

# EXPLORE

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## FEATURE WALK Explore The City

**Name of Activity:** Farrer Hill Trail at Farrer Ridge Nature Reserve

**Length:** 2 km

**Approximate Time:** 45 minutes return

**Grade:** Easy with some steps and uneven, rocky sections.

**Facilities:**

A walking track that climbs steadily to the summit of Farrer Hill (755m) then down the eastern side, around the southern slopes and back to the start. Access is via Muresk Street in the suburb of Farrer.

**Services:** The closest public toilets are at the Mawson shops.

**What will I discover?**

This walking track was repaired and interpretive signs developed in partnership with the Farrer Ridge Park Care group and ACT Parks, Conservation and Lands staff with a grant from the National Heritage Trust. Explore the biodiversity of Farrer Hill and some of the different ecosystems including scribbly gum woodland, peppermint gum woodland and yellow box—red gum grassy woodland, an endangered ecological community. Look for spring wildflowers including nodding blue lily and silver wattle. At the top of the hill there is a good view to the east and north. The Farrer Ridge Park Care group have been removing woody weeds such as horehound here. You may also spot wedge-tailed eagles soaring overhead.

**What will I learn?**

You will discover Canberra's diverse and beautiful woodlands and how aspect and fire influence the vegetation on Farrer Hill.

**What do I need to take?**

A drink and a snack, binoculars and bird field guide if you have access to one. Ensure you wear sturdy, comfortable shoes.

**Other walks/activities links**

For further information on

Farrer Ridge Nature Reserve, go to:

[http://www.tams.act.gov.au/play/parks forests and reserves/recreation in acts parks forests and bushlands/canberra\\_nature\\_park/canberra\\_nature\\_parks\\_maps](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/play/parks_forests_and_reserves/recreation_in_act_parks_forests_and_bushlands/canberra_nature_park/canberra_nature_parks_maps)

For Further information on Canberra's native bird life go to:

<http://canberrabirds.org.au/>

**How to get there?**

Farrer Hill Trail can be accessed from Muresk Street in Farrer. The reserve itself has pedestrian access from Sulwood Drive, Athllon Drive, and Erindale Drive/Yamba Drive. Enjoy your walk.