

Samford Regional Park Management Statement

Park purpose

Formerly Samford State Forest, Samford Regional Park was formally gazetted as Samford Forest Reserve on 10 November 2000 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. In 2009 the forest reserve was gazetted as Samford Conservation Park.

No park specific purpose was identified as part of the gazettal.

Park size	624ha
Bioregion	South East Queensland
Local government area	Moreton Bay Regional Council
State electorate	Ferny Grove
QPWS region	South East
Year prepared: 2015	Review date: 2025

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Samford Regional Park has been assessed as having a high priority for management. The park will be managed according to this priority rating.

Park management will be based on the best available local knowledge, professional judgement and published information. The high level presentation values mean that it will receive a minimum of monthly routine inspections with additional planned visits to deliver prepared work programs and respond to issues. The focus is largely expected to be on visitor management and natural values involving a proactive management effort at a high level to understand or protect known key presentation values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to understand and protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, (QPWS). Continuing engagement, consultation, collaboration and relationships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken.

This park currently has high levels of visitor use and provides a variety of visitor sites. The public may opportunistically have contact with rangers who are likely to be on site undertaking a range of protection and presentation tasks. A high level of necessary infrastructure is provided especially at established visitor sites to cater for existing levels and patterns of visitor use. On-site information displays are installed at key sites and attractions.

Public consultation on park management will be undertaken through continuing engagement and involvement in management with community stakeholders.

Infrastructure is provided especially for visitor access, the protection of natural and cultural values and to enhance management capacity.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

The park protects six regional ecosystems, one of which has of concern biodiversity status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include two animal *species* Table 2.

Cultural heritage

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and Aboriginal people see themselves as inextricably linked to country both spiritually and physically. Cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are documented for this area. All proposed activities need to meet duty of care requirements under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*. Non-indigenous heritage places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for park management

The of concern regional ecosystem and two animal species of conservation significance are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to these values through fire and pest management.

Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park is protected
- fire is managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystem through the application of planned burn guidelines
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the animal species of conservation significance and this regional ecosystem.
- key visitor facilities are maintained in a safe and serviceable condition.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
12.3.11	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> +/- <i>Eucalyptus siderophloia</i> , <i>Corymbia intermedia</i> open forest on alluvial plains usually near coast.	Of concern

Table 2: Species of conservation significance

Scientific name	Common name	Nature Conservation Act 1992 status	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 status	Back on Track status
Animals				
<i>Merops ornatus</i> ³	rainbow bee-eater	Special least concern	-	Low
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	koala (southeast Queensland bioregion)	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	-

¹Bonn: Bonn Convention

³JAMBA: Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement

²CAMBA: China-Australia Migratory Agreement

⁴ROKAMBA: Republic of Korea-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement