

The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve



Visitors Guide

The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve is an important area of remnant heathland, set amongst the urban development of Frankston. The reserve showcases the only example of heathland on an extensive dune field left in the Melbourne area. The location of this reserve provides a unique opportunity to enjoy low impact recreation and education activities while still being in a suburban setting.

Location & access

The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve is located 40km south east of Melbourne on the Mornington Peninsula, 3km north east of the Frankston CBD. Access to the reserve from Melbourne is via the Mornington Peninsula Fwy or Dandenong – Frankston Road. Pedestrian access to the reserve is via walking tracks on Tamerisk Drive, Excelsior Drive and Warrawee Circuit (Melway 100 C9).

The Peninsula Link Freeway, currently under construction, bisects the park. Access to either side is through an underpass. The freeway is due for completion in 2013.

Things to see & do

The reserve covers 220 hectares and provides for a wide range of recreational and environmentally focused activities. These include walking, jogging, dog walking, cycling on vehicle tracks, photography, environmental studies, picnicking and orienteering.

A network of walking tracks allows access throughout the park, giving visitors opportunity to experience the different vegetation types. The Warrawee Loop takes around 50 minutes to walk and transects vegetation communities such as Dry Heath, Wet Heath and Eucalyptus woodlands.

Areas of higher elevation such as Trig Point and The Lookout provide expansive views of the Dandenong Ranges, Port Phillip Bay and Frankston.



Adults and child walking ©RA

History

Very little is known of Aboriginal use or activity within the reserve, however a high number of lithic (stone) scatter sites have been identified on exposed dunes surrounding the area. This suggests a high possibility of sites occurring within the reserve.

The name “The Pines” came to fruition through the proposal to plant 1,370 acres of pine plantation in 1909. However this plan fell short and only 120 hectares ended up being planted.

In the 1970’s a proposal to sand mine the remaining bushland was met with community uproar and the Eureka flag was erected on Trig Point, claiming the reserve for the people of Frankston.

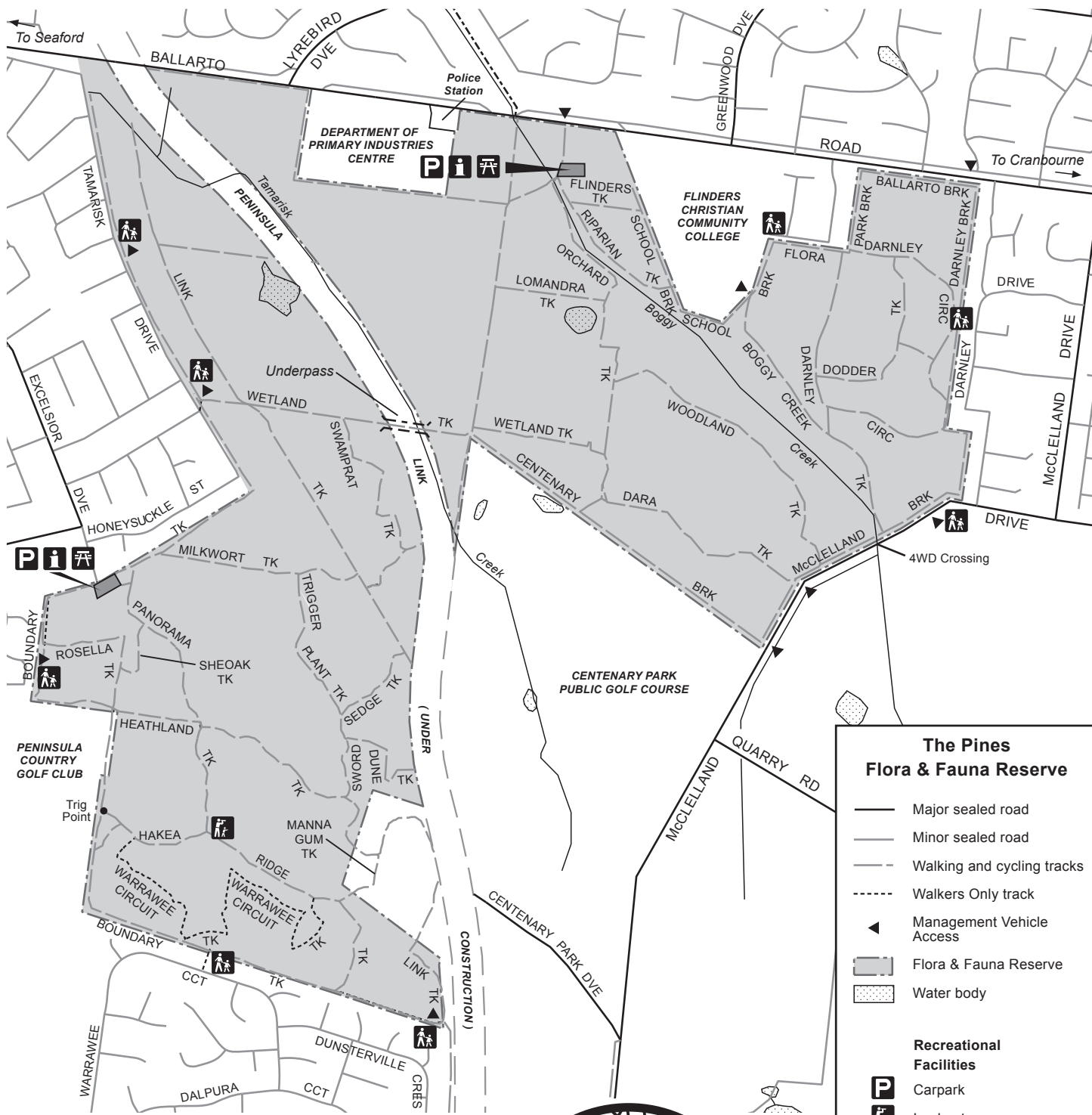
Flora & fauna

The flora of the reserve is of state significance due to the diversity of species and vegetation communities present. Vegetation communities range from dry heaths and dry sclerophyll woodlands of the dunefields to sedgelands and wet heathlands in the lower areas.

210 species of native flora have been identified here, with many being rare to the Mornington Peninsula. Native orchids such as the Common Spider Orchid are a highlight of the wildflowers which bloom in spring.

The great diversity of vegetation communities provides important habitat for many species of small mammals, reptiles and amphibians. The reserve is a potential habitat for the endangered New Holland Mouse and the Southern Brown Bandicoot. Over 100 different bird species have been recorded including a number of significant species such as the Painted Button quail, Bush Bronze wing, Latham’s Snipe and Swift Parrot.





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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
- Lookout
- Park Information
- Pedestrian access
- Picnic table

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 Parks Victoria
 Information Centre
Call 13 1963
 or visit the
 Parks Victoria website
www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

Dog regulations apply. In areas where dogs are permitted they must be on a lead at all times

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

Motorbikes are not permitted in the Reserve

Firearms are not permitted in the Reserve

Leave the Reserve as you found it

Join the Friends

The Friends of The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve work to protect, promote and preserve indigenous vegetation communities which aids the recruitment of native fauna to the Reserve.

For further enquiries contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or visit the Parks Victoria website at www.parkweb.vic.gov.au