Ocean Grove Nature Reserve

Visitor Guide

The Ocean Grove Nature Reserve protects the last remaining stand of original woodland on the Bellarine Peninsula, making it a haven for many native plants and animals and a popular location for visitors.

Things to see and do

Walks

Choose from a short stroll to a major expedition. Meandering trails, management tracks and easy gradients allow walkers to explore a variety of habitats. Visit the reserve’s wetland area or wander along the Banksia or Currawong trails.

Bird watching

The reserve is a haven for bird life including honeyeaters, wrens and Whistling kites. It is a popular place for bird watching and has several basic bird hides located adjacent to small water points.

Wildflowers and wallabies

Originally known as Cuthbertson’s Paddock, the reserve was purchased in two parts following a public appeal with the intention of creating a National Park. Today the reserve covers 143 hectares and represents one of the last remaining stands of native woodland on the Bellarine Peninsula. Wildflowers, including lilies and orchids, can be found throughout the reserve and are best seen between August and Spring. The reserve is also well known for its healthy population of wallabies, Echidnas and Ring tail and Brush tailed possums.

Get involved – Join a friends group

Spending time with friends can be good for your mind, body and soul. Throughout the world there is growing recognition of the vital contribution parks make to a healthy environment, to the health of the individuals and to a healthy society. Restoring habitat diversity can have healthy benefits to you and your community. Volunteering is a great way to get involved in your environment - anyone can do it!

There are over 300 different Friends Groups helping us maintain the health and integrity of our reserves. You can join the Ocean Grove Nature Reserve Friends Group in caring for these special places and become a Friend. Call Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au.

Access and facilities

Ocean Grove Nature Reserve is located adjacent to the township of Ocean Grove. Access is via an entry road from Grubb Road leading to the carpark. The picnic area has wood fuelled barbecues, picnic tables and public toilets. There is also an information centre opened by volunteers on weekends and public holidays.

Be fire ready and stay safe

Many parks and forests are located in high fire risk areas. On days of forecast Code Red Fire Danger this park will be closed for public safety.

Closure signs will be erected and rangers will patrol where possible, however you may not receive a personal warning that the park is closed so check the latest conditions by calling 13 1963 or visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au.

For up to date information on fires in Victoria or general fire safety advice call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

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