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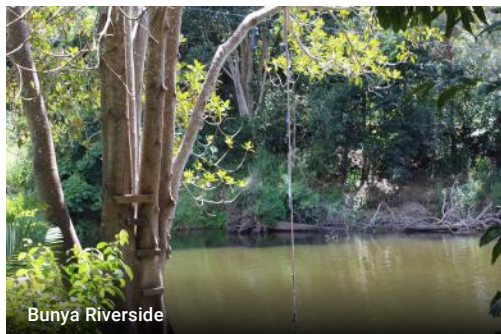
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FEATURED EVENT

DINOSAURS OF PATAGONIA

Until 2 October

Where: Queensland Museum

Discover 16 life-sized dinosaur skeletons from South America including the world's biggest dinosaur 'Patagotitan' in the incredible Dinosaurs of Patagonia exhibition! Must close 2 October.

Details: Tickets required



FEATURED EVENT

PARK PLAY

18 - 27 September (Mon/Tue/Wed)

Where: Victoria Park (entry via Gilchrist Ave)

Make your own suncatcher animals and animal origami, go wild at animal sports day, meet a range of real wildlife PLUS join Blinky Bill on a journey to discover all things 'Australian' at Park Play.

Details: Free



FEATURED EVENT

MONSTER JUMP SANDSTONE POINT

16 September - 2 October

Where: Sandstone Point Hotel

Monster Jump's inflatable obstacle course will bounce into Sandstone Point Hotel from 16th Sep - 2nd Oct for an exhilarating school holiday experience!

Details: Pre-booking recommended



FEATURED EVENT

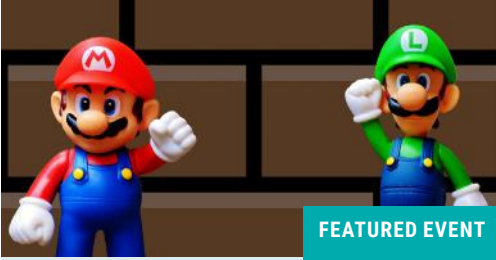
PRINCESS PARTIES AUSTRALIA ROYAL HOLIDAY BALL

21 September

Where: Paddington Hall Annexe

Hosted by princesses Belle, Cinderella and Aurora, your little one can enjoy a bespoke cookie, storytelling & sing-a-long, craft, dancing and princess lessons, games and more!

Details: Tickets required



FEATURED EVENT

GAMER POTTERY PAINTING NIGHT

22 September

Where: The Craft Haven

Put down the controller and pick up the paint brush as the studio transforms into your favourite gaming worlds with gamer-themed decorations, snacks, refreshments, paints, and pottery.

Details: Tickets required



FEATURED EVENT

SUNPAC PRESENTS LA BOHÈME

29 September

Where: SunPAC

Puccini's La Bohème is re-awakened with a contemporary spin that explores how young people cope with uncertainty and change in today's image conscious world.

Details: Tickets required



FEATURED EVENT

SUNPAC PRESENTS FIZZI!

29 September

Where: SunPAC

SunPAC brings the magic of opera to their youngest fans with a revival of this whacky, weird and wonderful production by Opera Queensland in collaboration with Shake & Stir Theatre Co.

Details: Tickets required



FEATURED EVENT

JURASSIC PAINT PARTY

29 September

Where: The Craft Haven

To celebrate all things dinosaurs, the studio will be fully decked out for you to create your very own version of Indominus Rex, paint dinosaur pottery, or even take part in a dino dig!

Details: Tickets required

MUST SEE EVENTS



IAG KIDS STUDIO: CLAY

Until 5 November

Where: Ipswich Art Gallery

Get messy in the IAG Kids Clay Studio and get creative with your hands and create a clay creation you can take home or leave it on display in one of the collaborative spaces.

Details: Free event

MICHAEL ZAVROS GODS AND MONSTERS

Until 2 October

Where: GOMA

Learn about characters from Greek mythology through an animation inspired by ancient Greek pottery, and create a digital 'hero' identity by capturing a side profile silhouette of your face.

Details: Free event

THE AUSTRALIAN RETIREMENT TRUST FESTIVAL GARDEN

1 - 23 September

Where: South Bank

Enter an inner-city wonderland of food, entertainment and discovery, with roving performers, free concerts and large-scale installations including rainbow coloured giant peony flowers.

Details: Free event

PATTERNS IN NATURE

Until 15 October

Where: Pine Rivers Heritage Museum

Explore this interactive exhibition for curious and creative minds and wonder at the world around you as you play with scales, feathers, stripes and spots.

Details: Free event



TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

1 - 30 September

Where: Various locations in Toowoomba

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers showcases blooms across parks in Toowoomba, along with many family-friendly events including the Grand Parade, Teddy Bear's Picnic, and more.

Details: Mix of free & ticketed events

SWELL SCULPTURE FESTIVAL

8 - 17 September

Where: Currumbin Beach

Encounter a wondrous display of sculptures along the beach where visitors can see sculptures, enjoy twilight walks, live music, workshops and pop up displays throughout the Gold Coast.

Details: Mix of free & ticketed events

MOSAIC FESTIVAL

17 September

Where: Roma Street Parkland

Experience dance, music, storytelling, visual arts and crafts, children's and family activities, food, and a cultural marketplace that will transport you to different corners of the world.

Details: Free event



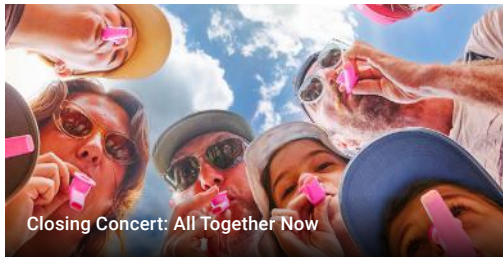
REDCLIFFE KITEFEST

16 & 17 September

Where: Pelican Park

Experience the fun and colour of the Redcliffe KiteFest, where kites fill the sky alongside rides, PAW Patrol, JJ from Cocomelon, aerobatic displays, a fun zone, markets, and more.

Details: Ticketed event



CLOSING CONCERT: ALL TOGETHER NOW

23 September

Where: Victoria Park

Get ready to sing, dance and kazoo to your heart's content as the Brisbane Festival closes with a free mass participation event featuring music and dance from around the world.

Details: Free event

MT COOT-THA PUBLIC TELESCOPE EVENING

23 September & 21 October

Where: Mt Coot-tha Lookout

Head along to Mt Coot-tha Lookout, where the Brisbane Astronomical Society have telescopes set up for the public to view the moon, planets, star clusters, and maybe a nebula or two.

Details: Free event - gold coin donation appreciated

FAST JETS OPEN DAY

30 September

Where: Queensland Air Museum

Head along to the first annual Fast Jets Open Day, featuring a stunning display of fighter jets, bombers and trainers, stories from experienced jet pilots, and photos taken from the cockpit.

Details: Ticketed event

MORETON BAY ECO FEST

30 September

Where: Caboolture Town Square

Enjoy a fun, family event promoting sustainability and eco-friendly lifestyle ideas for the whole community, including dirtgirl and lots of hands-on workshops and activities.

Details: Free event

BEENLEIGH MOVIE NIGHT - DREAMBUILDERS

6 October

Where: Beenleigh Town Square

Kick back and relax under the stars on your own chair or picnic blanket, and enjoy free popcorn and retro games on the big screen before the movie DreamBuilders begins.

Details: Free event



JAZZ BLUES AND KOALAS

8 October

Where: Griffith Eco Centre

Support koala conservation with a family-friendly afternoon featuring food trucks, an eco-shopping mall and displays, koala walks in Toohey Forest, and, of course, jazz and blues.

Details: Free event (registration required)

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN SCARECROW FESTIVAL

27 - 29 October

Where: Tamborine Mountain

Celebrate Halloween weekend by driving around the beautiful Tamborine Mountain on a 17km trail that features hundreds of scarecrows and lots of fun activities in the centre of town.

Details: Free event

CALAMVALE HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

29 October

Where: Calamvale District Park

Get into the Halloween spirit, dress up, and celebrate Halloween in the park, with fun activities for the kids, a free sausage sizzle and a spooky movie on the big screen.

Details: Free event

UNUSUAL ANIMAL EXPERIENCES



Not only does the legendary [Charis Seafoods](#) at Labrador serve up some of the best fish and chips on the Gold Coast, but they also attract a crowd with their daily pelican feeding! Head down to Harley Park around 1:30pm any day of the week and you'll witness up to 100 friendly local pelicans flocking to devour the leftover seafood from the store.

This is a free experience and an opportunity to witness just how amazing pelicans are up close!

Ian Dipple Lagoon, 371 Marine Parade, Labrador QLD

Pelican feeding daily at around 1:30pm.

No bookings are required.

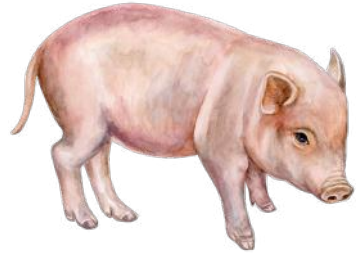
Set on 20 acres, [White Ridge Farm](#) is a gorgeous family-owned and operated business offering visitors the chance to get up close and personal with a variety of animals. Guests can pet and hand-feed animals, talk to the birds in the aviaries, dig for fossils, play putt putt, or have fun in the playground. If you are lucky enough, you may even get to see baby goats or playful piglets!

Entry is priced at \$16 for children (3-14 yrs), \$22 for students & pensioners, and \$29 for adults, which includes all attractions and rides. Family passes are also available for \$87 (2A + 2C).

White Ridge Farm, 130 Hamilton Road, Eimbah QLD

White Ridge Farm is open Wednesday to Sunday from 9am - 3pm, and 7 days a week on school holidays (closed all QLD public holidays).

No bookings required.



Experience an up-close encounter with the resident barn and barking owls, kestrel, wedge-tailed eagles and black kite with the daily Birds of Prey Show at [O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat](#). You will marvel at the natural aerobatics of these birds and may even get the chance to put on the eagle glove and have one land on your hand!

The show is priced at \$12 for children, \$20 for adults and \$55 for a family (2A + 2C).

O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, 3582 Lamington National Park Road, Canungra QLD

The Birds of Prey Show takes place daily at 1pm and runs for approximately 30-40 minutes.

Bookings are required.





Vistors to **Mon Repos Conservation Park** can join ranger-guided night-time turtle encounter tours from November to March. Watch the female turtles lay their eggs after dark from mid-November to February, or witness the spectacle of the birth of tiny hatchlings who begin to leave their nests and start their life in the sea from mid-January till late March.

Tours are priced at \$15.10 for children (5-14 yrs), \$29.30 for adults (15+), and \$70.65 for a family (2A + 2C).

Mon Repos Turtle Centre, 141 Mon Repos Road, Mon Repos QLD

Mon Repos Turtle Encounter tours operate daily from 6:30pm from November to late March (closed 24, 25 & 31 Dec).

Bookings are required and open in September.





CREEK PLAY NEAR BRISBANE

There is no better way to cool down on a warm spring day than with a dip in one of Brisbane's swimming holes. We have collected our favourite places that are both accessible and fun for the whole family! Like most of Brisbane's creeks, these are best enjoyed after rain.

BUNYA CROSSING RESERVE SWIMMING HOLE

Location: Dugandan Road at Bunya

[Bunya Crossing Reserve](#) makes the most of the South Pine River with an inland freshwater beach featuring a deep waterhole and creek big and deep enough to be enjoyed by crowds of people every weekend. The waterhole branches into a winding river, with many other places to enjoy creek play if you want to explore the creekside walking trail. The central swimming hole area features BBQs, picnic tables, toilets and onsite parking.

ANDY WILLIAMS PARK

Location: Cedar Creek Road at Cedar Creek

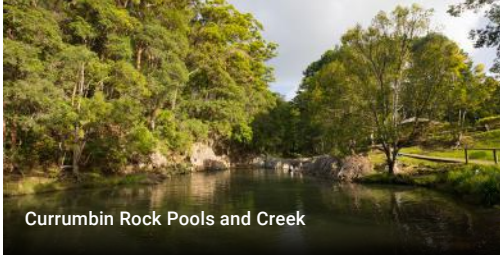
Heading out towards Cedar Creek Road (from Samford) is a community park with creekside play. The park sits alongside the river, offering shallow creek play with deeper waterholes for older, more adventurous kids. [Andy Williams Park](#) features accessible toilets, BBQs, picnic tables and parking. This is a popular spot on weekends and we recommend getting there early, or late for an afternoon play.



ENOGGERA RESERVOIR

Location: 60 Mount Nebo Road at The Gap

Located in the bushy surrounds of D'Aguliar National Park, [Enoggera Reservoir](#) is a lovely open swimming hole for Brisbane families. It is deep and large enough to kayak in, and you can hire equipment there to make the most of the experience. Located next to the Walkabout Creek Environment Centre, the recreation area also features a mountain bike course and bushwalking opportunities with accessible toilet facilities and onsite parking.



Currumbin Rock Pools and Creek

CURRUMBIN ROCK POOLS AND CREEK

Location: Currumbin Creek Road at Currumbin

Whether you seek deep pools or shallow play areas, you will find them at [Currumbin Rock Pools](#). Enjoy stretches of smooth sloping rocks, large boulders and pebbled pathways, with miniature rapids dancing alongside. There are toilets, picnic areas and a cafe across the road. Parking will be your biggest challenge at this very popular Gold Coast family destination.

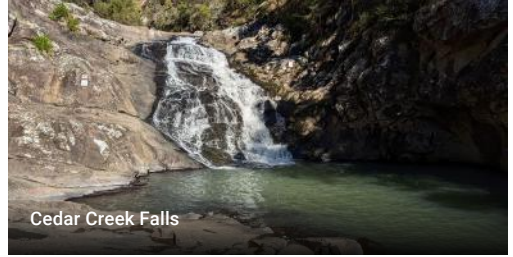


Kondalilla Falls

KONDALILLA FALLS

Location: Kondalilla Falls Road at Kondalilla

[Kondalilla National Park](#) is part of the traditional lands of the Gubbi Gubbi people and Kondalilla is an Aboriginal word meaning 'rushing waters'. This term perfectly describes the awe-inspiring waterfalls that come to life here during the wet season. The Kondalilla Falls circuit that takes you to the swimming area is a 4.7 km round trip, and will take 2-3 hours to complete (depending on the pace).



Cedar Creek Falls

CEDAR CREEK FALLS

Location: Cedar Creek Falls Road at Tamborine Mountain

Take a road trip to the Gold Coast Hinterland and immerse yourself in the Australian bush. [Cedar Creek Falls](#) offers many rock pools and waterfalls in idyllic surroundings that you can reach after a 15 minute walk from the main picnic areas. Cedar Creek Falls picnic ground features accessible toilets, picnic tables and limited parking.

OTHER NOTABLE SWIMMING CREEKS INCLUDE:

[Stony Creek, Bellthorpe](#)

Creek swimming, toilets and BBQ facilities

[Rocky Hole, Mount Mee](#)

Creek swimming, accessed via an unsealed road

[Edward Allison Park, Eatons Hill](#)

Shallow creek play

[Gardeners Falls, Malent](#)

Creek swimming

[Serenity Falls, Buderim](#)

Swimming hole beneath falls

WHERE TO SPOT A KOALA

CELEBRATING SAVE THE KOALA MONTH

FINDING KOALAS IN THE WILD

Discovering wild koalas in Brisbane requires patience and keen observation. Although spotting these cuddly creatures can be challenging, embracing the journey adds to the experience. Look high into the trees and focus on the upper branches, especially the higher forks. Children's sharp eyes make them perfect companions for a koala quest!



CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

[Indigiscapes](#)

Location: Capalaba

Home to wild koalas, this spot offers short, kid-friendly walks, a discovery centre, and accessible facilities.

[Daisy Hill Conservation Park](#)

Location: Daisy Hill

With its Koala Centre and vast reserve, this area provides shared walking tracks where you might catch a glimpse of koalas.

[Venman Bushland National Park](#)

Location: Mount Cotton

This 416ha reserve is a koala habitat with two walking trails offering potential koala sightings.

[Brisbane Koala Bushlands](#)

Location: Burbank

A nature reserve near the CBD featuring family-friendly trails and facilities.

[GJ Walter Park](#)

Location: Cleveland

Amid a community endeavour to protect koala habitat, this park next to the ferry terminal is known for its koala inhabitants.

[John Oxley Reserve](#)

Location: Murrumba Downs

A 10-hectare park and nature reserve known for koala sightings. It features a bush pathway and a boardwalk.

[Mungarra Reserve \(and Sweeney Reserve\)](#)

Location: Petrie

These connected reserves form a koala corridor. Enjoy kid-friendly amenities and a chance to spot koalas.



Report koala sightings
Download **QWildlife** app

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO SPOT A KOALA IN THE WILD

Use the dedicated koala sighting app, **QWildlife**, developed by the Department of Environment and Science. This app allows you to easily report koala sightings when you're out and about in South East Queensland. By using the app, you're contributing valuable data to conservation efforts and helping researchers better understand koala populations and habitats.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU SEE A SICK KOALA?

If you see an injured or [sick koala](#) or a koala on the ground, contact a local wildlife rescue group. Volunteer groups operate throughout South East Queensland. Just Google "Wildlife" or "Koala rescue near me".



FINDING KOALAS IN SANCTUARIES NEAR BRISBANE

If you don't manage to find a koala in the wild (even experts can find it hard!), then you are guaranteed to see one at any of these places:

[Australia Zoo](#) and Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital

[Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary](#)

[Wildlife HQ](#)

[Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary](#)

[Dreamworld](#)

[Paradise Country](#)

[Daisy Hill Koala Centre](#)



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HOW YOUR KIDS CAN GET INVOLVED IN SAVING THE KOALAS

Save The Koala Month is celebrated annually in September. Here are some ways your kids can get involved in helping to save the koala:

- Plant some eucalypt trees. Visit community nurseries like [Kumbartcho](#), [Indigiscapes](#) and [Karawatha Nursery](#) for plants and advice on the best trees to plant.
- Get involved with community projects. Visit your local council's Facebook page to be updated with community tree planting days.
- Recycle some cans and donate the money to your local koala rescue group. Can you believe these groups are nearly all made up of volunteers, with most being on call 24 hours a day?
- Notify local rescue groups even if you spot a healthy koala, to see if they want to do a health check.



TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM

Release Date: 7 September

After years of being sheltered from the human world, the Turtle brothers set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers and be accepted as normal teenagers through heroic acts. But they soon get in over their heads when an army of mutants are unleashed upon them.



RUBY GILLMAN, TEENAGE KRAKEN

Release Date: 14 September

Dive into the turbulent waters of high school with this hilarious, heartfelt action comedy about a shy teenager who discovers she's part of a royal lineage of mythical sea krakens and that her destiny is bigger than she ever dreamed.



PAW PATROL - THE MIGHTY MOVIE

Release Date: 21 September

With the fate of Adventure City hanging in the balance, the PAW Patrol Pups, with their new mighty powers, have to stop the supervillains before it's too late, and Skye will need to learn that even the smallest pup can make the biggest difference.



SCARYGIRL

Release Date: 26 October

As her world is shrouded in darkness, a young girl must overcome her fears and travel to a mysterious city of light, save her father from a dangerous scientist, and prevent the destruction of her planet in this adventurous Australian animated film.



Cedar Creek Falls and Rockpools

BEST THINGS TO DO IN THE GOLD COAST HINTERLAND

CEDAR CREEK FALLS AND ROCKPOOLS

Recommended after some rain, [Cedar Creek Falls](#) is not to be missed. The round-trip walk to the rockpools is approximately 1.4km. While this path isn't suitable for prams or wheelchairs, there's a lookout to the falls just 250m into the trail, which is accessible.

Tip: Enjoy a picnic on the rocks or in one of the many shady green spaces at the top of the falls.

Location: Cedar Creek Falls Trail, Cedar Creek Falls Road, Tamborine Mountain

DIG IT

Australia's FIRST excavator park, **Dig IT** at Thunderbird Park gives kids (little and big) the opportunity to control a life-sized excavator! Kids can dig a giant hole with the excavators, knock over towering blocks, hook a croc, and drive radio-controlled cars through the gravel pit.

Tip: Book ahead, especially in the school holidays.

Location: 639 Tamborine Mountain Road, Tamborine Mountain



DigIT Mount Tamborine

GLOW WORM CAVES TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

The **Glow Worm Caves Tamborine Mountain** can be visited as part of a paid guided tour. The daytime tour starts off with a glow worm information session, so you know what to look for before going in to see the glow worms lighting up the walls of the inner caves.

Tip: Take time to look through the art gallery, sample local wines, or dine at the cafe or restaurant within the same estate.

Location: 104 – 144 Hartley Road, North Tamborine

LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

Lamington National Park features over 160km of walking tracks through ancient Antarctic Beech forest, taking bushwalkers across exposed escarpments and into heath-land. Along the way, take in the pristine rock pools, fern gullies and breathtaking views.

Tip: With a number of accommodation options to choose from, Binna Burra Lodge is the perfect base for exploring nearby.

Location: 1040 Binna Burra Road, Beechmont



MOUNTVIEW ALPACA FARM

Have an alpaca take you for a walk at [Mountview Alpaca Farm](#). Home to many well-groomed alpacas of all different sizes and colours, the farm offers unique one-on-one experiences with their residents, including picnics!

Tip: Encourage the alpacas to follow you by offering them some feed, which can be purchased on entry.

Location: 852 Lamington National Park Road, Canungra

TREE TOP WALK

Consisting of 9 suspension bridges hovering up to 16m above the ground, the [Tree Top Walk](#) is a free activity (open all year 'round) to be enjoyed by families. Amaze at the incredible views from the deck that sits in a fig tree over the walkway, some 30m off the ground.

Tip: Take the walk in the early morning or late afternoon to spot the local birds.

Location: O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, Lamington National Park Road, Canungra

SPRINGBROOK NATIONAL PARK

For a bushwalk with a view, head to [Springbrook National Park](#). With 3 different waterfalls to discover, we recommend Natural Bridge Circuit (around 1km), Twin Falls & Blackfellow Falls Circuit (around 4km) and Purling Brook Falls Circuit (around 4km).

Tip: Springbrook National Park contains ancient Gondwana rainforest, and is always several degrees cooler at any given time of the year.

Location: Springbrook National Park, Springbrook



Purlingbrook Falls (photo supplied by Gold Coast City Council)

TAMBORINE RAINFOREST SKYWALK

Suspended high amongst the trees, the [Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk](#) leads visitors on a stroll through the rainforest canopy via steel bridges and along a dirt walking track out to a lovely series of Cedar Creek cascades.

Tip: Don't miss the 40m cantilever platform, which hovers dramatically above the creek and rainforest below.

Location: 333 Geissmann Drive, North Tamborine



Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk



TreeTop Challenge

TREETOP CHALLENGE

The [TreeTop Challenge](#) is a unique way to experience the natural beauty of Tamborine Mountain. Through a series of platforms, flying foxes, rope bridges and more; the challenge could easily provide an entire day's worth of entertainment for families.

Tip: Kids under 7 years can try out the TreeTop Challenge Juniors course.

Location: 639 Tamborine Mountain Road, Tamborine Mountain

BEST THINGS TO DO IN THE SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND

AMAZE WORLD

Amaze World is a place where you can find everything for a full day of fun; from mazes and puzzles, to mini golf, a playground, waterplay and a lovely little cafe – all set within a tranquil tropical rainforest environment.

Tip: Allow plenty of time for the mazes and come prepared with hats, sunscreen and snacks.

Location: 274 Tanawha Tourist Drive, Tanawha



Amaze World



AUSTRALIA ZOO

With more than 1,200 animals to see, numerous free shows daily and roaming animals to meet and touch, [Australia Zoo's](#) highlights include the African enclosure with giraffes, rhinos and zebras, along with the meerkat enclosure.

Tip: Book in for a tour of Australia's busiest and biggest wildlife hospital while you are there!

Location: 1638 Steve Irwin Way, Beerwah

BIG KART TRACK

[Big Kart Track](#) is perfect for those seeking some high-adrenaline thrills on their visit to the Sunshine Coast. Adults and kids aged over 12 years (and measuring at least 152cms) can ride the go-karts on the fully-supervised track by themselves, reaching speeds of up to 70km/hr!

Tip: Kids under 12 years and those under 152cm can ride with a parent.

Location: 2310 Steve Irwin Way, Landsborough

THE BIG PINEAPPLE & WILDLIFE HQ

Whilst it seems a little bigger in our memories, you can still marvel at the iconic Big Pineapple and snap a selfie before heading to the newer addition on the grounds - [Wildlife HQ](#) zoo. Home to a variety of native Australian, Asian, African and South American animals, you can cruise around the zoo on the small train and stop at the many enclosures.

Tip: Check out the zoo's [Night Zoo](#) event for an after-dark glimpse of the resident animals.

Location: 76 Nambour Connection Road, Woombye





EUMUNDI MARKETS

The [Eumundi Markets](#) sell everything from handmade crafts to the freshest local produce. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays, local musicians regularly entertain the crowd, while the kids can enjoy face-painting sessions.

Tip: Stock up on fresh produce, bread, cheeses and more before heading to one of our other recommended locations for a picnic.

Location: 80 Memorial Drive, Eumundi

GARDNERS FALLS

[Gardners Falls](#) is ideal for smaller children to enjoy a splash in the shallow rock pools, while older teens and adults can enjoy a freshwater swim in the largest pool further downstream, underneath the falls.

Tip: Fringed with grassy areas, it's only a short walk from the carpark, making it the ideal spot for a family picnic.

Location: Obi Lane South, Maleny

HINTERLAND ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

[Hinterland Adventure Playground](#) features a nature play theme that encompasses a unique climbing tower and long slide, a splash pond for water play, a large double flying fox, sensory gardens and a quiet retreat zone.

Tip: Try to spot some of the playground's materials which have been sourced and repurposed from heritage materials found in and around Cooroy!

Location: 5 Maple Street, Cooroy





Maleny Botanic Gardens and Birdworld

MALENY BOTANIC GARDENS AND BIRDWORLD

Maleny Botanic Gardens boast a panorama of waterfalls, ponds and colourful plantings that overlook the Glass House Mountains, as well as a lovely cafe. Onsite, Birdworld allows visitors to come face-to-face with over 400 colourful native and exotic birds as they land on your shoulder or arm to feed.

Tip: Enjoy a Devonshire Tea at Maleny Botanic Gardens Cafe while you take in the serenity.

Location: 233 Maleny-Stanley River Road, Maleny

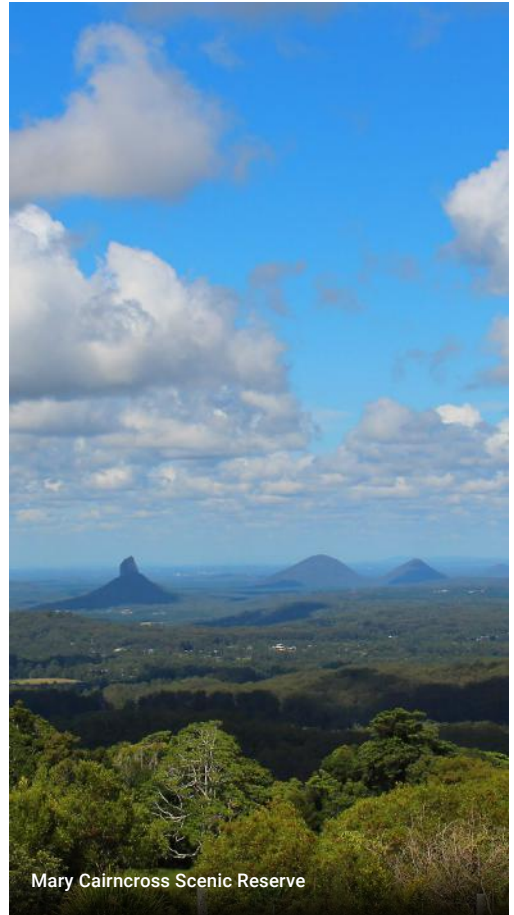
MARY CAIRCROSS SCENIC RESERVE

Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve features some easy walking trails and an abundance of wildlife within this National Estate listed subtropical rainforest.

The onsite Discovery Centre offers spectacular views of the Glass House Mountains.

Tip: Enjoy a coffee from the cafe as you take in the view from the elevated viewing platform and boardwalk.

Location: 148 Mountain View Road, Maleny



Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve



GEOCACHING IN BRISBANE WITH KIDS

If you are looking for a fun, family-friendly activity that is mainly free and gets you outdoors, then geocaching is for you.

Like a treasure hunt, geocaching involves using your phone or GPS device to locate a cache, which could be hidden outdoors. GPS coordinates are your main directions, though sometimes hints, photos, and other comments can assist you in locating a cache.

When you eventually find a cache, first get excited, then sign the logbook (perhaps even trade a treasure), then replace the cache to its original spot and carry on your adventure to find another one—it's that simple.

Sure, you can get all fancy with GPS devices and paid apps, but you don't need to. Keeping it semi-old-school with just your mobile phone in hand is all you need to set off on a treasure hunt tomorrow (although a compass separate from your phone helps too)!

Before you embark on your geocache (pronounced jee-oh-kash) adventure, check out our guide to Geocaching in Brisbane, download an appropriate geocache app, and understand how it works.

The whole family can get involved in geocaching, depending on where you plan to go. Pop the dog on a lead, sit the baby in the pram, and put on your walking shoes to explore and discover new areas in and around Brisbane. Who knows what you will find!



POPULAR GEOCACHING APPS AND WEBSITES TO GET YOU STARTED

[Geocaching Australia](#)

Geocaching® by Groundspeak (free option)

Cachly by Zed said Studio (\$7.99)





BRADBURY PARK

- New multi-million-dollar playground
- Elevated climbing structure, nets & walls
- Nature play space
- Scooter track
- Accessible toilet facilities

Location

Located on the corner of Batten & Allan Streets in Kedron.

Coffee nearby

The Colour Nine, located on Mawson Street at Stafford Heights, is open daily and serves world class coffee, as well as internationally inspired cuisine.

JINDALEE BOAT RAMP PARK

- Unique climbing structure
- Swings, bouncers & spinners
- Nature-filled surroundings
- Adjacent to the Brisbane River
- Accessible toilet facilities

Location

Located at 110/96 Mount Ommaney Drive in Jindalee.

Coffee nearby

On most Mondays, Fridays and weekends, you'll find the Licketysplit Café food van in the park, serving Merlo coffee, smoothies, frappes and more.



PLANTATION PLACE PARK

- Mini traffic track for bikes & scooters
- Imaginative play galore
- Play fort & swings
- Lots of shady trees
- NO toilet facilities

Location

Located at 3-5 Plantation Place in Wellington Point.

Coffee nearby

The Coffee Shop at Wellington Point Farmhouse on Main Road is open 7 days, serving coffee and cake all day.

CENTRAL PARK

- Climbing nets & fort
- Toddler fort with slides
- Swings, merry-go-round & seesaw/bouncer
- Wide paths for bikes & scooters
- Accessible toilet facilities

Location

Located on Brindabella Street in Newport.

Coffee nearby

Sidonié Patisserie & Boulangerie on Lakeview Promenade serves traditional French favourites, along with delicious coffee, and is open 7 days.



KANGAROO GULLY ROAD PARK

- Learn to ride bike & scooter track
- Street signs & road markings
- Open, grassy fields adjacent
- Picnic shelters
- NO toilet facilities

Location

Located at 147 Kangaroo Gully Road in Bellbowrie.

Coffee nearby

Head to MoccaBella Café in Bellbowrie Plaza (Birkin Road) any day of the week for Tim Adams Specialty Coffee, all day breakfast and lunch.

BALMORAL PARK

- Balance beams & stepping stones
- Timber fort & swings
- Cargo net & rock wall
- Nature setting
- Toilet facilities nearby

Location

Located on Jean Howie Drive in Morningside.

Coffee nearby

Stop by Sarmic at 639 Wynnum Road for coffee 7 days a week, as well as breakfast and lunch that's given them a 4.5* Google rating.



PENINSULA PLAYGROUND

- Multi-level activity tower with mega slide
- In-ground trampolines
- Climbing nets & walls
- Largely shaded
- Accessible toilet facilities

Location

Located at Broadwater Parklands North, corner of Marine Parade & Smith Street in Southport.

Coffee nearby

Mug & Beans Café on Marine Parade is open daily from 6am and dishes up not only perfect coffee, breakfast and lunch, but also a range of South African cuisine.

BARINGA FOREST PARK

- 8m high climbing structure with 3 slides
- 60m double flying fox
- Toddler play equipment
- BBQs & picnic tables
- Accessible toilet facilities

Location

Located on Eden Drive in Baringa.

Coffee nearby

Stop by Baringa Bakery on Edwards Terrace for all your favorite sweet and savoury treats, as well as Vietnamese specialties and piping hot coffee.



TWILIGHT VEGAN MARKET

6 October, 5pm - 9pm

Where: Mount Gravatt Showgrounds, Mount Gravatt

Enjoy all your favourite vegan eats, drinks, shopping and charities under the stars with the Twilight Vegan Markets at Mount Gravatt Showgrounds.

Details: Free entry

CABOOLTURE HALLOWEEN TWILIGHT MARKET

28 October, 4pm - 9pm

Where: Caboolture Showgrounds, Caboolture

Dress up in your Halloween best and join Caboolture Markets for their annual Halloween Twilight Market, with a large array of stalls and trick-or-treating for the kids.

Details: Free entry



FLAGSTONE TWILIGHT HALLOWEEN MARKET

28 October, 5pm - 9pm

Where: Flagstone State School, Flagstone

Get your spook on at a family-friendly market with great local music, food and market stalls full of trash and treasures, along with Halloween trick-or-treating in a safe environment.

Details: Free entry

MILKY WAY MARKET

3rd Friday each month, 4:30pm - 8:30pm

Where: Kingston Butter Factory, Kingston

Browse bespoke market stalls and bring the whole family (including your pets) to enjoy food trucks, market stalls, live music, dancing, roving performers, and carnival games.

Details: Free entry



The Handmade Expo Market

THE HANDMADE EXPO MARKET

2nd Saturday of each month, 9am - 1pm

Where: Nicholas Street Precinct, Ipswich

Stroll through a monthly market that offers the best of the best in handmade products, as well as live music, food trucks, water zone for the kids, lawn games, face painting, and more.

Details: Free entry

MANLY FARMERS MARKETS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, 6am - 12pm

Where: Little Bayside Park, Manly

Bask in the warm Spring sunshine and enjoy the gentle bay breezes as you wander through a waterfront, vibrant mini-village of fresh produce, delicious food, and carefully crafted treats.

Details: Free entry



Northy Street Organic Farmers Market

NORTHEY STREET ORGANIC FARMERS MARKET

Every Sunday, 6am - 11am

Where: Northey Street City Farm, Windsor

Shop at Brisbane's only organic market and receive the freshest produce including cheese, fruit and veg, meat, seafood, coffee, and more, along with ethically produced clothes and gift items.

Details: Free entry



Brisbane Flower Market

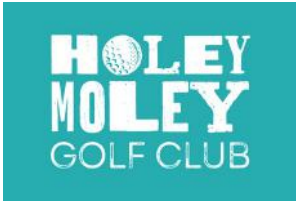
BRISBANE FLOWER MARKET

Mon - Fri, 5am - 3pm & Saturday, 6am - 1pm

Where: Brisbane Markets, Rocklea

Wander through the widest selection and freshest Spring flowers sourced locally and internationally, including market bunches and arrangements of this season's best blossoms.

Details: Free entry



HALF PRICE KARAOKE

Kids pay half price for Karaoke at Holey Moley Chermside.

Westfield Chermside, Cnr Gympie & Hamilton Roads, Chermside | Ph: (07) 3169 1655

holeymoley.com.au

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Purchase one hour of karaoke for half price at Holey Moley Chermside only. Walk-ins only. Subject to availability. **Voucher must be presented on your mobile device upon arrival.** Valid for children under 18 years only. Not valid in conjunction with any other offer, party or function.

Valid 16/09/2023 - 2/10/2023.



2 FOR 1 KIDS LASER TAG

Buy one kid's game and get a second kid's game of laser tag FREE at Strike Brisbane City.

Level 1, Wintergarden, Queen Street Mall, Brisbane | Ph: 1300 STRIKE (1300 787 453)

strikebowling.com.au

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Purchase a game of laser tag for two children for the price of one at Strike Brisbane City only. Valid for children under the age of 18. Walk-ins only. Subject to availability. **Please present this voucher on your mobile device upon arrival.** Not valid in conjunction with any other offer, party or function.

Valid 16/09/2023 - 2/10/2023.



\$10 KIDS' BOWLING

Pay just \$10 for one game of kids' bowling at Archie Brothers Cirque Electriq Bowen Hills.

3/30 King Street, Bowen Hills

archiebrothers.com.au

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Pay only \$10 when you purchase one child's game of bowling at Archie Brothers Cirque Electriq Bowen Hills only. Valid for children under the age of 18. Walk-ins only. Subject to availability.

Please present this voucher on your mobile device upon arrival. Not valid in conjunction with any other offer, party or function.

Valid 16/09/2023 - 2/10/2023.



10% DISCOUNT + A FREE DIY BRACELET KIT FOR EVERY GUEST

Receive a 10% discount on any party booked with String of Beads Parties, PLUS a free DIY bracelet kit in each guest's party bag.

Mobile service | Ph: 0430 216 085 | info@stringofbeads.com.au

stringofbeads.com.au

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Bookings essential. Please phone or email to enquire.

Please mention voucher code 'BK2023' when completing online booking enquiry or when calling to book. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.

Valid for bookings for party dates held before 31/12/2024.



\$ 40 OFF PARTY BOOKINGS

Receive \$40 off any party booked before the end of October 2023 with Dancing Queen Parties.

Mobile service | Phone 0400 197 694
dancingqueenparties.com.au

Terms & Conditions
 Bookings essential. **Please mention 'BRISBANEKIDS' when completing online booking enquiry or when calling to book.** Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.
Valid for bookings received before 31/10/2023 (party date can be any time before 31/12/2023).



20% OFF ALL ESCAPE ROOMS

20% off bookings at Fox in a Box Brisbane.

Level 1, 150 Edward St, Brisbane | Phone (07) 3815 9825
foxinaboxbrisbane.com

Terms & Conditions
 All bookings must be made online. Valid for any room, for any number of people. **Use online code 'brisbanekids20' when booking.** Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.
Games must be booked and played by 17/10/2023.



10% OFF SELECTED PARTY PACKAGES

10% off 'Sky' or 'Rainbow' Party Packages at Rainbow City Indoor Playcentre & Cafe.

Shop 5, 15 Lapis Street, Underwood | Ph: (07) 3290 0434

rainbowplaycentre.com.au

Terms & Conditions
 Bookings essential. 10% discount only applied to the base party package. Additional guests (>8 guests) and adult food platters will not be discounted. **Please mention 'BRISBANEKIDS' when booking over the phone.** Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.
Valid for bookings received before 31/01/2024 (party date can be any time before 31/03/2024).



FREE KIDS' SLUSHIE

Buy one Mini Golf Child's Ticket and receive one small kids' slushie free at TopStroke.

290 Boundary Rd, Oxley | Ph: (07) 3379 6322

topstroke.com.au

Terms & Conditions
 Valid for one free kids' slushie when purchasing a Mini Golf Child's Pass at TopStroke Oxley only. Can be used 7 days a week, including public holidays and school holidays. **Voucher must be presented on your mobile device upon arrival.** Not valid in conjunction with any other offer.
Valid until 4/10/2023.



KIDS BOWL FREE

1 child bowls free with any full-priced paying adult at Aspley 10 Pin Bowl.

149 Albany Creek Rd, Aspley | Phone (07) 3263 8848

aspley10pinbowl.com

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Voucher must be presented on your mobile device upon arrival.
Maximum of 1 child bowling free per voucher and valid for up to 3 games only. Includes shoe hire.
Games cannot be shared. Not valid in conjunction with any other offer.
Valid until 31/03/2024.



FREE SKATE HIRE

Receive complimentary skate hire with standard admission to Digi Roller Skating Rink

40-44 Johnson Rd, Hillcrest | Ph: (07) 3800 7300

NEW BRAND, NEW PREMISES COMING SOON NEXT DOOR!

digiskating.com.au

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Receive free skate hire when you pay for a general admission skate session at Digi Roller Skating Rink Hillcrest. Walk-ins only. One coupon per person. **Voucher must be presented and coupon code 'BKSPRING23' quoted upon arrival.** Not valid with any other offers, events or promotions.
Valid until 30/11/2023.



BUY ONE, GET THE SECOND HALF PRICE

Buy one plaster piece and get the second for half price at Plaster Fun House Brisbane East.

5/1396 Creek Rd, Carina | Ph: (07) 3843 4441

pfbbrisbaneeast.com.au

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Valid at Plaster Fun House Brisbane East only.
Purchase one plaster piece and receive the second for half price. Second piece must be of equal or lesser value. One voucher per family, per day.

Present this voucher on a mobile device when purchasing to receive your discount.
Cannot be used for parties or functions. Not valid in conjunction with any other offer.
Valid until 3/10/2023.



FREE STUDIO FEE

Book online for any group of two or more and receive one free studio fee (valued at \$10) at Colour My Pot.

39 Middle St, Cleveland | Ph: (07) 3134 2164

colourmypot.com

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Valid for group bookings of two or more at Colour My Pot, Cleveland. Bookings must be made online to redeem. **Enter voucher code 'BNEKIDS' at checkout when booking online.**
Not valid in conjunction with any other offer or function.
Valid until 2/10/2023.



10% OFF ADVENTURE PARK PASSES

Get 10% off Urban Xtreme's Adventure Park Passes (Ninja, Parkour, Trampolines, Laser Tag & more!).

4/370 Nudgee Rd, Hendra | Ph: 1300 872 269

urban-xtreme.com.au

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Valid for online bookings at Urban Xtreme's Hendra only. Valid for new bookings only. Valid for individual park passes only. **Please use discount code 'brisbanekids2023' when booking online.** Not valid with any other offers, events or promotions.

Valid until 31/10/2023.



AREA 51

5% OFF ENTRY

Receive 5% off admission tickets to Area 51 Brisbane.

51 Kingston Road, Underwood | Ph: (07) 3841 2447

area51bne.com

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Receive 5% off your ticket price when you pre-purchase online at Area 51 Brisbane only. Discount is valid on any of Area 51's tickets, for a one time use only per family. Tickets must be booked online. **Please use discount code 'BRISKIDS5' when booking online.** Not valid with any other offers, events or promotions. Not valid on public holidays.

Valid 16/09/2023 - 3/10/2023.



LASERZONE
BRISBANE

FREE LASER UPGRADE

Purchase any Hourly Pass and receive a FREE Laser Upgrade at Laserzone Lawnton!

561 Gympie Rd, Lawnton | Ph: (07) 3205 4141

brisbane.laserzone.com.au

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Purchase any hourly pass and receive a free Laser Upgrade that includes one extra laser game and double arcade credit at Laserzone Lawnton only. Limit 1 voucher per person per day. **Present this voucher on a mobile device when purchasing to receive your discount.** Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.

Valid 16/09/2023 - 3/10/2023.



BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

Free Arcade Day-Pass Entry with paid entry at 1UP Arcade.

230 Lytton Rd, Morningside | service@1uparcade.com.au

1uparcade.com.au

[Terms & Conditions](#)

Valid for one free Arcade Day-Pass when purchasing another Day-Pass at 1UP Arcade Morningside only. Second free entry pass must be of equal or lesser value to paid entry. **Show this voucher (printed or digital) to receive your discount upon entry.**

Not valid in conjunction with any other offer.

Valid until 30/10/2023.



Brisbane Kids

Events, activities and things to do in Brisbane with kids

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Hundreds of fun local ideas

Schools and childcare reviews
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Local services and party ideas