

Lake Alford

Gympie



Located 160 kilometres north of Brisbane, Gympie is the site of Queensland's first gold rush in 1867.

Lake Alford Park, colloquially known as the Duck Ponds, has been established for over 30 years and features reminders of Gympie's gold mining traditions, including the Gympie Gold Mining Historical Museum.

Covering an area of 2016m² the park's central feature is a large artificial lake system surrounded by an extensive network of walking paths.

Over the last few decades this park has grown some stunning trees such as Colville's Glory (*Colvillea racemosa*) and Butterfly Tree (*Bauhinia* sp.), Queensland Bottle Tree (*Brachychiton rupestris*), a large number of gum trees and figs. These trees, in conjunction with the open parkland and expansive water lakes have created a sanctuary for many bird species.

Covered rest areas, playground equipment and bbq facilities have made this park a popular place for locals.

The wide pathways provide a relaxing walk through the park meandering around and over the network of lakes.

Council plans to transform the park into a regional destination for both residents and tourists, which will also be used to host major community events.

Access to this location: Entrance is on right when driving into Gympie on the Bruce Highway.

