## Oxley Creek Common

1 h to 2 h

Starting from the car park off Sherwood Road, Rocklea, this return walk explores the Oxley Creek Common area via a well-maintained creekside track, visiting the bird-rich Pelican Island viewpoint with a side trip. This relaxing stroll makes for an exquisite Sunday trip for the whole family. Expect scenic undulating tracks where dogs are allowed and lots of animals for your kids to see, such as cows, goats and sheep along with lots of birds. Take the side trip to view the Pelican Island up close and watch for birds. You'll probably come across birdwatchers studying and trying to spot various bird species such as Glossy ibises, Willie wagtails, quails and raptors. Notice the huge hoop pines as you go through the diverse vegetation. The track is also open to bicycles, so keep a close eye on your kids just in case. The track is quite popular and therefore busy, so come early or on a weekday to avoid the crowd. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



| Class 2 of 6 <br> Clear and well formed track or trail |  |
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| Quality of track | Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6) |
| Gradient | Flat, no steps (1/6) |
| Signage | Clearly signposted (1/6) |
| Infrastructure | Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6) |
| Experience Required | No experience required (1/6) |
| Weather | Weather generally has little impact on safety $(2 / 6)$ |

Getting to the start: From Ipswich Road, A7

- Turn on to then drive for 170 m
- Keep right and drive for another 2.1 km
- Turn left and drive for another 215 m


## Before you start any journey ensure you;

- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills \& knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures \& fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies \& call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

## Share




Getting started: From the northern car park of Oxley Creek Common area(150 metres off Sherwood Road), head towards the well-formed track closest to the creek along the concrete path. Join the wide dirt track and head around the gate as you move away from the road. Stay on the track as you pass by a building and a toilet facility to your left. In about 15 metres, veer right and start moving parallel to the creek(to your right). Follow the track as it meanders alongside the creek to continue along Oxley Creek Common Track.


## Start.

Find the Oxley Creek Common at the start.

Start of an optional side trip: This optional little side trip takes you to the foreshore of Oxley Creek.


Then head up the steps (about 30 m long

## Continue straight

After another 15 m come to the end.

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 45 m to the main route.


Back at the main route veer left and follow on from the 70 m waypoint.

Then pass the toilet ( 6 m on your left).After another 10 m pass the water tap ( 20 m on your left).


After another 40 m continue straight.After another 135 m head through/around the gate.

After another 800 m cross the ford.

Continue another 970 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 2.4 km to get back to the start.


Turn around and retrace your steps back the 500 m to the main route.


Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 1.4 km waypoint.


After another 390 m continue straight.

Start of an optional side trip: This side trip take you a viewpoint near Pelican Island. Famous amongst birdwatchers.


After 25 m head through/around the gate.
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After another $1 \overline{6} 0 \mathrm{~m}$ continue straight.


