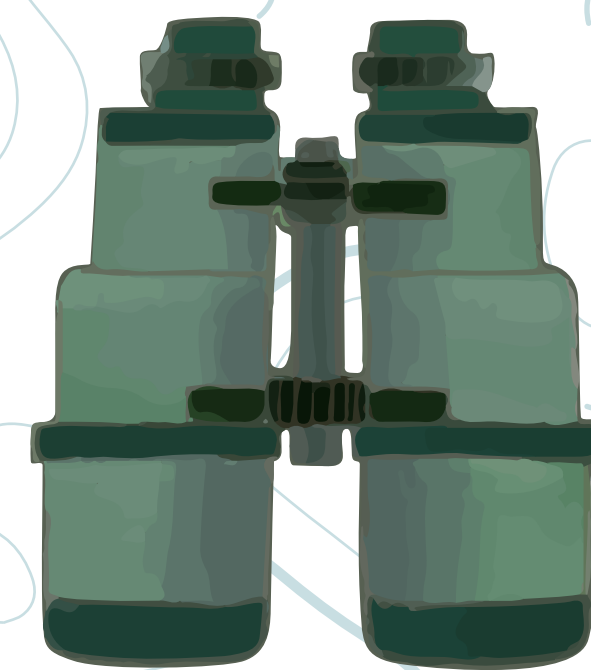


About this Conservation Area



White Rock-Spring Mountain Conservation Estate is an important nature refuge in an urban area.

The 2,633 hectare site was one of the most significant acquisitions under the Enviroplan initiative, preserving this natural area for future generations.

It is the most popular estate for nature-based recreation. Fantastic Brisbane city views can be seen from Main Ridge Lookout, while Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) can be viewed from Gunpit Ridge Lookout.



TRADITIONAL OWNER CONNECTION

This estate has rocky outcrops and caves that are culturally significant to the Traditional Owners, providing a link between Country and personal identity and allowing the passing on of cultural knowledge.

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.

EUROPEAN HISTORY

In the late 1800s areas of the estate were heavily logged for the building of Ipswich and Brisbane.

In World War II, US troops used the estate as a military training ground. Gun pits remain today. In 1966 Australian soldiers trained at Spring Mountain before going to the Vietnam War.

Note that unexploded ordnance may still be present. It is important to stay on the tracks.

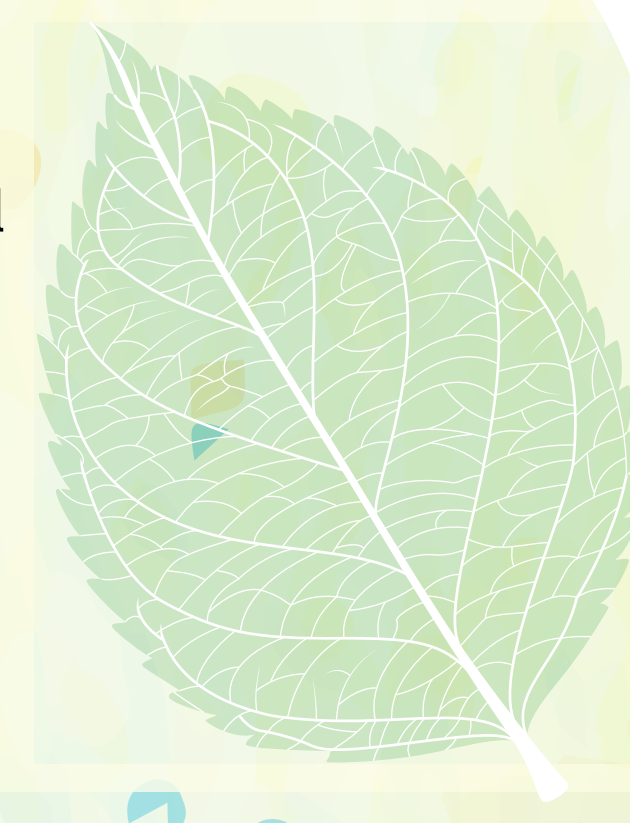


ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

This estate forms an important core habitat area within the regional Flinders-Karawatha corridor and supports numerous iconic species.

It forms the headwaters for seven waterways including Woogaroo, Six Mile, Opossum, and Bundamba creeks.

Ultimately the estate will have dense development along most of its boundary. Balancing ecological protection with nature-based recreation is an ongoing commitment.



GEOLOGY

This estate has shallow stony soils. Steep slopes in particular have a high erosion risk.

There are many distinctive, sculptured rocky outcrops, forested ridges, escarpments and valleys that provide points of interest.

Some noteworthy sites are The Bluff, White Rock, Spring Mountain and Balancing Rock.