

# 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.
- Jogging pace only.

## 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.



Linville Train Station.

## 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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State Emergency Services

0418 193 815

## 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

Nanango Visitor Information Centre  
Drayton Street, Nanango

07 4171 6871

Department of Local Government, Infrastructure  
and Planning  
100 George Street, Brisbane

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(13 74 68)

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On the  
right track  
Linville to Blackbutt  
22.6kms



# Trail Summary

## Location

The Linville to Blackbutt (via Benarkin section of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail) is located in the upper reaches of the Brisbane Valley and crosses the rugged and picturesque Blackbutt Range. Linville is situated approximately 51 kilometres north of Esk and is approximately two hours drive from Brisbane via the Bruce and D'Aguiar highways, or the Warrego, Brisbane Valley and D'Aguiar highways. Blackbutt and Benarkin, also approximately two hours drive from Brisbane, can be reached via the D'Aguiar Highway.

## Landscape heritage

There are magnificent views of the Brisbane Valley and surrounding landscapes from the Blackbutt and Benarkin Range sections.

Features include:

- rugged mountain ridges
- pockets of remnant hoop pine rainforest
- giant grass trees.

## Trail features

Only walking, cycling and horse riding are permitted. The trail is not suitable for road/racing bicycles, personal mobility vehicles or horse-drawn vehicles. Motorised vehicles of any type are prohibited. Walkers and cyclists need to be reasonably fit to enjoy the trail between Linville and Blackbutt. The trail gradually rises up the range to Blackbutt and some gully crossings along the trail are steep. The surface between Linville and Benarkin is rough gravel with some rocky sections.

The surface between Benarkin and Blackbutt features a more compacted gravel road base suited to people with a low to moderate fitness level—this section is especially suited to families. The trail is excellent for experienced horse riders (horses must be shod) and offers good horse facilities at Linville, Benarkin and Blackbutt. The trail joins Australia's Bicentennial National Trail at Staines Road, Benarkin.

## Distance

1. **(Linville Station–Benarkin)** — 18 kilometres  
Completion time: approx. 4 hours (walking);  
3 hours (horse back); 2 hours (mountain bike)
2. **(Benarkin–Blackbutt)** — 4.6 kilometres  
Completion time: approx. 2 hours (walking);  
1 hour (horse back); 45 minutes (mountain bike)

## Heritage—Indigenous

The Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples are the traditional owners of the Brisbane Valley district. Prior to European settlement in 1824, the landscape of South East Queensland (as elsewhere is 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 (SEQTOA) is overseeing archaeological research into the Indigenous heritage of the Brisbane Valley.

## Heritage—European

The original railway line through the Brisbane Valley was built in the 1880s to transport supplies to the growing number of small farmers in the Valley, as well as milk products, timber and stock to Brisbane markets. The last rail motor service on the line was in 1989; the railway line was closed later that year. Brisbane Valley Heritage Trails Inc. has a wealth of old photos from the early days of the Brisbane Valley Line, as well as stories—accurate and apocryphal—of working people, including the railway men.

## Sites of interest

Linville Station, Linville Pub, the Pagoda War Memorial, historic culverts, Benarkin State Forest, Benarkin Post Office–Store, Blackbutt Memorial Monument.



## Services

Public toilets, showers, picnic facilities and camping facilities are located at Linville, Benarkin and Blackbutt. Other accommodation is available at Blackbutt and Linville.

## Mobile phone coverage

Limited. Landline public phones are located at Linville, Benarkin and Blackbutt.

