

PURPOSE

This version of the Samford Valley Trail Map is released for the purpose of public consultation, community review and feedback. For comments and suggestions please contact Trail Group Convener Daniel Nordh on email nordh_daniel@hotmail.com or phone 0448 755 335.

While Moreton Bay Regional Council has assisted ViVa Samford in the preparation of the map, this edition is not yet an endorsed Council document.

GENERAL

Many of the trails around Samford seesaw between formed rural walking trails, off-track unformed routes and local road verges. Rainfall, regularity of council maintenance, and infrequent maintenance efforts by local residents all affect the type and quality of the trails. It is therefore not possible to present a consistent in-depth picture of many of the trails.

The trails are classified as category 3 and 4 under the Australian Standard (Australian Standard AS2156.1-2001, Walking Tracks-Classification and Signage). Minimal to no improvements can be expected because trails follow natural surfaces and environments.

For safety reasons, it is recommended that the trail network should be explored in groups of at least two people so that one person can seek help in case of an incident.

Carry a mobile phone to be able to contact emergency services in case of an incident. Although mobile coverage of certain providers may be weak, the emergency service should be contactable in most locations.

Be sun smart – wear protective clothing or sun block.

HORSE RIDERS

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR CONCERN

- TRAILS ARE SUITED TO COMPETENT HORSE RIDERS ONLY. On the trail you will need to: ride along roads shared with vehicles; open and close gates; share the trail with mountain bike riders and walkers. Trail motorbike riding is forbidden on the trails, but they may still be encountered.
- Trailer parking and drop off is available at the Samford Showground and Pony Club.
- Hitching rails are located at the Pony Club, Showgrounds, Lifestyle Cafe and Samford pub. Water for horses is available in creeks and rivers. Potable water is available at Undambi Rotary Reserve.
- Horses are not permitted on the sports fields at the Highvale Cricket Grounds, and the new Samford Rangers Soccer grounds, except on the marked trail.
- Do not ride any more than two abreast along constructed roads as per section 157 of the Traffic Regulation 1962.
- Horses and riders must be fit to complete the trails.
- If you see or hear a trail bike or bicycle coming your way, if possible ride to a section of track that has a reasonable line of sight in the direction the bike is coming. At this point, stop and wait so the trail bike rider has plenty of time to see you; do not keep riding. Dismount if your horse is agitated.

MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDERS

- Be prepared to ride across grass.
- Be careful on rocky and steep sections.
- Give way to pedestrians and horse riders by stopping and moving to the side of the track.
- Alert others when you are approaching.
- Cyclists will manage about 10km per hour including rests.
- Cyclists will find it easier to stay on the road when the trail diverts to the verge.

For more information on bike riding in the greater region of South East Queensland, go to www.organisedgrime.com.au

WALKERS

- Wear sturdy comfortable footwear.
- Give way to horses.

CODE OF CONDUCT

When out riding and walking on bushland tracks and trails please observe the following:

Respect the environment:

- Do not take shortcuts or form new tracks.
- Bike riders – do not skid.
- Avoid muddy tracks if possible.
- Obey the signs and stay on permitted tracks.
- Do not stray into neighbouring private land or go exploring.

Respect other track users:

- Control your bicycle.
- Walkers and cyclists should give way to horse riders by moving to the side of the track.

Be safe:

- Plan ahead.
- Enjoy your walk/ride with friends.
- When riding, wear a helmet and ride within your ability and according to track conditions.
- Carry emergency repair equipment and a mobile phone.
- Drink plenty of water.
- When on sealed or gravel roads keep to the verge.
- Walking or riding at night is not recommended due to obstacles and disturbance caused to residents.

SAMFORD DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

For more information about rail trails and the history of the Samford Valley visit the Samford Museum. Refer www.samfordmuseum.com.au

SAMFORD HERITAGE TRAIL

Explore Samford Village's Heritage by following this self guided walk along historic buildings of interest. Refer www.bit.ly/samfordheritagetrail

RAIL TRAIL

Explore the Rail Trail from the old Dayboro to Ferny Grove Rail Trail along Lanita Rail Trail and Currawong Rail Trail section. Refer www.bit.ly/fernygroverailtrail

SAMFORD GOLDEN VALLEY PONY CLUB

For information and activities organised by the Samford Valley Pony Club, please contact the Club House on phone number: 07 3289 1518 or alternatively visit the website: www.samfordgypnyclub.org.au

MOTORBIKES ARE PROHIBITED ON ALL SECTIONS OF THE TRAIL - FINES APPLY - OBEY ALL SIGNAGE

PLEASE REMEMBER

Gates: Finding stray cattle and horses can be difficult for farmers and create dangerous traffic hazards. PLEASE ENSURE ALL GATES ARE SHUT. Keeping the trails open and farmers happy depends on you!

Rubbish: Take all rubbish with you; do not drop or bury it. If everyone looks after the network, we will have a much more enjoyable environment. Treat the trail network the same way you treat a national park.

Trail closures: Periodically some trails may be closed for various reasons. Notification of trail closures is via signage at the start of trails and, if gates are present, they will be locked.

Signage: Please obey all signs on the trail.

Safety: After heavy rains do not attempt trails with steep inclines or river crossings as tracks become slippery and river flooding will prohibit some crossings.

Always carry a first aid kit and let someone know your plans and expected return time.

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If you are interested in finding out about other spectacular mountain bike trails then please visit www.organisedgrime.com.au/ where you can buy a copy of the Fourth Edition of *Where to Mountain Bike in South East Queensland*.

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Every effort was made to ensure the information on this trail map was accurate at the time of printing. Sometimes trail data has been developed by outside sources at various degrees of accuracy. The authors accept no liability for any accident, injury, loss or damage associated with its use.

The information on this trail map is intended as a general guide.

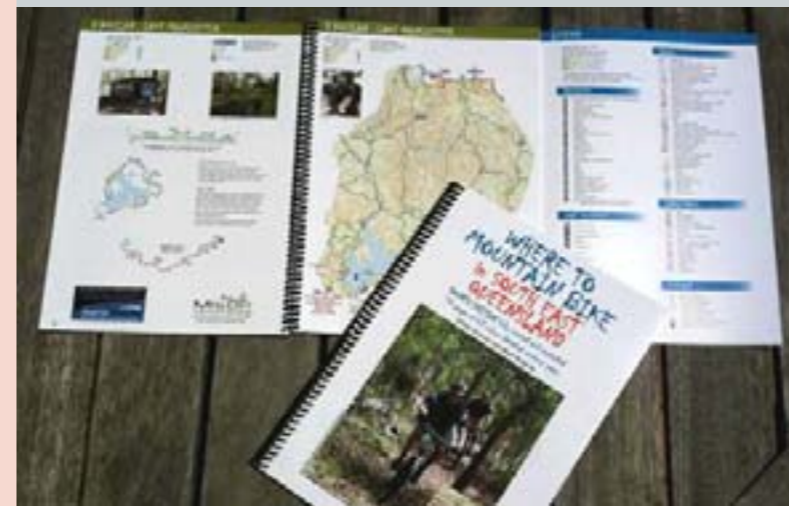
Some trails are inspected and maintained infrequently and vary in standard. Track conditions can change rapidly due to natural events such as storms, floods, fallen trees, and erosion. It may be that a track is partially or fully blocked or has been amended after this map was made. Some trail sections are steep or exposed to rapidly changing potentially extreme weather conditions or can become slippery or otherwise dangerous.

Mountain biking and horse riding are strenuous and hazardous activities. Attempt these rides at your own risk. Be competent - your safety (and that of your party) on the trails is entirely your responsibility.

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EMERGENCIES - DIAL 000

If you do not have mobile coverage and require assistance: DIAL 112



Samford Valley Trail Guide

Trails for walking, horse riding and mountain biking



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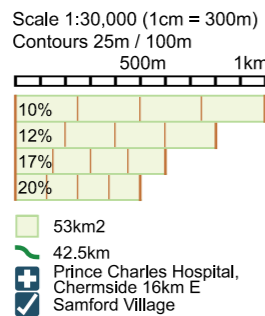


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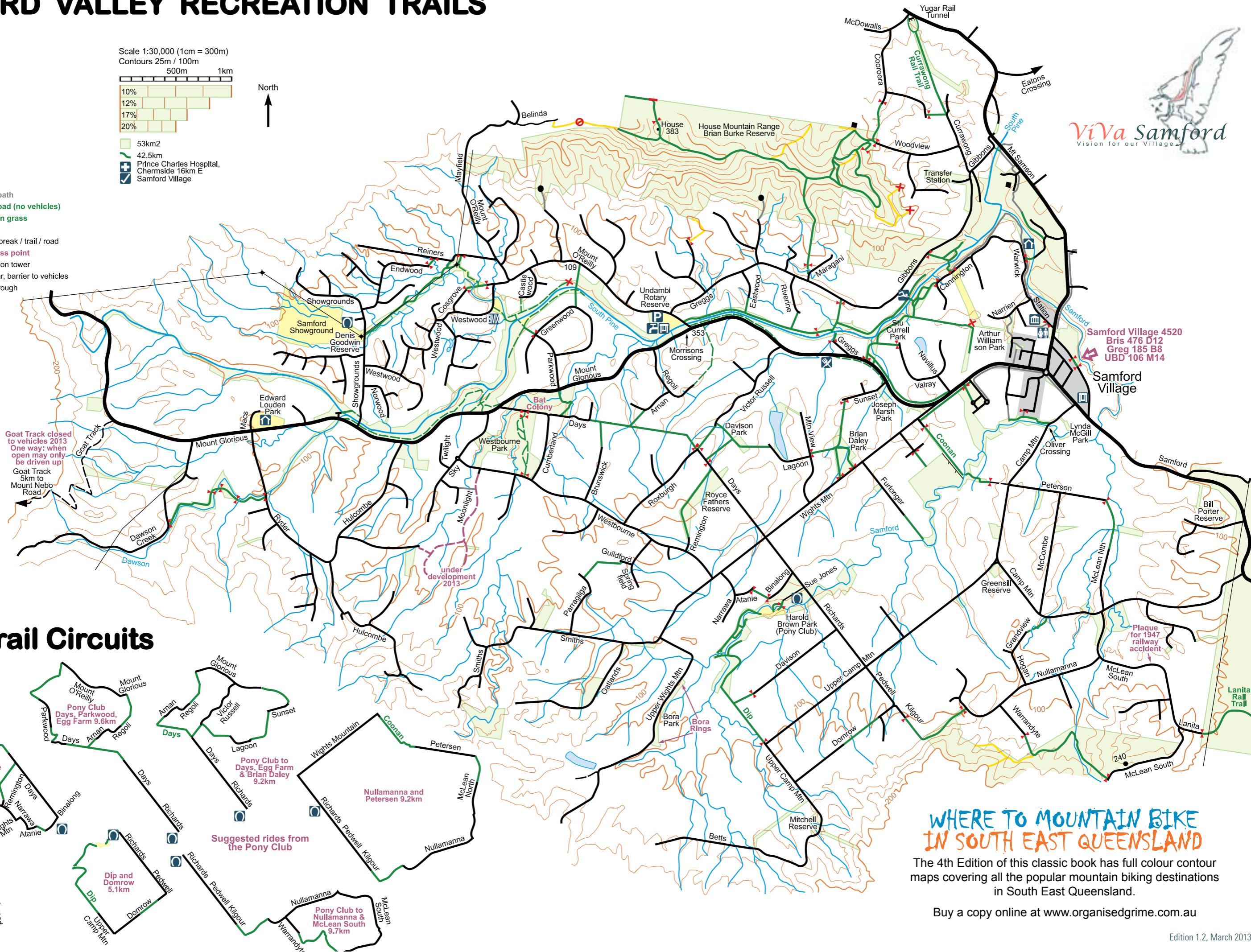


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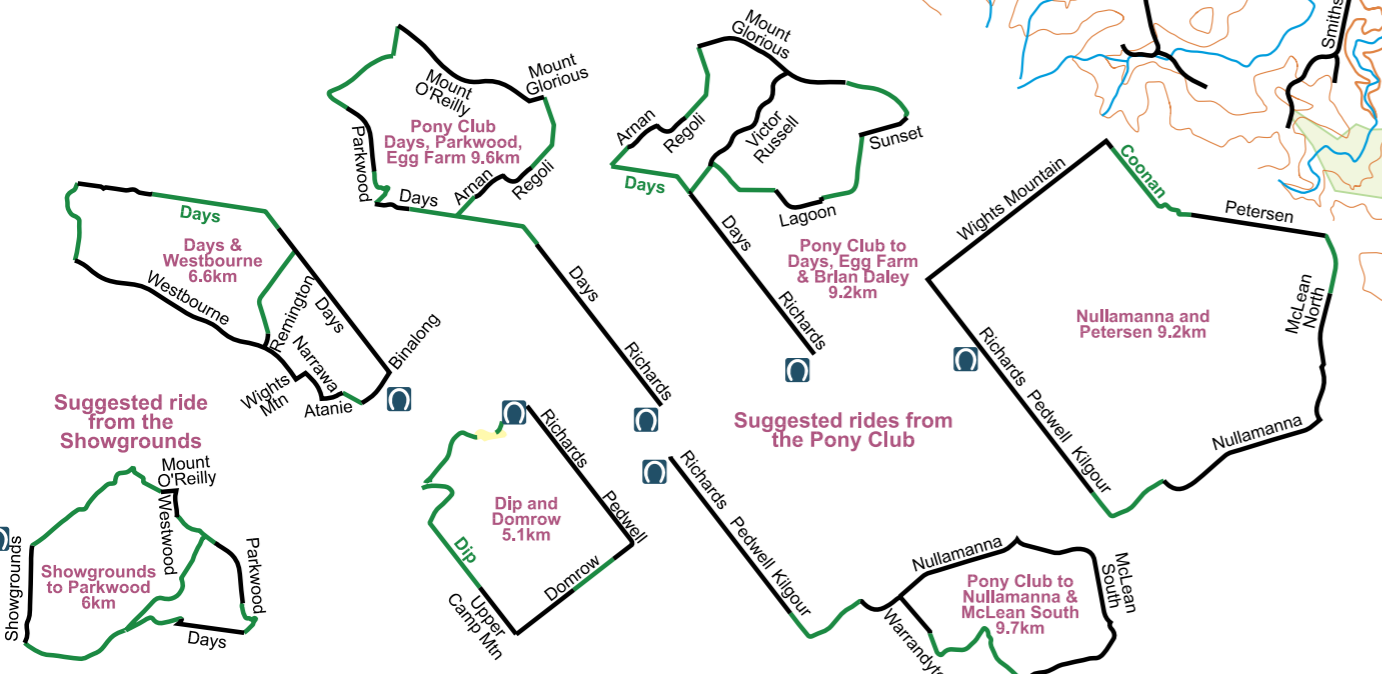
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-  Museum
-  Playground
-  Café / restaurant
-  Shelter
-  Picnic area
-  Parking
-  Drinking water
-  Toilets
-  Information
-  Swimming
-  BMX jumps
-  Public road
-  Gravel public road
-  Sealed shared bike path
-  Multi-use trail; fire road (no vehicles)
-  Multi-use trail - mown grass
-  Rall trail
-  Closed or private fire break / trail / road
-  Recommended access point
-  Power line, transmission tower
-  Step-through or similar, barrier to vehicles
-  Trail stops, no way through
-  Reserve (bushland)
-  Open land in reserve
-  Residential area
-  Contour
-  Index contour
-  Creek, lake, marsh
-  Bridge, ford



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