





Mount Coot-tha from Bush Chapel

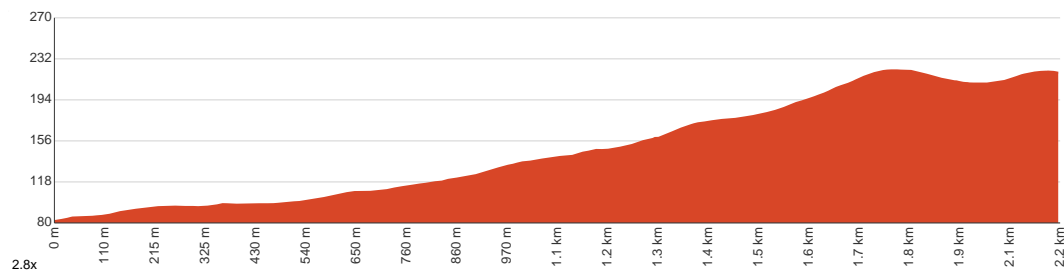
 1 h 15 min to 2 h 15 min
 45 min to 1 h 15 min


4.3 km
Return


↑ 166 m
↓ 166 m


Moderate track

Starting from the car park near the Bush Chapel in J.C. Slaughter Falls Picnic Area, Toowong, this walk takes you to the summit of Mount Coot-tha and back via the Summit Track, visiting the J.C. Slaughter Falls with a side trip. The city of Brisbane looks gorgeous from the top of the mountain, and the cafe and restaurant up top lets you savor the views while keeping yourself fed & energised. The track has lots of water fountains and is paved with gravel all the way, so you can take your whole family(including your dog) along. Don't miss out on the waterfall if you're here after some rain. Also, the bush chapel near the start features a hand-made sandstone pulpit and the whole setup has a rustic feel to it. The area tends to be busy, so come early to avoid the crowd and protect yourself from the midday sun. This can be made into a one-way trip if you arrange someone to pick you up from the summit. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

Getting to the start: From Frederick Street, 5

- Turn on to Birdwood Terrace then drive for 980 m
- Turn right onto Birdwood Terrace and drive for another 240 m
- Turn left onto Birdwood Terrace and drive for another 15 m
- Turn right onto Birdwood Terrace and drive for another 380 m
- Continue onto Birdwood Terrace and drive for another 40 m
- Turn right onto Sir Samuel Griffith Drive, T7 and drive for another 75 m
- Turn left onto JC Slaughter Falls and drive for another 560 m
- Turn right and drive for another 60 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

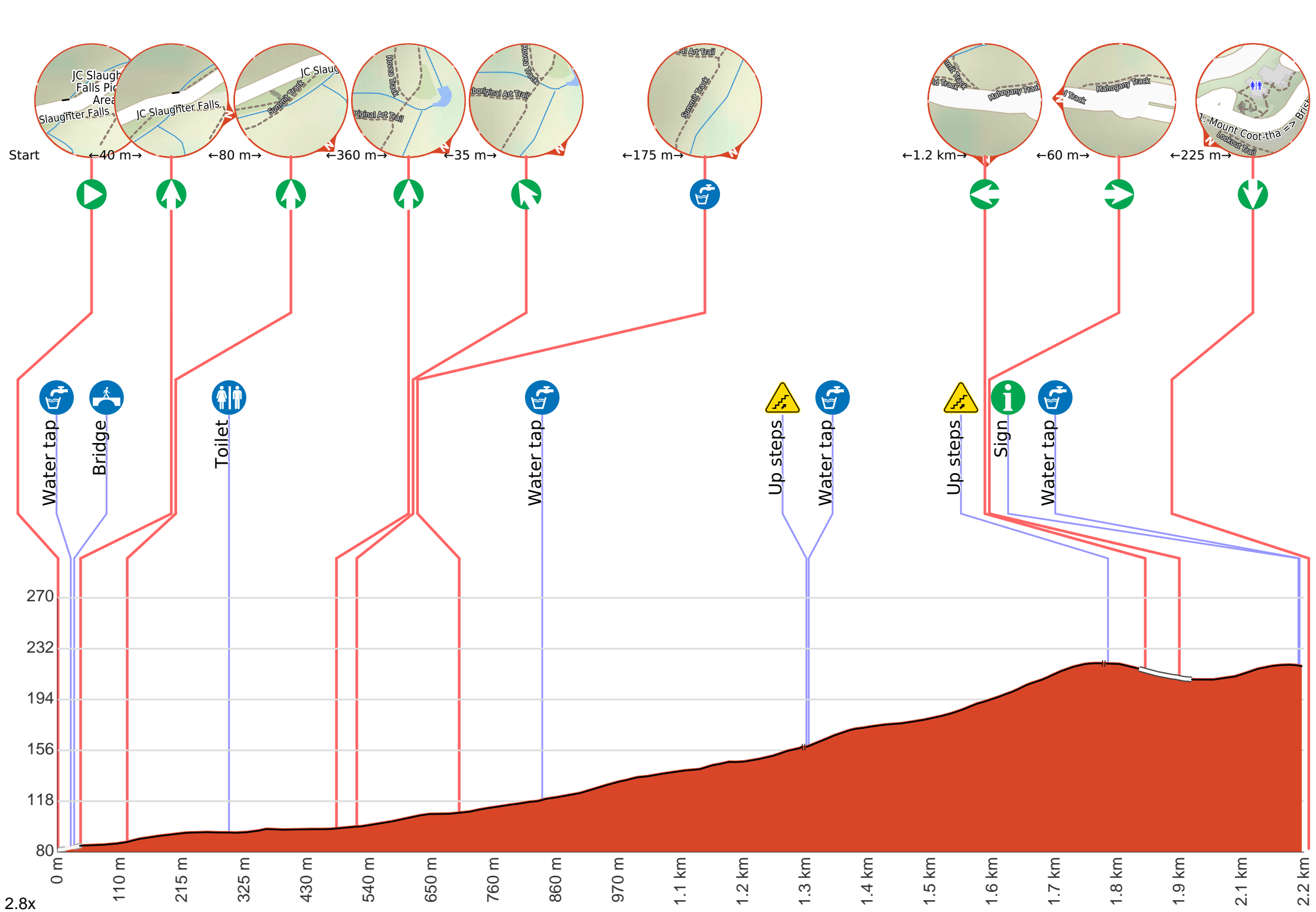
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

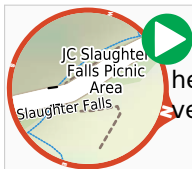
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Getting started: From the car park across the Bush Chapel in J.C. Slaughter Falls Picnic Area, head along the paved road gently downhill as you pass by a green “Bush Chapel” sign to your left. Pass over the creek crossing and veer left towards the yellow gate with a green directional signpost next to it. Head around the gate and join the walking track (Summit Track) as it veers slightly right. Follow the said track as it crosses East Ithaca Creek twice before the J.C. Slaughter Falls side trip to continue along Mount Coot-tha from Bush Chapel Track.



From the JC Slaughter Falls **Start** heading along *JC Slaughter Falls* (a vehicle track).



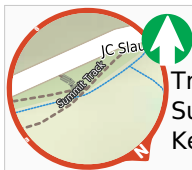
After 20 m pass the water tap (10 m on your left).



After another 6 m cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



After another 3 m (at the intersection of JC Slaughter Falls & Summit Track) **continue straight**, to head along Summit Track (a footpath). Keep left and head around the yellow gate.



After another 80 m (from the Summit Track) **continue straight**, to head along Summit Track. Keep left.



After another 175 m pass the toilet (65 m on your right).



After another 15 m (from the Summit Track) **continue straight**, to head along Summit Track.

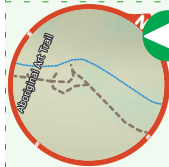


After another 170 m (at the intersection of Hovea Track & Summit Track) **continue straight**, to head along Summit Track.

Start of an optional side trip: This little side trip takes you to the J.C. Slaughter Falls viewpoint. Come after heavy rainfall for a better experience.



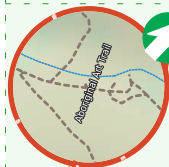
To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Summit Track & Aboriginal Art Trail **Start** heading along *Aboriginal Art Trail* (a footpath).



After another 160 m (from the Aboriginal Art Trail) **turn left**, to head along Aboriginal Art Trail.



After another 60 m come to "J C Slaughter Falls".



From the Aboriginal Art Trail **veer right**, to head along Aboriginal Art Trail.



After another 15 m come to the end.



A viewpoint.



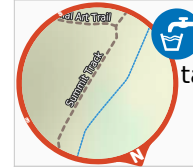
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 235 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 510 m waypoint.



After another 35 m (at the intersection of Aboriginal Art Trail & Summit Track) **veer left**, to head along Summit Track.



After another 175 m pass the water tap (7 m on your left).



At the intersection of Aboriginal Art Trail & Summit Track **continue straight**, to head along Summit Track.



After another 90 m (from the Summit Track) **continue straight**, to head along Summit Track.



After another 65 m pass the water tap (on your left).



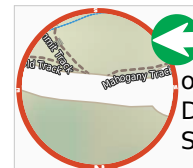
After another 460 m head up the steps (about 8 m long)



Then pass the water tap (on your left).



After another 520 m head up the steps (about 8 m long)



After another 55 m (at the intersection of Summit Track & Sir Samuel Griffith Drive) **turn left**, to head along Sir Samuel Griffith Drive (a road).



After another 60 m **turn right**.



After another 35 m **veer left**.



After another 110 m **continue straight**.



After another 60 m pass the sign (on your left).



Then pass the water tap (on your left).



About 15 m past the end is a toilet.
This toilet is wheelchair accessible.



About 35 m past the end is "The Summit".



Turn around here and retrace the
main route for 2.2 km to get back to the
start.



About 15 m past the end is "Mt Coot-tha
Lookout".
This viewpoint is wheelchair accessible.



About 20 m past the end is "Mount Coot-tha
(One Tree Hill)".



About 20 m past the end is "Directional Plaque".