

PANTON HILL BUSHLAND RESERVES

This is a place where you can become one with nature.

Extending from Smiths Gully in the north to Watsons Creek in the south, the seven reserves form a corridor of remnant bushland covering 140 hectares. An extensive network of trails leads you through a variety of vegetation communities, and past sites of cultural and historical significance.

The traditional owners of this land, the Wurundjeri people, have an ancient and enduring connection to this place. Each of the reserves is named after a local species in Woi-Wurrung language.

The reserves are part of the Warrandyte to Kinglake Habitat Corridor. They help to ensure the survival of many rare and endangered animals and plants, including the Brush-tailed Phascogale, the Powerful Owl and the Wine-lipped Spider-orchid.

Walks/rides range from 340m to 12km and vary in difficulty. Follow the marked trails as you enjoy our bushland reserves. Choose your own adventure.

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BUNJIL RESERVE

WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE

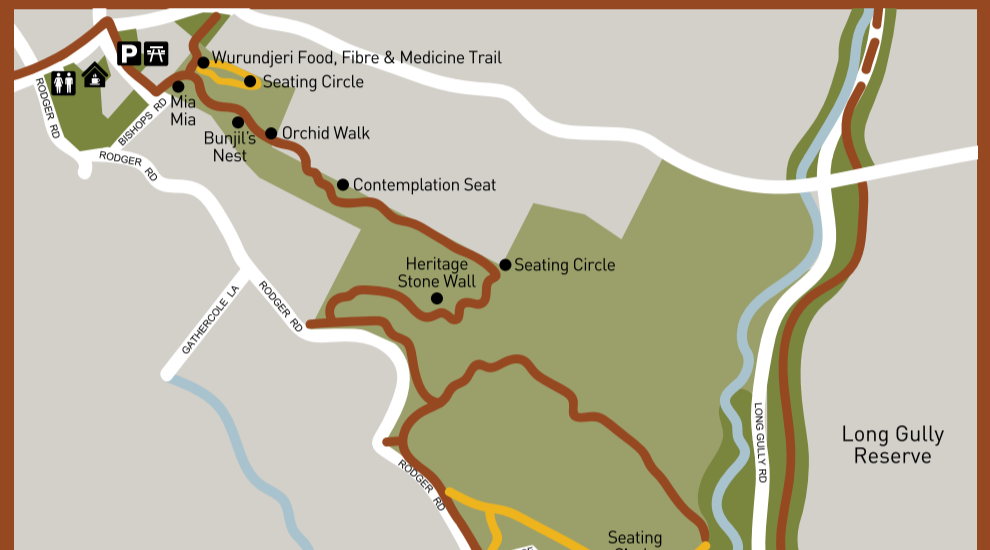


Named after the Wedge-tailed Eagle, the Creator Spirit of the Kulin Peoples.

The Wurundjeri Tribe have been continuing their connection to Country in Bunjil Reserve through cultural practices such as burning, Murnong cultivation, dance and ceremony, tool crafts and shelter building. You may see evidence of this as you journey through the reserve.

This reserve contains a great diversity of plant species from the majestic white Candlebark in the gullies to delicate orchids and wild flowers on the slopes.

A number of rare and threatened flora and fauna species have been found in this reserve including the Brush-tailed Phascogale, Powerful Owl, Southern Toadlet and Wine-lipped Spider-orchid. Programs have been implemented for the conservation of these species.



GAWA RESERVE

ECHIDNA



Named after the Echidna, found all throughout this area.

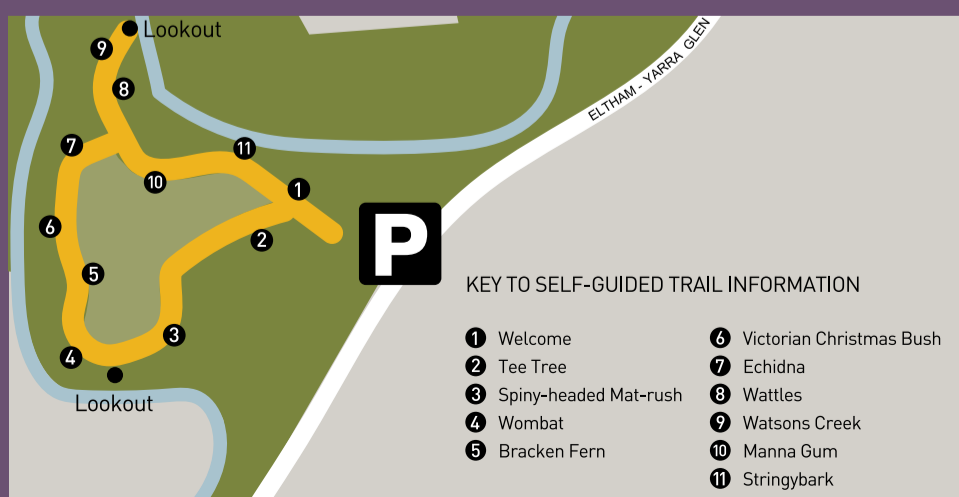
This reserve features the Gawa Wurundjeri Resource Trail. This trail is designed to provide visitors with a deeper understanding of how the Wurundjeri people used the land to provide themselves with food, medicines, implements, shelters and the clothes they wore – all seen as created for their enjoyment and use by their Dreamtime spirits.

The 340m walking trail consists of a main trail with a loop.

The self-guided trail is designed to be walked in a clockwise direction with signs detailing how the Wurundjeri people utilise the bushland resources. The main track leads to a lookout over Watsons Creek.

For much of the year Watsons Creek is merely a trickle, at other times flows freely. In 1854 gold was discovered in the streams flowing into the creek and this saw hundreds of gold miners move in, making life difficult for the Wurundjeri people.

Visit www.nrg.org.au for details.



BULWIDJ RESERVE

YELLOW BOX



Named after the Yellow Box tree Eucalyptus melliodora.

This attractive tree is highly valued for timber and honey. Its white to cream flowers appearing between September and March attract many species of birds and butterflies.

Evidence of the gold rush of the 1850s can still be seen today,

with mullock heaps scattered throughout the reserve and a collapsed mine-shaft about 20m off the main trail.

The trail leads through a significant stand of old growth Ironbark forest with a rich understorey of wildflowers and orchids.



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YANGGAI RESERVE

YELLOW-TAILED BLACK COCKATOO



WIMBI RESERVE

SWAMP WALLABY



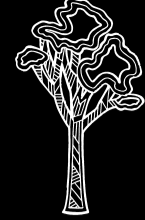
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WURRAN RESERVE

SUGAR GLIDER



YIR RIP RESERVE

IRONBARK



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ECHIDNA



LEGEND

- OFF-ROAD TRAIL
- PEDESTRIAN & BIKE ONLY
- PEDESTRIAN ONLY
- ON-ROAD TRAIL
- PANTON HILL BUSHLAND RESERVES
- PARKS & RESERVES
- CREEKS & WATERWAYS

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- GENERAL STORE/CAFE
- PICNIC AREA
- TOILETS
- PARKING