

Upper Sweetwater Creek Reserve

Sweetwater Creek is a natural waterway running from above Frankston Reservoir to Port Phillip Bay. Upper Sweetwater Creek Reserve provides a bushland corridor along the upper section of the creek from the reservoir to Overport Road.

Enjoy the lovely views of the creek as you walk along the tracks through the remnant heathy woodland.

Things to see Indigenous plants

There is a large range of plant communities in the reserve, from the moisture and shade-loving plants found by the creek to those which prefer the dry, sandy upper slopes.

Along the creek, the vegetation is dominated by Swamp Paperbark with a canopy of Swamp Gums. On the upper



Native animals

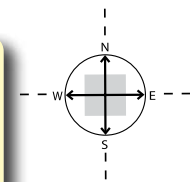
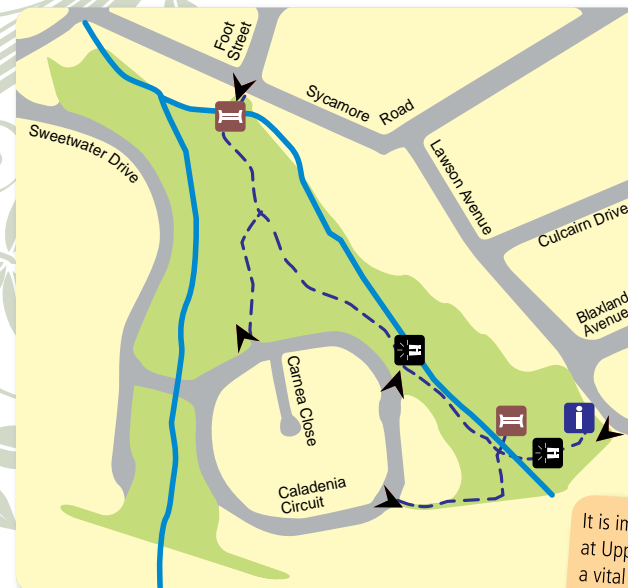
Although there are indigenous animals living in the reserve, they are shy and may be difficult to spot during the day. Most of the animals are nocturnal, including the Brushtail and Ringtail Possums and Sugar Gliders.

Occasionally during the day a Short-beaked Echidna or a Common Blue-tongue Lizard can be found searching for food on the ground. If you are lucky you may see a Tawny Frogmouth sitting in a eucalypt tree or a Swamp Rat by the creek.

slopes, Narrow-leaf Peppermint and Coast Manna Gums provide the canopy sheltering a wide diversity of plants.

In the remnant heathy areas, the thick middlestorey, containing mainly Prickly and Heath Tea-tree, is interspersed with Silver Banksia, Wedding Bush and Common

Heath, our state emblem. The remnant grassy areas contain a mixture of grasses, lilies, sedges and rushes.



- Lookout
- Bridge
- Information
- Entrance
- Walking Trail
- Creek / water

It is important to protect the indigenous bushland at Upper Sweetwater Creek Reserve as it provides a vital link in the wildlife corridor from Frankston Reservoir to Port Phillip Bay.

Things to do

Walk along the Main Track to the Circuit and return to the Heathland Track for a short side tour through the heathland vegetation. Two foot bridges provide access from Sycamore Road and Lawson Avenue, adding an interesting vantage point from which to view the creek.

It is a peaceful reserve in which to take a quiet walk, jog or just appreciate nature.

Regular working bees are organised by the Friends of Upper Sweetwater Creek to clear invasive weeds and restore habitat by revegetating the reserve with indigenous plants.

FACT BOX

- Location:** Frankston South
- Melway Ref:** 102 E9
- Area:** 5.3 ha
- Special features:** Creek, remnant woodland
- Best flowering time:** Spring
- Birds:** 30+ species
- Walking tracks:** 1.5 km
- Walking time:** ½ hour
- Pets:** Dogs on lead permitted
- Managed by:** Frankston City Council and Melbourne Water
- Information:** ☎ 1300 322 322

