

Lake Precinct self guided walk

The Parkland's Lake Precinct features plants from Queensland's coastal foreshores and waterways. This walk is guided by plaques 'Lakes & Wetlands' numbered 2–11.

Plants of the South Pacific

The walk commences at the top of the stepping stones surrounded by plants of the South Pacific such as a selection of New Zealand plants including NZ Flax *Phormium tenax* around the lake edge, mature NZ Cabbage Trees *Cordyline australis* and several species of Pohutukawa *Metrosideros*. A range of species from Hawaii and other Pacific Islands are featured under the Poinciana (*Delonix regia*).

2. World Wetlands

Stepping stones patterned with Lotus flowers provide access from the South Pacific Garden to the wetland boardwalk. Flowering wetland species from around the world including Louisiana Iris, Lotus and Water Lilies extend along the lakeshore to create a colourful spectacle.

3. Pandanus Headland

This rocky peninsula juts out into the lake and features a number of large *Pandanus pedunculatis* within a meadow of *Zoysia tenuifolia* grass. Typical coastal species such as Banksia, Westringia, Hibbertia, Eriostemon, Vitex and Dianella are also featured.

4. Australian Wetlands

The wetlands across the western end of the lake and near the mouth of Fern Gully comprise Australian native species. The plants are massed in extensive bands, which display subtle colours and textures to accentuate the massed Water Lilies. The Mangrove Fern *Acrostichum speciosum* and the blue reed *Lepironia articulate* around the edge of the wetland are two of the most interesting species.

5. Lakeside Lawns

Extensive lawns stretch down from the Parkland Boulevard to the lakeshore providing large open areas for recreation and events. The lawns are defined by flowering rainforest shade trees that extend out from the Forest along the adjacent terraces, including *Alloxylon flammeum*, *Diploglottis campbellii*, *Syzygium francissii* and *Xanthostemon chrysanthus*.

6. Lakeside Pathway

An avenue of Weeping Myrtle *Waterhousia floribunda* lines the curving pathway along the edge of the Lake providing shade and seasonal effect. White flowers appear in Spring followed by blue-green berries and at any time of the year a portion of leaves will turn brilliant scarlet.

7. Flooded Gum

One of the most majestic trees of subtropical Queensland is the Flooded Gum *Eucalyptus grandis*. A group of seven trees located each side of the Allee Bridge in the centre of the Parkland provide a dramatic focus with their massive tall white trunks and deep green foliage.

8. Quandong

A grid of 14 circular planters contains the local rainforest tree Quandong *Elaeocarpus eumundi* and an NZ Christmas Bush *Metrosideros thomasii*, creating a transition between Celebration Lawn and the Lake Precinct. The Eumundi Quandong has large dark green shiny leaves and blood-red new foliage with massed white flowers and small blue berries. On the lakeside, a grove of Pride of India *Lagerstroemia speciosa* provides summer flowers and autumn foliage.

9. Taxodium

The eastern foreshore of the Lake is characterised by an avenue of Swamp Cypress *Taxodium distichum* set in a broad sweeping pattern of grasses and Day Lilies. In amongst the Day Lilies are three different colours of Red Hot Pokers—red, yellow and red/orange.

10. Frangipani Court

This area is a quiet, restful place under the Allee Bridge, closely associated with the Lake and the Spectacle Waterfall. Picnic and barbecue facilities are located under several large Frangipani trees *Plumeria rubra*, which provide shade and perfumed white flowers in summer but allow sun to penetrate when the leaves fall in winter. Multi-trunked Macarthur Palms *Ptychosperma macarthurii* provide dappled shade and extend into the garden beside the Allee Bridge. Huge Staghorn ferns *Platycerium bifurcatum* are suspended under the bridge structure, while others are fixed to the granite walls together with bands of Bromeliads.

11. Parkland Boulevard

A large number of Queensland Maple *Flindersia brayleyana* line the roadway from the Activity Centre to Wickham Terrace. In early summer, these tall specimens provide a spectacular display of cream flowers that contrast with the large green shiny leaves. On the opposite side of the footpath, a contrasting row of smaller spreading trees *Cassia Rainbow Showers* display pink to orange flowers massed over the umbrella-like canopy in late summer.

