

PLACE OF DISCOVERY

Kumbartcho Sanctuary is owned by City of Moreton Bay and operated by trained and enthusiastic volunteers and staff. It occupies a six-hectare site nestled on the banks of the South Pine River at Eatons Hill.

The Name

Kumbartcho: is the local Aboriginal word for Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*). The abundance of Hoop Pines attracted early European settlers, first as a source of masts for sailing ships and, soon after, of excellent softwood timber.

History

For several decades in the twentieth century, Bunya Park Wildlife Sanctuary was a privately-owned tourist attraction, a wildlife park and zoo, before it ceased operations in the early nineties. In 1996-97, part of the Bunya Park land was subdivided for residential development. However, the most environmentally sensitive land was acquired by Council for its wildlife habitat and corridor values. The major buildings of the former Bunya Park are located on this land, and now house the Education Centre and Community Nursery.



What to bring!

- ✓ Binoculars for wildlife spotting
- ✓ Walking shoes to explore the trails
- ✓ Paper and crayons for nature art
- ✓ Hat, water bottle, sunscreen and insect repellent
- ✓ Picnic or BBQ



Opening hours

Community Nursery: 9 am to 3 pm Tuesday to Friday and 8 am to noon Saturday and Sunday

Education Centre: 9 am to 2 pm Tuesday to Friday

Outdoor areas: open dawn until dusk 7 days per week

No dogs are allowed onsite (service dogs excepted).

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☎ Community Nursery (07) 3264 3953
Environment Centre (07) 3325 5256

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Become a volunteer!

For enquiries on how to become a volunteer please visit:
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Council/Volunteers

Bring your school

For an exciting excursion opportunity please visit:
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Environment/School-Program

Visit our other environmental centres:



Caboolture Region Environmental Education Centre
150 Rowley Road, Burpengary
Centre hours: 9 am to 3 pm Tuesday to Friday*
CREEC (07) 5433 2052



Osprey House
Dohles Rocks Road, Griffin
Centre hours: 9 am to 3 pm Tuesday to Saturday*
Sunday: 10 am to 3 pm*
Osprey House (07) 3480 3902

*Outdoor areas are accessible seven days.



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1 Education centre

Look, learn and touch the displays which change every month focusing on a new and exciting theme!

2 Playground and picnic area

Come and have fun on the swings and hanging on the monkey bars. You'll build up your appetite for a BBQ or picnic.

3 Native plant nursery

Attract native animals to your backyard by planting local native species. Why not create a bush tucker garden to enjoy.

4 Bird hide

Tip toe inside and peek out the window. Can you spy the dragonfly? Who else can you see? Ducks, cormorants and turtles sunbaking.

5 Rainforest outlook

Shut your eyes!

Listen to the rustle of the leaves, the sounds of the birds and the splash of the trickling water. This rainforest acts as a 'wildlife highway' - a safe place, abundant with food so native animals can move freely.

6 Dam wall

The water is held back to make a wetland and Myrtle the turtle often comes up to say hello! Look over the other side and see scampering water dragons at play.



7 Bushtucker garden

Edible native plants are interesting to learn about and grow, you can even put different parts of them in your cooking.

8 Frog hollow

Croak - croak can you see or hear some native frogs? Look in the ponds for frothy bubbles full of eggs or tadpoles swimming.

9 Butterfly garden

Look! Can you see butterflies in the gardens? Different butterflies use different plants for food and laying their eggs on. By planting a variety of local plants, you can attract them to your place.

10 Koala viewing deck

Touch the scratches on the tree trunk- who's been climbing the tree? Look for possums, koalas or lizards. Can you see other animal homes?

11 Fairy garden

Shhhh! Whisper quietly so the fairies don't hide. Open the secret doors to see who is inside and write a letter to the fairies and place it in the fairy letterbox.

12 Suspension bridge

Hold on tight as you cross the chasm over the rocky spillway. The bridge takes you on an adventure to explore the South Pine River.

Native botanic gardens

Look for the botanic garden signs on many of the native plants to identify the different species and what would be nice to plant at home.

Plant and animal rubbings

Bring paper and crayons to create art rubbings as you explore Kumbartcho. Can you find all 12 animals and plants?

