



Cominos House

Trinity Inlet



Tanks



Esplanade near Muddies

— LEGEND —

- Cycleway / Shared Path
- - - - - The Arrow Walking Tracks
- Road that's cycle friendly



TOUR 2.

Esplanade to Botanic Gardens

Distance: 9 km (circuit)
Time: Cycling - 1 hour return,
Start: The Lagoon, Esplanade, Cairns

Travel up the cycle path through the waterfront parklands of the Esplanade to the end of the playground, then turn left into Upward St. then along Upward St, take the first right after the railway line into Dunn St, and then pass the pioneer cemetery.

Join the creekside path through to Greenslopes St. Don't miss the impressive old Queenslander on the left. This is Cominos House, built in 1877 and now housing the Cairns and Far North Environment Centre as well as a free historical exhibition upstairs.

Continue along the cycle path across the road through the Tropical Food garden and Centenary Lakes - a popular spot for birdwatchers. On a path to the left is a short rainforest boardwalk which is well worth it (walking only).

Rejoin the path through to the Tanks Art Centre and Gallery - ingeniously created out of old wartime fuel storage tanks surrounded by ancient figs. Continuing west along Collins Ave you will find the trail hub for the popular Red and Blue Arrow walking tracks, and then the Fletcher Botanic gardens and Cafe' (open every day), overflowing with plant life both beautiful and bizarre.

For the return trip, ride back through Centenary Lakes to Greenslopes, then right into McLeod and left into Lily St. Follow the cycle path back down the Esplanade.