



Tyamolum Scout Park and Camping Ground

Access to Tyamolum Scout Park is at 31 Bunya Street (off Mt Crosby Road), Mt Crosby. It is about 13 kilometers by road west of the Brisbane suburb of Kenmore and is part of the City of Brisbane.

Tyamolum Scout Park has been owned by Scouts Queensland for 60 years. The property covers 55 hectares. Tyamolum is situated in the foothills of the southern tip of the D'Aguilar Range. Tyamolum shares a common boundary with Moggill Conservation Park and provides an uninterrupted stretch of natural wildlife corridor through into D'Aguilar National Park.

The Pack Shelter

The Pack Shelter is a concrete block building designed to accommodate a large group for a weekend or longer. Kitchen, dining, ablutions and bunkrooms are all under the one roof and on one level. The building has:

- 6 bunkrooms to sleep up to 34. Bunk beds meet current Australian standards.
- Generous size kitchen, with Brisbane water, fridge, a new gas stove and oven installed in January 2015, microwave, ample supply of pots, pans and utensils for cooking; plates, cups and eating utensils for 34 people
- Dining room, with white board and pin boards, CD player, TV monitor and DVD player
- Toilets and shower rooms are serviced by tank water and an electric hot water system, female ablutions room has 1 shower and 1 toilet; male ablutions has 2 showers, 2 toilets, and a urinal
- Wood fired BBQ and a gas BBQ
- Camp fire circle

Camping

Several areas are provided for traditional tent camping:

- Long Flat campsite is our largest grass covered site that is beside Kholo Creek – can easily accommodate a District Scout Camp
- Campsite 2 is adjacent to Bunya Street and next to the Amenities Block – will accommodate a large Troop
- Campsite 3 is around the area near the Hay Shed and is used regularly by Laser Skirmish
- Campsite 5 is at the bottom of the concrete path next to the creek and will accommodate a large Troop
- Campsite 7 is on a grass covered knoll above the swimming hole - will accommodate a large Troop

All these sites except 7 have town water taps.

There are other campsites that are suitable for bush camps, Patrol camps, survival camps, Scout Explorer Campcraft hikes, etc. These sites do not have town water on tap.

For campers that are some distance from the Amenities Block, at a small cost we can provide a port-a-loo and toilet tent.

Activities

These are some of the activities that you could consider including in your program while staying at Tyamolum.

- Air activities – make kites, hot air balloons and model planes
- Bushcraft
- Backwoods style camping
- Bush construction including towers and bridges
- Campcraft
- Conservation projects and Landcare Badge
- Creek exploration
- Environment - study the natural environment, plants, animals and birds
- Fitness activities
- Hiking
- Mountain biking
- Nature walks
- Navigation
- Orienteering – we have courses set up and can provide you with the maps
- Safety and survival in the bush
- Spiritual activities in the bush chapel
- Swimming
- Traditional camp fires
- Wide games

Swimming

There is a wonderful swimming hole in a bend of Kholo Creek on Tyamolum.

Please take care of Kholo Creek as it provides a home for an abundance of aquatic animals. Platypuses are sometimes sighted in the creek.

Tracks and trails at Tyamolum

Tyamolum orienteering maps and course details are available. A “mud map” shows the walking tracks and location of our Bush Chapel and swimming spot. Tyamolum has lots of bush track options for Grey Wolf hikes for Cub Scouts. A hike could easily cover a distance of about 6 kilometers on our tracks without leaving the property.

Scouts Queensland enjoys good relations with its neighbors at Tyamolum. Moggill Conservation Park adjoins Tyamolum on the eastern boundary. You do not need permission to enter that area on foot.

With the vast bush area covering both the Conservation Park and Tyamolum, there are opportunities for Scout Pioneer Campcraft hikes and Explorer Campcraft hikes with the overnight camping on Tyamolum.

Fires

Unless there is a fire ban in place, cooking fires are permitted at Tyamolum. Please don't make fires on the surface of the ground, as it will leave an ugly scar. Please don't burn holes in our grass. Please ask if you need advice about fires.

Use one of the following methods:

- **Use the existing constructed fireplaces** where they are provided - these are concrete fire pits or metal fire rings. Keep the fire within the fireplace and remove excessive ash if necessary to ensure the fireplace doesn't overflow. Cold ash should be scattered in the bush, not dumped in a heap.
- Trench fires are permitted. When you dig a trench for your fire, keep the dirt and turf aside and at the end of the camp, fill in the trench and replace the turf so that you repair the ground.

- Use a device such as a drum but keep it suspended to ensure your fire doesn't burn the ground.

Tyamolum Environment: a special place

Kholo Creek, with permanent water, runs through the property for a distance of 1300 metres and meets the Brisbane River 500 metres downstream from Tyamolum. Platypuses are occasionally sighted in Kholo Creek as well as native fish, turtles and several frog species.

Tyamolum has had a Land for Wildlife partnership with the Brisbane City Council since 2008. Wallabies, possums, bandicoots, carpet pythons and goannas are regularly sighted in Tyamolum. A koala was recently sighted in a tree at Tyamolum for the first time in many, many years. Birds Australia does seasonal bird surveys at Tyamolum on behalf of the Brisbane City Council and has identified 112 bird species to date. Tyamolum and our neighbor, Moggill Conservation Park, provide vital habitat for a number of threatened bird species, such as the vulnerable black-breasted button-quail (*Turnix melanogaster*) and the near threatened black-chinned honeyeater (*Melithreptus gularis*).

Lloyd's Olive, *Notelaea lloydii*, is listed under Australian and State legislation as **vulnerable**. There is no quantitative data available on population sizes. However, Lloyd's Olive has been reported as being rare or only a few plants seen at collection sites which include the Mt Crosby area. About 30+ plants have been found dotted around the Tyamolum bush including 2 of the largest known plants near the Pack Shelter. Tyamolum offers a perfect refuge and area to encourage expansion of the Lloyds Native Olive population.

At the southern boundary of Tyamolum is a small block of land, know as block R507 and about 900 square metres in area, that also has Kholo Creek as a boundary. The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has recently given a long term lease to Scouts Queensland (Tyamolum) to manage the block. The block provides useful back access to Tyamolum from Wirraburra Street.

Chinese Elm, Lantana Bush, Creeping Lantana, Mother of Millions, Balloon Vine are weed species that are found at Tyamolum and are the target of on-going weed programs. Weed populations have exploded because of the recent floods.

Tyamolum has a Bushcare program that has operated for over 2 years. The program involves volunteers, mostly from the youth and adult membership of various Scout Groups around SEQ. The Bushcare group targets a specific area and over a period of 4 to 6 months works on removing weeds and planting native species. The group then moves to another target area and repeats the weed clearing and restoration program using native species bought from SOWN.

Help care for Our Natural Environment

If youth members would like to participate in an environmental project as a part of the youth award scheme while staying at Tyamolum or at any other time, a project can be tailored to suit their needs (and ours). Things to do could include:

- Weed clearing
- Bush rehabilitation
- Track maintenance
- Tree planting
- Guided Nature Walks (contact Ian Heath)

Tyamolum **Bushcare** group meets first Sunday every month at the Shelter from 9.00am to 11.00am. This is an opportunity for youth members to join in Landcare Badge and other environmental activities. Our Bushcare is organized by Rose Read, phone 0407079940. Rose is happy to talk to you about how to get involved.

Amenities Block

The amenities block is for campers and visitor use and is uni-sex so please check who is using it before entering and observe normal rules of decency towards members of the opposite sex.

The toilets are a septic tank system. Use toilet paper only.

Tyamolum Management Committee

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Tyamolum is managed by volunteers and operates on less than a shoestring budget.

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Tyamolum should continue to be a centre for environmental education and adventure recreation for Scouting, Girl Guides, Schools, Cadets and other community groups.

We hope you enjoy your stay at Tyamolum and come back often.