



Monument Hill Reserve, Kilmore

BIOREGION:	Central Victorian Uplands Highlands Northern Fall			
ECOLOGICAL VEGETATION CLASS:	Grassy Dry Forest (Depleted)			
(conservation status)	Herb-rich Foothill Forest (Least Concern)			
WALKING TRACK CLASSIFICATION:	GRADE 3			

Monument Hill reserve provides significant habitat for native. The wildlife and flora within its 76 ha.

History

The Taungurung were the earliest inhabitants of the area of Kilmore and held strong cultural values for many of the native flora that exists on the Monument Hill Reserve.

Monument Hill became known as a lookout in the early years of European settlement that followed the Hume and Hovell expedition in the 1800s. The reserve is Crown Land for which Mitchell Shire Council is the Committee of Management.

Monument Tower

The Monument tower is one of the watchtowers from the former Kilmore Gaol, located on Sutherland Street, Kilmore.

The plaque on the tower has the following inscription: *"Erected December 1924, by residents to the memory of Hume and Hovell, who passed nearby".*

Wildlife

Monument Hill Reserve provides habitat for several nocturnal mammal species. These include brush tail possums (*Trichosurus vulpecula*), ringtail possums (*Pseudocheirus perengrinus*) and sugar gliders (*Petaurus breviceps*) as well as the threatened brush tailed phascogale (*Phascogale tapoatafa*).

The Reserve also hosts a large and diverse number of native birdlife. The Noticeboard near the car park describes a large number of the birds and amphibians found within the reserve.

Significant Flora

The Monument Hill Reserve over storey is dominated by Eucalypts with a secondary layer of smaller species particularly Wattle *Acacia* species. The Reserve also has a diverse ground layer vegetation of native grasses and wildflower species.



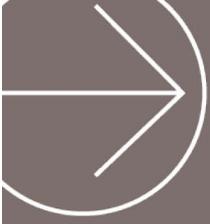
Diuris sulphurea
Tiger Orchid



Arthropodium strictum
Chocolate Lily



Genus: *Diurus*
Donkey Orchid



Highlights and Facilities

- > Tracks for horse riding and bushwalking
- > Wildflower walks
- > Gravel car park
- > Monument Rd access to Monument Tower

How Can You Help?

- > Keep dogs on a leash
- > No motorised recreational vehicles permitted
- > Please take all rubbish with you
- > Keep to trails to protect the native vegetation
- > No firewood collection permitted



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Visiting for the Day?

Parking and entry to the Reserve is available via Anderson Road, Kilmore. Please visit the Monument Hill Reserve Noticeboard for greater insight into the history of the reserve and the native flora and fauna found there.

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.

