

EXPLORE

SEPTEMBER
2009

Self-Guided Walks
Explore the city and surrounds



Tidbinbilla



Town and District
Parks



Canberra
Nature Park



Googong
Foreshores



Namadgi National
Park



Murrumbidgee
River Corridor

Red Hill Nature Reserve

Spring is an excellent time to visit Red Hill Nature Reserve. Plants are beginning to come into flower including Acacias, Clustered Everlasting, Native Sarsparilla and Tick Indigo.

Facilities and Services

You can drive or walk to the lookout at the top of Red Hill. It is also part of Canberra Tracks, one of a series of four self drive heritage tours. There are toilets and parking at the top of the hill.

Suggested activities

Park at the large car park off Mugga Way and take the track to the saddle. From here you can walk to the summits of Davidsons Trigg and Red Hill. Both have excellent views.

What will I discover?

The rocks near the Red Hill summit (past the cafe) are called hornfels, a sedimentary rock baked hard by the heat from a body of intruded granite. Hornfels weather away to form the characteristic red soils. Davidsons Trigg is an example of a hill of hard grey-coloured volcanic rock called dacite.

What will I learn?

Red Hill protects a significant stand of Yellow Box—Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland, an endangered ecological community. The vulnerable Perunga Grasshopper has been observed around Davidsons Trigg in spring. It has a pale cross on its dorsal (back) surface, its body colour can be green, brown or grey and its feet are blue. Females are larger than the males.

What do I need to take?

Binoculars to search for birds in the canopy and for the view at the top of the hill.

How to get there?

Red Hill has many entry points from the suburbs of Red Hill, Garran, Deakin and Forrest.

Other walks in the area

Wander along the northeast corner of the park through Yellow Box—Red Gum Grassy Woodland and past stands of the endangered Button Wrinklewort.

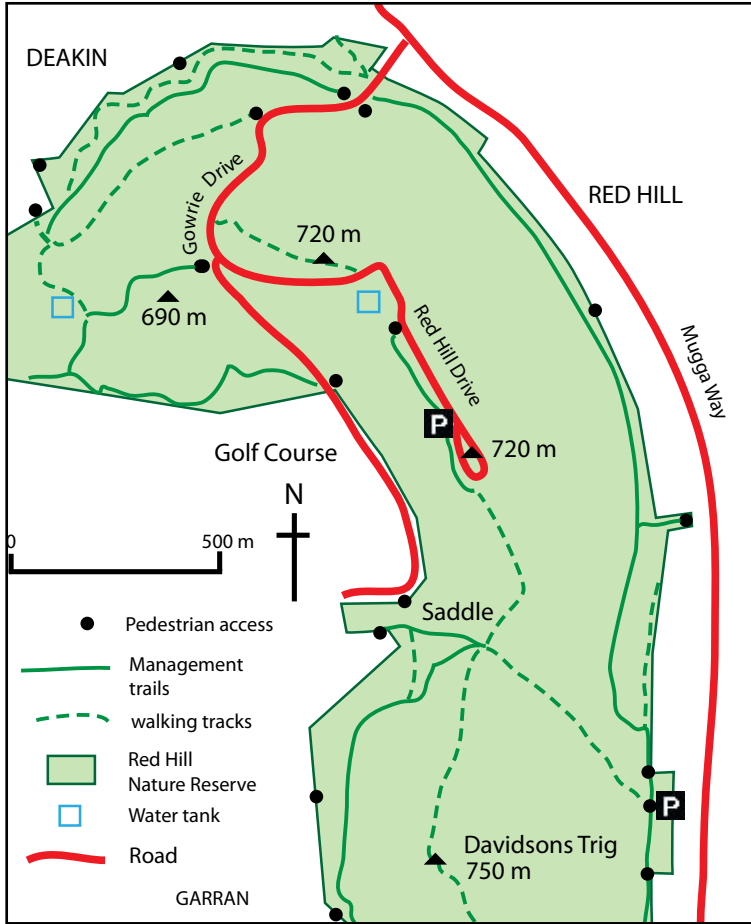
Please remember

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

Stay on existing management tracks and walking tracks.

Mountain bikes need to keep to management tracks. Please do not ride on walking tracks or off track.

Red Hill Nature Reserve



Tick Bush



Native Sarsparilla



Perunga Grasshopper



Clustered Everlasting



Hornfels



Silver Wattle