

Caboolture Region Environmental Education Centre (CREEC) is owned by City of Moreton Bay and operated by dedicated staff and volunteers.

The centre provides a range of environmentally themed displays, workshops and school programs year-round.

History

CREEC is situated on an 18-hectare State Government owned nature reserve alongside the Burpengary Creek. The word Burpengary is derived from Burpen-car or Burpen-kari which means "place of green wattles" in the Kabi Kabi language.

Opened in 1999 with the assistance of several community groups, the site was established to foster environmental education for our community. The area features an endangered lowland riparian rainforest ecosystem as well as open grassland and acacia woodland. Self-guided and guided walks on the 1.5km of walking tracks allow visitors to appreciate the range of natural habitats at CREEC - it's important to stay on the tracks.

The site

The site includes a fully fenced all abilities and nature themed playground, with features such as: macadamia lookout; wheelchair accessible play area; sensory walls, and wildlife artwork. Adjacent to the playground you will find the picnic tables and BBQ facilities. We encourage you to please leave your plastic and balloons at home.

Whilst exploring the grounds, visit the tranquil sensory garden where you might spot some hard-working pollinators.

The onsite café is open from 9am to 12pm, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (subject to change). Light refreshments are available.

Opening hours

Environmental Centre: 9 am to 3 pm Tuesday to Friday

Outdoor areas: open dawn until dusk 7 days per week

Outdoor areas at CREEC are not bookable and we ask visitors to please leave balloons and straws at home in the interests of our environment.

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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:

Osprey House

975 Dohles Rock Road, Griffin
Centre hours: 9 am to 3 pm*
Tuesday to Saturday
Sunday 10 am to 3pm*
Phone: (07) 3480 3902

Kumbartcho Sanctuary

15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill
Centre hours: 9 am to 2 pm*
Tuesday to Friday
Phone: (07) 3325 5256

*Outdoor areas are accessible seven days.

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Get hands on with a range of ecofriendly activities, learn from our displays or check out the native stingless bees in the nocturnal room!

2 Macadamias

Did you know macadamias are native to Australia? This plantation conserves four different species, some are even endangered in the wild.

3 Fodder Plantation

There are over 700 different species of eucalyptus trees in Australia! The trees in this plantation are available for wildlife carers to collect branches from to feed to their recovering koalas.

4 Koalas

Be on the lookout for koalas in the trees. They leave behind signs that they're around, can you spot them?

5 Richmond Birdwing Butterfly

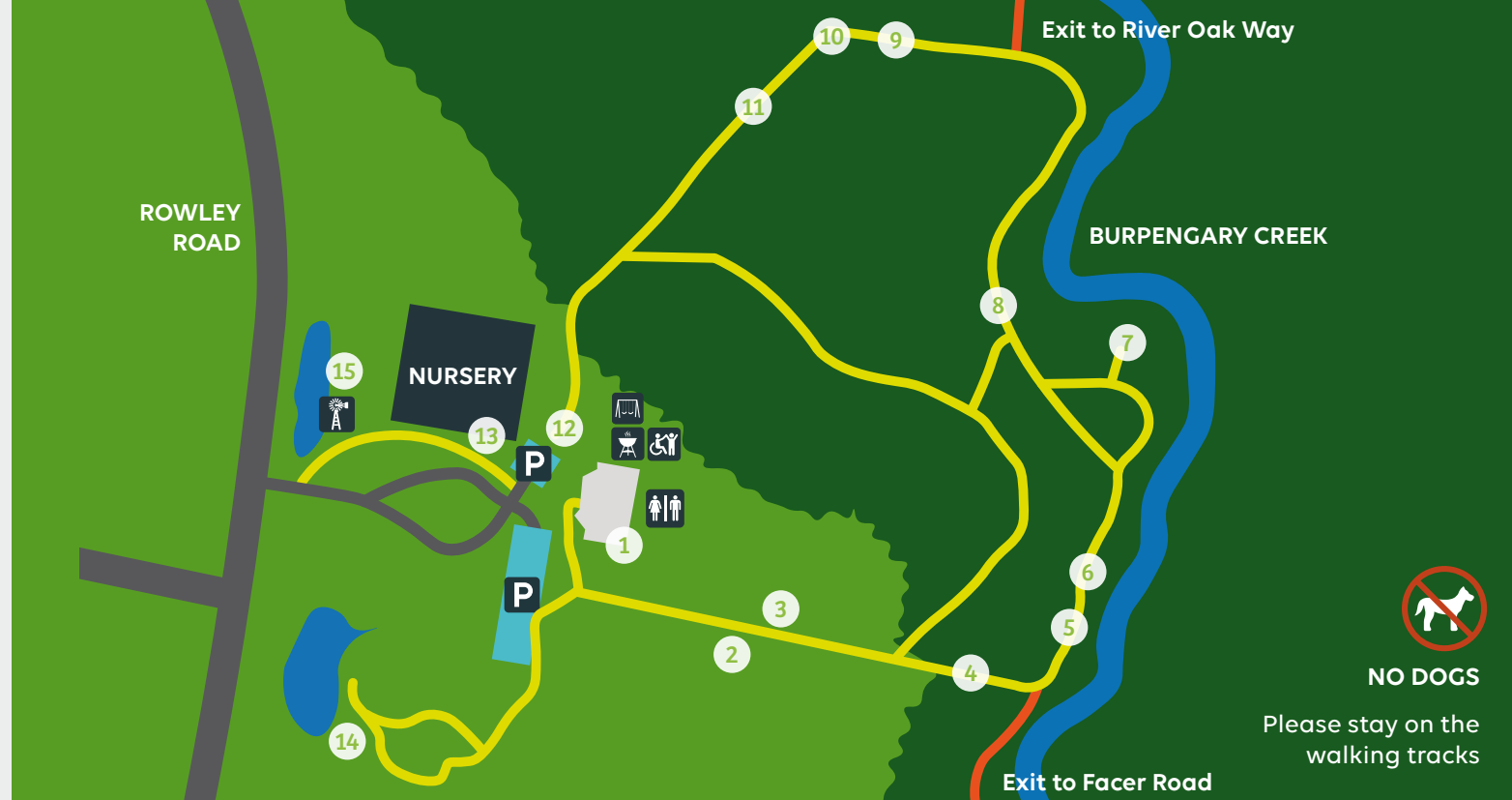
This local endangered butterfly relies on its host plant the Richmond birdwing butterfly vine for survival. You can help our wildlife by planting natives.

6 Fig Tree

This Moreton Bay Fig tree has been providing habitat for birds, insects, bats and lizards for over 300 years

7 Endeavour Bend

Stop and listen, can you hear calls from the birds at CREEC? Maybe it's the brown honey eater or eastern yellow robin. Look at the Burpengary Creek and see if you spot a platypus. Remember you're in endangered riparian rainforest!



8 Shelter

Enjoy a rest stop on your stroll. Have you seen any nestboxes along the way? These provide shelter for wildlife such as gliders and possums.

9 Regeneration

Volunteers have been working for many years to restore and maintain these important ecosystems. Become a Bushcare volunteer and help CREEC.

10 Stormwater Harvester

Stormwater runs off the road and filters through these reeds and rushes. The solar powered pump system then sends some of the water to the wetland and nursery.

11 Bats

Several microbat boxes have been installed to provide additional habitat. A single microbat can catch 1200 mosquito-sized insects in one hour!

12 Frog Pond

The striped marsh frog (*Limnodynastes peronii*) is one of the species found at CREEC. View our frog pond to learn how to create your own at home or spin the 'frog wheel' to hear different frog calls.

13 Community Nursery

Run by the Native Plants Queensland Caboolture Branch, the nursery offers native plant sales. Check their website for details.

14 Sensory Garden

Relax and explore the wonders of the quiet sensory garden. Can you find the lemon myrtle tree? The leaves of this native plant have been used as bush tucker while the lemon scented essential oils are used in beauty products.

15 Windmill and Wetland

The windmill works to pump and circulate water through this wetland ecosystem. Can you spot the resident ducks, or hear the calling frogs?