



Mt Coot-tha Forest

Mt Coot-tha Forest, located just five kilometres from the heart of the city, is Brisbane's largest conservation reserve with more than 1500 hectares of open eucalypt forest. Mt Coot-tha, originally home to the Turrbal Aboriginal people and whose name derives from the aboriginal word for honey, *kuta*, has had a varied history of logging, goldmining and as a military base. It was first designated as a public park in 1880 and since then has become a popular setting for outdoor activities such as picnics, bushwalking and mountain biking. Mt Coot-tha Forest, with its connections to D'Aguilar National Park, brings the bushland and its inhabitants virtually to the heart of the city.

Managing Brisbane's natural areas

Brisbane City Council manages more than 8000 hectares of bushland and wetland reserves. To ensure our natural areas provide healthy habitat for native plants and animals, and beautiful places for the community to enjoy, Council has to actively manage these areas. Pressures include weeds, arson, pest animals, unrestrained domestic pets, illegal dumping and unauthorised recreational activities such as trail bike riding.

Report arson

Arson, or bushfire started illegally, is a crime and a major threat to all reserve users, reserve neighbours and wildlife. The majority of fires in Brisbane's bushlands are deliberately lit, or start under suspicious circumstances.

- To report a fire call emergency services on **000** (triple zero).
- To report suspicious behaviour contact Policelink on **13 14 44**.

For more information visit www.bushfirearson.gov.au

For your safety

- Enjoy the forest with a friend (don't go alone).
- Wear a hat, sunscreen and carry water.
- Wear comfortable footwear if you are going bushwalking.
- Make sure you let someone know where you are going, and when you plan to return.
- Exercise caution when on tracks. Some tracks cross creek lines and are unsafe to cross when flooded after heavy rain.
- Take a track map or use your mobile phone to download a map from www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or from QR codes located on track signs in the reserves.
- Carry a mobile phone. In an emergency dial **000** or **112** (or text **106** if you have a Teletyper device) as full mobile coverage may not be present in all areas.
- Cyclists should:
 - give way, moving to the left without leaving the track
 - slow down for corners and blind spots
 - keep left, always wear a helmet and use your bell
 - control your speed and avoid skidding
 - take a repair kit and know how to use it
 - maintain your bicycle to avoid breakdowns
 - visit www.cyclingbrisbane.com.au for cycling information and local news.

Getting there

By car: access to picnic areas is from Sir Samuel Griffith Drive or Gap Creek Road, Mt Coot-tha.

By foot: the reserve can be accessed from surrounding streets at points identified on the map over the page.

By public transport: visit www.translink.com.au or phone **13 12 30**.

By bike: go to www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'cycling in Brisbane' to plan your trip.



How to protect our bushland



Keep to walking tracks



Designated trails only



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Dog on leash



Clean up after your dog

Under Council's local laws, conducting or engaging in the following activities is prohibited.



No littering



No fires



No camping or campervans



No motorbikes

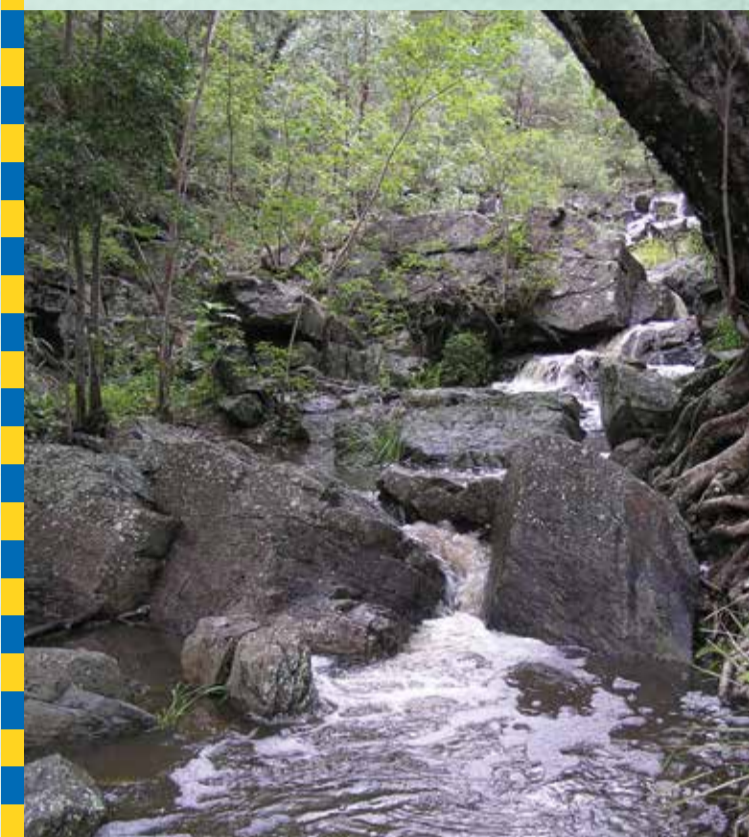


No interference with plants



No unauthorised vehicles or motorised vehicles

Mt Coot-tha Forest Track Map



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Special features

Mt Coot-tha Lookout

Mt Coot-tha Lookout has sweeping views of the city, Moreton Bay, the Stradbroke islands and the southern ranges. It provides a spectacular view of the city in the day or a fairyland of lights at night.

Nine picnic areas

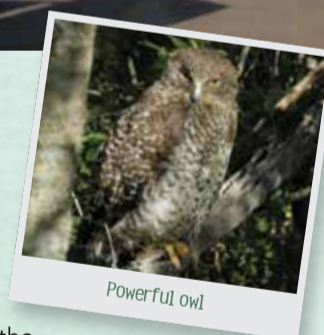
Mt Coot-tha Forest has nine picnic areas; JC Slaughter, Hoop Pine, Silky Oak, Simpson Falls, Brush Box, Grey Gum, Range View, Gold Mine and Gap Creek Road picnic areas. Each has facilities which may include picnic tables, BBQs, toilets, water taps and access to walking tracks.

Waterfalls

After heavy rain the creeks and waterfalls in Mt Coot-tha Forest are spectacular. Care should be taken at creek crossings.

Volunteering

Opportunities exist to take a more hands-on approach to caring for this iconic reserve by joining trail care or Habitat Brisbane activities. Phone Brisbane City Council on (07) 3403 8888 for more information or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au



Powerful owl

Popular walking tracks

Summit Track – 1.9 km (30 minutes)

This track leads from JC Slaughter Falls picnic area to Mt Coot-tha Lookout (near the roundabout).

Aboriginal Art Trail – 1 km circuit (30 minutes)

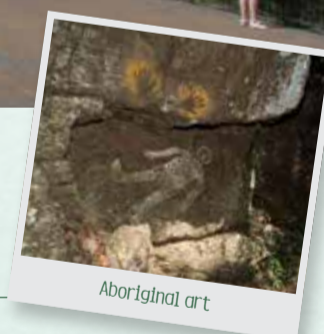
This trail branches off from the Summit Track. It features contemporary art works including tree carvings, rock paintings, etchings and rock arrangements. These features were installed in 1993, The International Year of the World's Indigenous People.

Ghost Hole Track – 600 m (15 minutes)

Traces of the old workings can be seen along the Ghost Hole Track at the Gold Mine picnic area. Interpretive signage along the track explains the 'hard yakka' endured by miners in days gone by.

Simpson Falls Track – 650 m to Simpson Falls (40 minutes)

This track begins at Simpson Falls picnic area. It is excellent for wildflower viewing in late winter and spring when the golden wattles and purple hoveas of the open forest understorey burst into bloom. Walkers may catch a glimpse of the city from the Simpson Falls viewing deck.



Aboriginal art

Mt Coot-tha tracks and trails

Mt Coot-tha Forest offers an extensive network of designated tracks and trails to cater for walking, cycling and horse riding. To ensure we can all share the trails, the following guidelines apply. When using multi-use trails:

- cyclists must give way to walkers and horse riders
- mountain bike riders travelling uphill have right of way
- slow down when passing
- all trails in Mt Coot-tha Forest are used in both directions.

Eugenia Circuit – 2.8 km (1.5 hours)

This circuit links with surrounding walking tracks allowing visitors to create a longer walking experience. The circuit winds through eucalypt woodland and vine forest, across the creek and links to the Simpson Falls viewing deck.

Honeyeater Track – 2.1 km (1 hour)

This track begins 375 metres from the Mt Coot-tha Lookout, off Sir Samuel Griffith Drive and provides access to the Chapel Hill area and The Hut Environmental Centre.

Popular mountain biking trails

All mountain bike trails are two way

Rocket Frog Trail – 2.2 km

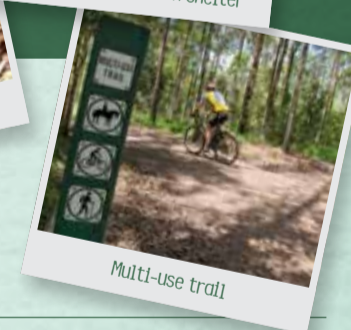
This contour trail is popular with the beginner or novice mountain bike rider. It requires basic bike handling skills and will provide a challenge to those new to riding in natural areas.



Gap Creek Information shelter



Echidna



Multi-use trail

Gap Creek Circuit – 1.3 km

This short circuit ride links with multi-use trails. Popular as a warm-up ride.

Cubberla Creek Trail – 750 m

This trail follows the creek and contains some constructed rock features providing challenges for more experienced riders. Can be linked with the Echidna Trail to extend your ride.

Pipeline Trail – 850 m

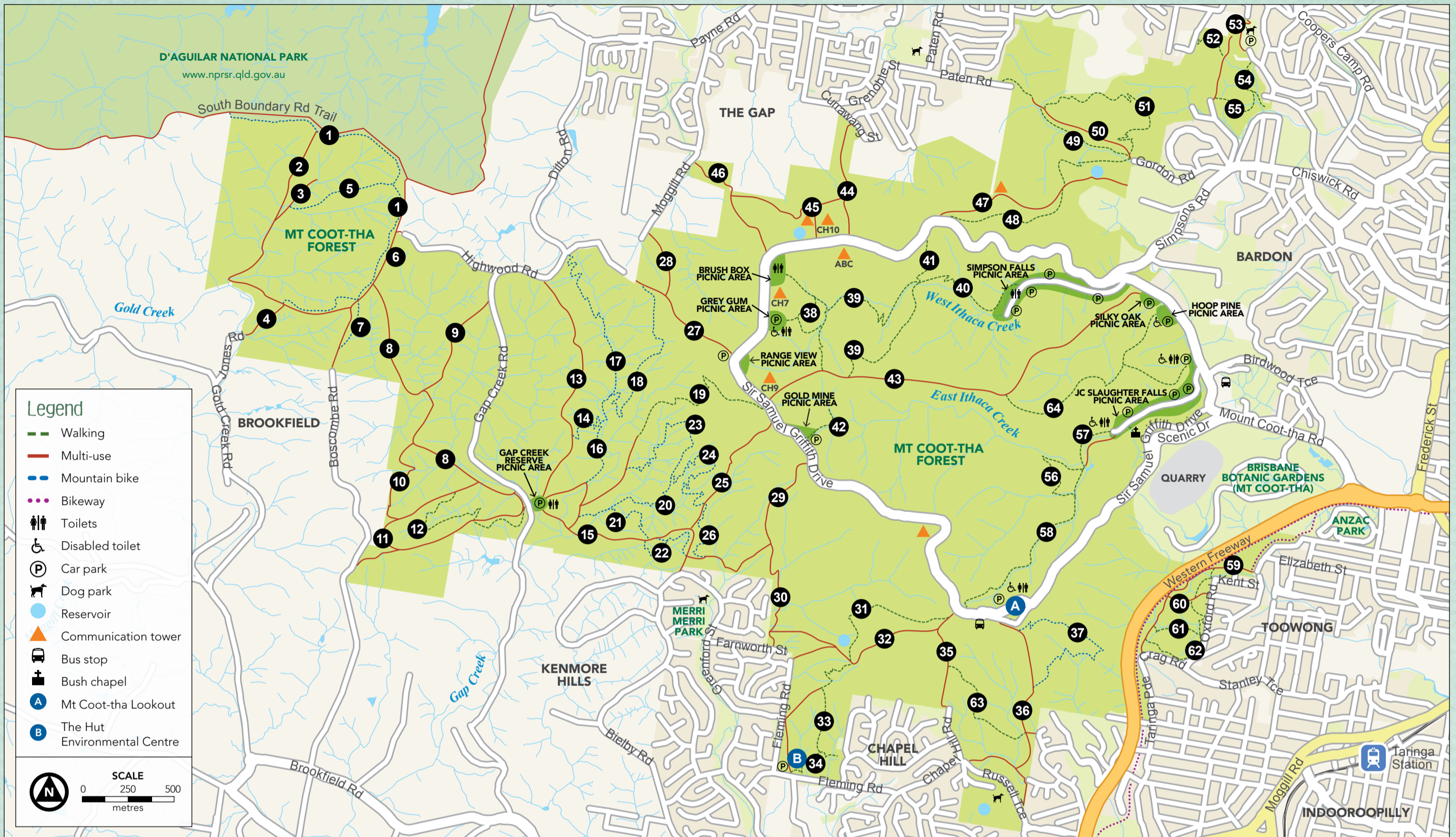
The most difficult trail in the park and should only be ridden by riders experienced in difficult technical trail features such as a 180 degree wooden wall-ride berm, log rollovers and large drop offs. Inspect all challenges before attempting them and don't overestimate your skill level.

Whipbird Way – 1.5 km

Whipbird Way links with other moderate trails including Cubberla Creek Trail, Bandicoot Byway and Wallaby Way to provide different trail experiences. Take care when exiting on to multi-use trails.



Mt Coot-tha Forest Track Map



Trail difficulty ratings

Take care on multi-use trails – many of them are steep and loose.



Walking difficulty

Easy: mostly flat with minor slopes and fairly even track surface with few obstacles.

Moderate: track may be hilly and have uneven surfaces in sections.

Hard: track may be steep, uneven and have obstacles in sections.

Mountain biking difficulty

Easier: width 900 mm or more, gentle climbs, easier obstacles 50 mm tall or less.

More difficult: width 600 mm or more, challenging slopes, tighter turns, larger obstacles 200 mm or more tall.

Very difficult: width 300 mm or more, difficult climbs and descents, loose or rough sections, tight turns and obstacles over 380 mm tall.
Multi-use trails with this rating are determined by gradient only

Horse riding safety

When using horse riding trails, always wear a helmet and ride to your skill level – some tracks have a range of obstacles and uneven or steep ground. Be sure to tell others where you are going and when you expect to return.

Mt Coot-tha Forest Tracks

Name	Use/rating	Distance
1 Death Adder Trail		2.8 km
2 Gold Creek Trail		2 km
3 Tunnel Trail		430 m
4 Jones Road Trail		400 m
5 Pipeline Trail		850 m
6 Boscombe Road Trail		1.4 km
7 Glider Trail		380 m
8 Goanna Trail		2.2 km
9 Coucal Trail		800 m
10 Ironbark Trail		850 m
11 Curlew Circuit		1.9 km
12 Gap Creek Circuit		1.4 km
13 Quail Trail		1.6 km
14 Skink Link		450 m
15 Bellbird Trail		1.4 km
16 Cockatoo Trail		1 km
17 Rocket Frog Trail		2.2 km
18 Dingo Trail		1.5 km
19 Jacksonia Track		1.5 km
20 Wallaby Trail		520 m
21 Wagtail Way		300 m
22 Echidna Trail		820 m
23 Bandicoot Byway		1.4 km

Name	Use/rating	Distance
24 Whipbird Way		1.5 km
25 Kokoda Trail		900 m
26 Cubberla Creek Trail		750 m
27 Highwood Road Trail		850 m
28 Moggill Road Trail		450 m
29 Scorpion Trail		750 m
30 Kamala Trail		1.7 km
31 Honeyeater Track		2.1 km
32 Reservoir Trail		1.3 km
33 Rose Robin Track		500 m
34 Butterfly Track		300 m
35 Chapel Hill Road Trail		600 m
36 Lookout Trail		1 km
37 Frogmouth Trail		1.5 km
38 Fairywren Circuit		500 m
39 Eugenia Circuit		2.8 km
40 Simpson Falls Track		650 m
41 Stringybark Track		550 m
42 Ghost Hole Track		600 m
43 Powerful Owl Trail		2.8 km
44 Currawang Street Trail		1.2 km
45 Boulder Trail		965 m
46 Python Trail		935 m

Name	Use/rating	Distance
47 Bardon Trail		1.4 km
48 Maculata Track		1.8 km
49 Paten Road Track		400 m
50 Quarry Trail		1.5 km
51 Kulgun Circuit		2.5 km
52 Trinder Road Track		350 m
53 Boobook Trail		450 m
54 Kingfisher Track		500 m
55 Lace Monitor Track		400 m
56 Aboriginal Art Trail		1 km
57 Hovea Track		300 m
58 Summit Track		1.9 km
59 Kookaburra Trail		1.6 km
60 Gecko Trail		310 m
61 Dogwood Track		350 m
62 Themeda Track		1.1 km
63 Golden Orb Track		900 m
64 Pinnacle Track		2 km

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