

# RIVER TO RAIL // TRAIL



## MEET THE MARY RIVER

### Welcome to the Gympie River to Rail Trail

Meet the Mary River by unravelling the ecologically rich experience of the river's edge. The unique landscape along the trail allows for all age groups and fitness levels to experience and explore part of this region's authentic beauty. Get up close with the Mary River Cod, Australian Lungfish, Mary River Turtle and platypus or stop along the way for a picnic on one of the grassy banks or seating areas. Birdwatchers can also enjoy an abundance of native birdlife on this trail.

### ABOUT THE MARY RIVER

The Mary River has long served as an artery for the Gympie region and its industries. Known as Mooraboocoola, Mocooboola and Monoboola by the indigenous people of the region, the river was named Wide Bay River by early European explorers first, before being officially renamed after Lady Mary Lennox Fitzroy on 7 September 1847.



### WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE TRAIL

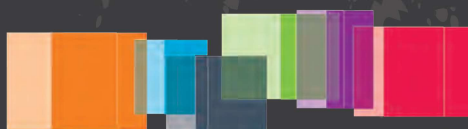
The River to Rail Trail includes a 2km section of trail between Nelson Reserve in the Gympie Town Centre and The Sands Park, linking in Albert Park, Kidd Bridge and the Gympie Weir.

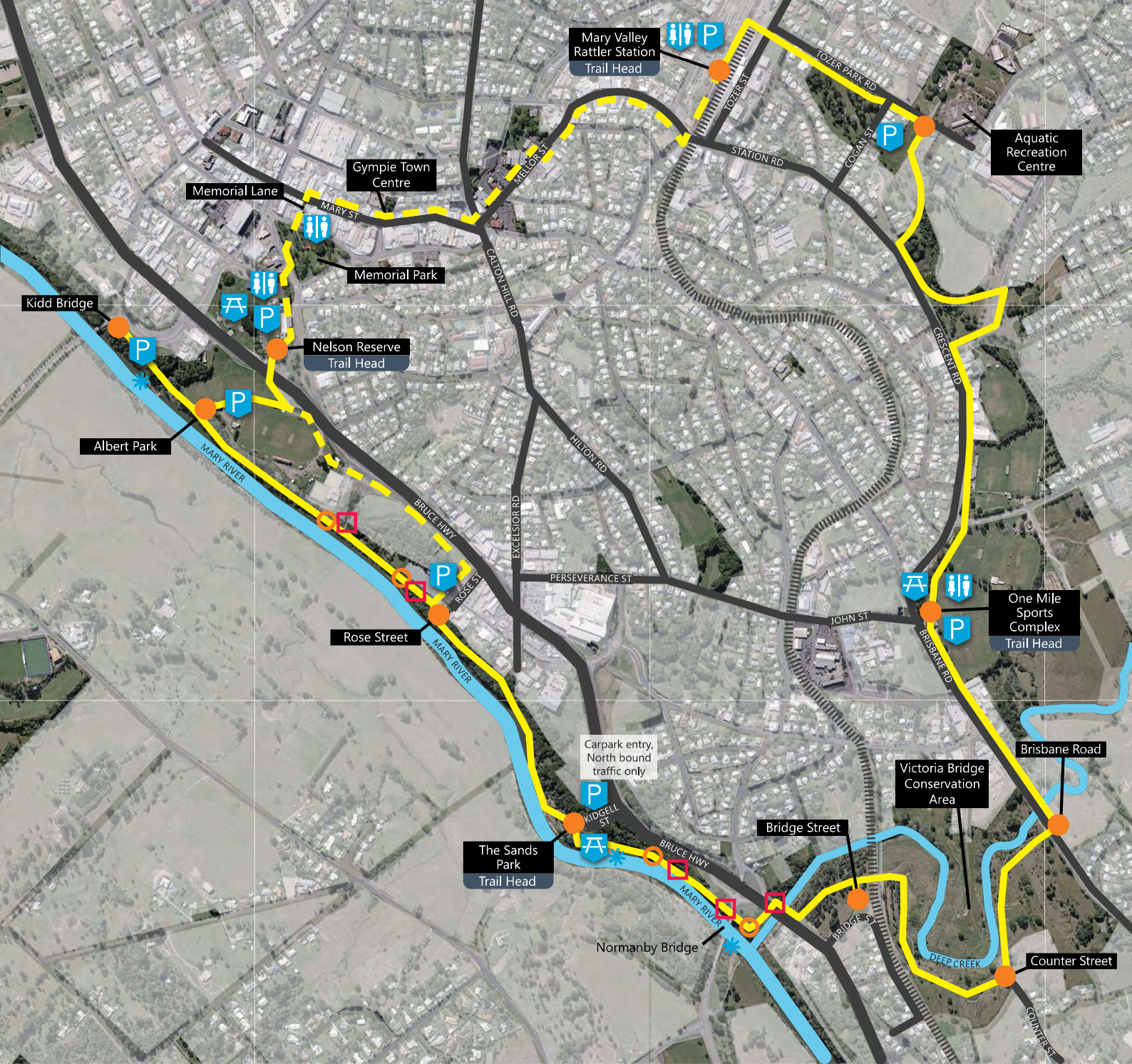
From The Sands Park it is a further 3.1km on to the One Mile Sports Complex via the Victoria Bridge Conservation Area (including the Deep Creek Fossicking Area). It is then an additional 2.4km using on and off-street sealed pathways to the historic Gympie Station, home of the Mary Valley Rattler. To complete the loop, another 1.8km along Mellor Street and then through Gympie's retail heart, Mary Street, will connect you into the state heritage listed Memorial Lane, Memorial Park and Nelson Reserve.

The trail is suitable for recreational walking/running and off-road cycling. The trail is predominately unsealed, with sections of on and off-street sealed pathways and incorporates some steep inclines and steps. Allow about 1.5 hours for a leisurely return stroll between Nelson Reserve and The Sands Park and around 2 hours for a return walk from The Sands Park to the One Mile Sports Complex. Approximately 3 hours will allow you to walk from The Sands Park to the Mary Valley Rattler Station and back.











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### Legend

-  River to Rail Trail
-  Trail Entrance/Exit
-  Public Toilet
-  Trail Loop
-  Rest Stop
-  Public Parking
-  Railway Line
-  Canoe/Kayak Launch Point
-  Picnic Area/Park
-  Stairs