

Highbury Aqueduct Reserve

See and do



Rangers recommend - We have picked the brains of our park rangers to find out what they would recommend you see and do whilst visiting this park.

Grab a bite to eat at a local eatery, bring a picnic blanket and enjoy lunch in the great outdoors – there are many great spots in Highbury Aqueduct Reserve to take in sweeping hills views of the nearby Black Hill Conservation Park.

Walk, run or ride along the Aqueduct trail - 4 km of shared use gravel trail that can be used in both directions and links with the River Torren Linear Park trail. The trail has a physical rating of moderate and difficulty rating of "Green Circle" or Easiest" level trail for mountain bikes or a Class 2 trail in the Australian Standards for Walking Tracks. On average it takes 16 minutes to complete this trail by bike and closer to 1 – 1.5 hours on foot.

Playground for kids - visit the nearby Niquet Reserve playground, off Niquet Avenue, Highbury

Download Avanza Maps on your phone and navigate your journey through Highbury Aqueduct Reserve in real time. Find out more about [Avanza Maps here](#).

Historic sites - check out the old Aqueduct infrastructure, there are two historic drains to be found with original brickwork still in-tact. The historic sit locations can be found on [Avanza Maps](#).

Pioneer Court Community Garden Open Days - keep your eye on the [Pioneer Court Community Garden Facebook](#) page for their Winter Warmer Fundraisers and Spring Open Days

Explore the creeks - there are loads of yabbies' in the creeks, and plenty of frogs and tadpoles too. See how many you can find, but please put them back where you found them.

Capture the perfect shot - keen photographers will have no trouble finding interesting subjects at Highbury Aqueduct Bush for Life site off Valley View drive - capture a Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo mid-flight, close-ups of Superb fairy-wren antics amongst the shrubs and may other bird species eating berries of the Mistletoe hanging in the trees. There are also patches of vibrant garland lilies on show in summer.

Find a koala or an echidna - We've got koalas and echidnas aplenty. Our koalas are a bit special, sometimes you'll see them sleeping in a pine tree! Echidnas are much harder to spot – try looking for diggings around ant nests. Please remember to keep your dog on a lead to keep these critters safe!

Kangaroo spotting- Head up to the top of the reserve over the eastern side of Mulberry Drive for a chance to spot kangaroos grazing and walk the trail linking into the River Torrens Linear Park.

Nature journaling - try your hand at nature journaling, a great way to slow down and practice mindfulness by drawing or writing about your observations of nature. Sitting quietly in nature

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presents opportunities for animal sightings and noticing small details about plants that you would not normally see when walking or riding through a reserve. BYO journal and pencils.

Make a cubby or a tepee - There are plenty of dead branches on the ground in the reserve, and lots of other materials you can use to make a cubby. A great base for a game of 'I spy nature'. Please make sure you don't break off live branches or disturb wild animals – they need shelter too. For the safety of others, please don't use nails or other construction materials and dismantle cubbies when play time is over.

Bush For Life - if you are interested in bush care at the Bush for Life site at Highbury, the site coordinator Mark runs regular group activities and is always looking for help. If you would like to get involved please call Mark on 0417 421 474.

Geocaching - grab your phone and try your hand at GEOCACHING - a fun outdoor activity that involves using a hand-held GPS on your phone to guide you to a hidden container (or "cache"). Warning, this activity can be addictive. It can lead to outdoor exercise and finding new and interesting places. To begin the hunt, you will need to download a geocaching app on your phone and locate nearby caches. Use the QR codes to link to geocaching apps.

