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Chermside Hills Reserves Track Map





Chermside Hills Reserves

Brisbane City Council is creating more to see and do in a clean and green Brisbane with more opportunities to enjoy Brisbane's beautiful climate. Chermside Hills Reserve, Raven Street Reserve and Milne Hill Reserve link to create 129 hectares of bushland known as Chermside Hills Reserves, located in Chermside West and McDowall in Brisbane's northern suburbs. These reserves are part of the Mountains to Mangroves Corridor that extends from Camp Mountain in the D'Aguilar Ranges to Boondall Wetlands and Moreton Bay.

The reserves, comprising open forest, woodland and dry rainforest, along the banks of Downfall and Cabbage Tree creeks provide protection for more than 200 native plant species including the *Keraudrenia* species which is rare in this region. The reserves also provide habitat for 115 bird species, water dragons, turtles, frogs, wallabies, gliders and possums.

Visit brisbane.qld.gov.au for more information.



Scarlet honeyeater



Downfall Creek Bushland Centre



Banksia



Swamp wallaby

Highlights

Downfall Creek Bushland Centre

The centre has a number of displays and friendly staff to provide information about the reserve. The centre offers interesting walks and activities for visitors and school groups as well as volunteer opportunities. For more information about centre events and activities visit brisbane.qld.gov.au

Spider Hill Outlook

A steep climb up the Giwadha Track to the highest point in the reserve will be rewarded with glimpses of Moreton Bay, and surrounding mountains.

Popular walking tracks

Raven Street Reserve

Senses Trail – 400 m (15 minutes)

This circuit track is located within Raven Street Reserve, next to Downfall Creek Bushland Centre. This track has been designed for visitors with special needs and has continuous handrails, tactile signage with braille and raised text. An audio guide is also available to hire from the Downfall Creek Bushland Centre.

Banksia Track – 1 km (30 minutes)

This hilly track passes through open forest with an understorey of grass trees and native grasses. Follow this track to the top of a hill and enjoy the beautiful westerly views. If you walk the track early in the morning or late in the afternoon, you may be lucky enough to see grazing wallabies or other wildlife.

Creek Track – 770 m (30 minutes)

This track leads you to a creek platform that overlooks Downfall Creek lined with matrush and weeping lilly pilli's. Here you are likely to spy water dragons basking on the banks of the creek or you may even spot a turtle swimming.

Xanthorrhoea Track – 1.5 km (45 minutes)

Named after the Xanthorrhoea or grass tree this interesting walk passes through open forest with large numbers of grass trees in the understorey. During spring track users can also enjoy the array of wildflowers.

Chermside Hills Reserve

Giwadha Track – 2 km (1 hour)

This circuit track explores Chermside Hills Reserve's open forest with its understorey of wildflowers, grasses and shrubs. The track passes through thick vegetation beside Little Cabbage Tree Creek, a birdwatching hotspot, and climbs to the highest point in the reserve (Spider Hill) with glimpses of Moreton Bay, and the surrounding mountains.

Milne Hill Reserve

Pomax Track – 1 km (30 minutes)

Named after a small rare groundcover called pomax, this beautiful walk passes through open forest with an abundance of wildflowers, shrubs and herbs. When in bloom, some of the species you can enjoy include grass trees, banksias and native irises. Visit in autumn or winter to spot honeyeaters feeding on golden candlestick banksias in flower.



Playground facilities



Keraudrenia

Caring for Brisbane's natural areas

Brisbane City Council manages and cares for more than 9900 hectares of bushland and wetland reserves. To ensure Brisbane's reserves provide healthy habitat for native plants and animals and beautiful places for the community to enjoy, Council has to actively manage these reserves. This includes running education and compliance activities. Pressures on our natural areas include weeds, arson, pest animals, dogs off leash, illegal dumping and unauthorised recreational activities such as unauthorised off-road cycling. Please check track maps and signage for more information about authorised activities within a reserve, and if you see any unauthorised activities within a Council parkland or reserve, please report to 3403 8888.

Report arson

Arson, or bushfire started illegally, is a crime and a major threat to all reserve users, reserve neighbours and wildlife.

- 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 ruralfire.qld.gov.au and search 'arson'.

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 brisbane.qld.gov.au
- 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.

Getting there

By car: access Chermshire Hills Reserve from Trouts Road, Chermshire West. Raven Street Reserve is accessible from Rode Road. Access Milne Hill Reserve from Hamilton Road, Chermshire West.

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

By public transport: for public transport information visit translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30.

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

How to protect our bushland



Keep to walking tracks



On bikeway only



Dog on leash

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



No littering



No fires



No camping



No horse riding



No interference with plants



No unauthorised vehicles or motorised vehicles



No motorbikes






Clean up after your dog

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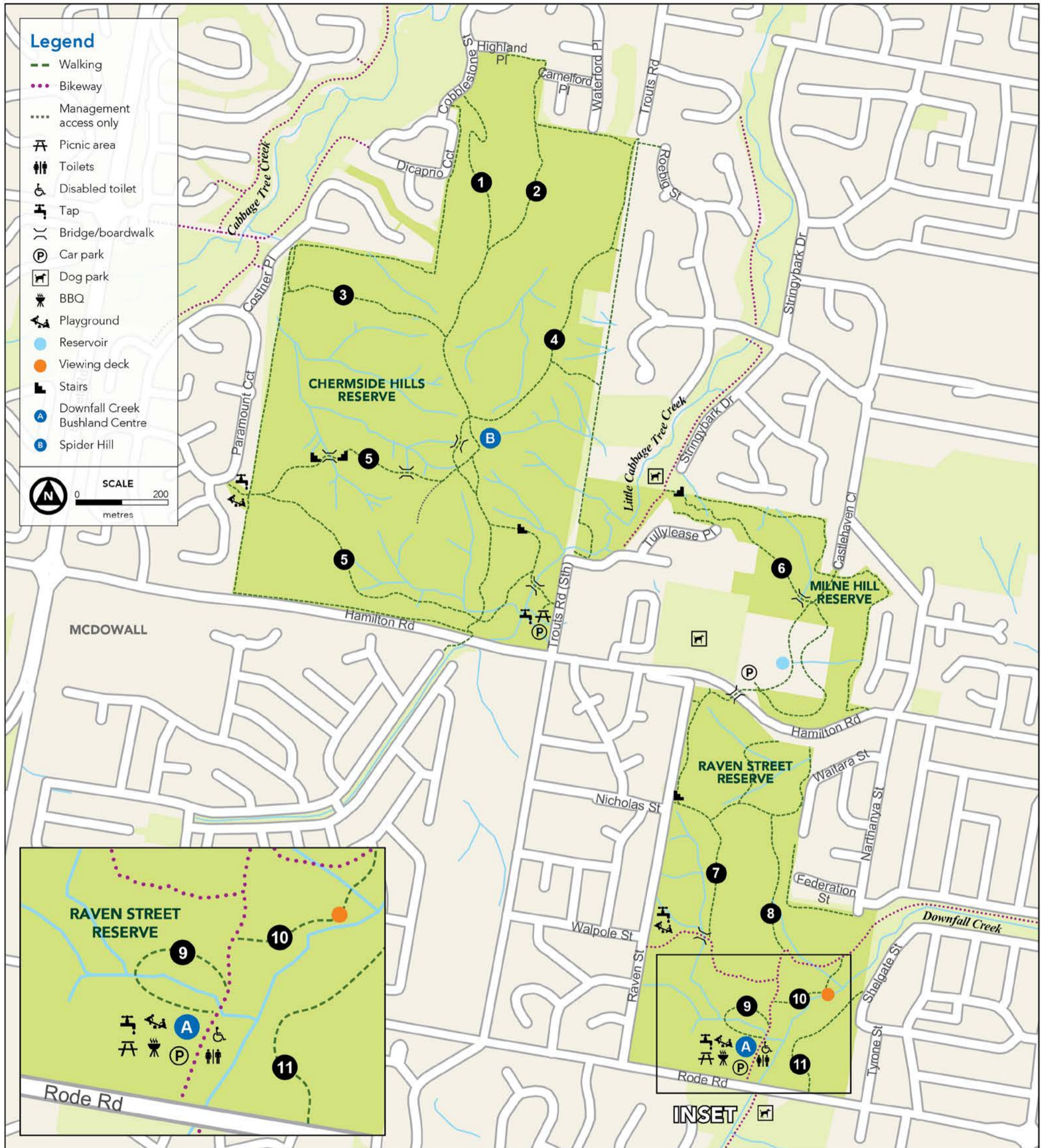


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Walking track rating

- 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.

Bikeway safety

- Riding is only permitted on the designated bikeways in the southern section of Raven St Reserve, along Cabbage Tree Creek and Little Cabbage Tree Creek. Be sure to always wear a helmet, keep to the left of paths and only ride your bike on designated bikeways. Remember to give way to pedestrians at all times and travel at a suitable speed.

Dog on leash area

- Please keep your dog on a lead at all times. The Chermside Hills Reserves are home to many species of wildlife.

Chermside Hills Reserves tracks

Name	Use/rating	Distance
1 Tindaliae Track		400 m
2 Grass Tree Track		1.7 km
3 Signata Track		500 m
4 Stringybark Track		900 m
5 Giwadha Track		2 km
6 Pomax Track		1 km

Name	Use/rating	Distance
7 Banksia Track		1 km
8 Xanthorrhoea Track		1.5 km
9 Senses Trail		400 m
10 Creek Track		770 m
11 Waterhousia Track		350 m

Please note – during your visit you may see a Council or authorised contractor vehicle undertaking necessary maintenance or site inspection work within the reserve.