

NATIVE GRASSLANDS AND SEASONAL WILDFLOWERS

The Dunkeld Arboretum contains areas of the Natural Temperate Grasslands of the Victorian Volcanic Plains. These nationally significant ecological communities are critically endangered and protected by State and Federal laws. These areas contain many species of wildflowers, and provide habitat for native animals including the rare Golden Sun Moth. Most plants flower during spring and early summer, and may be less obvious in other seasons. Management activities of the grasslands allow plants to set seed, and provide a varied habitat for native animals. Management activities of the grasslands, such as burning and mowing, allow plants to set seed, and provide a varied habitat for native animals.

Some grassland species include:



Chocolate lily
Arthropodium strictum



Milkmaids
Burchardia umbellata



Blue grass lily
Caesia calliantha



White daisy
Calotis species



Pink bindweed
Convolvulus species



Sweet hounds tongue
Cynoglossum suaveolens



Blue devil
Eryngium ovinum



Goodenia
Goodenia pinnatifida



Scaly buttons
Leptorhynchus squamatus



Onion orchid
Microtis unifolia



Rice flower
Pimelea humilis



Sun orchid
Thelymitra species



Kangaroo grass
Themeda triandra



Yellow rush lily
Tricoryne elatior



Blue bell
Wahlenbergia species

RESERVOIR AND WETLANDS

The Dunkeld Arboretum site was originally the town's water reserve, with Salt Creek flowing through the area. More recently, modification and damming of the watercourse have created a series of ponds forming wetlands. Rainbow Trout are released into the ponds twice a year, providing easy access for anglers. Fishing permits are required by Victorian law, and temporary permits can be purchased from the Dunkeld Newsagency.



EXPERIENCE SERENITY

The Arboretum Labyrinth was constructed in 2011 using locally sourced Grampians sandstone. It was funded and built in partnership with local community members and the Arboretum Development Group. The labyrinth is a walking path for beauty and peace that mirrors the journey of life and invites us to slow down and appreciate nature and serenity.



MILLING HISTORY

Fitzpatrick's Saw Mill, established in 1943, is of historical significance as it demonstrates major changes in the timber industry. The establishment of a permanent site close to railways and highways, as well as electricity replacing steam power, reflected the changes of the mid-twentieth century. The hardwood collected and sawn at the mill was used extensively in building construction, and the redgum also for paving. Fitzpatrick's Saw Mill was one of the last surviving mills in the state, ceasing operation in 2001. Logs still remain at the site ready for milling.



WANT TO HELP?

If you would like to become a member or sponsor a tree, please contact the Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group Inc. for more information. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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A more comprehensive list of tree species, native grasslands and seasonal wildflowers is available at the Dunkeld and Grampians Visitor Information Centre.



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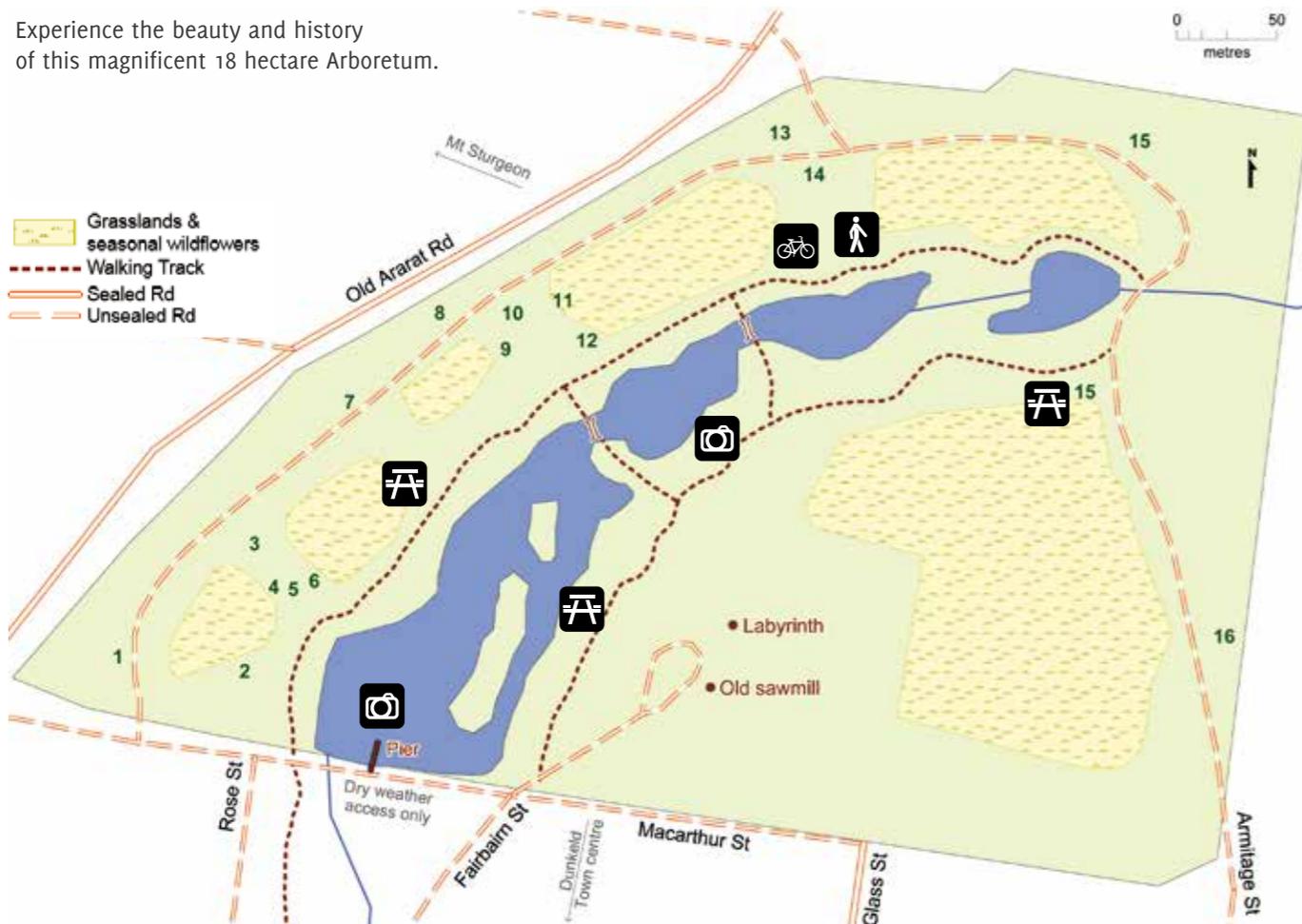
WELCOME

The Dunkeld Arboretum, established in 1992, aims to showcase a living collection of the world's trees. The Arboretum, set in a dramatic and beautiful recreational precinct, provides the visitor with a truly unique experience. Throughout time the area has been used as common land for grazing, a water reserve and a sawmill. The sawmill still exists on the site, but has not operated since 2001. The Arboretum is also home to a labyrinth, set amongst a diverse range of exotic and native trees, and understory species.

The development of the walking tracks and vehicular paths was undertaken by a dedicated group of local volunteers with the support of government agencies and a number of generous benefactors. Earthworks were completed to create islands, ponds, a bridge and a jetty for the enjoyment of locals and visitors alike.

The original vegetation of the Arboretum and surrounding district was grassy woodlands with native species similar to those of the nearby volcanic plains. Several large River Red-Gums and much of the native understory remain on site.

Experience the beauty and history of this magnificent 18 hectare Arboretum.



TREES OF THE WORLD

The Dunkeld Arboretum maintains one of Australia's largest collections of oak trees. The site is also home to numerous rare and endangered tree species, many of which have been sourced by a local resident who has travelled the world collecting, quarantining and growing the seeds. Over 330 tree species have been planted at the Arboretum by community members, school children and volunteers. Some of the significant exotic trees include:

	TREES OF THE WORLD - NAME	TREES OF THE WORLD - ORIGIN
1.	<i>Eucommia ulmoides</i>	China
2.	<i>Vanquelinia californica</i> (Arizona rosewood)	S Arizona & Baja California
3.	<i>Carya myristiciformis</i> hickory	USA, Mexico
4.	<i>Docynia delavayi</i>	SW China
5.	<i>Chionanthus retusus</i> (Chinese fringe tree)	China, Korea
6.	<i>Zelkova sinica</i>	China
7.	<i>Quercus crassifolia</i>	Mexico
8.	<i>Quercus acutifolia</i>	Mexico
9.	<i>Pinus edulis</i> (Colorado pinyon)	USA
10.	<i>Firmiana simplex</i>	China, Japan, Taiwan
11.	<i>Parrotia persica</i> (Persian ironwood)	N Iran to Caucasus
12.	<i>Rhus integrifolia</i> (Lemonade berry)	Coastal & Baja California
13.	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	USA, Mexico
14.	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> (Christmas berry)	California
15.	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i> (Carolina cherry laurel)	SE USA
16.	<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i> (Chian turpentine tree)	Asia Minor, Mediterranean Region

