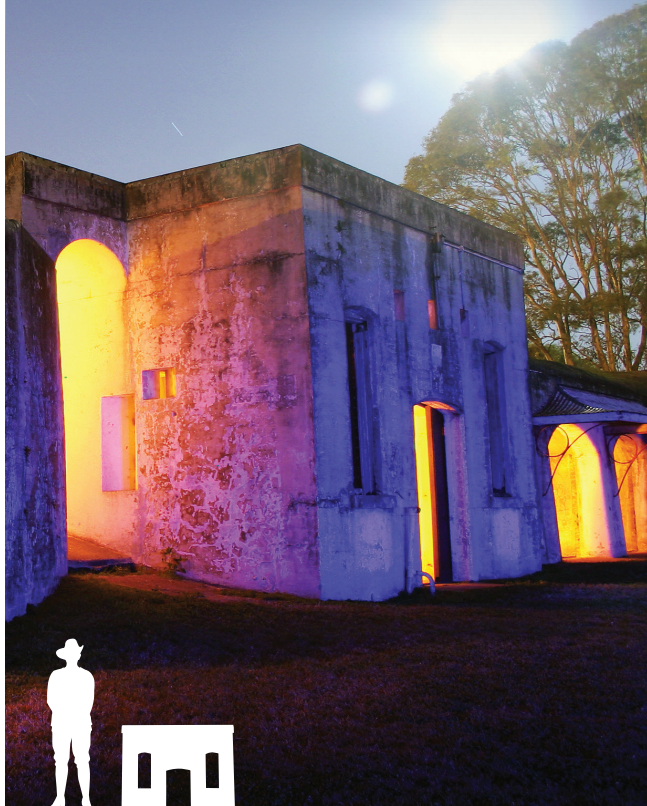


# Fort Lytton National Park



## Welcome to Fort Lytton National Park

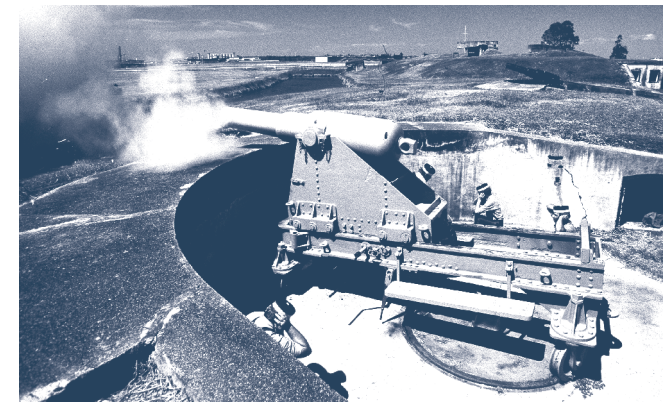
Ever been to a colonial coastal fortress or a twentieth century quarantine station? Located on the southern banks of the Brisbane River, Fort Lytton National Park is the perfect place to discover a unique part of Brisbane's past.



“Fort Lytton was built to be a secret and, even today, many visitors say they never knew of its existence. It was the training ground for Queensland soldiers; the men who fought in the Boer War, WWI and WWII. But the national park incorporates more than the defence zone; there's Lytton Quarantine Station too. Many people passed through here before being allowed into Brisbane. As a Ranger, I'm proud of looking after this historical national park, because it tells the stories of people coming and going; some going to war, others trying to re-build their lives after war, and all of them making Australia what it is today.

*Ranger Daley*

Fortifications from inside  
the parade ground.



An original 64 pounder muzzle loading gun being fired by a living history group.

## A hidden fortress

Fort Lytton National Park is like no other place in Brisbane. It played a strategic military role as a hidden fortress guarding Brisbane against attacks from enemy ships. One of several built around Australia's coast in the nineteenth century for protection from invasion, this well-preserved pentagonal fort is concealed behind grassy embankments with its very own water-filled moat. A quarantine station, preventing diseases spreading to the thriving Brisbane population, also operated from this site.

Come for a day visit and discover more of our colonial past at this unique heritage site. You can join a free tour of the fortress, picnic along the grassy banks of the Brisbane River, or take the opportunity to hear the cannons boom (see Fort Lytton's webpage for dates and times).

Delve deeper into the fort's history and feel what it was like when it was operational, by booking a unique night theatre performance or holiday activity for your child. Either way, you'll go home feeling moved.

## Exploring Fort Lytton

The fort is open between 10am and 4pm every Sunday and most public holidays. You can walk around Fort Lytton on a guided tour or at your own pace. Group tours can be arranged mid-week with advanced notice.

### Sunday programs

#### Guided tours of the fort and museums

Join a free guided tour and engross yourself in the fascinating history of the fort and its restored guns including those designed to fire then disappear!

First tour is at 10:30am, last tour at 1:45pm.

Duration: 90 minutes. No bookings required.

#### Cannon firing

Hear the BOOM of the big guns and see living history on show, as colonial re-enactment groups fire the historic 64-pounder cannons.

Free, no bookings required. See website for details.

### Evening programs

#### Fort Lytton at night—a theatrical tour

A lost story from the Great War: *commemorating ANZAC 100*

A powerful live performance about the fort's connection to the volunteers who left Australia 100 years ago for Gallipoli and the Western Front.

Duration: 75 minutes. Bookings are required. Fees apply.

#### The lantern tour

Experience a family-friendly guided tour of the historic fortifications after dark. Hold lanterns projecting ambient light and evocative sounds. This tour takes you through the momentous years in which Fort Lytton defended Brisbane from enemy attack.

Duration: 75 minutes. Bookings are required. Fees apply.

### Holiday program

#### Holding the fort!

A fun and interactive holiday experience for children aged 6–12 years old, set in and around a real historic fort. Holding the Fort! is a hands-on program using professional actors and drama to engage children's imagination.

Duration: 2.5 hours. Bookings are required. Fees apply.

### School program

#### Go back in time

Using drama and theatre-in-education techniques, these educational programs are suitable for Years 3 to 10. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre (MBEEC) jointly run all programs. For bookings and more information, contact the MBEEC at [moretoneec.eq.edu.au](mailto:moretoneec.eq.edu.au).

## Facilities

A sheltered picnic area is available on the banks of the Brisbane River. Wheelchair-accessible toilets are available, however, the grass pathways around the historical site can make using wheelchairs or prams difficult.

## Getting there

Fort Lytton is a 30 minute drive from Brisbane on the southern bank of the Brisbane River. From central Brisbane, travel east either along Lytton Road or the Port of Brisbane motorway.

## Find out more

Before visiting check the Fort Lytton National Park web page for park alerts, safety information, maps and details for what's on. Search for Fort Lytton on [qld.gov.au/FortLytton](http://qld.gov.au/FortLytton) for tour times and prices.



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## For your safety

- Supervise children at all times.
- Protect yourself from the elements; sun protection and personal insect repellent recommended.
- Pay attention to danger and warning signs. They are there for good reasons.

## Caring for Fort Lytton

To preserve the historic fortress for generations to come, please follow these guidelines:

- Stay behind barricades at all times; they protect structures and visitors.
- Never sit, stand or lean against any fort structures; they have already suffered from environmental elements, such as weather and fire. Please protect them from further damage.
- Fishing is not permitted in the park.

## Further information

#### For bookings and general enquiries:

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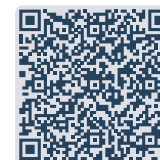
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