



ROSS RIVER PARKWAY

The Ross River Parkway consists of continuous community open space along both banks of the picturesque Ross River, interspersed with high quality recreation facilities, all linked by over 30 kilometres of shared pathways. It is now possible to walk or cycle all the way from the Townsville CBD to the Upper Ross River via the riverside shared pathway system. Major footbridges and road bridge links over the river create a series of recreation circuits of varying length to suit all tastes. The Ross River Parkway project is jointly funded by Townsville City Council and the Queensland Government and is becoming recognised as one of regional Australia's best recreational parkway networks.

Townsville's fabulous climate and lifestyle allows thousands of people to walk, jog and cycle to work every day. Thousands more people enjoy recreation by exercising their dogs, and using their roller blades, scooters or skateboards. With more and more people using footpaths and shared paths in Townsville we need to make sure people know how to share paths safely.



WETLANDS CIRCUIT 5.9 KMS

Starting at Aplin's Weir the Wetlands Circuit traverses the tidal section of the Ross River downstream from Aplin's Weir and provides views of mangrove and salt couch environments. The 5.9 kilometre circuit links recreation nodes at Aplin's Weir Rotary Park, Sherriff Park and the Murray Sporting Complex. A BMX dirt jump park and skatepark are located at Murray. The Circuit includes distance markers provided as part of the 10,000 Steps program.



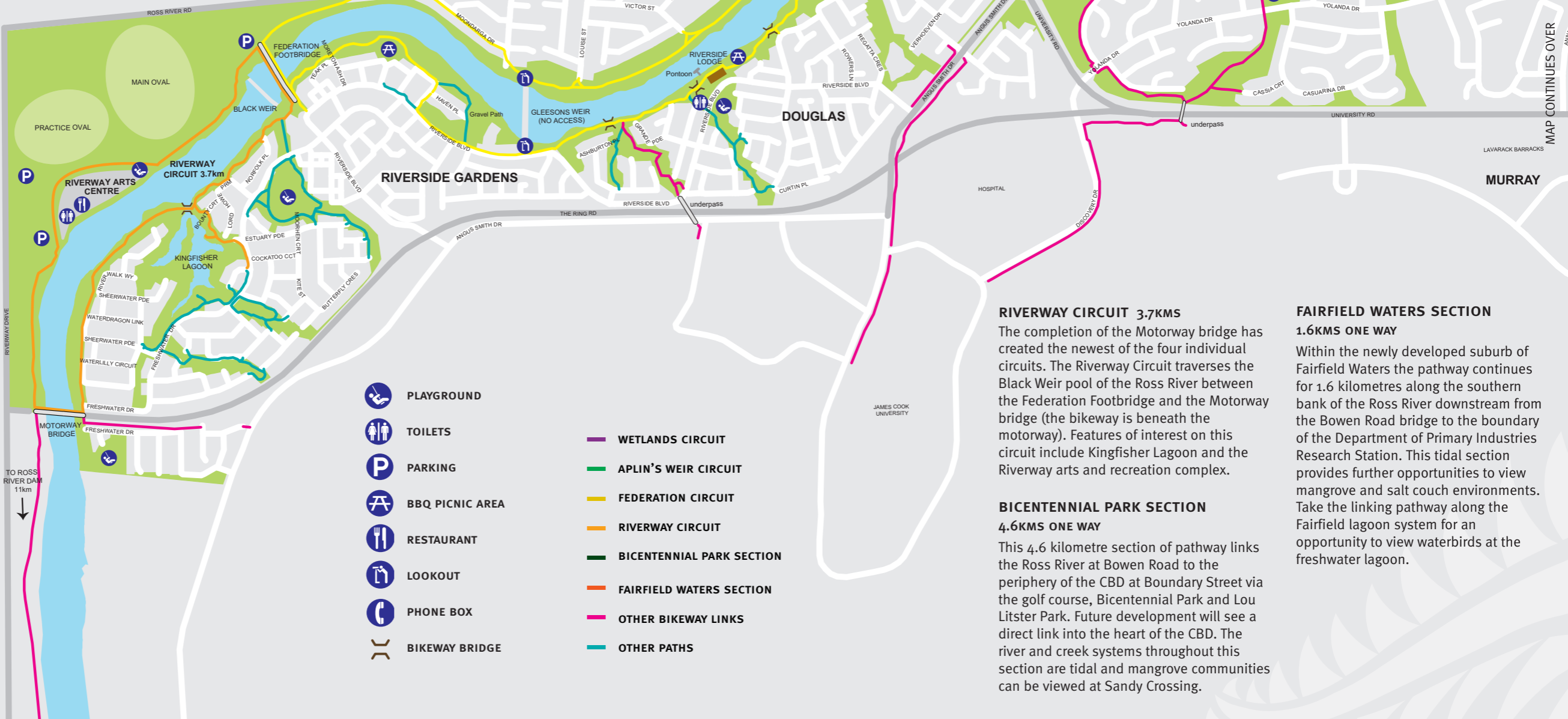
APLIN'S WEIR CIRCUIT 5.3 KMS

The Aplin's Weir Circuit traverses the freshwater section of Ross River between Aplin's Weir and the Nathan Street bridge. At 5.3 kilometres in length this popular circuit was the first to be completed. The pathway links recreation nodes at Rossiter Park, Aplin's Weir Rotary Park, and Weir Park. The Palmetum, a Botanical Garden featuring the palm family, adjoins the parkway (no riding of bicycles in the Palmetum please). The Aplin's Weir circuit is also a designated 10,000 Steps circuit.



FEDERATION CIRCUIT 7.2 KMS

The longest individual circuit at 7.2 kilometres, the Federation Circuit traverses the upper Aplin's Weir and Gleeson's Weir pools between the Nathan Street bridge and the Federation Footbridge. The circuit features extensive native riparian vegetation along the river banks, particularly in the suburb of Riverside Gardens. Other features include Riverside Lodge Community Centre and a lookout overlooking Gleeson's Weir. Currently a short section of this circuit parallels Ross River Road and Moondarga Drive. Future development may see this section reconstructed within the open space along the river.



- PLAYGROUND
- TOILETS
- PARKING
- BBQ PICNIC AREA
- RESTAURANT
- LOOKOUT
- PHONE BOX
- BIKEWAY BRIDGE

- WETLANDS CIRCUIT
- APLIN'S WEIR CIRCUIT
- FEDERATION CIRCUIT
- RIVERWAY CIRCUIT
- BICENTENNIAL PARK SECTION
- FAIRFIELD WATERS SECTION
- OTHER BIKEWAY LINKS
- OTHER PATHS

RIVERWAY CIRCUIT 3.7KMS

The completion of the Motorway bridge has created the newest of the four individual circuits. The Riverway Circuit traverses the Black Weir pool of the Ross River between the Federation Footbridge and the Motorway bridge (the bikeway is beneath the motorway). Features of interest on this circuit include Kingfisher Lagoon and the Riverway arts and recreation complex.

BICENTENNIAL PARK SECTION 4.6KMS ONE WAY

This 4.6 kilometre section of pathway links the Ross River at Bowen Road to the periphery of the CBD at Boundary Street via the golf course, Bicentennial Park and Lou Litster Park. Future development will see a direct link into the heart of the CBD. The river and creek systems throughout this section are tidal and mangrove communities can be viewed at Sandy Crossing.

FAIRFIELD WATERS SECTION 1.6KMS ONE WAY

Within the newly developed suburb of Fairfield Waters the pathway continues for 1.6 kilometres along the southern bank of the Ross River downstream from the Bowen Road bridge to the boundary of the Department of Primary Industries Research Station. This tidal section provides further opportunities to view mangrove and salt couch environments. Take the linking pathway along the Fairfield lagoon system for an opportunity to view waterbirds at the freshwater lagoon.

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