



# An excursion to Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

A Social Story for visitors



# What is Blackburn Lake Sanctuary?

Blackburn Lake Sanctuary is a bushland reserve in Blackburn. There are lots of trees, some creeks and a lake. There are also walking paths, a Visitor Centre, a playground, toilets and drinking taps. Blackburn Lake Sanctuary is home to lots of different types of animals.



## Arriving at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

There is a carpark at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary next to the Visitor Centre. If I travel by bus it will stop near the picnic area.



## The Visitor Centre

There are lots of interesting things to look at inside the Information Centre. There are displays and a big microscope. There are some preserved animals that used to be alive. Their bodies have been preserved so that we can get up close to learn about them. They are very fragile and we do not touch them.



## The Playground

There is a playground at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary with lots of fun things to play on like swings, climbing equipment and a giant turtle! If we cannot play at the playground on the excursion I could visit another day with my family.



## People I might see

At Blackburn Lake Sanctuary I might see Jacquie or Tanveer. They are teachers that will show us around and the Sanctuary is like their classroom! There might be some friendly volunteers that will help on our excursion. Teachers and helpers from my school will be there too.



## Walking around Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

When we go for our walk it is important that I listen to my teachers and walk leaders and follow their instructions.

If we use quiet voices on our walk, the animals will be less afraid of us and we might be able to see them closer! I can look after the plants and animals by staying on the paths.



## Other people visit the Sanctuary too

I might see other people visiting Blackburn Lake Sanctuary. If they are walking their dog I can give a friendly smile but I will not touch their dogs.



## Toilets at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

There are toilets at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary. We get to them from outside of the building. If I need to go to the toilet I will ask an adult. They will get someone to go with me.



## Eating and Drinking at Yarran Dheran

I might bring food from home to eat at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary. I will eat in the Information Centre courtyard or in the picnic area. I will take my food packaging back home in my lunch box. There are water taps where I can refill my bottle or use the water fountain.



**We hope you enjoy your visit  
to Blackburn Lake Sanctuary!**

