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Outdoor recreation in Council's bushlands Survey Results



How Council manages its bushland

1. I believe that management of Council bushland areas should be focused towards;

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree
protection and enhancement of conservation values	74 3%	150 6%	594 23%	1194 46%	606 23%
protection of conservation values with improvements to allow more people to enjoy these areas	66 2%	78 3%	186 7%	947 34%	1488 54%
maximising visitation and enjoyment of these areas	135 5%	237 9%	354 13%	801 30%	1116 42%











How you use Council bushland

2. How often do you or members of your family visit Council's bushland areas?

daily		228	8%
several times a week		962	34%
weekly		1026	36%
monthly		453	16%
quarterly		110	4%
annually		35	1%
never		27	1%
Total		2841	100%















How you use Council bushland

3. What Council bushland areas do you most frequently visit? Please select bushland areas from the list below OR describe location of bushland area. [Click here to access a map of Brisbane's main bushland areas](#)






Bayside Parklands		355	13%
Boondall Wetlands		544	19%
Brisbane Koala Bushlands		584	21%
Karawatha Forest		400	14%
Lake Manchester Road Park		208	7%
Mt Coot-tha Forest		2312	83%
Mt Gravatt Outlook (east of Pacific Motorway)		667	24%
Tinchi Tamba Wetlands		98	4%
Toohey Forest (west of Pacific Motorway)		762	27%
Other, please provide street address		634	23%

Recreation in Council bushland

- 4.** Which of the following activities do you or any members of your household undertake in Council bushland?
Please select as many as apply











walk the dog		522	19%
walk or run for exercise		1184	42%
bush walking		1240	44%
bike riding		1042	37%
mountain biking		2213	79%
to relax, sit or reflect		590	21%
observe or study nature (e.g. bird watching)		444	16%
picnics or visits to playgrounds		793	28%
horse riding		31	1%
visiting a café, restaurant or lookout		433	15%
orienteeing		178	6%
canoeing		155	6%
fishing		55	2%
Other, please specify		126	4%

5. Of the activities you have selected, do you mostly undertake these activities;

by yourself		284	10%
with a few friends		1455	52%
with family members		528	19%
as a part of a club		89	3%
it depends on the activity		455	16%
Total		2811	100%

Promotion of Council bushland

6. What could Council do to encourage you to visit more of Brisbane's bushland areas?



more promotion of where these bushland areas are		699	25%
more promotion of what you can do in these areas		858	30%
more fun activities (e.g. school holiday kid programs)		205	7%
more educational activities (e.g. more displays, visitor centres)		213	8%
more recreation facilities (e.g. more mountain bike tracks, walking tracks)		2243	79%
more facilities to enjoy nature (e.g. bird hides, lookouts)		481	17%
more picnic and BBQ facilities		627	22%
improved general facilities (e.g. toilets, car parking)		1016	36%
nothing		148	5%
Other, please specify		302	11%

7. Are there additional activities that aren't currently offered which you would like to undertake in Council bushland?

726 Responses









Mountain Bike Riding

8. Do you ride a mountain bike on or off road in Brisbane's bushlands?






Yes		2357	83%
No		484	17%
Total		2841	100%

Mountain Bike Riding

9. When you ride a mountain or road bike in Council bushlands, where do you normally ride? Please select as many as apply

on roads		590	25%
broad paths and tracks (sealed)		603	26%
broad paths and tracks (off road)		1212	51%
narrow, twisting trails (off road)		1545	66%
mostly flat trails (off road)		578	25%
extreme downhill runs (off road)		729	31%
all of the above		741	31%
Other, please specify		66	3%

10. My average bike ride in Council bushland is;






less than an half an hour		43	2%
between half an hour and one hour		194	8%
between one and two hours		1106	47%
between two and five hours		962	41%
extended rides - more than five hours		43	2%
Total		2348	100%

11. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement. I mostly ride for;








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leisure (e.g. for spending time with family and friends, sightseeing or relaxation)	774 34%	776 34%	456 20%	204 9%	88 4%

personal goals (e.g. fitness, skill improvement and for the challenge)	875 38%	928 40%	256 11%	130 6%	131 6%
competition (e.g. distance training, fastest time, training for competition)	235 11%	364 16%	614 27%	473 21%	548 25%

12. How often do you ride in Council's bushland areas?

daily		107	5%
several times per week		863	37%
weekly		889	38%
monthly		372	16%
more than once per year		121	5%
Total		2352	100%

13. How would you best describe your cycling activities in Council bushland to others?

novice recreational cycling		78	3%
experienced recreational cycling		154	7%
novice mountain bike riding		449	19%
experienced mountain bike riding		1363	58%
novice downhill cycling		49	2%
experienced downhill cycling		200	8%
Other, please specify		62	3%
Total		2355	100%

14. Do you think any of the following activities cause significant damage to Council's bushland?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree	not sure
Walking on designated tracks	1242 44%	1177 42%	238 8%	101 4%	36 1%	15 1%
Riding bikes on designated tracks	1047 37%	1112 39%	263 9%	183 6%	195 7%	18 1%

15. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

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count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree	don't know
All trails in Council bushland should be open to all users (e.g. walkers, cyclists and horse riders)	670 24%	1101 39%	378 14%	333 12%	282 10%	30 1%
All trails should be designated and designed for specific user groups (e.g. walkers OR cyclists OR horse riders)	231 8%	531 19%	409 15%	693 25%	856 31%	81 3%
The majority of trails in Council bushland should be open to all users with only a few single use trails	303 11%	583 21%	455 16%	738 26%	659 24%	66 2%

16. Why do you say that? Please limit your response to 50 words

2277 Responses

17. Have you had any incidents or bad experiences with other users of tracks or trails in Brisbane's managed bushlands?

Yes		779	27%
No		2062	73%
Total		2841	100%

18. Was this experience whilst you were;

on foot		261	34%
on bike		499	65%
on horseback		7	1%
Total		767	100%

19. Can you please briefly describe your experience for us






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Mountain Bike Locations

At present mountain bike riding is only legally permitted on designated trails within Mt Coot-tha Forest. It is proposed that mountain bikes should also be permitted in Council bushland areas of suitable size and topography

where the activity can be safely and sustainably managed. Council has initially proposed allowing mountain bike riding to be permitted on select trails in designated Council bushland reserves.

20. Are there particular areas where mountain bikes should be permitted if the activity can be safely and sustainably managed? Select the bushland area or areas from the list below or describe the area by street address using the 'other' box.

Karawatha Forest		1589	66%
Toohy Forest (excluding Mt Gravatt Outlook)		1818	75%
Brisbane Koala Bushland		1379	57%
Lake Manchester Road Park		1435	59%
Other, please specify		773	32%

21. Are there particular areas where mountain bikes should not be permitted?

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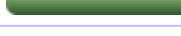


22. Do you have any ideas how Council could better manage unauthorised trail building and cycling activities in Brisbane's managed bushland areas?

2037 Responses

23. Do you have any additional comments you wish to add about mountain biking in natural areas? Please limit your response to 50 words

1695 Responses

24. Some people think Council should also secure land outside of bushland areas for the more extreme activities associated with competitive or professional mountain bike riding (e.g. extreme downhill, difficult obstacles, jumps, trials). To what level do you support such a proposal?

Strongly do not support		40	1%
Do not support		73	3%
Neutral		310	11%
Support		716	25%
Strongly support		1680	59%
Don't know		15	1%
Total		2834	100%







25. Some people have suggested that trails that are used by both walkers and mountain bike riders should have signs that let you know how difficult a route may be (similar to the ratings they have on snow fields). To what level do you support having ratings scales on;

Top number is the count of respondents	Strongly do not					
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selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	support	Do not support	Neutral	Support	Strongly support	Don't know
walking trails	77 3%	122 4%	531 19%	977 35%	1052 37%	55 2%
cycling trails	80 3%	86 3%	297 11%	777 28%	1511 54%	36 1%

Trail Care Program At Mt Coot-tha Forest a Trail Care Program has been established that allows mountain bike riders and others to volunteer their time to help improve trails and undertake other environmental activities within the forest.

26. Based on what you know or what you have just heard, how much would you support the expansion of this trail care program to other bushland areas?

Strongly do not support		99	4%
Do not support		48	2%
Neutral		120	4%
Support		624	22%
Strongly support		1898	67%
Don't know		35	1%
Total		2824	100%

27. Council is considering establishing similar Volunteer Groups at other managed bushland sites where mountain bikes would be permitted. How frequently do you think you would volunteer your own time to help in such a group?

weekly		104	4%
monthly		777	28%
bi-monthly		628	22%
more than once a year		748	27%
less than once a year		188	7%
never		367	13%
Total		2812	100%

28. What would influence your willingness to join such a volunteer group?

2117 Responses

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29. My full name is; Please note, the following three questions are mandatory to ensure only one response is received per person.

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30. My email address is;

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31. My postcode is;

4000		107	4%
4001		18	1%
4002		3	0%
4003		2	0%
4004		2	0%
4005		33	1%
4006		36	1%
4007		12	0%
4008		7	0%
4009		3	0%
4010		11	0%
4011		17	1%
4012		34	1%
4013		14	1%
4014		10	0%
4017		36	1%
4018		6	0%
4025		3	0%
4029		3	0%
4030		32	1%
4031		26	1%
4032		18	1%
4034		83	3%
4051		58	2%
4053		84	3%
4054		29	1%
4055		58	2%
4059		40	1%
4060		55	2%
4061		87	3%
4064		49	2%
4065		60	2%
4066		81	3%






4067		34	1%
4068		111	4%
4069		222	8%
4070		20	1%
4072		5	0%
4073		22	1%
4074		61	2%
4075		58	2%
4076		7	0%
4077		12	0%
4078		28	1%
4101		44	2%
4102		17	1%
4103		46	2%
4104		16	1%
4105		36	1%
4106		7	0%
4107		15	1%
4108		10	0%
4109		38	1%
4110		6	0%
4111		7	0%
4112		14	1%
4113		38	1%
4115		11	0%
4116		16	1%
4118		16	1%
4120		36	1%
4121		81	3%
4122		168	6%
4151		53	2%
4152		117	4%
4153		5	0%
4154		20	1%
4155		5	0%
4156		20	1%
4169		35	1%
4170		55	2%
4171		32	1%
4172		7	0%

4173		10	0%
4174		3	0%
4178		20	1%
4179		31	1%
Total		2732	100%

32. Are you?

Male		2202	79%
Female		598	21%
Total		2800	100%

33. What is your age?

24 or under		344	12%
25-39		1339	48%
40-54		828	29%
55-65		220	8%
65 or over		80	3%
Total		2811	100%




34. How many bikes (mountain or road) do you have in your household?



None		135	5%
One bike		190	7%
Two bikes		612	22%
Three bikes		513	18%
Four bikes		499	18%
More than four bikes		878	31%
Total		2827	100%

35. How many of the above bikes are mountain bikes?

2699 Responses			
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36. How do you most often travel to work? (if you use more than one transport method please select more than one)

Public transport (bus or train)		684	25%
Drive my own car		1121	41%
Drive a work vehicle		278	10%
		1296	47%

Ride a bike			
Walk		243	9%



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