

Somerset

REAL COUNTRY REAL ADVENTURE

Really close to Brisbane





WELCOME

With expansive lakes, open skies and true wilderness Somerset offers an exciting landscape to indulge in outdoor sport and adventures from mild to wild.

Riders, paddlers, sailors, jumpers, walkers, runners and outdoor enthusiasts of all types find their space to play here in Somerset.

For a more indulgent experience, explore the cultural footprint of the region through the many art galleries; spoil yourself with a personal wine tasting at one of our cellar doors or escape the hustle and bustle for longer and stay the night in one of our truly unique boutique accommodation options.

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BOATING & FISHING

The Brisbane and Stanley rivers form the picturesque valleys of Somerset - these meandering waterways provide a vast playground for anglers and water sports enthusiasts.

Explore the waters of lakes Somerset, Wivenhoe and Atkinson for boating, fishing, swimming and quiet relaxation.

Lakes Wivenhoe and Somerset are a true fisherman's paradise. The Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme, leaves these lakes well stocked with Australian Bass, Yellowbelly, Silver Perch, Dewfish, Mary River Cod and Saratoga to sustain the fishing fun.

For a real Somerset adventure, bring your favourite water craft to enjoy the excitement of freshwater boating, skiing, tubing or jet skiing. There is nothing like freshwater to excite and refresh.

If relaxation is more your style, each lake offers calm water and beautiful scenery with perfect settings to enjoy an adventure filled day in, on or beside the water. Enjoy the tranquillity that this natural setting provides as you sail or paddle on Lake Wivenhoe. For the more energetic a 56km canoe adventure on the Brisbane River from the Spillway Common or Savages Crossing is in order.



PERMITS

Boating permits are required on all lakes for all vessels which are towed using a trailer or vessels that are registered. From 1 August 2017, boating permits will no longer be required.

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| All Lakes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All sailing and electric vessels permitted on all lakes.• Fishing permits are required on all lakes. |
| Somerset and Atkinson Wivenhoe | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All fuel powered vessels permitted.• Four stroke and two stroke-efi only.• No carbureted two stroke engines.• Six knot speed limit |
| Cressbrook | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All fuel powered vessels permitted.• Four and eight knot speed limits apply. |

Contact outlets for current boating and fishing fees, and fish species size and bag limits.

BOATING PERMIT OUTLETS

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| Esk Visitor information Centre
82 Ipswich Street, Esk | 07 5424 2923 |
| Fernvale Futures Complex
1483 Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale | 07 5427 0200 |
| Fernvale Mitre 10
1452 Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale | 07 5426 7300 |
| Kilcoy Information Centre
Yowie Park, 41 Hope Street, Kilcoy | 07 5422 0440 |
| Lake Somerset Holiday Park
Kirkleigh Road, Hazeldean | 07 5497 1093 |
| Wivenhoe Information Centre
Brisbane Valley Highway, Wivenhoe Dam | 07 5427 8100 |

PHONE

BOAT RAMPS

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| Lake Wivenhoe, Logan Inlet | K18 |
| Lake Wivenhoe, Hamon Cove | K17 |
| Lake Wivenhoe, Hine Road | M18 |
| Lake Somerset Holiday Park | L12 |
| Lake Somerset, The Spit | L14 |
| Lake Somerset, Westvale Road | M11 |
| Lake Cressbrook, recreation area | E17 |
| Lake Atkinson | J20 |

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FISHING PERMIT OUTLETS

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| Esk Visitor Information Centre
82 Ipswich Street, Esk | 07 5424 2923 |
| Fernvale Futures Complex
1483 Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale | 07 5427 0200 |
| Kilcoy Driveway (BP)
22 Hope Street, Kilcoy | 07 5497 1308 |
| Kilcoy Information Centre
Yowie Park, 41 Hope Street, Kilcoy | 07 5422 0440 |
| Lake Somerset Holiday Park
Kirkleigh Road, Hazeldean | 07 5497 1093 |
| Wivenhoe Information Centre
Brisbane Valley Highway, Wivenhoe Dam | 07 5427 8100 |
| Ranger Station - Somerset Dam The Spit, Somerset Dam | |
| All Australia Post outlets | |

PHONE

CARAVANNING & CAMPING

There are few pleasures greater than caravanning and camping in Somerset.

Get closer to nature at one of the real country escapes offered at our many camp grounds, bush camps and the serviced caravan parks. Whether you enjoy a total escape to seclusion in the wilderness or a camp with facilities at hand, Somerset offers variety and choice.

Somerset has long been a favourite for those who enjoy star lit nights and the connection to nature that only comes from escaping the city. Summer blesses the region with balmy nights, shady campsites and perfect weather for lakeside camping where you can enjoy boating and fishing in the cool fresh water of our lakes. Winter invites crackling fires and cosy nights served with glorious days of winter sunshine. Mist in the valleys, a sparkling frost, the chance sighting of wildlife and spectacular sunrises are delights to capture and remember.

The country towns and villages are RV friendly and you will find all the facilities you could need or want on your journey through the region.

Lakes Wivenhoe, Somerset and Atkinson offer lakeside camping with excellent facilities and direct access to water, while Neurum Creek, Sandy Creek and Jimna offer excellent bush camping with access to rivers, wilderness and National Parks.



OVERNIGHT REST AREAS (20 HOURS MAXIMUM)

Dundas	Wivenhoe - Somerset Road
Fernvale	Geoffrey Fisher Bridge, Brisbane Valley Highway
Harlin	Simeon Lord Park, Brisbane Valley Highway
Kilcoy	ANZAC Park (48 hours)
Kilcoy	Seib Street
Linville	Linville Railway Park, George Street
Moore	Moore Stanley Gates Park, Main Street
Toogoolawah	Poll Crandell Park, Brisbane Valley Highway
Toogoolawah	Gardner Street

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RV DUMP POINTS

Esk Caravan Park (fees apply)
Fernvale
Kilcoy Showground
Lowood Showground
Toogoolawah Showground (fees apply)
DOG OFF LEASH AREAS
Esk - Hertrich Place
Fernvale
Kilcoy

26 Hassall Street
Clive Street
Showground Road
Station Street
Ivory Creek Road
Esk-Hampton Road
Honeywood Drive
South End of Seib Street

MAP REF

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M20
L10

DOG FRIENDLY (ON LEASH AREAS)

Atkinson Dam Holiday Park	545 Atkinson Dam Road	07 5426 4211
Brisbane Valley Rail Trail	All locations	07 5424 4000
Esk Caravan Park	26 Hassall Street	07 5424 1466
Esk Motel	93 Ipswich Street	07 5424 2398
Kilcoy Showground	26 Showground Road	07 5424 4000
Lowood Showground	Station Street	07 5426 1385
Neurum Creek Bush Retreat	268 Rasmussen Road	1300 733 901
Sandy Creek Camping	Sandy Creek Road	07 5498 1032
Toogoolawah Showground	Ivory Creek Road	0408 473 834



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Take your real adventure to the next level and explore Somerset's exhilarating outdoor ventures.

For those who enjoy getting back to nature, the perfect spot for relaxing water activities like canoeing, sailing and boating can be found at Lake Wivenhoe. With speed restrictions in place, Lake Wivenhoe offers the chance to get up close and personal with the abundance of water birds, wildlife and its natural beauty.

Those preferring a faster pace will find lakes Somerset and Atkinson perfect for power boating, water skiing, tubing and jet skiing.

Somerset is synonymous with outdoor adventure, providing opportunities for easy to moderate recreational trails. Choose to explore the graded Wivenhoe Hill Trails; take advantage of 160km of Brisbane Valley Rail Trail; experience the challenging Bicentennial National Trail or discover the Conondale Great Walk on a self paced pursuit to immerse yourself in the wilderness of the region.

Motorcycle and driving enthusiasts take pleasure in our network of picturesque country roads, while four wheel drivers can get revved up on the off road facilities at Landcruiser Mountain Park, and the surrounding forestry roads around Jimna.

The region's open skies present flying enthusiasts with excellent year round conditions. Adrenaline junkies can fly high with a Skydive Ramblers tandem skydive and free fall activities. Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield is a focal point for vintage aircraft, warbirds and light aircraft enthusiasts and welcomes visitors and pilots interested in the history, technology and the sport of flying.

Alternatively, scenic flights by Floating Images or Pterodactyl Helicopters will take your breath away with stunning vistas that leave you with exhilarating memories to cherish.

Northern Drive

90KM – 1 HOUR AND 45 MINUTES (SEALED)

This delightful drive follows the eastern shore of Lake Somerset, offering expansive water views and country panoramas providing a taste of this diverse area. With curves, dips and water-side stops this is an interesting circuit for motorcycle or car.

- 1 Kilcoy
- 2 Lake Somerset Holiday Park
- 3 The Spit (off Esk-Kilcoy Road)
- 4 Somerset Dam Village
- 5 O'Shea's Crossing
- 6 Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield
(801 Cressbrook-Caboonbah Road, Cressbrook)
- 7 Toogoolawah ~ Churches ~ Skydive Ramblers
~ Somerset Regional Art Gallery - The Condensery
- 8 Gregors Creek (via Gregors Creek Road)

Southern Drive

60KM – 60 MINUTES (SEALED)

A diverse circuit taking in the towns of Fernvale, Coominya, Lowood and Glamorgan Vale; passing across the impressive Wivenhoe Dam and onward through villages, towns and farmlands.

- 1 Fernvale Futures Complex
(explore the Fernvale Murals)
- 2 Cormorant Bay
- 3 Wivenhoe Information Centre
- 4 Wivenhoe Hill Walking Trails
- 5 Logan's Inlet
- 6 Coominya Murals
- 7 Coolana Olives (Lowood-Minden Road)
- 8 Glamorgan Vale

ART & CULTURE

Somerset's artists are fortunate to live in a region where inspiration abounds.

Traditional oil paintings, creative fabric crafts, sculptures, photography and modern impressionist pieces. Find inspiration in every town.

Our rural heritage delivers an interesting artistic perspective merging realistic pieces with modern techniques and fresh interpretations of our spectacular scenery.

Murals, statues, memorials and weekend street markets present Somerset arts and crafts year round.

Somerset offers galleries north to south providing a wide range of works to view. Treat yourself to a day following the art gallery trail in Somerset.

The Somerset Regional Art Gallery - The Condensery has a rich history, formerly home to the Nestlé condensed milk factory packing facility.

Now a unique cultural precinct, the gallery hosts a calendar of rotating exhibitions, featuring works across various mediums and is available for workshops and community art events.

Visit the facility and be greeted by a distinctive hand sculptured bronze red deer statue by renowned artist Bodo Muche. This sculpture represents an important part of Toogoolawah's heritage - the gift of five red deer from Queen Victoria in 1873. Step back in time and explore the historic art gallery.

Somerset Art Gallery Trail

SOMERSET REGIONAL ART GALLERY THE CONDENSERY

29 Factory Lane, Toogoolawah
07 5423 1036 | somerset.qld.gov.au/condensery
OPEN Wednesday to Sunday



FOLK ART COOPERATIVE

8 Railway Street, Lowood
07 5426 1332 | lowoodfolkart@gmail.com
OPEN Monday to Wednesday 9am - 4.30pm
Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm

GLEN ROCK GALLERY

Esk Visitor Information Centre, 82 Ipswich Street, Esk
07 5424 2923 | sasiart.com.au
OPEN Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
Weekends and public holidays 9am - 2pm

KILCOY COURTHOUSE ART GALLERY

Yowie Park, 35 Hope Street, Kilcoy
07 5497 2000 | kilcoyart.org.au
OPEN Thursday to Monday 9am - 1pm

KILCOY CRAFT COTTAGE

Yowie Park, Hope Street, Kilcoy
07 5497 1888 | kilcoyinfo@gmail.com
OPEN Monday to Sunday 9am - 3pm

NASH GALLERY AND CAFE

212 Ipswich Street, Esk
07 5424 2424 | nashgalleryesk.com.au
OPEN Monday to Sunday 8am - 5pm

OLD CHURCH GALLERY MOORE

35 Linville Road, Moore
07 5424 7126 | oldchurchgallerymoore.com.au
OPEN Thursday to Sunday 10am - 4pm

SUPPER ROOM GALLERY

Moore Soldiers Memorial Hall, Main Street North, Moore
07 5424 7232 | bobandlinda@headwaterscountry.com.au
OPEN Saturday 9am - 3pm
Sunday 9am - 2pm

THE OPEN DOOR GALLERY

45 Railway Street, Lowood
07 5426 2746 | dgaletti@bigpond.com
OPEN Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am - 12pm

FLAVOURS

Somerset boasts a strong history of farming and food production, supplying an abundance of produce to market.

Delight in some of the local specialties of prime beef and venison or catch your own campfire treat of fresh fish and red claw yabbies.

Experience an assortment of cafes and restaurants throughout the villages. Share one of the many homemade specialties at Julie's at the Rectory, enjoy magnificent lake views from the iconic Cormorant Bay Cafe or a culinary art experience at the Nash Gallery and Cafe, featuring pottery and wares by resident artists.

Numerous wineries will tempt you with award winning regional wines and offer cellar door sales and dining experiences. The Somerset wine and farm gate trail extends across the region from Kilcoy to Coolana, with producers offering tastings, tours and personalised experiences from their front doors. Why travel by car or coach – think helicopter. For a truly memorable experience, Pterodactyl Helicopters have hand-picked the region's best boutique wineries to show you by helicopter. Fly in comfort and enjoy breathtaking views matched by premium wines served by the region's finest wine-makers.

Somerset Wine and Farm Gate Trail

BELLEVUE HOMESTEAD AND VINEYARD
1 West Road, Coominya
07 5426 4209 | bellevuehomestead.com.au
OPEN Phone for bookings

COOLANA OLIVES AND CELLAR DOOR
733 Lowood-Minden Road, Coolana
07 5426 8393 | coolanaolives.com.au
OPEN Tuesday to Sunday 9am- 4pm

MOUNT ENGLAND ESTATE
423 Wivenhoe-Somerset Road, via Fernvale
07 5427 0042 | meewines.com
OPEN Thursday to Sunday 10am - 4pm

OCEAN VIEW ESTATES
2557 Mt. Mee Road, Ocean View
07 3425 3900 | oceanviewestates.com.au
OPEN Wednesday 10am - 3pm
Thursday to Sunday 10am - 5pm

PTERODACTYL HELICOPTERS
Helicopter wine tours
07 3201 0005 | pterodactylhelicopters.com.au
OPEN Daily

WINYA WINES
145 Sandy Creek Road, Sandy Creek via Kilcoy
07 5497 1504 | winyawines.com.au
OPEN Friday to Sunday 10am - 4pm
Phone for group bookings

WOONGOOROO ESTATE
35 Doyles Road, Kilcoy
07 5496 3529 | woongoorooestate.com
OPEN Wednesday to Sunday 9am - 4pm





ACCOMMODATION

Tucked away in hidden valleys, perched on hilltops overlooking beautiful lakes, and in the very heart of quiet country villages you will find accommodations that offer unique samples of real country life, Somerset style.

Somerset retreats offer couples, families and groups the opportunity to escape the urban crush and connect with each other and the rural environment. Many offer home-style facilities while several properties boast unique variations from huts, to rustic cabins to luxury chalets.

Weltevreden Domes Retreat offers a distinctive accommodation option with geodesic huts positioned in a tranquil bushland setting overlooking the majestic Lake Wivenhoe. More than just a bed and breakfast you will find yourself immersed in a range of natural

therapies, designed to reconnect your mind, body and soul and allow you to relax and revitalise your senses.

Situated in 175 acres of Australian tall timber forest you will find luxury in the form of The Stonehouse Retreat. This private oasis is a unique, hand built eco-friendly house made of stone, raw timbers and recycled materials. Entirely self sufficient, The Stonehouse Retreat is the perfect place to sit back, relax and enjoy the spectacular views of Somerset, mingle with the wildlife or base yourself ready to explore the region.

Have we mentioned the koalas? The Hollow Log Country Retreat has a population of resident koalas, farm animals and an array of visiting wildlife. Relax by the campfire under a starry sky, recalling the day's fun before settling down in a comfortable log cabin nestled in the beautiful native garden.

Somerset offers many unique experiences for weekend escapes and rejuvenating stays in all seasons. Be it nature, solitude, farm life, or holistic healing, Somerset will invigorate your mind, body and soul.

NATURE & WILDLIFE

Surrounded by the rugged D'Aguilar, Conondale and Great Dividing ranges, the Somerset region is a sanctuary for native flora and fauna and a place where you can truly get back to nature.

Wildlife abounds with regular glimpses of koalas among the Eucalypt trees scattered throughout native bushland. Kangaroos are commonly seen grazing along the banks of our lakes and rivers and echidnas can occasionally be spotted meandering along the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail.

Somerset is a birdwatcher's paradise with common sightings of King Parrots, Rainbow Lorikeets, Pied Cormorants, Pelicans, Australian Wood Ducks and Azure Kingfishers, just to name a few.

Lake Wivenhoe is also home to a small population of the vulnerable Queensland Lungfish that are native only to the Mary and Burnett Rivers in Australia.

Lakes Somerset and Wivenhoe are stocked with native fish species including Australian Bass, Yellowbelly, Silver and Spangled Perch, Southern Saratoga and Mary River Cod, making the region popular for freshwater fishing. Redclaw yabbies are abundant in both lakes, adding to the fishing experience.

Somerset's wide range of habitats, from man made lakes to natural river systems; native bushland to the wild wilderness of the ranges, offers everybody the chance to have a natural experience.

The environmental interpretive centre at the Kilcoy Information Centre offers an interactive experience for those who would like to learn more about the natural environment of Somerset.

For an up close experience with our wildlife friends, visit - Highland Street and Outlook Drive in Esk to meet the abundance of wallabies. Toogoolawah and Cormorant Bay (Lake Wivenhoe) are natural koala corridors. Yowie Park in Kilcoy is a birdwatcher's paradise with more than 100 species of birds sighted regularly.



MARKETS & EVENTS

Somerset hosts a comprehensive array of events year round. From country race days, charity rodeos, campdrafts, cattle sales, aviation extravaganzas, skydiving and music festivals, fun runs, fishing competitions and more.

Markets

ESK MARKETS

Pipeliner Park, Highland Street

07 5423 1605

WHEN Every Saturday 7am - 12pm

FERNVALE COUNTRY MARKETS

Fernvale State School, Brisbane Valley Highway

07 5464 3863

WHEN Every Sunday 6am - 12pm

LINVILLE HALL MARKETS

Linville Hall, George Street

07 5424 7093

WHEN First Saturday each month 8am - 12pm

KILCOY YOWIE COUNTRY MARKETS

Yowie Park, Hope Street, Kilcoy

0438 927 964

WHEN Second and last Saturday each month 7am - 12pm

LOWOOD BUNYIP MARKETS

Clock Park

0407 279 412

WHEN Fourth Saturday each month 8am - 12.30pm

MARKET ON THE GREEN

Old St Andrew's Chapel, 22 Middle Street, Esk

0434 415 346

WHEN Last Saturday each month 8am to 12pm

MINDEN MARKETS

Minden State School, 1032 Lowood Minden Road

0407 828 992

WHEN Second Sunday each month 7am - 12pm

MOORE HALL MARKETS

Moore Soldiers Memorial Hall, Main Street

07 5424 7232

WHEN Third Saturday each month 6am - 12pm

TOOGOLAWAH RAILWAY MARKETS

Railway Reserve, Cressbrook Street

0455 177 679

WHEN Second Saturday each month 7am - 12pm

TOOGOLAWAH CATTLE SALES

Toogoolawah Saleyards, George Street

07 3252 4680

WHEN Every second Friday 10am

For a complete list of event dates,
visit experiencesomerset.com.au

HERITAGE

Immerse yourself in the region's rich history and discover the hidden stories that are tied to Somerset.

Somerset's heritage tells a tale of adventure, exploration, love and war that dates back to the early 19th century. Unlike some areas, Somerset's significant heritage and cultural history remains well preserved for reflection by today's society.

As you weave your way through the many towns and villages, follow the Brisbane Valley Heritage Trail and venture through historic buildings including the grand Bellevue Homestead or the beautifully restored Nestlé condensed milk factory packing shed, known as the Somerset Regional Art Gallery - The Condensery.

Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield is another for the history enthusiast – their runways and associated infrastructure were originally built in 1942 as part of the Australian World War II defence program. When the airfield was no longer required by the military, a small group of recreational pilots redeveloped the site into today's airfield.

In an age where the old is discarded for something new, the past is always present in Somerset. For family search services and information about our history, remember to visit the Toogoolawah History Museum and the Kilcoy District Historical Society.



Churches and Memorials Trail

160KM - 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES (SEALED)

A real gem for historians and genealogists, this fascinating drive takes you back in time exploring the religious and social history of the region as depicted on headstones. Allow a full day.

1. Linville Cemetery
2. Colinton War Memorial (D'Aguilar Highway, Colinton)
3. Toogoolawah - St Agatha's and St Andrew's churches
4. Caboonbah Non-denominational Church
5. O'Shea's Crossing
6. Bryden District Cemetery
7. Vernor Cemetery (59 Old Fernvale Road)
8. Lowood - Rail Trail, churches, cemeteries
9. WWII Lowood airfield memorial (Daisy Road)
10. Coominya - St Francis Xavier Catholic Church
11. Esk - St Mel's and St Agnes churches and Esk Cemetery (Highland Street).





TOWNSHIPS

Visit Somerset and enjoy the friendly rural communities and the real country lifestyle. Those looking for a relaxing time will find a range of eateries with good coffee, indulgent treats, heritage places and hidden gems dotted all about. Drop by and stay a while and let the Somerset communities wash away your big city blues.



Coominya

Charming Coominya centres on the old railway station that now serves as a focal point for community events and provides access to the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail. Be sure to see the range of hand-painted murals of the Coominya story, which have captured the essence of the early days of the township.



Esk

The heart of Somerset, Esk features a backdrop of the awe inspiring Glen Rock. This quaint country town offers many surprises including antique shops, the Glen Rock Art Gallery and the ever-popular Esk Caravan Park. Remember to stop and try the home-made specialities at one of the popular cafes in town.



Fernvale

Well known for its Sunday markets, popular swimming, canoeing and picnic areas and its proximity to Lake Wivenhoe, Fernvale is a weekend hotspot. Enjoy a number of cafes including the Old Fernvale Bakery or the Cormorant Bay Café before embarking on a Brisbane Valley Rail Trail adventure.



Jimna

Step back in time and enjoy a delightful country drive to the small village of Jimna. Nestled in the hoop pine forests of the Jimna Range, you will stumble upon this heritage, wilderness, and four wheel drive playground. Don't forget to explore the recreational trails dotted throughout the Conondale National Park.



Kilcoy

Famous for the Yowie, Kilcoy is an RV Friendly town and is known for its wide streets and attractive shady parks. It is situated in an idyllic rural landscape on the D'Aguilar Highway with views over the picturesque landscape - ranging from rolling farmlands, rugged mountain ranges and Lake Somerset.



Lowood

Lowood developed into a bustling town with the arrival of the railway in 1884. Today Lowood is a great location to access the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail with features of the trail including a flying fox colony and koala corridor adjacent to the river on the approach to town.



Minden & Tarampa

These eclectic districts present an ever changing patchwork of colourful fields neatly aligned and symmetrical. Stop in at Coolana Olives for a tasting of their award winning oils, tapenade and other specialty products.



Moore & Linville

The headwater country is the start of the Brisbane River catchment and a rewarding destination for those seeking wilderness, heritage and a quieter escape. Be sure to explore the unique markets and art galleries on offer.



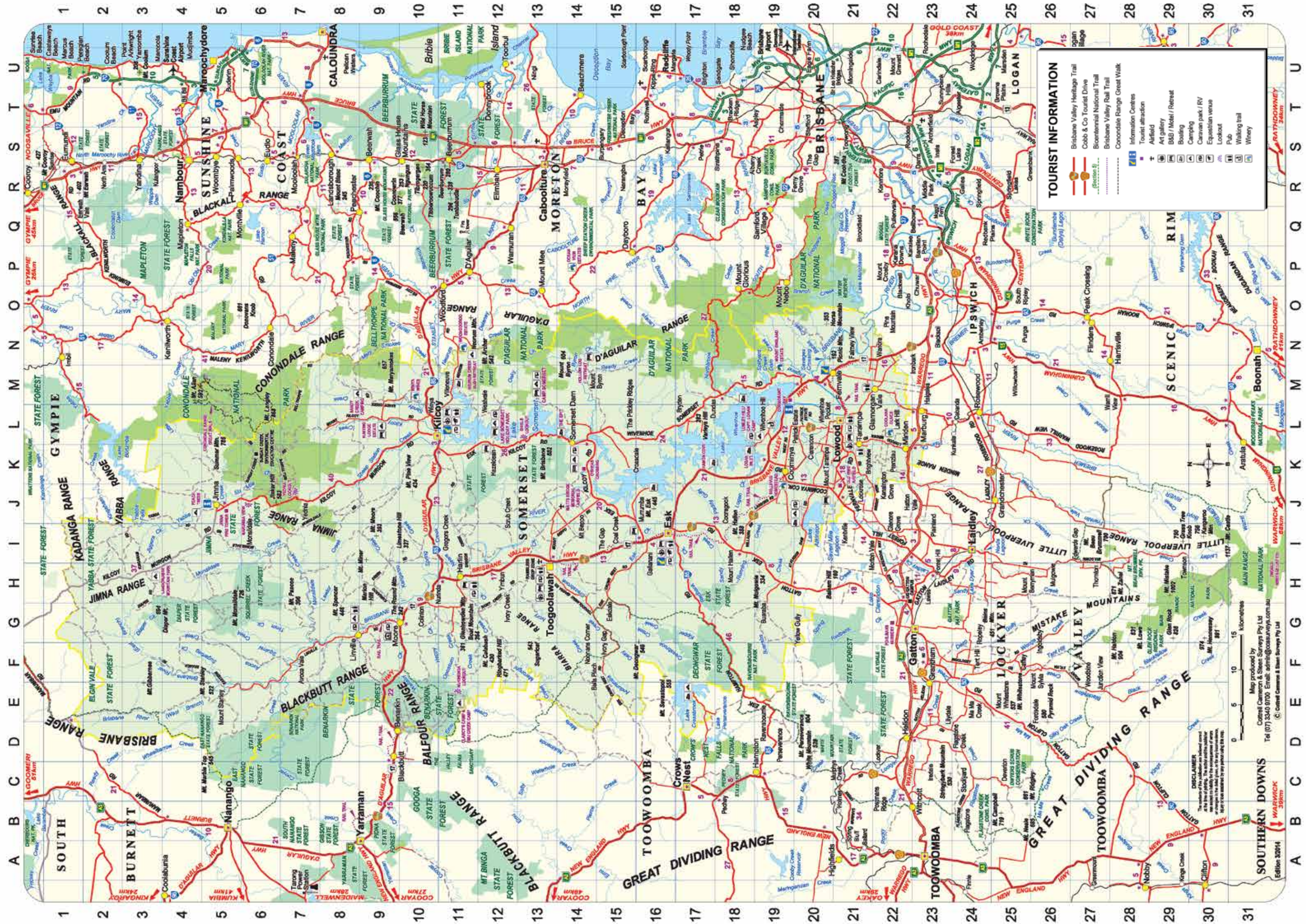
Somerset Dam & Hazeldean

Somerset village was established as a construction camp for the building of the dam wall from 1930 to 1950 and remains today as a permanent village and popular weekend retreat with holiday homes and camping area.



Toogoolawah

Toogoolawah is world famous thanks to its proximity to Skydive Ramblers and the restoration of the Nestlé condensed milk packing facility into the Somerset Regional Art Gallery – The Condensery. See the newest blockbusters at the historic Toogoolawah Pictures each weekend.



TOURIST INFORMATION

- Brisbane Valley Heritage Trail
- Cobb & Co Tourist Drive
- Bioentennial National Trail
- Brisbane Valley Rail Trail
- Conondale Range Great Walk

Information Centres

Tourist attraction

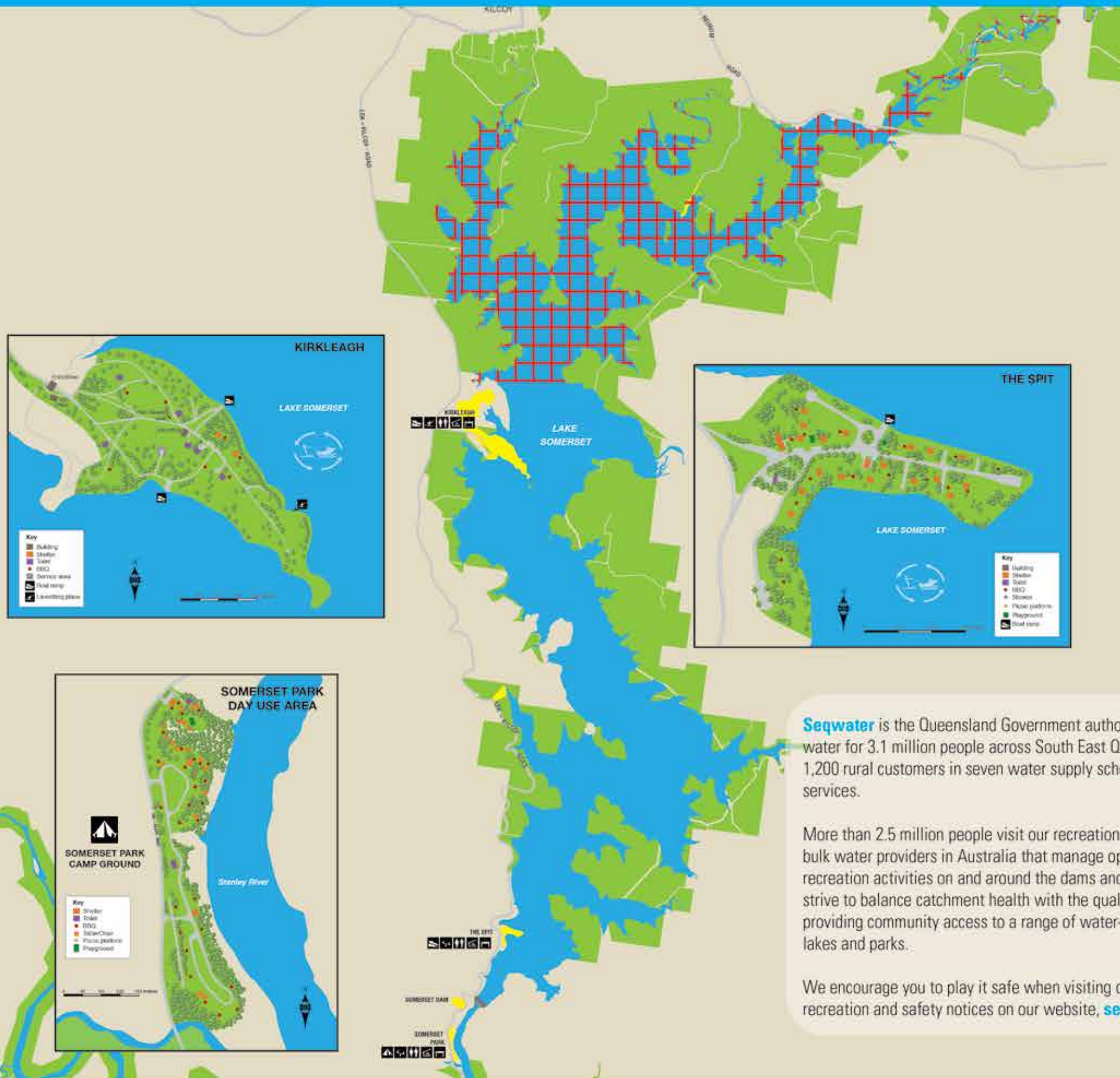
Airfield

Art gallery

B&B / Motel / Retreat

- Boating
- Camping
- Caravan park / RV
- Equine venue
- Lookout
- Pub
- Walking trail
- Winery

SOUTHERN DOWNS
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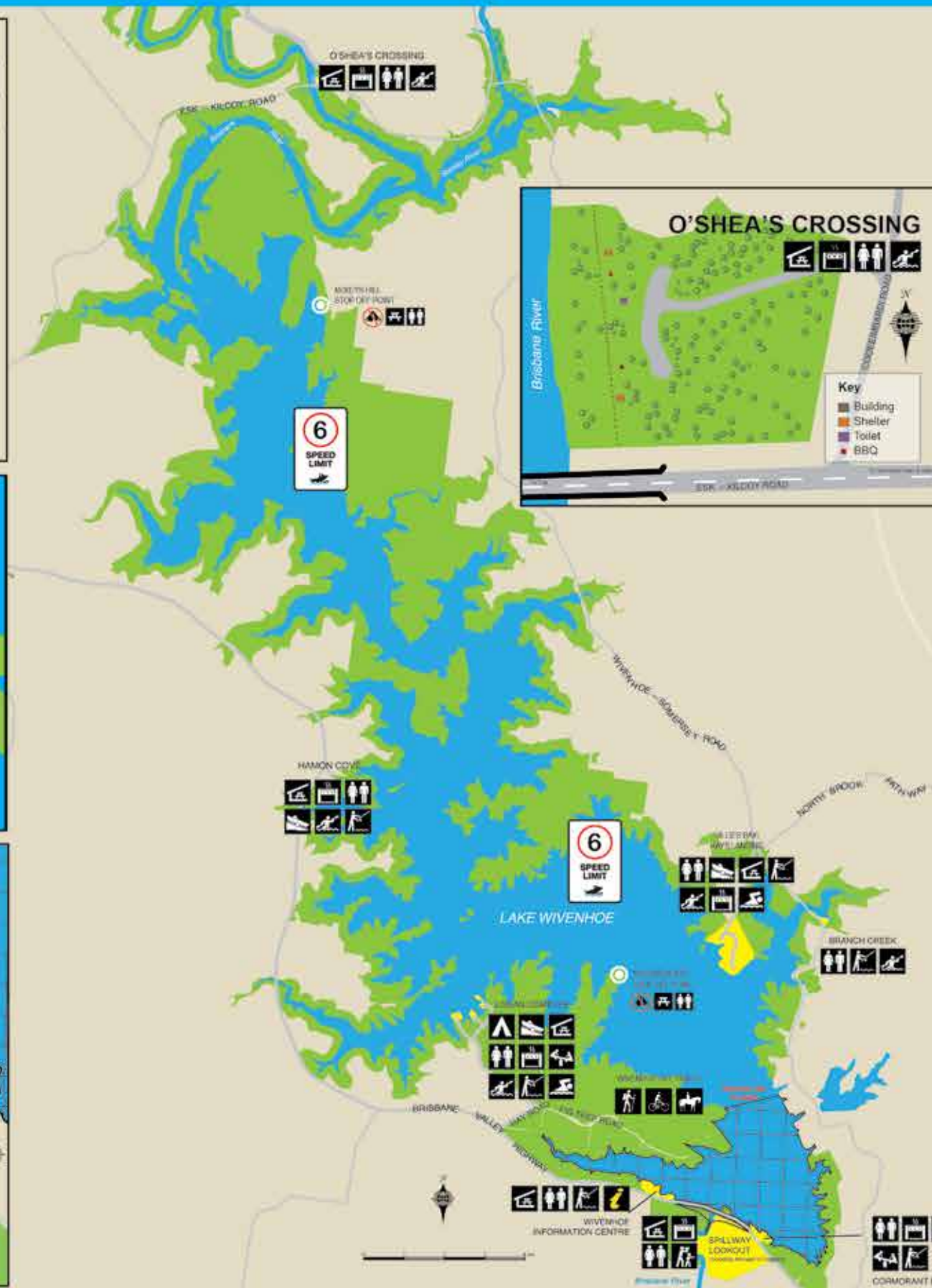
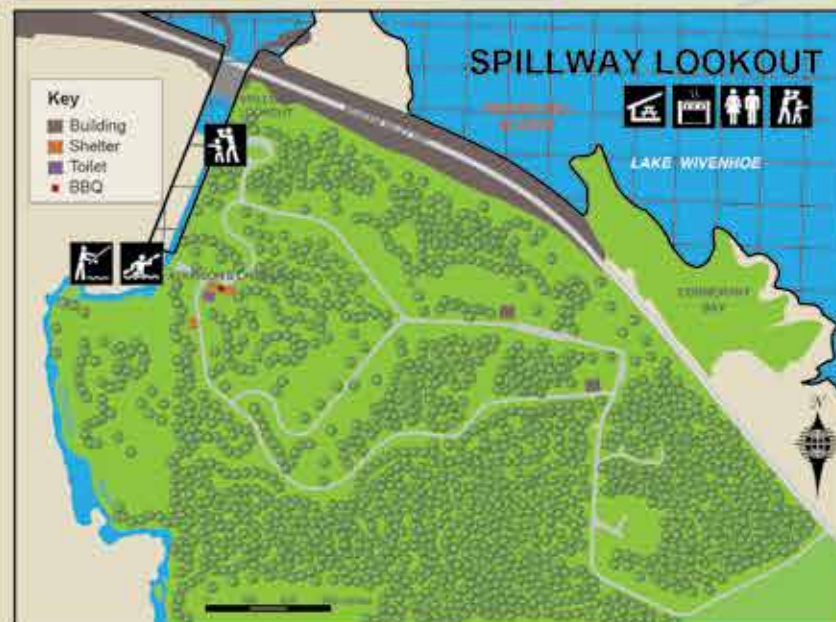


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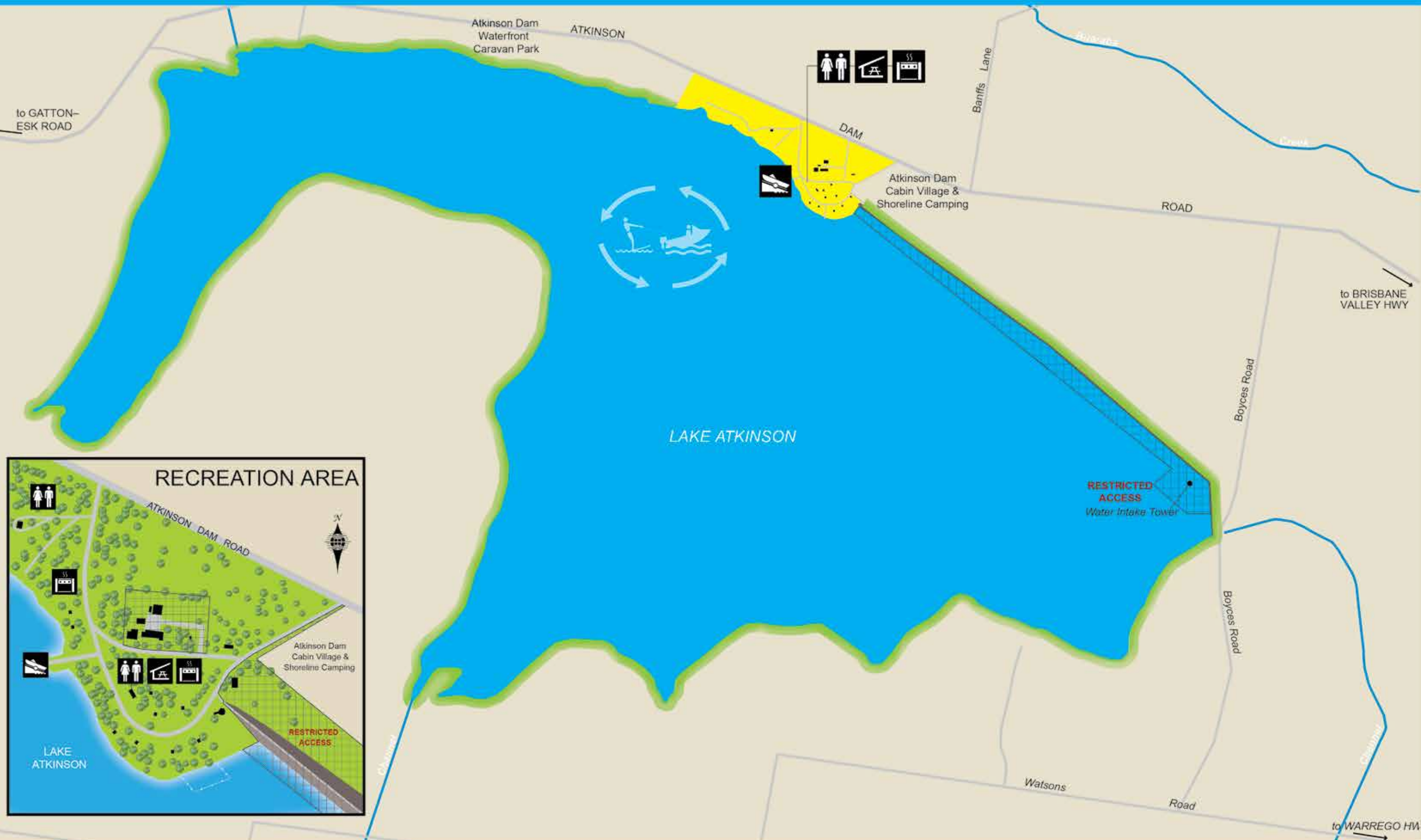
More than 2.5 million people visit our recreation areas every year. We are one of the few bulk water providers in Australia that manage open catchments, allowing the public to enjoy recreation activities on and around the dams and lakes that supply our drinking water. We strive to balance catchment health with the quality of the region's drinking water while also providing community access to a range of water-based and onshore activities at our dams, lakes and parks.

We encourage you to play it safe when visiting our recreation areas, and always check the recreation and safety notices on our website, seqwater.com.au, before heading out.

Lake Wivenhoe



Lake Atkinson



BRISBANE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

A recreation trail for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

The Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, when completed, will be 148 kilometres of recreational trails, enabling walkers, cyclists and horse riders to experience the history and landscape of the Brisbane Valley up close and personal.

The trail follows the old Brisbane Valley railway corridor that originally extended from Wulkuraka, on the outskirts of Ipswich, to Yarraman, 160 kilometres northwest of Brisbane.

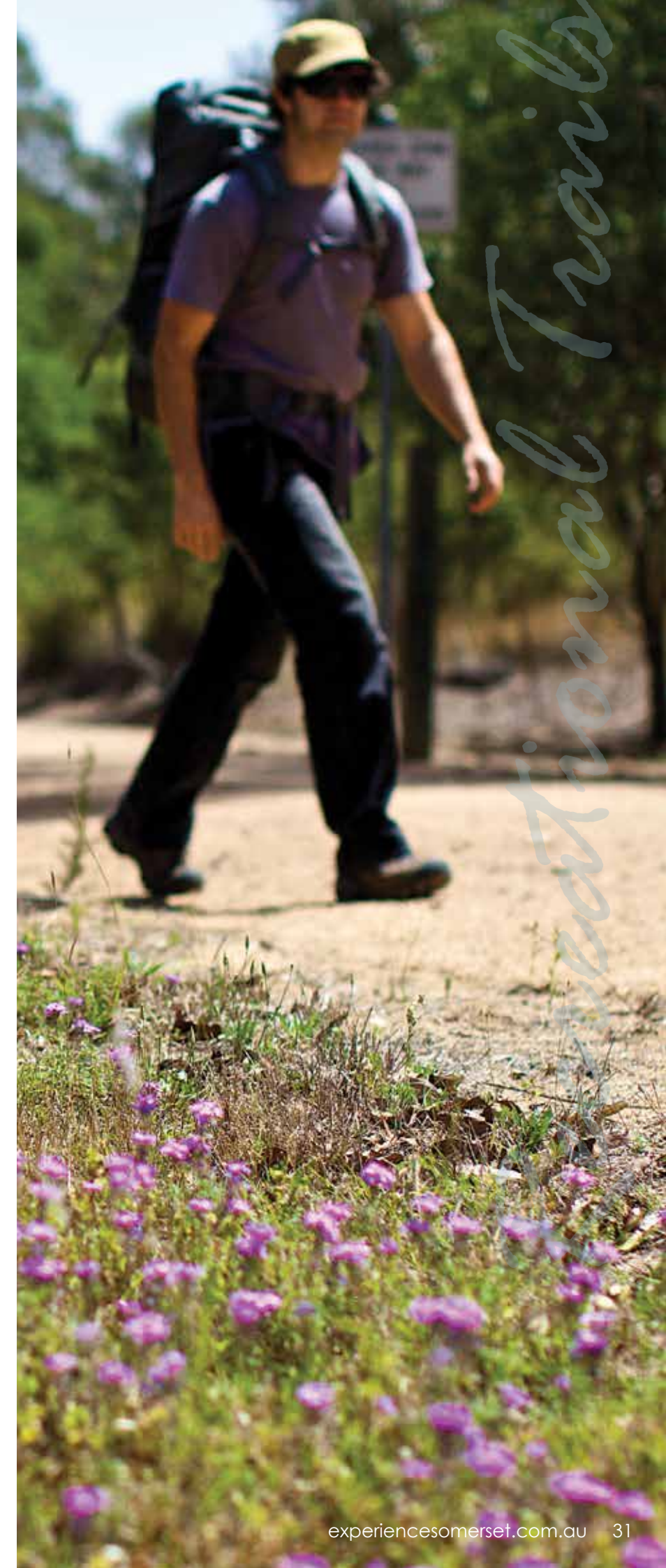
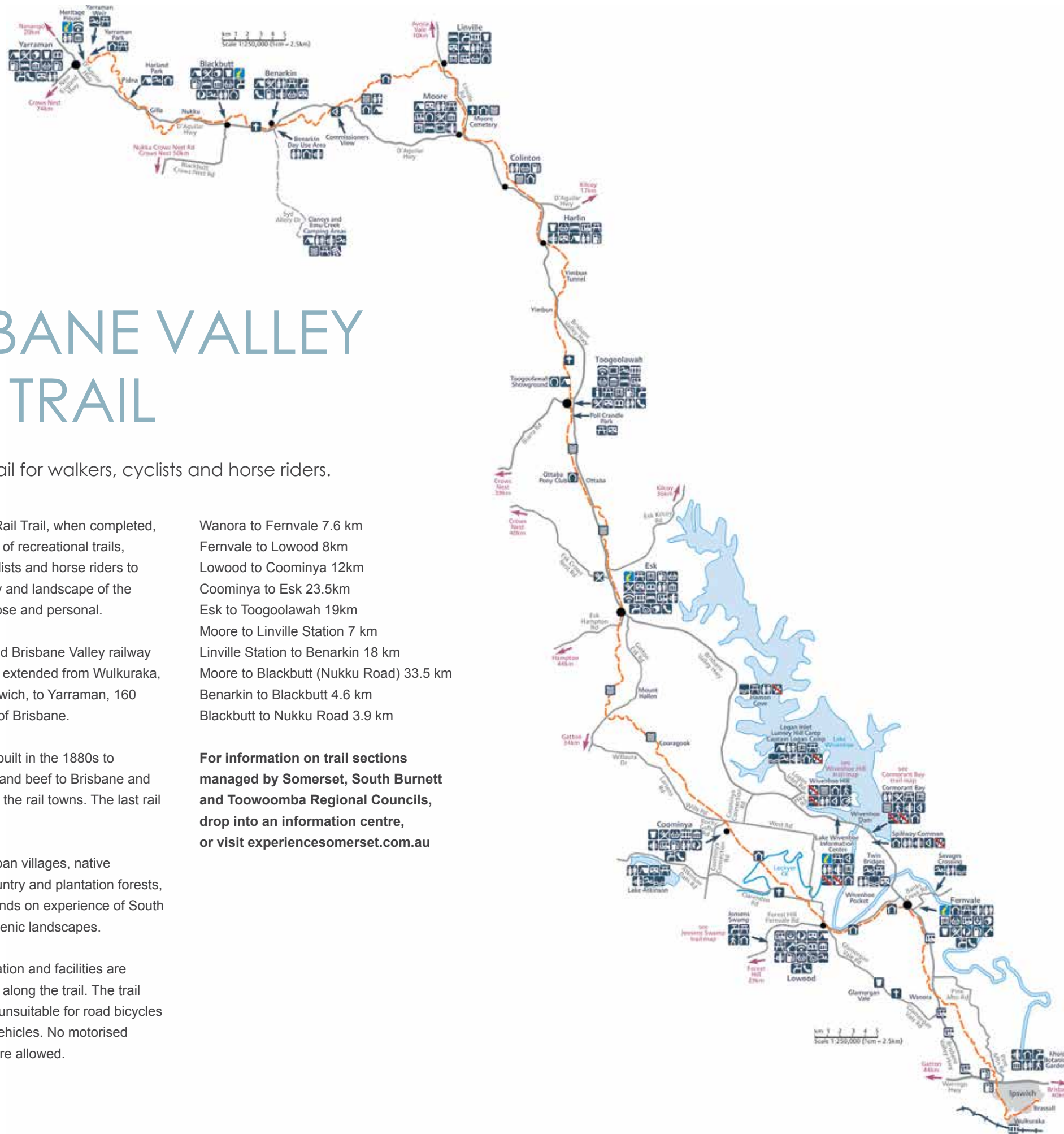
The original line was built in the 1880s to transport timber, milk and beef to Brisbane and to supply farmers and the rail towns. The last rail service was in 1989.

Extending through urban villages, native bushland, farming country and plantation forests, the trail provides a hands on experience of South East Queensland's scenic landscapes.

Services, accommodation and facilities are available in the towns along the trail. The trail surface is gravel and unsuitable for road bicycles or personal mobility vehicles. No motorised vehicles of any type are allowed.

Wanora to Fernvale 7.6 km
Fernvale to Lowood 8km
Lowood to Coominya 12km
Coominya to Esk 23.5km
Esk to Toogoolawah 19km
Moore to Linville Station 7 km
Linville Station to Benarkin 18 km
Moore to Blackbutt (Nukku Road) 33.5 km
Benarkin to Blackbutt 4.6 km
Blackbutt to Nukku Road 3.9 km

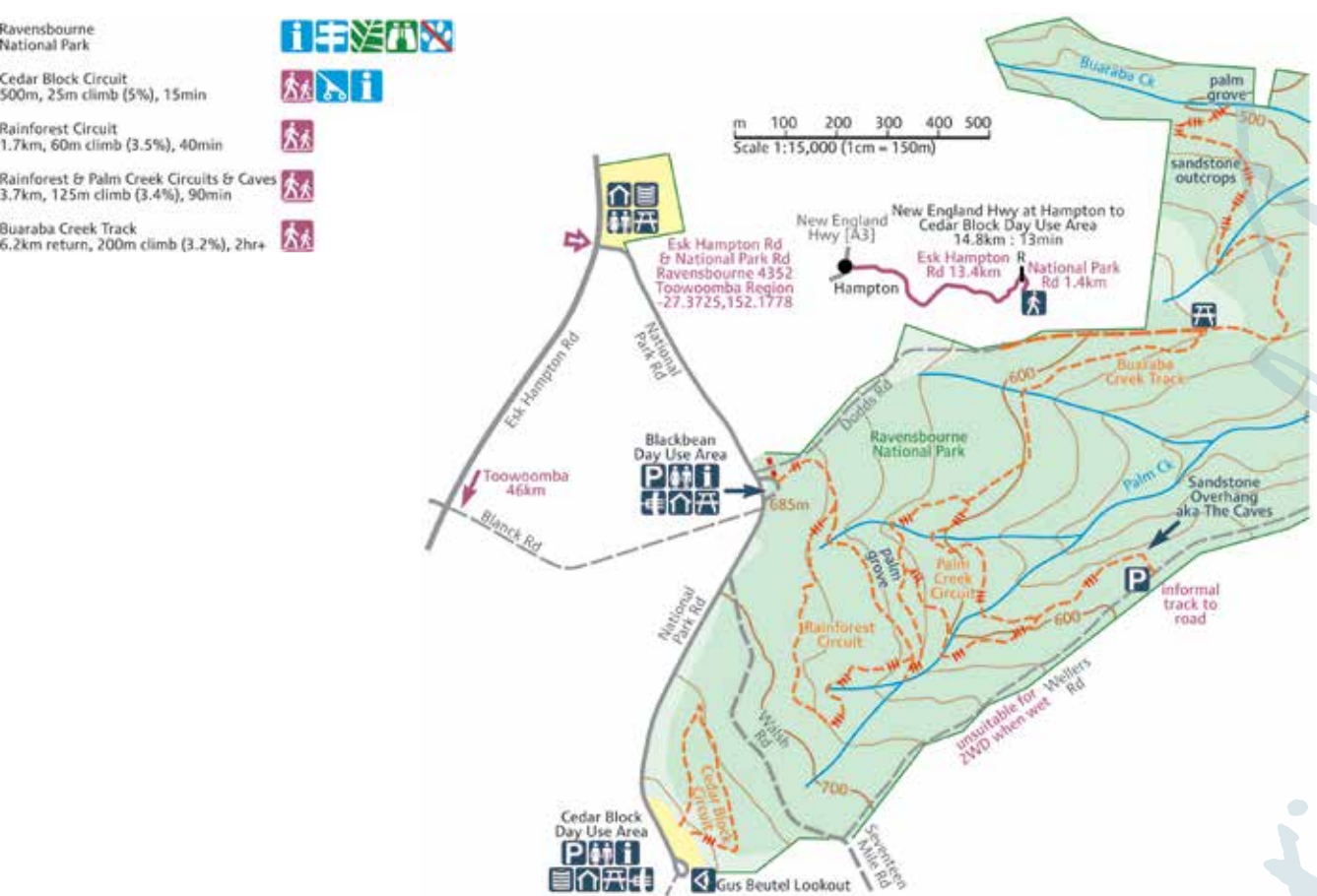
**For information on trail sections
managed by Somerset, South Burnett
and Toowoomba Regional Councils,
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WIVENHOE HILL, LAKE WIVENHOE



RAVENSBOURNE NATIONAL PARK



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Recreational Trails



Accommodation



Accommodation

Esk Caravan Park



A PicturESK piece of paradise. Esk Caravan Park is nestled at the foot of Glen Rock in the beautiful Brisbane Valley. Hosts Paul and Jackie Lawson, pride themselves on delivering good old fashioned country hospitality along with well kept grounds and clean amenities.

Located away from the highway in a quiet and peaceful parkland setting, boasting mountain views, a creek boundary, animal and bird life. The park is situated within easy walking distance to cafes, shops, hotels and clubs. Esk Caravan Park is the ideal destination for your next group gathering, for both small and large groups. Our large commercial camp kitchen is available to cook your own feast and our undercover barbecue and pizza area comfortably seats up to 90 people.

Facilities include:

- Self contained cabins for every budget
- Pet friendly cabins
- Spacious powered, unpowered and ensuite sites
- Heated swimming pool
- Large entertainment area
- Barbecues, pizza ovens and open fire place
- Bike hire - ride the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail
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Esk Grand Hotel



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- Café - coffee and cakes
- Pizza
- Drinks
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The Hollow Log Country Retreat and Koala Sanctuary



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Accommodation

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They have three magnificent bedrooms (two kings and one queen), a modern well equipped kitchen, large comfortable rustic lounge including a fire place. Huge decks set the scene for relaxation, conversation and memories which will stay with you forever. Sleeps nine if the optional bunk room is included. There is a waterhole, mountain biking options in the State Forest, bushwalking aplenty on the property and in nearby Ravensbourne National Park and Lake Cressbrook just up the road! The Stonehouse is pet friendly! Book via our website for the best deals.

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Lake Somerset Holiday Park



Set on 45 hectares, the park is an ideal getaway for families, groups and individuals. The park offers a range of accommodation including one and two bedroom cabins, safari tents, and caravan and camping sites. Facilities include mini golf, playground, camp kitchen and two boat ramps.

78 Kirkleagh Road, Hazeldean
1800 606 759
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Kilcoy Motel



Close to Somerset Dam and just over an hour drive from Brisbane.

The Kilcoy Motel offers travellers comfortable, affordable accommodation in a quiet country environment, friendly and helpful atmosphere with single, twin and family motel rooms as well as luxury three bedroom cabins.

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Kilcoy Gardens Motor Inn



- Undercover parking
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- Wheelchair access and more

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Caravanning & Camping

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Facilities include:

- Spacious powered and ensuite sites
- Unpowered camp ground with campfire
- Self contained cabins for all budgets
- Easy walk to shops, cafes, hotels and clubs

- Heated swimming pool
- Large entertainment area
- Barbecues, pizza ovens and open fire place
- Bike hire - ride the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail
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- Kilcoy Craft Market and Kilcoy Hall of History
- Kilcoy RSL and Ladies Auxiliary
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