



# Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve Mountain Bike Trails

7 Mary Street, Blackstone



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## Destination Overview

### Proximity



**5 min**

from Ipswich CBD,  
30 min from Brisbane



### Trail rating



Easy



More Difficult



Very Difficult



Moderate

### Length of tracks



**Over 13km of trails**

ranging from 300m – 1,100m

**Castle Hill caters for all levels of mountain bike riders, but is best known for its technical single trails which can challenge even experienced riders.**

### How long will it take me?



**30 min - 3 hr ride**

**1 hr walk**

## Destination Description

From culture-rich mining heritage to adrenalin-fuelled downhill mountain biking, Castle Hill is a unique place and offers an experience unlike anything else in the region.

With over 15 IMBA rated mountain bike trails ranging from easy to very difficult, Castle Hill is suitable for riders of all abilities and is cemented as an iconic riding destination in Ipswich.

## Getting There

**From Ipswich** follow Blackstone Rd then turn right onto Mary Street at the top of the hill, next to Brynhyfyd Park.

**From Brisbane** follow the Cunningham Hwy and take the Redbank Plains Rd exit, then follow Mary St to Castle Hill.

## Choose The Best Trail For You

Mountain bikers can choose a ride to suit their fitness, ability and time available. Although the distances are not long, the hilly terrain and style of trails means that you have to work for every kilometre of your ride.

The trails are graded by their level of difficulty according to the International Mountain Biking Association's (IMBA) Trail Classification system. It is your responsibility to use appropriate equipment and respect trail ratings.



### Green Rated Trails (Beginners)

#### **Blackleg Gully Circuit** 1km | Two-way

Highly recommended for riders who are new to mountain biking. This gently rolling trail flows along contours through a number of historical points of interest including former mine tunnels and a section of reconstructed mining rail track showing where miners once loaded the coal from nearby mines.

#### **Miners Loop** 400m | Two-way

A short loop which features a mixture of level grassy sections and a couple of short rocky climbs and descents.

#### **Squirrel** 300m | Two-way

A tight little trail on relatively flat ground that flows well in both directions.

#### **Lucy** 450m | Two-way

A tight and twisty alternative to the service track when riding up the hill.



## Blue Rated Trails (Intermediate)

### Director's Cut 500m | Two-way

Cross country trail featuring a range of surfaces from loose gravel to solid rock.

### Andes Up 700m | Two-way

A popular climbing trail offering plenty of challenges as it meanders up the hill.

### Dopp's Climb 500m | Two-way

Climbing trail linking Blackstone Hall with the Lewis Thomas Historical Trail.

### Take Two 500m | Two-way

Connects the bottom of the hill to the start of Director's Cut and Andes Up Trail. Remnants of this trail cross into private property. Please observe boundary signage and respect neighbouring property owners.

### Impala and Ranger's Run 400m | Two-way

Often used to access the main trail network from the Blackstone Hall car park.

### Pleasant View 400m | Two-way

Starting behind the ramp, this trail features tight corners and interesting technical challenges.





## Black Rated Trails (Advanced)

### **Inca** 1.1km | One-way (down only)

Much-loved rollercoaster of a trail featuring a range of flowing features. Inca is the longest of the downhill trails at Castle Hill.

### **World Cup** 800m | One-way (down only)

Challenging, low-gradient downhill trail with jumps, rocky technical sections and off-camber turns.

### **Rowies** 700m | One-way (down only)

Popular downhill trail with plenty of interesting technical features.

### **Phil's** 600m | One-way (down only)

Classic downhill trail that is very steep in places, featuring many varied technical features.

### **Honeypot** 400m | One-way (down only)

Technically very challenging, narrow, rowdy and steep in places. Remnants of this trail cross into private property. Please observe boundary signage and respect neighbouring property owners.

### **Hillbillies** 450m | Two-way

Rugged single track with a large variety of features and surfaces. Remnants of this trail cross into private property. Please observe boundary signage and respect neighbouring property owners.

## A Walking Mining Museum

Allow an hour to walk the Lewis Thomas Historical Trail which takes you from one fascinating and authentic piece of history to the next.

A series of informative signs along the trail let you explore the coal mining history of the reserve as you pass open mine tunnels, hand-dug mine shafts and relics of the imposing three storey 'Castle' which once towered over Blackstone.



## Trail Etiquette

- Be courteous and respect others.
- Riders must always give way to pedestrians.
- Riders travelling downhill must give way to riders travelling uphill.
- Stay on the trails; don't cut corners.
- Always wear a correctly fitted helmet that complies with Australian Standards.
- Keep your bike well-maintained and check equipment before setting out.
- Obey all signs and ride only on designated trails.
- These trails contain natural and man-made features that may change over time. Always inspect technical features before attempting to ride them.

It is your responsibility to ride within your ability and respect trail ratings.

## History and Culture

Blackstone remains sacred to the Traditional Owners of Ipswich, the Yagara People, consisting of the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul Clans. Sacred sites are very important to the Traditional Owners, as they provide a link between Country and personal identity and allow the passing on of cultural knowledge. Some of the sacred sites within Ipswich include quarry sites, traditional food resources, story places, pre-contact and historical camp sites, fighting grounds, ceremonial sites, bora rings and women's business sites.



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# Castle Hill Recreational Trails

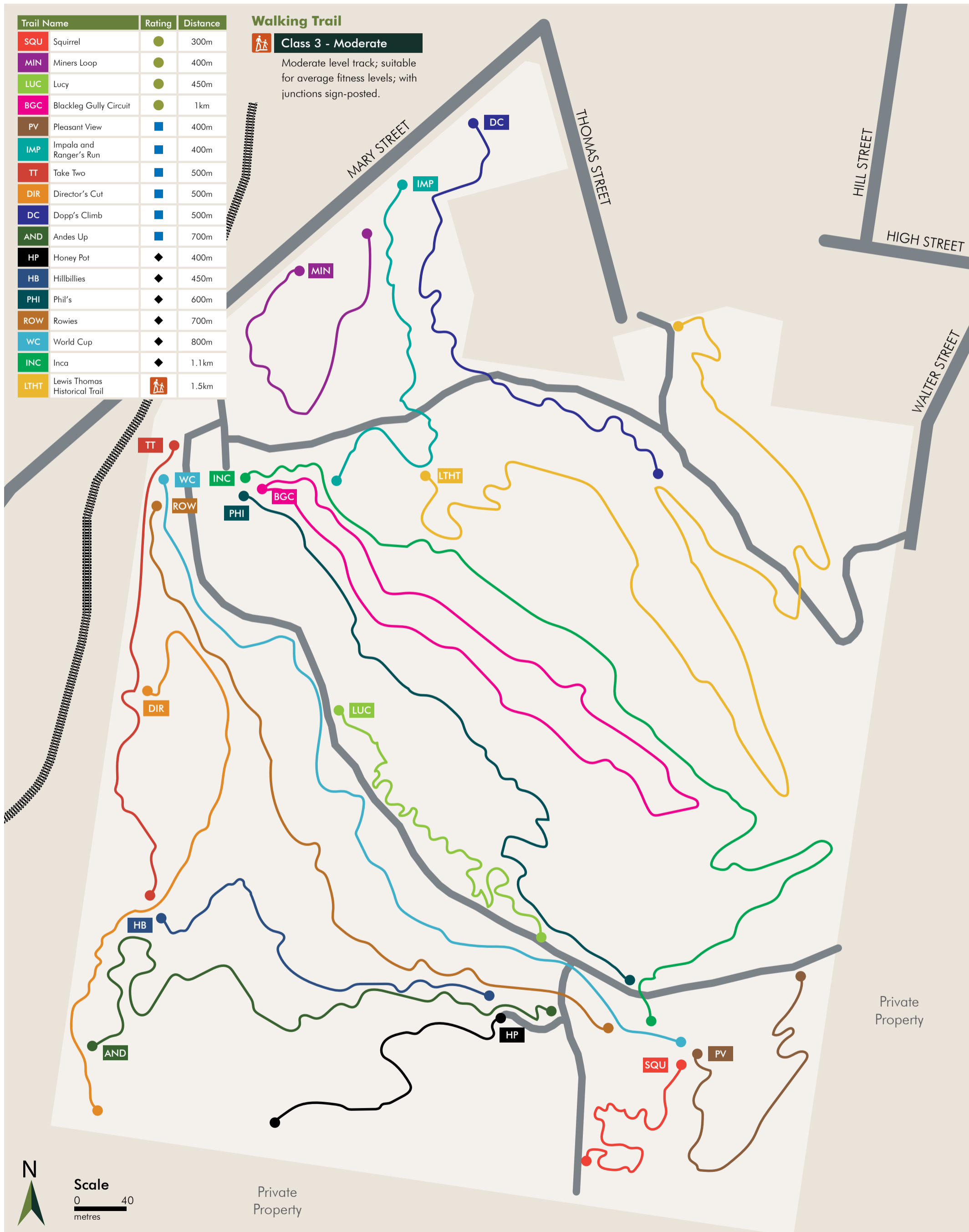
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PHI	Phil's	600m
ROW	Rowies	700m
WC	World Cup	800m
INC	Inca	1.1km
LTHT	Lewis Thomas Historical Trail	1.5km

## Walking Trail



### Class 3 - Moderate

Moderate level track; suitable for average fitness levels; with junctions sign-posted.



Scale  
0 40  
metres

Private  
Property