

Code of conduct

When using the trail, respect other users, the natural environment and the privacy of adjacent landholders.

Sharing

- Park in designated areas
- Please leave all gates as found
- Observe local signs and regulations
- Do not obstruct the trail
- Cyclists must alert other users on approach and pass at a reduced speed
- Give way to horses and approach them with care
- Keep dogs under control and on a lead.

Environment

- Keep on the rail trail
- Do not interfere with native plants or animals
- Take your rubbish home with you
- Clean up after your dog
- Do not light fires
- Clean bikes, walking boots and other equipment after your trip to minimise the spread of plant and animal pests and diseases.



Horses are welcome on this section of the trail.

For your safety and comfort

- Do not use the trail in extreme weather conditions
- Be cautious at all road and creek crossings
- Cyclists and horse riders must dismount at road crossings
- Cyclists and horse riders must wear an approved helmet and ride in control
- Do not approach pets or livestock in adjacent properties
- Beware of swooping magpies in springtime
- Carry drinking water and light snacks
- Wear appropriate clothing for the conditions
- Maintain your equipment, and carry repair and first-aid kits in case of emergencies
- Where possible, don't travel by yourself
- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

Emergencies

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For more information

Blackbutt Visitor Information Centre
Hart Street, Blackbutt 07 4163 0633

Esk Visitor Information Centre
82 Ipswich Street, Esk 07 5424 2923

Fernvale Futures and Visitor Information Centre
1483 Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale 07 5427 0200

South Burnett Energy and Visitor Information Centre
Drayton Street, Nanango 07 4171 6871

Ipswich Visitor Information Centre
14 Queen Victoria Parade, Ipswich Qld 4305 07 3281 0555

Department of Infrastructure and Planning
Brisbane Valley Rail Trail
PO Box 15009, City East Qld 4002 07 3227 8548

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Ottaba to Toogoolawah 8 kms

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Trail summary

Location

The eight kilometre Ottaba to Toogoolawah section of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail is approximately 110 kilometres northwest of Brisbane, along the Warrego and Brisbane Valley highways.

Landscape heritage

This section of the trail runs adjacent to Camp Creek and crosses Cressbrook Creek, a tributary of the Brisbane River, just south of Toogoolawah. The trail passes through farms growing pasture and other crops that are important to the local economy.

Use

The trail features a compacted gravel road base suited to people with a moderate fitness level. There are no drinking water or toilet facilities on the trail or at Ottaba. Walking shoes or light hiking boots are required and horses must be shod. The surface south of Toogoolawah is not suitable for road or racing bicycles, personal mobility vehicles or horse-drawn vehicles. Motorised vehicles of any type are prohibited. Only walking, cycling and horse riding are permitted.

Heritage—Indigenous

Toogoolawah is derived from the Aboriginal words 'dhoo' (a generic term for tree) and 'goo/lawa', meaning 'crescent shaped' or 'bent like a crescent moon'. The Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples are the traditional owners of the Toogoolawah district. Prior to European settlement in 1824, the landscape of South East Queensland (as elsewhere in Australia) was influenced and protected by millennia of Aboriginal stewardship. Indigenous use and management of the landscape maintained a balance between

the land and human needs. The South East Queensland Traditional Owners Alliance is overseeing archaeological research into the Indigenous heritage of the Brisbane Valley.

Heritage—European

The first European settler in the Brisbane Valley was David McConnel, who took up the Cressbrook run in 1841. In the late 1880s his son James established a condensed milk factory on Cressbrook Creek and subdivided a large part of the run into dairy farms and the township of Cressbrook Creek (later Toogoolawah). The McConnel family was deeply involved in Toogoolawah's economic and social development. Expansion of the town coincided with the rail connection to Ipswich in 1904 and the purchase of the factory by the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company in 1907. In 1873 Queen Victoria sent a small herd of red deer as a gift after Queensland was named in her honour. The deer were released at Cressbrook Station in Toogoolawah and descendants of those deer can be found throughout the region today.

Sites of interest

Toogoolawah Railway Station and buildings, Alexandra Hall, Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield and heritage-listed churches of architectural significance.

Services

Public toilets, post office, convenience stores, coffee shops, newsagency, op shops and picnic facilities are located at Toogoolawah.

Mobile phone coverage

Good.



Old railway signage still remains on sections of the trail.



Historic churches abound in the town of Toogoolawah.



St Andrew's Anglican Church.

