



Boulton Flora Reserve, Tallarook

BIOREGION: Central Victorian Uplands

ECOLOGICAL VEGETATION CLASS: Grassy Woodland (Endangered)

WALKING TRACK CLASSIFICATION: **GRADE 3**

Suitable for most ages with a moderate level of fitness



Boulton Flora Reserve was created to preserve an example of Native Grassy Woodlands in the Tallarook area. The reserve is a stunning site of native wildflowers within the Mitchell Shire.

History

Mitchell Shire Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, those of the Taungurung People, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

Boulton Wildflower Flora Reserve was established by the Boulton family, in the early 1950s. The flora reserve was preliminarily established to preserve the blue finger flower (*Cheiranthra cyanea*), a species which is locally significant within the South Western Goulburn landscape, as well as 20 other orchid species.

Part of the reserve was originally fenced in the 1950s to exclude rabbits and in the late 1990s members of the Broadford Environmental Action Movement (BEAM) with the assistance of the Mitchell Shire Council, replaced much of the fence to exclude grazing pressure from the site. BEAM-Mitchell Environment Group often hold wildflower walks in spring through the reserve.

Significant Flora

The Reserve is dominated by red box, and red stringy bark with occasional yellow box and grey box. The understorey layer consists of wattles and woody shrubs and the ground flora with native grasses, orchids and lilies and herbs. The reserve links with the vegetation corridor along the Hume Highway providing habitat for native birds and animals.



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Diuris pardina



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Kennedia prostrata



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Tetratheca ciliata





Highlights and Facilities

- High diversity of native wildflowers during spring
- Informal walking tracks
- Parking available at the cricket club

How Can You Help?

- Keep dogs on a leash and clean up after your pets
- Please take all rubbish with you
- Keep to trails to protect the native vegetation
- No firewood collection permitted
- No camping or campfires permitted
- Unauthorised vehicles or motorbikes are not permitted

Visiting for the Day?

Gravel driveway and parking area associated with the Tallarook Cricket Club on Sanctuary Road which can be used to access the flora reserve.

Important Information

Mitchell Shire Council recommends that on days with a Fire Danger Rating of severe or higher, those who wish to enter the reserve do so with the utmost care. Please be aware that this reserve may also be subject to severe weather conditions.

