

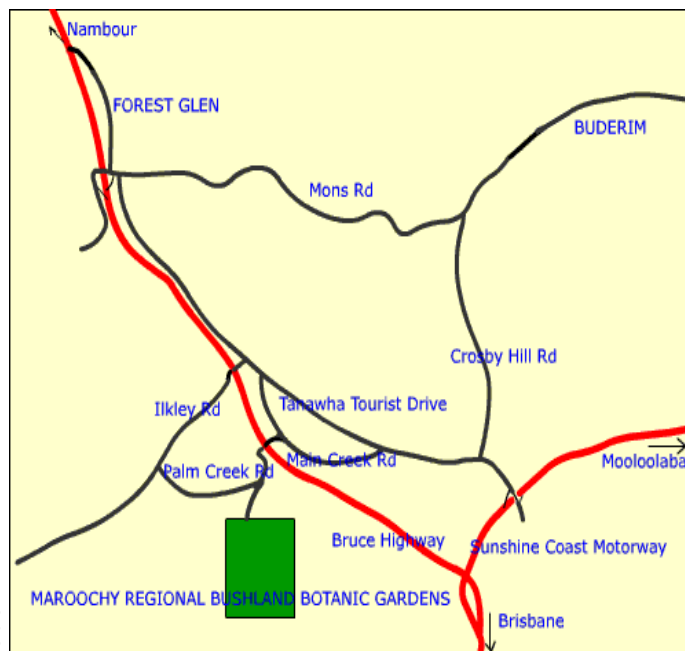
In the gardens there are a number of concrete paths and well developed gravel paths which allow access to much of the developed part of the gardens for strollers and wheelchairs.

Free guided tours of the gardens are provided by the Friends volunteer guides.

The tours run on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, at 9.00am, except for public holidays and they do not run in December and January.

These walks are an interesting way to learn about the plants and their stories, and the history of the gardens. Trained guides will conduct the walks, which are taken at a gentle pace for approximately one hour. Bookings are not required, just meet the guides at the entrance to the gardens near the car park. During the hot months we take advantage of the shady, cool areas of the Gardens, including the Mossy Log area, the Fern Glade, the Friendship Colonnade and the Ephemeral Wetlands. Note: walks are no longer conducted on Fridays.

Group bookings can be arranged by phoning Margaret on 5445 3375.



Gardens location:

If you use a GPS, enter:

31 Palm Creek Rd Tanawha Queensland
(that takes you to the Tanawha Golf Course, next door to the gardens)

Otherwise go under the Bruce Highway from Main Creek Rd, up the hill and turn right into palm Creek Road, drive a short distance then turn left into the unnamed road at the traffic island at the Tanawha Golf course. The gardens are just down the road.

MAROOCHY REGIONAL BUSHLAND BOTANIC GARDENS

TANAWHA

SUNSHINE COAST, QUEENSLAND

VISITOR INFORMATION

- ✚ Open every day during daylight hours
- ✚ Free admission to Gardens
- ✚ Picnic facilities for visitors
- ✚ No provided BBQs, but you are welcome to bring your own. No open fires.
- ✚ Ample parking
- ✚ No domestic animals allowed
- ✚ Stroller and Wheelchair access to much of the gardens

Don't miss....

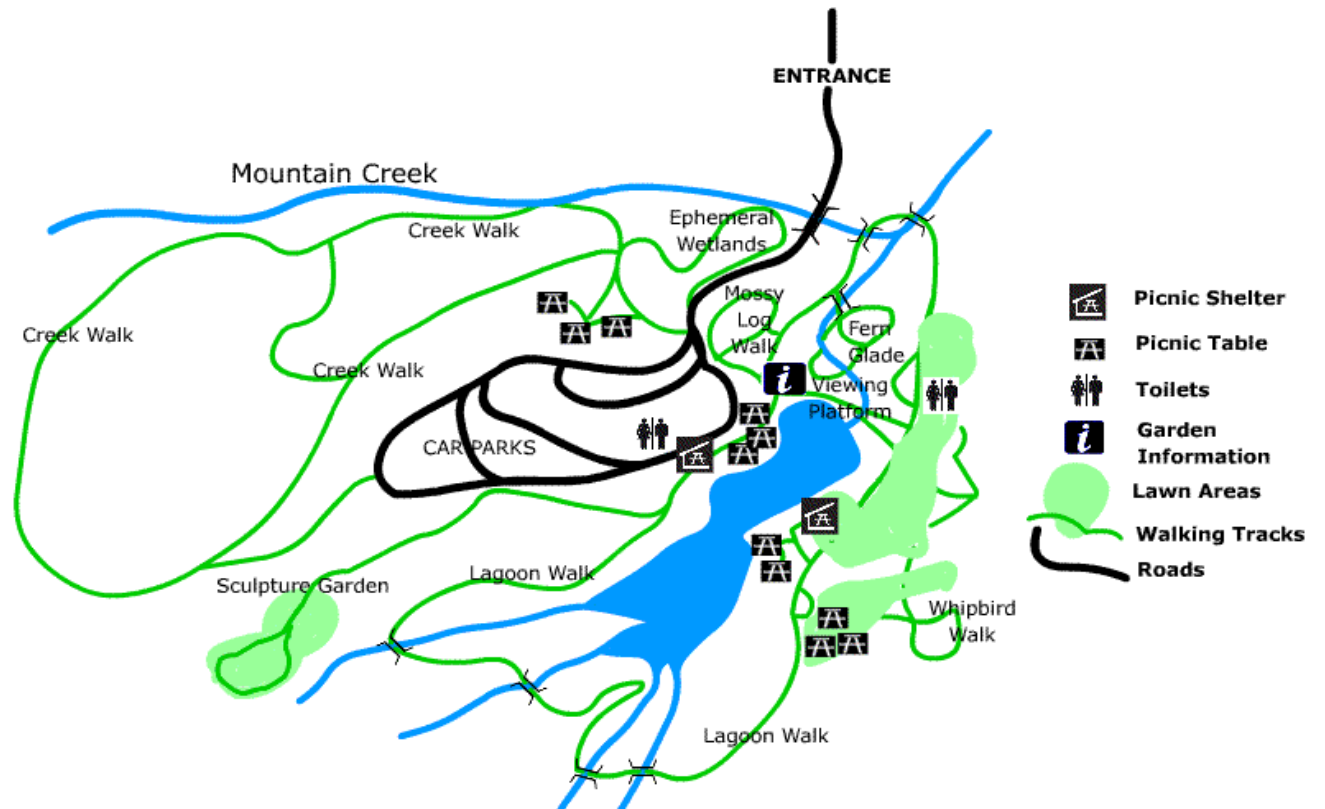
The Fern Glade – a cool, moist area that sometimes is flooded after heavy rain. A perfect area for the variety of ferns and palms that are home in southeast Queensland.

The Sculpture Garden – In 2005, eight artists worked on 20 tonnes of stone to produce the many pieces now delightfully placed in a bushland and garden setting.

Ephemeral Wetland – another area that floods several times each year. See the beautiful *Phaius tancavillea* orchids that flower in September. Walk along the creek through the Picabeen Palms and see the range of sedges planted in the wetland.

Whipbird Walk - a safehaven where children can discover a wealth of hidden secrets. From giant spiders to exotic butterflies, Whipbird Walk is home to many fantasy creatures that will delight you as you uncover their hiding places.

The eastern area has the Friendship Colonnade, the Rain Garden and Rock Pool, the Contemplation Garden and the Melaleuca Garden. These gardens demonstrate the beauty, versatility and variety of SE Queensland native plants that can be grown in the home garden.



VISITOR FACILITIES:

Picnic Tables are scattered throughout the developed area of the gardens. Not all are shown on the map, and extra tables are being added regularly.

Picnic shelters – currently two large wet weather shelters are in use, with a further two smaller shelters to be constructed during 2010.

Public toilets (cleaned daily by staff from the Sunshine Coast Regional council) are located near the lawns area to the east of the dam wall, and also near the car parks.

WALKING TRACKS AND TRAILS:

Mossy log walk – a very short walk close to the car parks, featuring the mossy remains of a fallen forest giant, now providing nutrients and shelter for many ferns, orchids and ephyphites.

Lagoon walk- A natural terrain bush track around the lagoon passing through palm groves, rocky gullies and through tall forests. About one kilometre,

Creek Walk – a bush walk mainly along the southern bank of Mountain Creek. Passes through palm groves and eucalypt forest. About two kilometres in length.