

# CODE OF CONDUCT

Do your part by modelling appropriate behaviour and leaving the trail as you found it. Please respect other users, the natural environment and the privacy of adjacent landholders. Before you use the trail, make sure you educate yourself and obtain trail maps and information, check the weather forecast and plan clothing, equipment, and supplies accordingly.



## Sharing

- Park cars and trailers 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.
- Approach horses with care.
- Keep dogs under control and on a lead.

## Environment

- Keep on the trail.
- Do not interfere with native plants or animals.
- Please dispose of all rubbish and animal waste appropriately.
- 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.



Lowood showgrounds has facilities for horse accommodation.

## For your safety and comfort

- Be cautious at all road and creek crossings.
- Cyclists and horse riders must wear approved safety equipment and ride in control.
- Do not approach or feed pets or livestock in adjacent properties.
- Carry drinking water and light snacks.
- Wear appropriate clothing for the conditions.
- Maintain your equipment, and carry repair and first aid kits for emergencies.
- Where possible, don't travel by yourself.
- Let a responsible person know where you are going and when you expect to return before you go.

## Emergencies

Call 000

## 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

Ipswich Visitor Information Centre  
14 Queen Victoria Parade, Ipswich

07 3281 0555

South Burnett Energy and Visitor Information Centre  
Corner Drayton and Henry Street, Nanango

07 4171 6871

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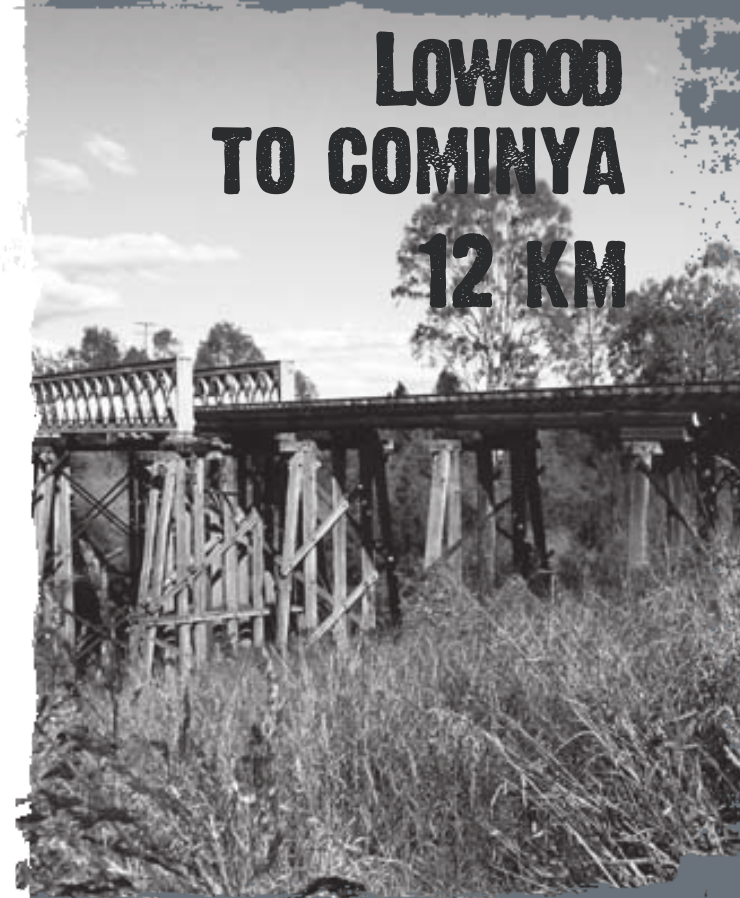
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# LOWOOD TO COMINYA 12 KM



# TRAIL SUMMARY

## Location

The Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, when completed, will be a 148 kilometre recreation trail from Wulkuraka to Blackbutt. It will follow the old Brisbane Valley railway line and provide walkers, touring cyclists and horse riders with an opportunity to experience the history and landscape of the Brisbane Valley.

The 12 kilometre Lowood to Coominya section of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail is northwest of Ipswich and Brisbane along the Warrego and Brisbane Valley Highways. The township of Lowood is located on the Brisbane River and is 65 kilometres from the Brisbane CBD.




## Landscape heritage

The most significant part of this section is the Lockyer Creek Rail Bridge which was built in 1910. Other sites of interest along this section of the trail are the various historical sites in the township of Lowood such as the Jubilee Theatre and the old Royal Bank of Queensland. In Coominya itself the Bellevue Homestead, Coominya Station Grounds and a number of historical buildings are worth paying a visit.

## Trail features

The trail is for walking, cycling and horse riding only. The trail surface is gravel and unsuitable for road bicycles or personal mobility vehicles. No motorised vehicles of any type are allowed.

Sections of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail are classified:

-  Easy grade: even surface
-  Moderate grade: surface may be rough
-  Advanced grade: rough surface

On trail signage indicates classifications between Lowood and Coominya. The distance and trail facilities make this section suited to people with a moderate fitness level. Walking shoes or light hiking boots are required and horses must be shod.

## Heritage—Indigenous

The Jagera, Yuppera 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 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. In the 1880s it is believed that approximately 300-400 aborigines lived and had cooroborees in the Lowood area. The name Coominya means ‘view of water’ and is an adaptation of the Yugarapul Aboriginal name ‘Kung-i-nya’—‘Kung’ meaning ‘water’ and ‘nya’ meaning ‘to see’.

## Heritage—European

The original railway line through the Brisbane Valley was built in the 1880s and was used during the early years of the last century to transport supplies to the growing number of small farmers in the valley and milk products, timber and stock to the Brisbane markets. The last rail motor service on the line occurred in 1989 and the railway line was finally 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 of working people including the railway men.

Explorers first navigated the upper reaches of the Brisbane River and parts of the Lockyer Creek from 1824–1825. In the 1870s European immigrants, namely German, settled and introduced their culture, farming techniques and language to Lowood. The town became the first terminus for the Brisbane Valley Branch line in 1884. Lowood soon became the market distribution centre for the district. From the 1890s to the 1950s tonnes of local produce were despatched every day by trains to Brisbane.

The line was extended to service a beef cattle property known as Bellevue Station in 1886. Later the name was changed to Coominya to distinguish between the railway station and the homestead. Timber was the main industry in the area which later saw the development of three local sawmills.

## Distance

Lowood Station Grounds – Clarendon Station Road: 3 kilometres

Clarendon Station Road – Lockyer Creek Bridge: 5 kilometres

Lockyer Creek Bridge – Coominya: 4 kilometres

## Services

Public toilets, picnic facilities, post office and convenience stores are located in Lowood and Coominya. Trail users have limited accommodation options in Lowood and Coominya. Horse accommodation and facilities are available at the Lowood showgrounds. Mobile phone coverage is good.



Jean Bray Place and the old royal Queensland Bank in Lowood

