

Upper Sweetwater Creek Reserve

Sweetwater Creek is a natural waterway running from above Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve 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 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.

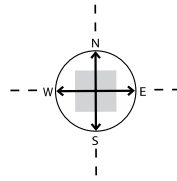
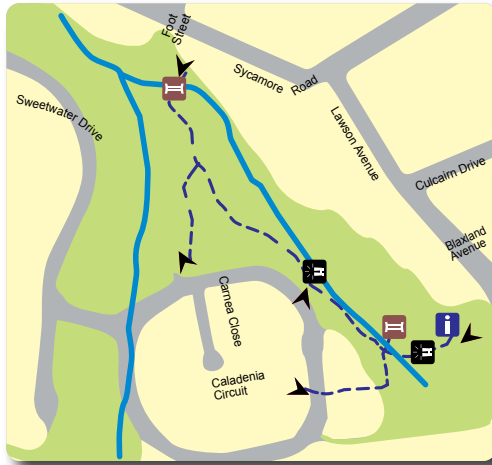


Native animals

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.





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

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

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.

Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve

Occupying 98 hectares in Frankston South, this reserve supports flora and fauna species which are designated as significant at regional, state and national levels. With more than 100 indigenous mammal, bird, reptile, frog and fish species recorded.

Reserved as Crown land this is a significant area of native vegetation and wildlife habitat.

Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve is not managed by Frankston City Council. Details at: parkweb.vic.gov.au or 13 19 63

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Location: Entrance via Jeremy Way, Frankston South
Pets: not allowed
Note: There are no toilet or rubbish facilities. Please take your rubbish with you