

## Flinders - Goolman Conservation Estate

Visitors to the Flinders - Goolman Conservation Estate can take in the natural wonders of the area through a range of recreational activities including hiking, recreational touring (mountain bike riding) and horse riding.

The conservation estate is over 1900 hectares in area supporting extensive forests and rugged volcanic peaks and slopes including: Flinders Peak, and Mounts Blain, Catherine and Goolman.

The area forms part of the regionally significant Flinders to Greenbank - Karawatha wildlife corridor and is listed on the Register of the National Estate. As a result, it acts as an important wildlife refuge supporting 136 bird, 25 mammal, 13 reptile and 8 amphibian species as well as 531 different flora species recorded.

The Ugarapul people consider Mt Flinders the most sacred of sites and resting place of the Yurrangpul, a very powerful figure and a guardian of traditions and sacred places. Mt Flinders does not sit in isolation but forms a cultural landscape including Camira Bora Ground and White Rock to the North, and Ivory's Rock nearby to the West.

## Enviroplan

'Enviroplan' actively protecting our natural environment. An initiative of Ipswich City Council.

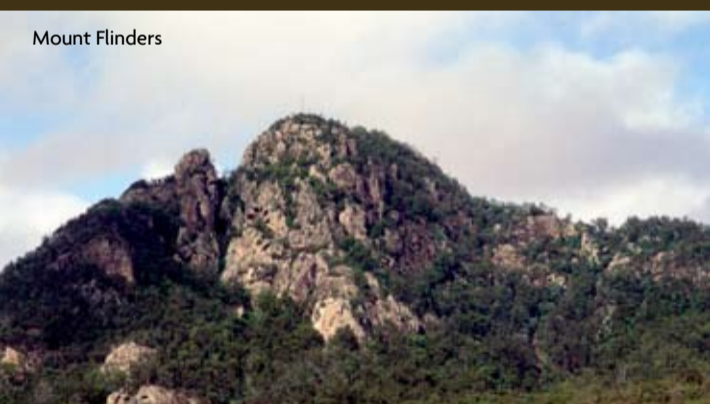
## Camping Facilities Coming Soon!

Ipswich City Council is currently developing camping facilities within the Flinders - Goolman Conservation Estate. Keep an eye out for when they are completed so that you can stay more than just one day to enjoy all the natural wonders of this area.



## Getting There

Hardings Paddock Picnic Area and Flinders Plum Picnic Area cater for all visitors to the Flinders - Goolman Conservation Estate. Travel along the Ipswich Boonah Road (off the Cunningham Highway) to Carmichael's Road (for Hardings Paddock) and Mount Flinders Road (for Flinders Plum).



## Choose the Best Trail for You

Before setting out, consider your group's fitness level, the trail difficulty rating and time you have available. Whether you want a family stroll or a half-day hiking challenge, there's a walk to suit you. Most of the trails within the Ipswich conservation estates are designed for hiking and bushwalking activities only. However, the Gamlen Circuit and Boonah to Ipswich Trail have been designated as 'multi-user' trails. A 'multi-user' trail is one that has been designed to allow for higher impact activities such as horse riding and recreational touring (mountain bike riding).



Horse facilities at Hardings Paddock

Visitors are advised to contact Ipswich City Council on (07) 3810 6666 for access requirements if they wish to:

- Venture away from the designated picnic area or graded track system
- Undertake organised group activities
- Undertake activities of a commercial nature

Under Council's Local Laws, conducting or engaging in the following activities is prohibited:



**Pets must remain on a leash at all times.**



Sandy Creek

## Walk Ipswich

Bushwalking is a great way to get active while getting back to nature! Want to know more about walking in Ipswich? Check out the Walk Ipswich program which is full of free and low cost walking activities suitable for all ages, interests and abilities.

- Try bushwalking with the friendly crew from the Ipswich Bushwalkers
- Join one of the many local walking groups across Ipswich
- Have a go in the next local fun run or other walking events
- Get a pedometer and aim for 10,000 steps every day

For more information, phone (07) 3810 6666 or visit [www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/residents/healthy\\_lifestyle/walk\\_ipswich](http://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/residents/healthy_lifestyle/walk_ipswich)

## Before You Start Your Activity

Please refer to the Notice Board within the Information Bay located at the Day Use Area for user guidelines and detailed track information or visit Council's website at [www.ipswich.qld.gov.au](http://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au).

Trails within the Conservation Estate are multi-use, meaning it is likely that you will meet more than one recreation type. Prior to undertaking your activity, consider the following:

- Wearing a hat
- Bringing water and food
- Wearing suitable and comfortable shoes
- Using sunscreen
- Taking a detailed map
- Taking a first aid kit
- Notifying someone of your planned walk
- Taking a mobile phone and emergency contact details
- Checking class, length and features associated with your chosen walk
- Checking weather forecasts and any weather warnings
- Check Ipswich City Council website for estate closure during extreme weather conditions

## Trail Etiquette

- Stay on tracks at all times
- Be prepared to share tracks with other recreational users
- Look out for vehicles
- Beware of falling branches, especially during strong winds
- Do not remove or disturb plants, animals or cultural sites
- **In case of accident or other emergency please call 000**

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Hardings Paddock Picnic Area

Flinders Plum Picnic Area

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## Chalk Circuit

**Hiking (Easy), 560m (5-10 minutes hiking)**

Encompassing the Picnic and Bush Tucker areas, this trail is flat and easily accessible for all levels of fitness. Along the trail learn about various bushtucker plants through interpretive signage from both an Indigenous and European perspective.

## Gamlen Circuit

**Hiking (Moderate), Mountain Bike Riding (Easy), 3 km (1 hour hiking, 20-30 minutes Mountain Bike Riding)**

Take a hike or short, leisurely mountain bike ride along this circuit or use it as the launching pad for longer and more challenging trails including the Goolman and Rocky Knoll Lookouts, and Boonah to Ipswich Trail.



Brush-Tailed Rock Wallaby

## To Rocky Knoll Lookout

**Hiking (Moderate), Mountain Bike Riding/Horse Riding (1 section only), 2.4km return (1-1.5 hours hiking)**

A moderate level hike through eucalypt woodlands to Rocky Knoll lookout. Glimpses of the scenic rim and the surrounding Ipswich area are provided along the way.

## To Goolman Lookout

**Hiking (Moderate), Mountain Bike Riding (More Difficult), Horse Riding (Intermediate), 5.6 km return (2-2.5 hours hiking)**

Forming part of the Boonah to Ipswich Trail this multi-user trail winds its way to Goolman Lookout where you enjoy spectacular views of Mt Goolman and Ivory's Rock, Scenic Rim and Brisbane. On a clear day it is possible to see the Pacific Ocean.

## To Goolman Lookout via Rocky Knoll Lookout

**Hiking (Moderate), Mountain Bike Riding (More Difficult), Horse Riding (Intermediate), 7.4 km return (2.5-3 hours hiking)**

An alternative and slightly longer route to Goolman Lookout skirting around the base of the Rocky Knoll.

## Sandy Creek Track Return

**Hiking (Moderate), Mountain Bike Riding (Easy), Horse Riding (Easy), 3.5 km (1 hour hiking, 30 minutes mountain bike riding, 30 mins-1 hour horse riding)**

Walk through patches of majestic Hoop Pine forests following Sandy Creek on this moderate level hike.

## Mount Blaine Hiking Track Return

**Hiking (Moderate), Mountain Bike Riding (More Difficult), Horse Riding (Intermediate), 2.5 km (1 hour hiking, 20-30 minutes mountain bike riding, 30 mins-1 hour horse riding)**

Take a short hike to the foot of Mt Blaine. Needing a moderate level of fitness you will pass through Spotted Gum and Ironbark forests, Brushbox and heathland. Keep an eye out for koalas, wallabies and the magnificent Red-tailed Black Cockatoos that call this area home.



Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo

## Boonah to Ipswich Trail

**Hiking (Challenging), Mountain Bike Riding (More Difficult), Horse Riding (Intermediate), 19km one way (5-7 hours hiking, 3-6 hours mountain bike and horse riding)**

This trail forms the backbone of all trails in the Conservation Estate, and connects the two picnic areas. It caters for hiking, horse riding and recreational touring (mountain bike riding).

At 38 km return, this trail becomes challenging. Experienced walkers would need to start early in the morning to complete a return trip, requiring at least a 10 to 14 hour day. Note that the conservation estate is open between the hours of 6am and 6pm.

Alternatively, a 19km one way walk could be considered for those who can organise travel/accommodation arrangements at the other end.

Rugged mountain scenery, views to the coast from Mt Flinders, creek crossings and diverse landscapes such as dry rainforest and heath will reward you.

Please note due to access restrictions horse float turnaround and unloading facilities are only available at Hardings Paddock Picnic Area including hitching rail, water trough and holding yard.



## Horse Trail Circuit

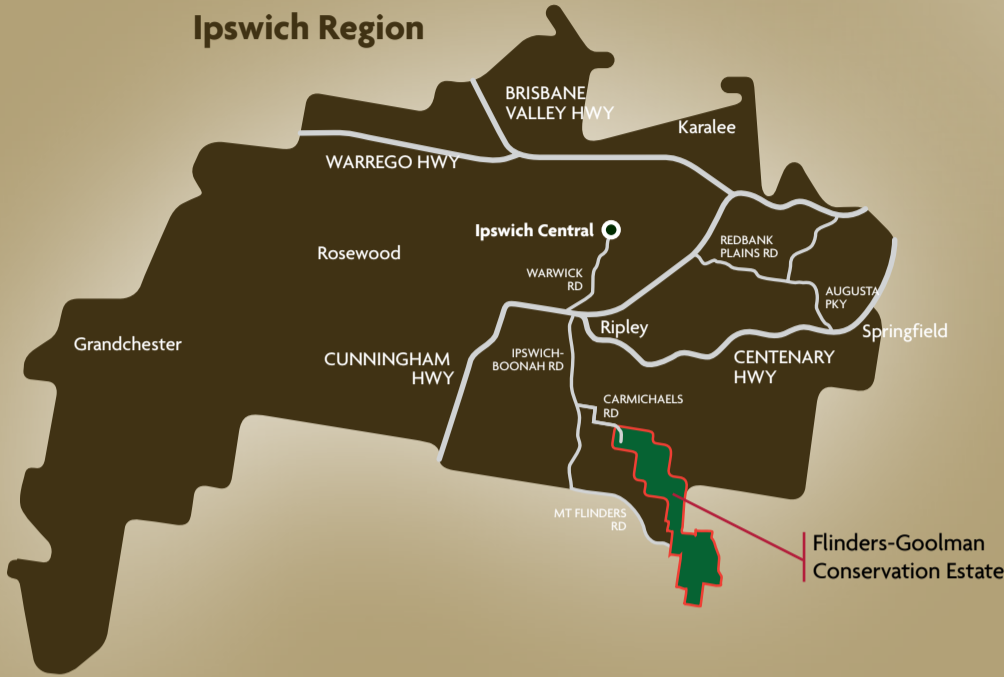
**Hiking (part), Mountain Bike Riding (part), Horse Riding (Intermediate) 9km (1.5-2.5 hours horse riding)**

This trail allows you to do a circuit of the Hardings Paddock Picnic Area as well as taking in Goolman and Rocky Knoll Lookouts. You can either tackle the trail from the Horse Float Parking facility within the Picnic Area or if you live locally, just ride on in as the trail passes the entrance to the estate.

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Hardings Paddock Picnic Area  
Flinders Plum Picnic Area

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## Trail Rating Classifications

Trails in this estate have been assigned a rating under the Australian Standard for Walking Tracks, a difficulty rating under the International Mountain Biking Association Rating System, and South Australian Government's Trails Rating Classification for Horse Riding adapted from the Draft Recreational Trails Strategy for South Australia 2005-2010.

### Walking Trails

**Class 2 (Easy)**  
Easy level track, suitable for all fitness levels, with all junctions sign-posted.

**Class 3 (Moderate)**  
Moderate level track, suitable for average fitness levels, with junctions sign-posted.

**Class 4 (Moderate)**  
Moderate level track with rough surfaces, steep inclines and limited signage, suitable for experienced walkers with bushwalking experience and average fitness levels.

### Recreational Touring (Mountain Bike Riding)

**Easiest**

**Easy**

**More Difficult**

**Very Difficult**

**Extremely Difficult**

### Horse Riding

**Class 1 (Easy)**

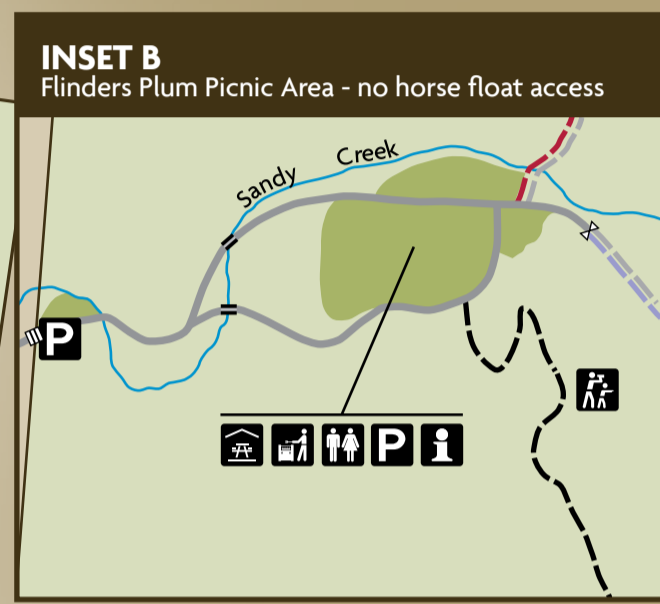
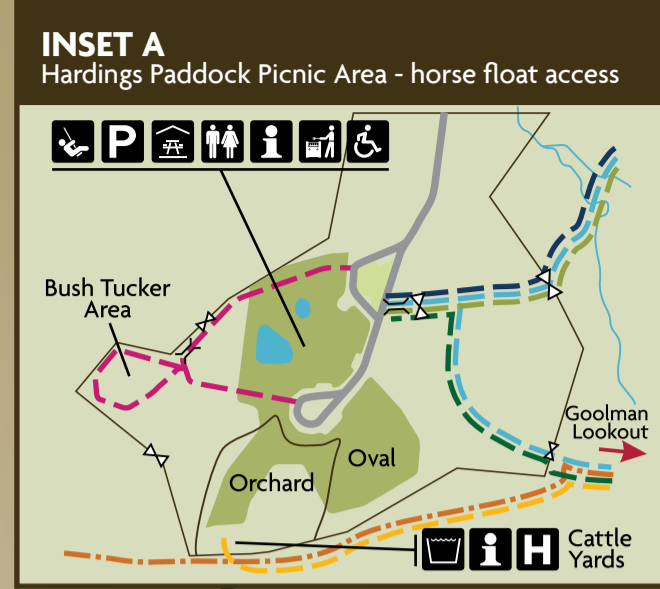
**Class 2 (Intermediate)**

**Class 3 (Advanced)**

## Trails

Trail name	Trail Rating			Distance	10,000 STEPS
	Hiking	Mountain Bike Riding	Horse Riding		
Trails accessed from Hardings Paddock Picnic Area - horse float access					
1. Chalk Circuit				560m	700
2. Gamlen Circuit				3km	3,750
3. To Rocky Knoll Lookout				2.4km return	3,000
4. To Goolman Lookout				5.6km return	7,000
5. To Goolman Lookout via Rocky Knoll Lookout				7.4km return	9,250
6. Boonah to Ipswich Trail				19km	23,750
7. Horse Trail Circuit				9km	N/A
Trails accessed from Flinders Plum Picnic Area - no horse float access					
8. Sandy Creek Track return				3.5km	4,375
9. Mt Blaine Hiking Track return				2.5km	3,125

Note: symbols represent permitted trail activity. Please refer overleaf for trail descriptions.



### Legend

- Major road
- Access road
- Walking track
- Creek
- Dam/water body
- Private property
- Grassed area
- Cliff line
- Gate
- Bridge
- Creek Crossing
- Grid
- Parking
- Information
- Picnic shelter
- Toilets
- Barbecue
- Natural lookout
- Wheelchair access
- Hitching rail
- Horse facilities
- Horse trough
- Camping Area
- Playground

**Scale**  
0 500 metres  
North