

The Briars



**MORNINGTON
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Wildlife sanctuary walking tracks



Wetland Walk through the Ken McArthur Wetlands

Commencing at the gate on the eastern side of the Visitor Centre, this 350 metre boardwalk leads to the Boonoorong and Chechingurk hides. The area, once part of the farm, has been planted with indigenous species and includes several wetlands built on the Balcombe Creek floodplain. This walk connects with the Tichin-Goroke Link and the Wetlands Viewpoint another 400 metres on. Please note that the Viewpoint is not wheelchair accessible.

Woodland Walk

The Woodland and Kur-Bur-Rer Walks commence at the gate on the western side of the Visitor Centre and lead across Stockleys Creek to the Balcombe Creek ford and bridge. Turn right for the 2 kilometre Woodland Walk. At first the path meanders through high quality Manna and Swamp Gum woodland and then more open country where cattle once grazed. After approximately one kilometre is the Wetlands Viewpoint from which the Tichin-Goroke Link leads back to the wetlands, hides and Visitor Centre.

Kur-Bur-Rer Walk

This walk, of approximately 4 kilometres, is named after the Boonoorong name for the Koala. From Balcombe Creek, take the fire trail on the left uphill for a short



distance and follow the sign on the left to commence the walk. Look for Eastern Grey Kangaroos in the open grassy woodlands. Upon reaching the fire trail again, cross directly over and the vegetation soon changes again to a dense scrub woodland as you descend to Balcombe Creek. The walk then follows the creek with great views of reed swamps and farmland to the south before reaching the Wetlands Viewpoint. Choose between the Tichin-Goroke Link and the Woodland Walk to return to the Visitor Centre.

Balcombe and Harrap Creek Walkways

From the Briars Visitor Centre these walks lead west to Mount Martha Beach and north to Craigie Road respectively. Turn right about 250 metres along the path for the Harrap Creek Walkway. The creek has formed a steep-sided valley which is unique on the Mornington Peninsula. It is approximately 850 metres to Craigie Road and you can continue as far as Civic Reserve in Mornington, seven kilometres return. The Balcombe Creek walkway takes you under Nepean Highway to the Balcombe Estuary Boardwalk - seven kilometres return. The vegetation along the estuary is mostly Swamp Scrub of paper-bark trees. The creek is the last unspoilt waterway entering Port Phillip Bay.

Wildlife Sanctuary gates are
locked daily at 4:30pm.














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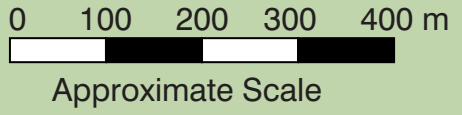
**On TOTAL FIRE BAN days and days
when wind strength exceeds 35kmh the
wildlife sanctuary will be CLOSED.**

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-  Visitor Centre
-  Ker-Bur-Rer Walk
-  Woodland Walk
-  Wetland Walk
-  Tichin-Goroke Link
-  Waterway
-  Wetland
-  Electric fence
-  Wetlands
-  Lookout / Viewpoint
-  Seat
-  Bird Hide
-  Balcombe Estuary & Harrap Creek Walks



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