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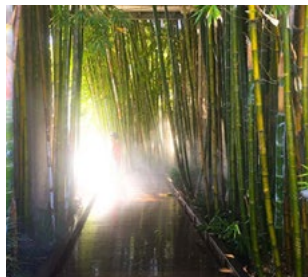
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ROMA STREET PARKLAND AND STEAM TRAINS

There's plenty to do at [Roma Street Parkland](#), with the playgrounds, scavenger hunt, spectacular walks filled with wildlife and even a misty waterfall. On the first Sunday of each month you can book in for [Steam Train Sunday](#) and experience a 1 hour roundtrip, departing from Roma Street Station.

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MALENY FARM & FALLS ADVENTURE

[Gardners Falls](#) contains a picturesque pool with a rope swing and is surrounded by rock ledges and the beautiful tropical Australian bush. Close by, you'll find [Maleny Dairies](#), where the whole family can enjoy a farm tour and tractor rides.

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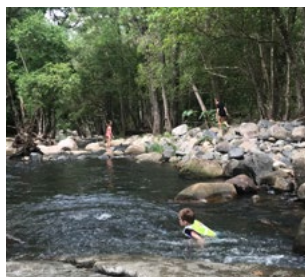
THE STORE of REQUIREMENT



CEDAR CREEK & HARRY POTTER

[Cedar Creek](#) has some beautiful rock pools, a perfect place for skipping rocks, having a paddle and climbing trees. Pack the picnic blanket and spend a day in nature, before picking up some Harry Potter memorabilia at the [Store of Requirements](#) on the way home.

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SHARKS, RAYS, KOALAS AND FAIRY TALES

Combine these three attractions for a fun and cheap day out in Logan:

- [Shark and Ray Gardens](#) - get up close and personal with these amazing creatures.
- [Daisy Hill Koala Centre](#) - a free facility where families can spot koalas and enjoy interactive displays.
- [Underwood Park](#) - a Peter Pan inspired adventure playground.



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COOL DOWN IN REDCLIFFE

[Settlement Cove](#) is a great seaside location, complete with a playground, fully fenced toddler wading pool and a deeper waterhole for the bigger kids. A couple of kilometres down the road you'll find the [Redcliffe Botanic Gardens](#), complete with a rainforest, native flora, a spring and herb garden. Take a stroll along the [Redcliffe Peninsula](#) and explore a [real shipwreck at Woody Point](#).

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SOUTH BANK

South Bank is home to an absolute treasure trove of cheap and free family fun.

- Cool down at [Streets Beach](#)
- Participate in some of the [scheduled activities](#)
- Visit the [gardens and rainforest](#)
- Ride on the [Wheel of Brisbane](#)
- Play on the spectacular [adventure playground](#).
- Engage in the cultural aspects and visit [GOMA](#), the Queensland Museum, the State Library and the Sciencentre.



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WORKSHOPS

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IPSWICH TRANSPORT THEMED DAY

[The Workshops Rail Museum](#) is the perfect place to take transport obsessed children. With interactive hands on activities and changing exhibits, the kids will enjoy hours of fun. Only 6km down the road you'll find [Lobley Park](#), with an aviation theme.

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IPSWICH CULTURE AND ANIMALS

The [Ipswich Art Gallery](#) hosts unbelievable kids exhibitions that change regularly and the admission fee is minimal. Only a few minutes down the road, nestled inside the historic Queens Park you'll find the [Ipswich Nature Centre](#) (Ipswich Zoo) where the kids can see all kinds of animals, then step aside and play on the playground.



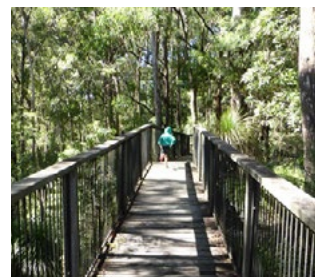
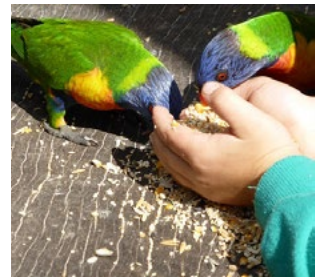
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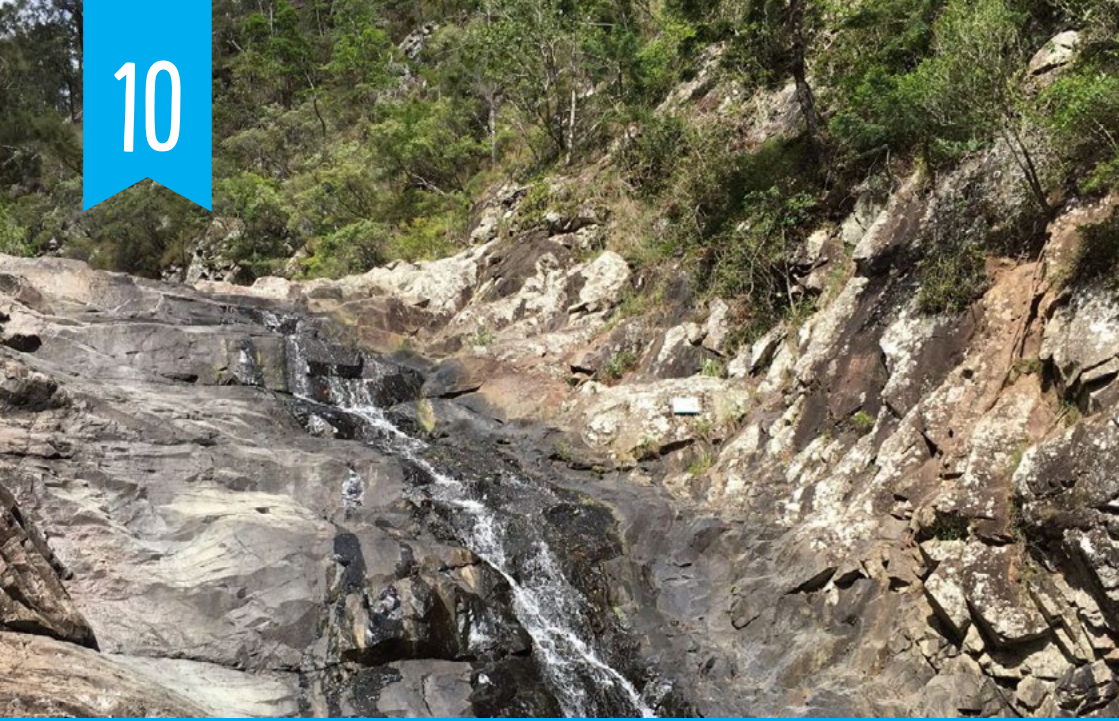
MT NEBO & ENOGGERA RESERVOIR

[Mt Nebo](#) is a spectacular destination jam packed with bush walking, rock pools, amazing views and point of interests for kids. On the journey consider visiting the following attractions:

- [JM Jones Tearooms](#) for an ice-cream and a cuppa and watch thousands of bright, friendly parrots, rainbow lorikeets and cockatoos.
- [Enoggera Reservoir](#), a fresh water swimming hole with paddle boards and kayaks for hire
- [Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre](#) - experience Australian wildlife without the zoo prices.



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MT TAMBORINE

Mt Tamborine is packed with adventure, relaxation, gourmet food and unique shopping for families.

- [Visit the Country Markets](#)
- [Head to Cedar Creek Falls](#)
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- [Experience amazing adventures and attractions](#)
- [Experience the walking trails](#)

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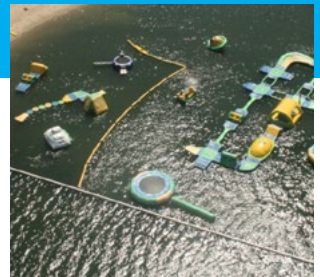




BROADWATER PARKLANDS AND SOUTHPORT

Broadwater Parklands is home to a pedal monorail, zipline and jumping pillow which will keep the kids entertained for hours. Turn the visit into a day trip by including a visit to:

- [Southport Rock Pools](#)
- [Southport Spit](#)
- [Aqua Splash](#)



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BIG PINEAPPLE & BUDERIM FOREST PARK

The [Big Pineapple](#) is a Queensland icon with a train ride, tasty food and a mini zoo. Visit [Whipbird Walk Botanic Gardens](#) for a full day adventure.



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MARKETS, NATURE AND ICONIC FOOD FACTORIES

[The Ginger Factory](#) and [Nutworks](#) attractions are directly across the road from each other, hop on board the ginger train and take a tour through the gardens and go overboard with the gingerbread man on a fantastic voyage around the world. Close by is [Kondalilla National Park](#) if you're visiting on a Wednesday or Saturday, check out the famous [Eumundi Markets](#) while you're there.

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BUTTERFLY HOUSE & BEACH AT BRIBIE ISLAND

[Bribie Island Butterfly House](#) offers families the unique opportunity to get up close and personal with some of Mother Nature's most beautiful little treasures. Make it a full day out and visit [Woorim Beach](#) for a swim and play.

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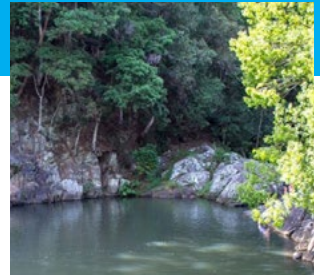


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CURRUMBIN ROCK POOLS & BIRD FEEDING

The [Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary](#) is a popular tourist destination that provides a go-to activity every day of the week at low cost. Close by is [Currumbin Creek](#), a fresh water river where the kids can swim or have a paddle in a kayak or stand up paddle board. Venture a little further to the [Currumbin Valley Rock Pool](#), with cascading waterfalls, lagoons, trickling streams all surrounded by lush, tropical greenery.



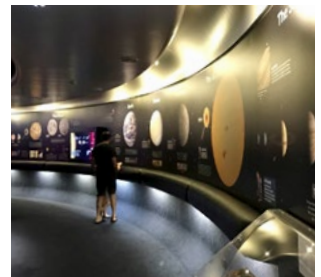
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THE PLANETARIUM, BOTANIC GARDENS AND JC SLAUGHTER FALLS

The [Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium](#) is a great place to take kids. From toddling terrestrials to young adult astronauts, blast off a great outing for the whole family. Nearby is the [Botanic Gardens](#), covering 52 hectares and including Australian Rainforest, Japanese Garden and Bonsai House, Lagoon and Bamboo Grove and more. For the adventurous families, go on a hike at [JC Slaughter Falls](#) or [ziplining at Mt Coot-tha](#).



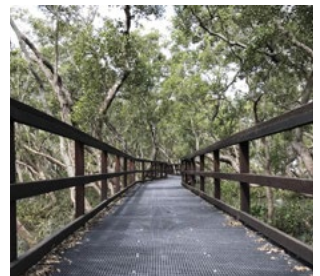
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A DAY OUT IN WYNNUM

Wynnum's widely popular [Wading Pool](#) is located just off the shore up from Wynnum's Beach and is where both adults and kids go to relax, cool off or even exercise. The [Wynnum Mangrove Boardwalk](#) is one of the best kept secrets in Brisbane. It is a 500m meandering, winding section of mangrove forest that stretches all the way from Fisherman Islands to the Brisbane River.

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CURRUMUNDI LAKE AND STRAWBERRY FIELDS

[Currumundi Lake](#) is our pick on the Sunshine Coast for hot spots for cool times with families. You'll be amazed by what's there. [Strawberry Fields Farm at Palmview](#) is open from June to November for strawberry picking fun, complete with tractor rides and hay bale climbing. Take your scooters and bikes on the journey and experience [Pedal park at Aura](#), a day guaranteed to wear the kids out.



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HOLOGRAMS, SHOPPING AND PLAY DAY

[Holoverse](#) allows visitors to experience real holograms which they can actually interact with and walk through. [Broadwater Parklands](#) and [Australia Fair](#) are only 2km down the road to turn the day from tech to play.

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SHOP & PLAY AT CHERMSIDE

Only 10km north of Brisbane, Chermside is now a family friendly mecca of things to do, all within walking distance of each other. Visit the spectacular new food precinct at Westfield Chermside, explore the new and improved Chermside Library, cool down on the big water slides at the local pool and get lost in the Kidspace fort.



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SPRINGBROOK PLATEAU, SPRINGBROOK NATIONAL PARK

[Springbrook National Park](#) and [Cougals Cascades](#) are natural wonders that almost seem too beautiful to be real. The whole family will be enthralled by the park's spectacular views, countless walking tracks and beautiful native flora and fauna and even glow worms.



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KINGS BEACH

[Kings Beach at Caloundra](#) on the beautiful Sunshine Coast is an enticing family friendly destination for families. It's not just a beautiful beach, there's an oceanfront saltwater swimming pool, rock pools, parkland and playgrounds. For the pirate obsessed kids, stop in at the [Happy Valley Park](#).

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LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK AND MOUNTVIEW ALPACA FARM

Perfectly positioned in the Lamington National Park, Gold Coast hinterland, [O'Reilly's Tree Top walk](#) is an easy 800 metre circuit through stunning bushland. The walk incorporates 9 suspension bridges and a gradual rise up into the sub-tropical rainforest canopy. [Mountview Alpaca Farm](#), located in O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyards, is a great place to visit and feed the many resident alpacas.



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COOMBA FALLS

Coomba Falls, at Maidenwell, is an exceptionally beautiful place, featuring a deep natural swimming hole and striking granite cliffs. The water is icy most of the year, so it's the ideal site to cool down on a hot day.

Too far for a day trip? Stay at the beautiful [Bunya Mountains](#).

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STRADBROKE ISLAND

Take the ferry over to Stradbroke Island for a local adventure that won't break the bank. Take a stroll along the North Gorge Walk, go Scuba diving, visit the shipwreck and play in the sand dunes.

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CLIMB MOUNT WARNING

Mount Warning is 2 hour drive from Brisbane. Adventurous families brave enough to tackle an 8.8km return walk will be rewarded with amazing 360 panoramic views of Surfers paradise to Byron Bay.

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FEED THE DOLPHINS AT TIN CAN BAY

Snapper Creek at the world-famous Tin Can Bay is home to a family of dolphins who have long frequented the area. It's a 2.5 hour drive from Brisbane and an experience the whole family will never forget.



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TALLEBUDGERA CREEK

[Tallebudgera Creek](#) is a great place to relax, snorkel, splash and chill out without worrying about big surf and big crowds. The area is bordered by Burleigh Heads National Park and Palm Beach, where you'll find the amazing [pirate park](#).

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EAT STREET MARKETS & FLYING TRAPEZE

The [Eat Street Markets Northshore](#) provides families with a spectacular cultural and food phenomenon. Less than 10km away, [Circus Arts](#) runs Flying Trapeze Workshops for the brave and adventurous and DFO is a short walk across the road.

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BEARDED DRAGON

[The Bearded Dragon](#) is a pub where you can sit back, relax, listen to live music, watch a crocodile and reptile show whilst the kids run around exploring on the massive property.

If you need more fun, on the way home [Yarrabilba Playground](#) features a 8.7m custom Garden Tower with two gigantic slides, alternatively, cool down at the [Darlington Parklands](#) with some ankle deep water play.

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BUNYA CROSSING

[Bunya Crossing Reserve Swimming Hole](#) is a hidden gem in the Moreton Region and just 25 minutes from Brisbane CBD. It's such a close, idyllic setting that is a great day trip for families to enjoy swimming, wildlife spotting, bushwalking and crossing a suspension bridge to find a fairy garden.

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SEA LIFE UNDERWATER WORLD

Sea Life offers an action packed day out on the Sunshine Coast. Explore the animals and exhibits, watch the shows, or book an experience to get up close and personal with some of the animals.

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A DAY OUT, THE REDLANDS PRECINCT

Choose your own adventure and visit the Redlands where you'll find the Wellington Point Reserve, Capalaba Regional Park, the Redlands Indigiscape Centre, Heritage Trails or catch the ferry across to Coochiemudlo Island for some water adventure.

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BOOLOUMBA FALLS

[The Booloumba Falls](#) bush walk is ideal for families who love a bit of adventure in the great outdoors. Along the way you'll be treated to the beauty of waterfalls, creek cascades, tall eucalypt forest, rich lush rainforest as well as spectacular boulders, which line the creek and will be a big hit with the kids who will enjoy climbing them. [Pioneer Park at Landsborough](#) is the half way point for those travelling from Brisbane, it's a lovely all-abilities shaded playground where the kids can stretch their legs.

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WHALE WATCHING AND CAVILL AVENUE

There are a number of places to go whale watching in Queensland, from '[no cost whale watching](#)' options to experienced tour operators like [Whales in Paradise](#), you can have an action packed morning or afternoon on the Gold Coast. Spend the rest of the day exploring Cavill Avenue and the surrounds.

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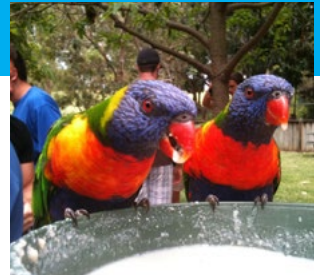
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LONE PINE KOALA SANCTUARY AND PLAYGROUNDS

[Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary](#) is home to a variety of Australian wildlife held amongst a stunning setting. Families can hand feed kangaroos, cuddle a koala, view animal exhibits and watch entertaining shows. While you're in the area, visit the [Biambi Yumba Park](#) or [Rocks Riverside Park](#).

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VICTORIA PARK GOLF CLUB

Spend a family day out at the Century old Golf Complex on Brisbane's leafy north side. Just 2km's from Brisbane's CBD, Victoria Park is home to an 18 hole putt putt course, 72 bay day and night Driving Range, 18 hole public Golf Course and a family friendly Bistro with on-site playground and kid's games area. Afterwards, if you still need more, travel 4km north and you'll find the shady giant fort at Enoggera, [Grinstead Park](#).

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COLMSLIE POOL & PLAYGROUND

Colmslie Pool is open for year-round fun and relaxation, and has a special Fun Pool play area for kids open during the summer season too. Close by is [Colmslie Beach Reserve](#) a fantastic playground.

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AUSTRALIA ZOO

Australia Zoo is home to all kinds of mammals, birds and reptiles. Located on the Sunshine Coast, it's easily a day trip on its own.

We've even got a secret tip to get your kids in for free!!!



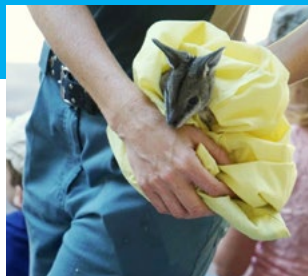
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RAINFORESTS AND WILDLIFE AT BURLEIGH

[Burleigh Headland National Park](#) is a little slice of heaven nestled just off the Gold Coast Highway. The [David Fleay Wildlife Park](#) is home to not only a huge variety of Australian animals but also to important conservation research.

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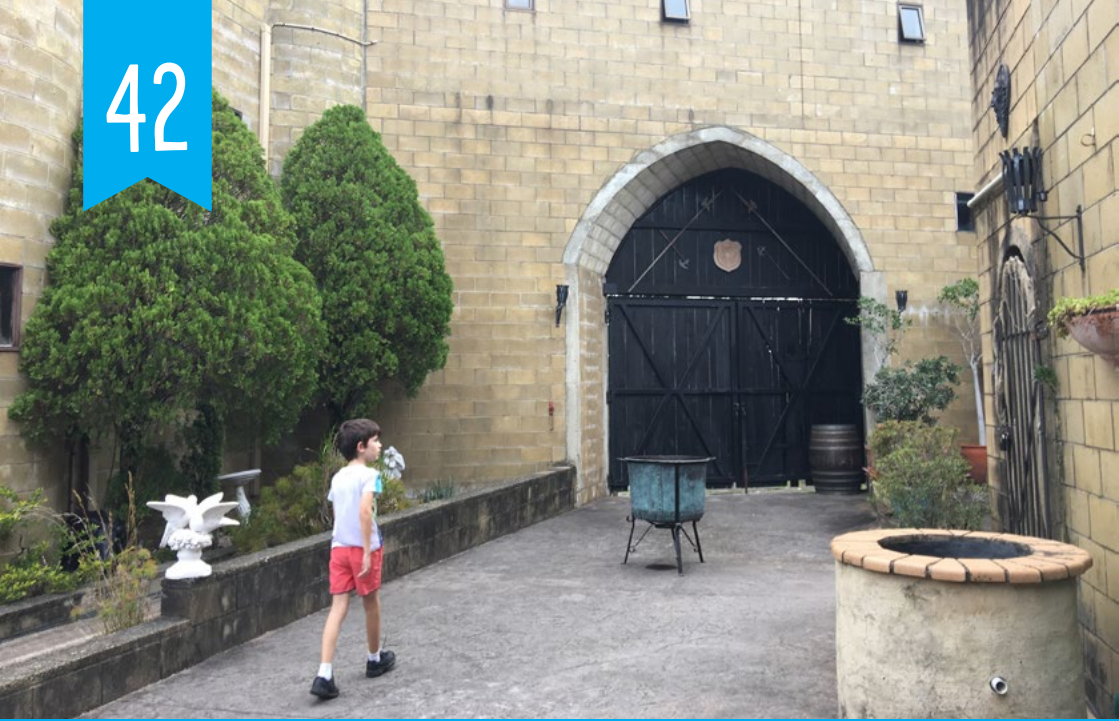
COOL OFF IN IPSWICH

Some of the best (free) water parks are located in Ipswich, visit 3 of the best to cool down in summer:

- Robelle Domain Parklands
- Orion Lagoon
- Riverheart Parklands

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SUNSHINE CASTLE / STRAWBERRY PICKING

The [Sunshine Castle](#) is the biggest Castle in Australia where families can go on a treasure hunt whilst learning about medieval times. On the way home, pop into one of the [Sunshine Coast strawberry picking farms](#) for some afternoon tea.



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THE CUBE AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

[The Cube at QUT](#) has school holiday activities offering families a chance to get up close and personal with science. Within walking distance is [Brisbane's Botanical Gardens](#), a perfect spot for a walk, scooter or skateboard and picnic and play. If you stay into the evening, you'll see the spectacular fairy lights.

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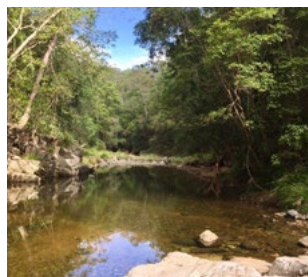
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STONY CREEK SWIMMING HOLE

Stony Creek swimming hole is quiet and yet to be discovered by tourists. Located near Woodford, about a 90 minute drive from Brisbane, it's a perfect place for families.

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KARAWATHA FOREST DISCOVERY CENTRE

Karawatha Forest Park is located 18km south of Brisbane and is one of the largest areas of natural bushland controlled by the Brisbane City Council. The discovery centre has both indoor and sheltered outdoor spaces that provide fun and interactive learning. Families can enjoy the facilities and head off on a bushwalk.



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NOOSA

Noosa truly is the gateway to one of the most breathtakingly beautiful parts of the world. Pristine coastline, gorgeous untouched natural forest and heaps to do with families.

We've even got some [rainy day ideas for Noosa trips](#) here.



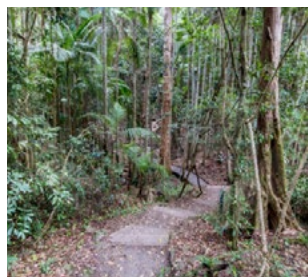
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MAPLETON NATIONAL PARK

Located approximately 105 km north of Brisbane is the Mapleton National Park. A beautiful 'get-away' at the northern end of the Blackall Range, in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.



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GEOCACHING TREASURE HUNT

Geocaching can turn any location into a fun day trip for the whole family. Download the Geocaching app and visit some of the [best playgrounds in and around Brisbane](#) for a fun family day out.

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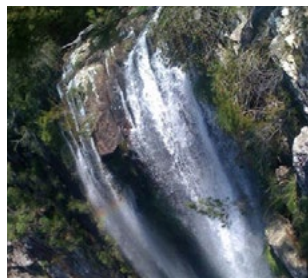
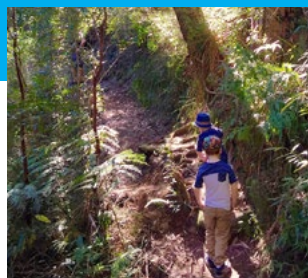
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MINYON FALLS AND THE BOGGY CREEK WALK

Minyon Falls is nothing short of spectacular. The lookout stands on the rocky platform directly beside the waterfall, which cascades over the cliff face, plummeting over a hundred meters to the valley below.

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WIVENHOE DAM

Wivenhoe Dam offers an oasis of family-friendly outdoor adventure that's right on our doorstep. It's an easy hour's drive from Brisbane along picturesque country roads.



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