



Applegum Walk

(Numbers in brackets show locations on map above.)

Applegum Walk (1) connects Bullockys Rest to Hartmann Park. The track follows Crows Nest Creek downstream, passing the Pump Hole, then up Bald Hills Creek to Hartmann Park, a total distance of 1.5 km.

Bullockys Rest (2) – the picnic area is dominated by large Eucalypts and a Broad-leafed Apple, which may be the source of the name Crows Nest. Bullockys are said to have arranged to meet under the crows nest in the old apple tree. There are two small shelters, a gas barbecue and a toilet block which were built by the local Lions Club. The club also organised the timber wagon and model bullocks.

The bridge (3) across Crows Nest Creek just past the Waterbird Habitat was washed away in the 2011 floods. It has now been replaced.

The Pump Hole (4) – water was pumped from here to supply the Butter Factory in Creek St. The pump stand can still be seen from the lookout. The pump hole can be accessed by a signed walk further along the track. It was a

popular swimming hole in the old days.

Cattle graze on private land on the southern side of **Crows Nest Creek (5)**. Dense infestations of Privet and Camphor Laurel along **Bald Hills Creek (6)**, as well as Tree Pear and Lantana were removed during 2000-2003 opening up views to the creek and attractive rock outcrops. The track ends in the Hartmann Park picnic area (9).

Alternate tracks - you can also enter the walk from **Chasely Park (7)**, at the end of Creek Street. From the car park head to the **Gazebo (8)**, and then follow the zig-zag down to the main track. You can return to Bullockys Rest west along William St to the town centre, or along Esk or Dale St.

Plants

Broad-leafed Apple
Coffee Bush
Conesticks
Cough Bush
Dog Bush
Flannel Fower
Granite Wattle
Grasstree
Grey Gum
Hovea
Hairpin Banksia
King Banksia
Pimelia
Qld Silver Wattle
Red Ash
Smooth-barked Apple
Tea Tree
Trigger Plant
Twiggy Baeckea
Weeping Bottlebrush
Yellow Stringybark

Ferns:

Basket Fern
Maiden Hair Fern
Rasp Fern
Rock Fern

Adiantum aethopicum
Drymaria rigidula
Doodaea asperata
Cheilanthes tenuifolia

Angophora subvelutina
Breynia oblongifolia
Petrophile canescens
Cassinia laevis
Jacksonia scoparia
Actinotus belianthi
Acacia granitica
Xanthorrhoea johnsonii
Eucalyptus biturbinata
Hovea longifolia var lanceolata
Banksia spinulosa var. collina
Banksia integrifolia var. compar
Pimilea liifolia
Acacia podalyrafolia
Alphitonia excelsa
Angophora leiocarpa
Leptospermum trinervium
Stylidium larcifolium
Babingtonia virgata
Callistemon viminalis
Eucalyptus acmenoides

Hartmann Park Walk

Hartmann Park (9) can be entered directly from the east end of William St. The picnic area has a toilet, picnic tables and barbecue.

Hartmann Park Walk (10) is a loop in the park north of the creek. It is 600 m long.

The forest canopy is a unique collection of Eucalyptus species: *Eucalyptus montivaga*, *E. acmenoides*, *E. resinifera*, *Corymbia gummifera* and *Angophora woodsiana*. The understory of heath plants provides a rich display of wildflowers in spring. (See list.)

Hartmann Park also boasts the only known location in Queensland of *Baeckea diosmifolia*.

Grasstrees. *Xanthorrhoea johnsonii* has long straight spears of white blossoms extending from the top of the tree. Flowering is especially profuse in the year following a bush fire.

Sandstone shelf – the walk passes over a shelf of sandstone rock which offers some magnificent landscape and geological features.

Soil variety – there is an interesting variety of soils, from loose sand, alluvial clays to hard sandstone rock, allowing for a diverse range of native species to flourish.

Human influence has been minimised along the track and on the northern side of the creek, allowing for a largely undisturbed natural ecosystem to thrive along the walk.

Wildlife

Red-necked Wallaby
Echidna
Water Dragon
Water-rat

Macropus rufogriseus
Tachyglossus aculeatus
Intellagama lesueurii
Hydromys chrysogaster

Birds

Listed in taxonomic order from Eremaea eBird
(<http://ebird.org/content/australia/>)

Australian Wood Duck	Scarlet Honeyeater
Pacific Black Duck	White-naped Honeyeater
Great Cormorant	White-throated Honeyeater
White-faced Heron	Blue-faced Honeyeater
Australian White Ibis	Little Friarbird
Straw-necked Ibis	Noisy Friarbird
Buff-banded Rail	Spotted Pardalote
Purple Swamphen	Striated Pardalote
Dusky Moorhen	White-browed Scrubwren
Masked Lapwing	Speckled Warbler
Spotted Dove	Buff-rumped Thornbill
Common Bronzewing	Brown Thornbill
Crested Pigeon	Striated Thornbill
Peaceful Dove	White-throated Gerygone
Bar-shouldered Dove	Grey-crowned Babbler
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Eastern Whipbird
Pheasant Coucal	Grey Butcherbird
Azure Kingfisher	Pied Butcherbird
Laughing Kookaburra	Australian Magpie
Sacred Kingfisher	Pied Currawong
Rainbow Bee-eater	Black-faced Cuckooshrike
Dollarbird	Common Cicadabird
Galah	Grey Shrike-Thrush
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Golden Whistler
Australian King-Parrot	Rufous Whistler
Pale-headed Rosella	Willie Wagtail
Musk Lorikeet	Grey Fantail
Rainbow Lorikeet	Magpie-lark
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	Leaden Flycatcher
White-throated Treecreeper	Torresian Crow
Variegated Fairy-wren	Apostlebird
Superb Fairy-wren	Welcome Swallow
Red-backed Fairy-wren	Fairy Martin
Eastern Spinebill	Silvereye
Lewin's Honeyeater	Common Myna
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Mistletoebird
Noisy Miner	House Sparrow
	Red-browed Finch



Chasely Park Gazebo

Background

Applegum Walk was developed by the former Crows Nest Shire Council in 1992 as a Job Skills project to connect points of local interest – Bullockys Rest, the Waterbird Habitat and Hartmann Park.

Applegum Walk and Hartmann Park are largely undisturbed bushland exhibiting a range of geological, vegetative and historical features within the town area. They are a mixture of Council reserve and Crown Land.

Bullockys Rest was originally used as a camp for bullock teams hauling timber from Cooyar to Toowoomba because of the fresh water supply.

The Waterbird Habitat was developed by Crows Nest Shire Council in 1994 with the construction of two low weirs and associated revegetation.

A steam pump was located at the Pump Hole to provide water to the Butter Factory in Creek St, which operated from 1905 to 1969. Local mixed farms provided cream to the Butter Factory and the remaining buttermilk piped down to the Three Mile Road and fed to pigs.

Hartmann Park was donated to the Council in the 1970s by Mr Hubert Hartmann.



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Applegum and Hartmann Park Walks

Crows Nest Queensland



Bald Hills Creek

Applegum Walk is a 1.5 km loop on the outskirts of town. It goes from Bullockys Rest down beside Crows Nest Creek and back along Bald Hills Creek to Hartmann Park.

Hartmann Park Walk is a 600 m loop within the forest of Hartmann Park.

The tracks are suitable for families with young children, but not strollers or wheelchairs. Closed shoes recommended.