

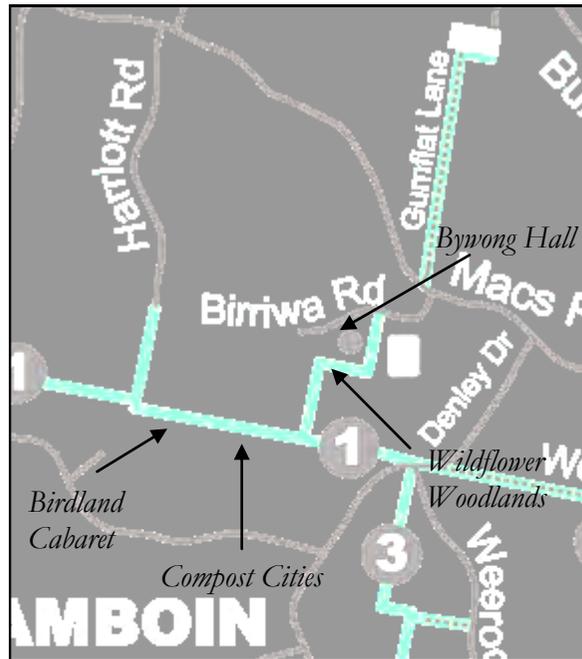
LOOKING AFTER BYWONG-WAMBOIN GREENWAYS

The Greenways Management Committee oversees the good management of the corridors, in cooperation with the community and user groups for the benefit of the conservation of nature and use by the community.

To help us maintain them in good condition as a community resource for the use and enjoyment of all, the following rules apply:

- No motorised vehicles,**
- All noise to be kept to a minimum,
- All users must respect private property and the adjacent residents' privacy,
- The carriage of firearms or other weapons and hunting activities are not permitted,
- All rubbish to be removed,
- All gates should be left as found,
- No neighbouring residents are to fence, obstruct, plant on or otherwise interfere with the Greenways,
- Dogs should be under control at all times,
- No camping,
- No lighting of fires,
- Remain on the defined track,
- No collection of natural or archaeological items, and
- All users are encouraged to report issues or problems to the management committee.

**Note: The use of unregistered motorised vehicles (especially trail bikes) may expose the riders of these vehicles to serious liability risk if an accident were to result.



Map showing Track 1



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GREENWAYS NATURE NOTES

*Greenways Renewal Working Group
(GRoW)*

Track I (Bywong Community Hall to Harriott Rd)



1-2 hrs return

Track I Nature Notes

WILDFLOWER WOODLANDS

The east-west back fence of the Bywong Community Hall adjoining the Greenways access track is a great spot for spring flowers.



Tiger orchid

Look out for tiger orchids, yellow *Hibbertias*, *Daviesias*, daisies and flowering grasses. As the track turns south you should also hear a variety of woodland birds, and don't forget to look out for the busy insect life in

the leaf litter.

A SUNNY SPOT

As the canopy opens out there are some subtle changes in the understory plants. Look for *Dodonaeas* (Native hop), lilies and bluebells. You may also see sugar ants at work defending insect galls and dragonflies perched motionless on leaves.

BY THE POND

As you wait quietly for the frogs to start calling look down by your feet at the tiny sundews growing in the damp soil by the fence. Watch out for the brilliant flashes of rosellas as they



Sundew

dart through the trees.

DISTURBANCE SPECIALISTS

As you approach the junction with Greenway I and turn to the west you will see some evidence of water erosion from an ephemeral creek to your right. Disturbance specialists like the dominating meat ant *Iridomyrmex purpureus* and paper daisies make their homes here.

CITIES IN THE COMPOST



Daviesia sp

As the track winds up the hill turn your mind to the world beneath your feet. Termite mounds like citadels rise out of the grass and logs are like eco-domes. Lift them gently to find a micro world of strange beasts: borers, centipedes, scorpions, spiders, ants, termites, earthworms and other insect larvae. Don't forget to put their world back where you found it when you've finished!

A HINT OF HEATH

The top of the hill in springtime will bring you the sweet fragrance of honey as the overstorey trees are replaced by shrubs and some heath plants appear. Look out for butterflies and other sweet toothed!

BIRDLAND CABARET

From here the track undulates west and gently down hill through a mixed woodland, with dams and watercourses either side of the track. Listen for the throb of cicadas and crickets, look out for the shy



Violet

swamp wallabies, but most of all sit quietly and take in the bird life; bronzewings, tree creepers, thornbills, honeyeaters, friarbirds, wagtails, cuckoos and pardalotes to name a few. Don't forget to look out for tiny ground level delights either: buttercups, orchids, billy buttons and violets.

HUMAN HABITAT

The junction with the Harrott Rd access track is clear as you abruptly emerge at the bottom of the hill and are confronted with a cleared landscape.



Hibbertia sp

Either retrace your steps to Bywong Hall, take the next stretch of Greenway I west, or make the climb north up the substantial hill to the end of Harriott Rd. The view from the top is worth the climb!