

# Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve

## Visitor Guide



Located in Frankston South, Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve is an ideal place to explore many of the Mornington Peninsula's native plants and animals. Visitors to the reserve can enjoy walking, cycling and jogging.



### Opening hours

Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve is accessible at all times on foot or bike. Vehicles can access the carpark via an auto-gate during daylight hours.

### Getting there

Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve is located in Frankston South. Vehicle access is via Jeremy Way. Pedestrian access is available via Jeremy Way, Harry Court, Frankston-Flinders Road, Rinella Bushland Reserve and Lawson Avenue.

### Things to see and do

#### Walking, jogging and cycling

The shared paths in the park are popular with walkers, joggers and cyclists. The park offers short walks, a 5km circuit jog and connections with adjacent parks including Sweetwater Creek.



#### Dam Walk – 600m, 15 minutes return

Starting at the Jeremy Way carpark, this short walk or ride to the dam wall provides one of the best viewing points in the park. The trail is suitable for all ages and abilities. Keep an eye out for terrestrial and aquatic water birds.



#### Heathland Bush Circuit – 1.8km, 45 minutes return

Starting at the end of the dam wall, this trail loops through damp heathy woodland. Wander through upper canopy eucalypts, a shrub layer including wattles and tea-trees, and abundant ground level native grasses and sedges. This trail offers an amazing diversity of wildflowers and showcases the remnant bushland of Frankston South.



#### Kookaburra Bush Circuit – 3.1km, 1.5 hours return

Starting at the Jeremy Way carpark, this trail takes you up a gentle slope where you can look out over the water before walking around the reservoir. This circuit is one of the best ways to explore and experience the reserve. Not suitable for prams or bikes.



#### Reservoir Circuit Trail – 5km, 1 hour return

Walk, jog or cycle around the reserve on the wide gravel Reservoir Circuit Trail. This trail takes in the high point of the reserve which

includes spectacular views of the Melbourne city skyline and Port Phillip. This trail features running distance markers each kilometre.

### Get involved

To find out about volunteering opportunities to help preserve and enhance Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve visit Park Connect [www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au)

### Facilities

In keeping with the primary objective of protecting the reserve's conservation values, public facilities such as toilets and barbecues are not provided.

A map and park information can be found at the main entrance to the reserve at Jeremy Way.

### Caring for the park

Help us look after this reserve by following these guidelines:

- Dogs, cats, horses and motorbikes are not permitted.
- Please take all your rubbish home with you.
- Do not feed the animals.
- Bicycles are not permitted on walking-only tracks.
- Firearms, fires and camping are not permitted.
- Snakes live in this park and sometimes sunbake on the paths. Do not approach.

### Be prepared and stay safe

Frankston Nature Conservation 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 Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve.

On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs may be erected but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) or by calling 13 1963.

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.

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| <b>P</b> Parking     | Lookout     | — Hwy/Main road                 | 1 Reservoir Circuit       | Frankston NCR        |
| <b>i</b> Information | Gate        | — Sealed road                   | 2 Kookaburra Bush Circuit | Council reserve      |
| Picnic table         | No bicycles | ..... Walking track             | 3 Heathland Bush Circuit  | Waterbody            |
| Pedestrian access    | ESTA marker | - - - - - Walking/Cycling track | Stream                    | Melbourne Water area |