

# The Pines Flora & Fauna Reserve

## Visitor Guide



The Pines Flora & Fauna Reserve features a widespread, inland sand dune system which provides important habitat for small mammals, reptiles and amphibians. An extensive network of walking tracks in the reserve offers panoramic views of the Dandenong Ranges, Port Phillip Bay and the Melbourne skyline.



### Opening hours

The Pines Flora & Fauna Reserve is open 24 hours a day, every day, including weekends and public holidays.

### Getting there

The Pines Flora & Fauna Reserve is located 3km north-east of Frankston and 40km south-east of Melbourne. The main entrance is accessed from Ballarto Road, Carrum Downs. Pedestrian access is via walking tracks on Tamerisk Drive, Excelsior Drive and Warrawee Circuit.

### Things to see and do

The reserve's trails are made up of a variety of gravel and sand surfaces popular for walking, jogging, cycling and on-lead dog walking. Hike through the peaceful dunes surrounding remnant heathland and low-lying woodlands, where over 210 indigenous flora species have been found. Swamp wallabies can be seen bounding through the scrub at dawn and dusk, and echidnas scurrying through the undergrowth.

### Walking



#### Orchard Circuit- 3km, 45mins return

This flat, short walk takes you alongside the former orchard research site, which is currently being revegetated. The track then loops around an area of remnant Heathy Woodland.



#### Boggy Creek Circuit - 3.5km, 1hr 15mins return

This pleasant walk takes you through gentle sloping bushland dunes where you can take in the view of the surrounding region, before circling your way back to the carpark along Boggy Creek.



#### Panorama Circuit – 6.2km, 1hr 45mins return

This walk takes you through the dune system onto the lookout, with spectacular views across Melbourne. This trail is the best way to explore and experience the reserve, showcasing amazing diversity of native plants and animals.

### Bike riding

Most trails within the reserve are suitable for bike riding, care must be taken to moderate speeds when near walkers.

The Peninsula Link Trail has a sealed surface suitable for all bikes including those with narrower tyres.

### Still feeling energetic?

The Peninsula Link trail is a 25km shared track for walkers and cyclists. The trail passes through the reserve and provides a sightseeing ride from Bonbeach all the way to Mt Eliza. You can find more information and a [map](#) online.

### Get Involved

To help preserve and enhance this bushland environment visit the ParkConnect at [www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au) to find out about the exciting volunteering opportunities you can get involved in with Parks Victoria.

### Caring for the park

Help us look after this reserve by remembering these guidelines:

- Please take all rubbish home with you.
- Fires and camping are not permitted.
- Keep to the designated walking tracks.
- Dogs are permitted but must be on a leash at all times.
- All native plants and wildlife are protected.
- Snakes live in this park and sometimes sunbake on the paths. Do not approach.

### Be prepared and stay safe

The Pines Flora & Fauna Reserve is a high fire risk area in the Central fire district. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at [www.emergency.vic.gov.au/](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/) or call 1800 226 226. Fires (including campfires and solid fuel heat compounds) are not permitted in The Pines Flora & Fauna Reserve.

Green 'Emergency Marker' signs are located throughout the reserve in the case of emergency. If you require emergency assistance phone 000 for Police, Fire or Ambulance Services and quote the emergency marker code.

For more information visit Parks Victoria online at [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) or phone 13 1963.

