

Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve



Visitor Guide

The Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve is one of the few remaining areas on the South Eastern fringe of Melbourne recognised as an important area for the conservation of indigenous flora and fauna. The reserve which covers 214ha has an important place in military history with almost a 100 year history of military use spanning from 1886 to 1979.

Things to see and do

Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve is an ideal setting for quiet recreational activities including walking, jogging, photography, nature study and also cycling and horse riding in defined areas.

The park's track network transects a variety of vegetation communities and also provides access to the reserves historical sites.

Wheel chair friendly access is available along Centre Break and Reservoir Track providing access to the old hospital site and reservoir.

Horse riding is permitted however only on the trail provided beside Robinsons and Warrandyte roads.

Location and access

The Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve is located 5km east of Frankston and 42km south east of Melbourne, in the northern section of the Mornington Peninsula. Access and parking is available via McClelland Drive (Melway 103 D10).

History

This reserve and surrounding lands were originally occupied by the Boonerwung tribe who travelled across the peninsula in search of seasonally available foods. Evidence of a lithic (stone) scatter can be seen within the reserve and serve as the material remains of past Aboriginal occupation.

The Reserve, first established as the Langwarrin Military reserve in 1886, was used for various activities by the Victorian colonial defence forces. During World War 1, German prisoners of war were detained at the reserve and a hospital was set up for the treatment of soldiers returning from France and Egypt.

Today all the military buildings are gone, however evidence of the reserves past use remains in the form of the stone capped reservoir, rifle butts and the fountain located on the old hospital site.

Flora and fauna

The reserve comprises vegetation of state significance with 300 indigenous flora species, equating to 45 per cent of the species indigenous to the Mornington Peninsula, being present.

Plant communities present in the reserve such as the Silver-leaf Stringybark open woodland have largely been cleared from surrounding areas to accommodate Melbourne's expanding eastern suburbs.

The reserve also provides important habitat for native fauna, particularly small mammals. Half the mammal species known to exist on the peninsula were once present within this reserve, including two endangered species, the Southern Brown Bandicoot and the New Holland Mouse. A total of 98 bird species including the rare Southern Emu-wren have been recorded in this reserve.

Help us protect the reserve

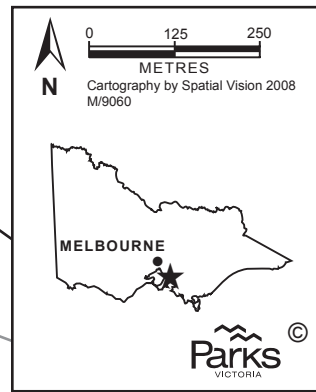
Cinnamon Fungus (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*), a microscopic disease causes dieback of both indigenous and non indigenous plants has been found in the reserve. Unfortunately, once it has been introduced into an area it is impossible to eradicate, however several management practices, including seasonal track closures, have been put into place to limit its spread and intensity.

Help protect and enhance your local reserves by keeping to the track and obeying any seasonal track closures.



For further information

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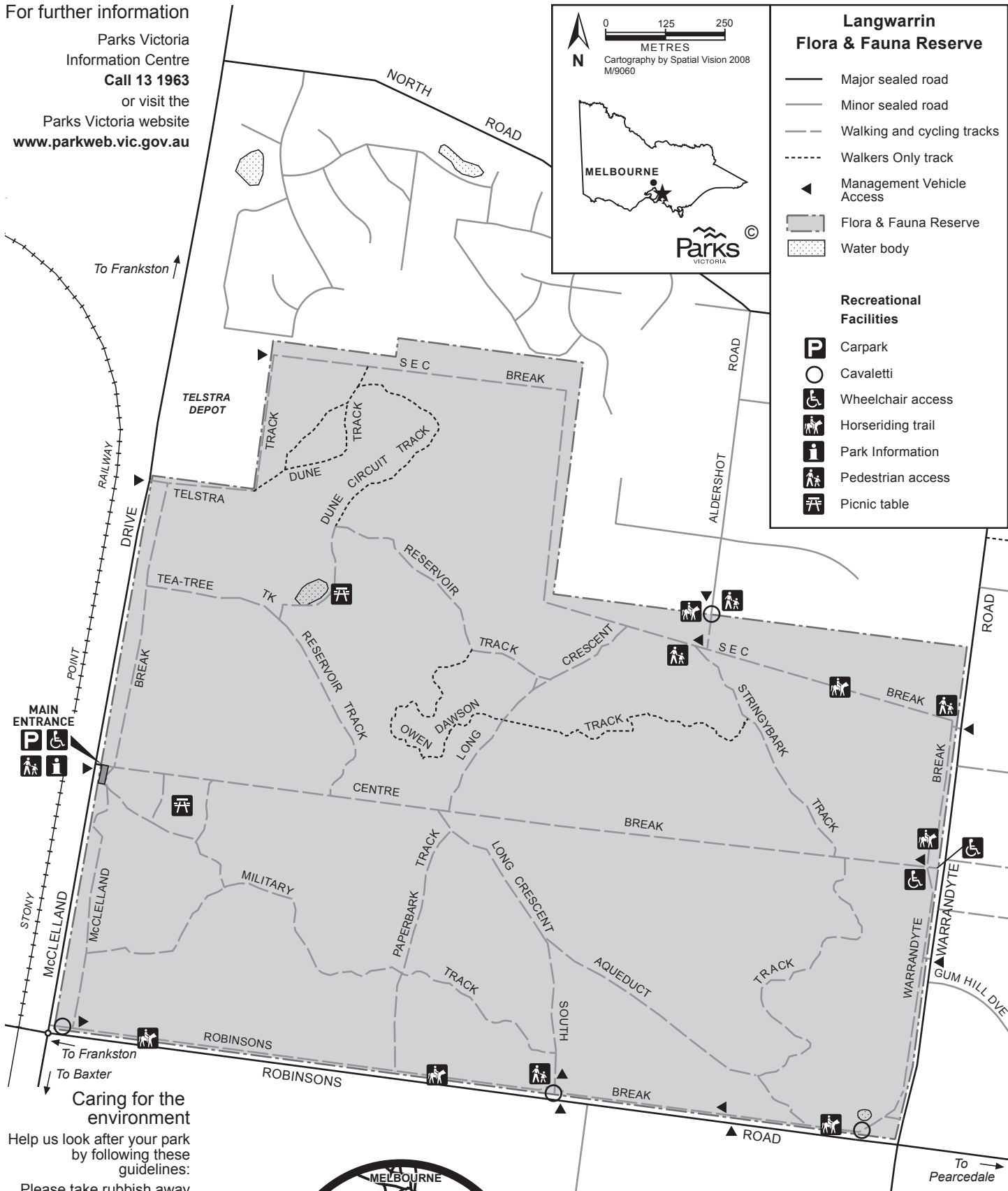


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- Major sealed road
- Minor sealed road
- Walking and cycling tracks
- Walkers Only track
- Management Vehicle Access
- Flora & Fauna Reserve
- Water body

Recreational Facilities

- Carpark
- Cavaletti
- Wheelchair access
- Horsing trail
- Park Information
- Pedestrian access
- Picnic table



Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

Please take rubbish away with you for recycling and disposal

All native plants & animals are protected by law. Please do not disturb them in any way

Keep to formed walking tracks

Dogs, Cats and firearms are prohibited

Barbecues and camping are prohibited

Leave the Reserve as you found it

Motor bikes are not permitted in the Reserve



Join the Friends

The friends of Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve operate within the reserve. This group was formed in 1988 to restore the bush, encourage public enjoyment and appreciation of the reserve. New members are always welcome. For further enquiries contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or visit the Parks Victoria website at www.parkweb.vic.gov.au