

# Walking, cycling and places of interest



## Living with Nature on your Doorstep

Included in this info pack is a map which shows walking trails, community spaces and the community hall. Explore and enjoy the rich wildlife, special places and great views which are within easy access from your home.

### Walking

Walking trails lead to the summit of Mt Majura, where you can enjoy magnificent views of Canberra. Fire trails and specially constructed walking trails, such as the newly created Clancy's Track, provide easy access to the reserve. Visit [www.tams.gov.au](http://www.tams.gov.au) for trail maps of the reserve.

#### Clancy's Track

The new Clancy's Track has been constructed especially for the use of residents of The Fair. It has been named after a popular restaurant and bar which used to exist alongside the Canberry Fair. The amusement park operated for about 10-years in the 1980s and inspired the colour scheme and name of The Fair development on the same site. Clancy's track is a short-loop starting at The Fair and winding pleasantly through woodland and open forest. It can be linked easily with existing fire trails if you desire a longer walk.

#### Casuarina Trail

This 3.8 km long track explores various types of woodland and open forest, offering impressive views from the Mt Majura ridge. The loop is suitable for families and takes about 2 hours.

In the lower altitudes you will see Yellow Box,

Blakely's Red Gum and Apple Box trees, some with Mistletoe, hanging from their branches. Smooth barked Scribbly Gum and Red Brittle Gum occur in the dry forests on the slopes of the mountain, along



Eucalyptus melliodora  
The magnificent Yellow Box - to gauge size note the person sitting at the foot of the tree. Courtesy Waltraud Pix.



Ladies and babies enjoying a walk and the views. Courtesy Waltraud Pix.

with Drooping She-oak - the Casuarina which gives the trail its name. For a longer walk and some panoramic views, take the steep summit trail that starts at the ridge.

Watch out for a grove of white-barked Snow Gums in the valley and an alley of Kurrajong trees that provide shade in summer at the last ascent to the summit.



Mt Majura Pines has first class off-road cycle tracks. Courtesy Jase Rodley [www.ridemorebikes.com](http://www.ridemorebikes.com)

### Cycling

Cycling is permitted along the Fire Trails in Mt Majura Nature reserve. For a greater challenge, there is an excellent off road cycling facility located at nearby Majura Pines. The facility provides a maze of cross-country trails, obstacles and runs to suit all levels of rider. **Please Note:** At the time of writing the site was closed until further notice due to logging and development.

## Horse riding

An established horse trail follows a route around Mt Majura.

There are step-over log gates which allow access by horses and walkers, but are designed to prevent entry to bicycles.

## Places of interest

While work is still being done to discover more about Aboriginal sites and interaction with Mt Majura, the reserve offers a number of significant sites and objects relating to early European settlement and land use.

A post-and-rail fence on the reserve pre-dating 1886 is one of the few boundary fences of this type in the ACT. The fence has been degrading in recent years and the Friends of Mt Majura are lobbying to have it recognised, documented and protected. Other objects, such as an old surveyor's mark and examples of ring-barked trees have been located by ParkCare volunteers and are also awaiting formal recognition and documentation.



Remnants of an 1886 post-and-rail boundary fence and rock wall. Courtesy Waltraud Pix.

## Dams

A number of dams provide excellent spots to observe and enjoy wildlife. The dams were constructed for stock-watering during the grazing past of Mt Majura. Frogs and Eastern Long-necked Turtles rely on the dams for habitat and birds, kangaroos and wallabies use them as watering holes.



Please keep dogs on the leash at all times in the nature reserve.  
Courtesy Waltraud Pix.

## Mt Majura terminal area radar

Please note that the Mt Majura airport terminal area radar is a high security area and is not accessible to the public.



Mt Majura Area Radar. Courtesy Air Service Australia.

**When visiting the Mt Majura Nature Reserve, take care of yourself, respect other visitors and help protect the fragile environment and the wildlife that depends on it.**

- Carry your own drinking water and wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Keep to the tracks to avoid trampling of soil and small plants, such as native orchids.
- Keep your dog on-leash at all times.
- Bike riding is permitted on formed roads only - please stay off the walking tracks.
- Take your litter home to prevent pollution.
- Leave rocks and logs in place - they provide homes to many reptiles and insects.
- Fires, camping, trail bikes and unauthorised vehicles are not permitted.
- Report waste dumping or illegal traps to the Parks and Conservation Service by phoning Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

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[www.tams.gov.au](http://www.tams.gov.au)  
To find out more  
about trails and park  
rules and regulations