



Seymour Bushland Park

BIOREGION: Central Victorian Uplands

ECOLOGICAL VEGETATION CLASS:

Box Ironbark Forest (Vulnerable)

WALKING TRACK CLASSIFICATION: **GRADE 3**

Suitable for most ages with a moderate level of fitness



The Seymour Bushland Park has high conservation significance within the Mitchell Shire. Box Ironbark Forest is a threatened vegetation type and hosts a large number of threatened native fauna species, particularly birds.

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.

The 65.4ha park was originally part of a 360ha Kitchener Military Camp, used for military training from 1910 to the 1960's. Seymour Bushland Park was established as a reserve in 1978 to allow the natural environment to re-generate. Orchids and wildflowers have re-established on site and are a highlight of this reserve during spring.

Conservation Covenant

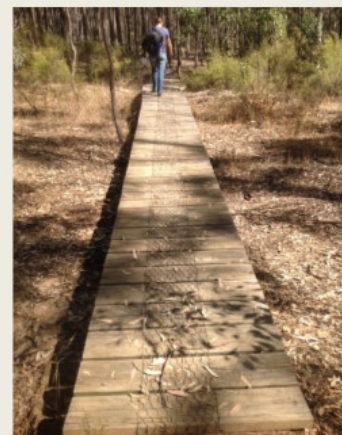
In 2006 the Seymour Bushland Park was placed under the permanent protection of a Trust for Nature Conservation Covenant by Mitchell Shire Council. The conservation covenant is an agreement between Trust for Nature and the Mitchell Shire Council to protect and enhance the natural, cultural and scientific values of the land and was the first Municipal conservation covenant in the Goulburn Broken Catchment. The park also has Land for Wildlife status.

Wildlife

The Seymour Bushland Park provides crucial bushland habitat to a number of threatened species listed under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*, this includes the vulnerable brush-tailed phascogale (*Phascogale tapoatafa*) and the endangered barking owl (*Ninox connivens*), and squirrel glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*). The park is also an ideal site for birdwatching, providing habitat to a large number of native birds. These include the painted button-quail (*Turnix varius*), the whistling kite (*Haliastur sphenurus*), and the brown treecreeper (*Climacteris picumnus*).



Bushland Park Walking Trail



Boardwalk



Flora

Whilst the site was highly disturbed in the past, the natural bushland of the park has been regenerating since 1978. Continued regeneration will allow for the development of large, hollow bearing trees, providing habitat for the mammals and birds in the park, and a greater diversity in understorey vegetation.

A number of eucalyptus make up the overstorey across the park; grey box (*Eucalyptus macrocarpa*), red box (*Eucalyptus polyanthemus*), red stringybark (*Eucalyptus macrorhyncha*) and river red gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*). The understorey consists of native shrubs such as drooping cassinia (*Cassinia arcuata*), hedge wattle (*Acacia paradoxa*) and sweet bursaria (*Bursaria spinosa*). Native lilies and grasses are re-establishing within the park and are a highlight of this reserve during spring.

Highlights and Facilities

- Historic Relics
- Information shelter
- Tracks and trails including boardwalks
- Wildflower walks
- Picnic Tables

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?

There is a carpark that can be accessed off the Goulburn Valley Highway, Seymour.

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.

