

Brunswick Valley Heritage Park



A place to grow

Offering opportunities for relaxation, participation and learning to locals and visitors alike.

There are rainforest walks, picnic facilities, public amenities, children's playground, dog exercise area, boat ramp and tennis courts. The Park can also be hired as a venue for events.

The People's Place

For people past, the river was vital for life, commerce and recreation. At the end of Dalley St, a beach and netted pool with diving tower was very popular.

In 1980, the Maslen family imagined and created BVHP on Council land with help from the community and later Brunswick Valley Landcare.

Now, people continue to enjoy the park and all it has to offer. From an exposed cleared site to a cool treed haven, it is one of Mullumbimby's best kept secrets. Volunteers who would like to help maintain the park may do so by joining our locality group via Brunswick Valley Landcare Inc. (contact on back).



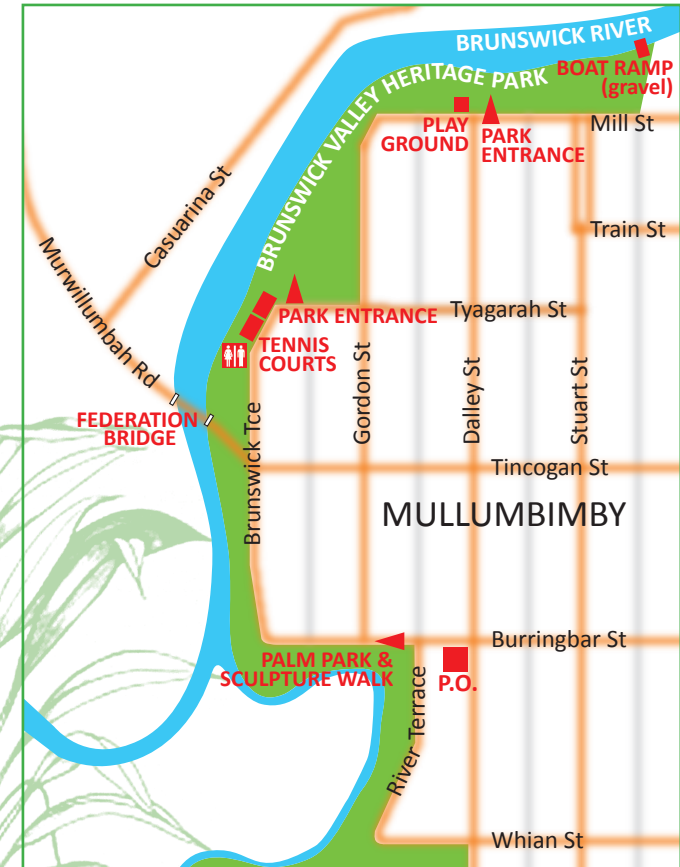
Volunteers gardening in the park

“Brunswick Valley Heritage Park – a restful place offering tranquility”

Of interest to cabinet tree enthusiasts, property owners engaged in revegetation, townspeople, gardeners, school groups, students of horticulture and bush regeneration, bird watchers and all nature lovers.

BVHP Location

Brunswick Valley Heritage Park in Mullumbimby borders the Brunswick River near the Federation Bridge. It's 5 acres of parklands and facilities can easily be accessed from many points close to the town CBD.



Contact / Connect

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Park info:

Arboretum: Several hundred local native rainforest and other trees line the paths and river. Most are labeled and include the date planted.

Plants from additional plant communities are being added with an aim to showcase local plants suitable for home gardeners in conjunction with the “My Local Native Garden” publication available from Byron Shire Council.

A list of plants in the park and other info is located on the Notice Board at the Tennis Court Entrance to the Park.

Picnic facilities: The park offers 2 open and 2 covered picnic tables with seating, and benches in scenic spots for resting.

Children’s playground: Located at the Dalley St entrance with close proximity to picnic facilities this is a popular feature for families with young children.

Tennis courts: There are 2 courts available for hire, a tennis club operates and tuition is available. Contact details for hire, membership and tuition can be found on signage at the courts.

Public amenities:

There is one set of public toilets near the tennis courts.



Willie Wag Tail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*)

Dog exercise:

The dog walking area

is from the foot of Gordon St to the boat ramp and many a happy hound may be seen romping in the large open area. Dog waste bags dispenser is at the end of Gordon St and rubbish bins are on site.

Boat ramp: A single gravel ramp provides access for small watercraft eg canoes, kayaks and “tinnies”.

Venue for events: BVHP is a possible venue for your outdoor event. To make a booking, obtain and submit an application to Byron Shire Council for your wedding, funeral or other ceremony.

What an asset for Mullumbimby!

A walk in the park...

The tree-fringed river attracts local and migratory birds yearly, while possums and gliders inhabit the upper storey. The trees are mostly rainforest species from Richmond, Brunswick and Tweed River catchments of NE NSW and SE QLD, part of the diverse area described as the Macleay/McPherson Overlap. In the wild, most of the old rainforests have been heavily logged, so some trees may be rare, endangered or extinct.

By seeing these trees today, in our Park, is it still possible to wonder at their beauty and diversity.



Stunning display of Mount Warning Spear Lily (*Doryanthes palmeri*) arching in front of a Grass Tree (*Xanthorrhoea johnsonii*)

Two Red Cedars (*Toona ciliata*) arch over the entrance – symbolic of the thousands in the surrounding hills that were felled for their valuable timber. Close by are the Coolamons (*Syzygium moorei*); Mullumbimby’s tree emblem, whose limbs are clothed in pink blossoms during Spring flowering, Blue Quandongs (*Elaeocarpus grandis*), and varieties of Davidson’s Plums (*Davidsonia* sp.) whose purple edible fruits grow on their trunks. A curiosity is the Red Bopple Nut (*Hicksbeachia pinnatifolia*) with its large pinnate leaves and racemes of pink blossom cascading from its trunk in Spring. Nearby is the Bush Nut (*Macadamia tetraphylla*), from which our local macadamia nut industry evolved.

A number of rare and threatened trees were planted in the park. One of them is the Onion Cedar (*Owenia cepiodra*) often substituted for the timber of the valuable Red Cedar once their odour was removed by soaking the tree in the river. Small-leaved Tamarinds (*Diploglottis campbellii*) are found in several locations as are Crystal Creek Walnuts (*Endiandra floydii*). *Fontainea* sp. and even an Antarctic Beech (*Nothofagus moorei*) surprisingly survive. The tall familiar pines are Hoop Pines (*Araucaria cunninghamii*), one of the main timber trees in dairying days. It had many uses, including in the construction of butter boxes, thousands of which were shipped to the cities.

A cement path through the grass features Bangalow Palms (*Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*) and Cabbage Palms (*Livistonia australis*) and leads to a pergola covered by two splendid vines; a Native Wisteria (*Callerya megasperma*) and a Wonga Vine (*Pandorea pandorana*).

The (non-native) Poinciana (*Delonix regia*) planted by an early mayor in 1935 displays a colourful red canopy in Summer, and like the palms is very attractive to parrots. Fine-foliaged ferns clothe the forest floor, epiphytes and native orchids adorn the trees.

Come and enjoy Brunswick Valley Heritage Park.