

## Wirrabara Forest Reserve

Established in 1877, the Wirrabara Forest Reserve is one of the state's first forest reserves, established to ensure a sustainable timber resource for South Australia. Wirrabara derives its name from an aboriginal word for 'a place of big trees'.

Today, the Wirrabara Forest Reserve covers an area of 7,000 hectares of the Southern Flinders Ranges, three hours drive north of Adelaide and approximately 8km west of the township of Wirrabara.

The Wirrabara Forest Reserve is modelled as a community forest. It is managed for sustainable commercial forestry, while providing for the conservation of native flora and fauna and community use for recreation.

## Native Forest Reserves

Wirrabara Forest Reserve contains 4,150 hectares of native vegetation protected for conservation. This includes three gazetted Native Forest Reserves (Wirrabara Range, Spaniards Gully and King Tree), covering approximately 3,250 hectares.

These Native Forest Reserves and conservation zones are of high conservation value, containing a rich variety of trees, shrubs and ground cover species that provide significant habitat for native birds, reptiles and mammals.

Native forest areas are an important resource for scientific research and provide opportunities for activities such as nature study, bird watching and bush walking.

## Pets in the Forest

Dogs are welcome in plantation forest areas, provided they are kept under direct control at all times and kept on a leash when in picnic areas or near other forest users or wildlife such as kangaroos.

To protect native wildlife, dogs and other pets are not permitted in Native Forest Reserves.

Please be aware fox baiting programs are undertaken periodically in Native Forest Reserves as part of regional native wildlife protection programs.

**Shooting, trapping and other forms of hunting are not permitted within forest reserves.**

## Forest Access

ForestrySA maintains many roads and tracks within Wirrabara Forest Reserve for forest operations such as plantation establishment and tending, logging and fire protection.

Forest roads and tracks that are open to the public are subject to normal road rules. Please note that not all roadways will be adequate for your vehicle.

## Horse Riding

Forests provide opportunities for enjoyable riding in a relaxed environment. Permits and fees apply when riding horses in the forest. Daily, weekly and annual permits are available from the Wirrabara Forest Office.

The network of existing fire tracks in plantation pine areas are available for riding. There are currently no marked horse riding trails in the Wirrabara Forest Reserve. Horse riding is not permitted in Native Forest Reserves, which have been set aside for conservation. Please avoid picnic areas and campgrounds.

Consider the forest trail code on multiple use trails as you may encounter cyclists and walkers during your ride. Using clean feed limits the chances of weeds spreading. Please remove all manure and feed upon departure.

## Forest Activities and Events

Many organised competitions and events are held in Wirrabara Forest Reserve. These require the submission of an event application, which are approved on a case-by-case basis.

Such events may include orienteering, mountain biking, scout and school camps and organised motorsports.

Contact the Wirrabara Forest Office for more information. Shooting, trapping and other forms of animal hunting are not permitted within forest reserves.

**It is an offence to cut down or damage any living or standing vegetation, or to remove any timber from a forest reserve without a permit.**

## Total Fire Ban and Forest Closures

For your safety, forest reserves are closed to the public on declared Total Fire Ban days and in areas where forest operations such as harvesting are being undertaken. Visitors must keep clear of logging operations and pay attention to all signs.

**For your safety, forest reserves are closed to the public on days of declared total fire ban.**

This Forest is located in the Flinders Fire Ban District. For CFS fire ban information phone 1300 362 361 or visit the CFS website.

**Being aware of a Total Fire Ban is your responsibility.**

## Campfires and Barbecues

Wood fires are permitted within the forest from 1 May to 31 October each year. Gas fires are permitted from 1 April to 30 November.

Fireplaces should be cleared of all flammable material for a distance of 4 metres. Someone must be present at all times and ensure that the fire is fully extinguished before leaving.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Camping	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
Fires	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x
Gas Barbecues	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

✓ = Allowed during that month  
x = Prohibited during that month (on the spot fines apply)

Visitors may collect wood for campfires from the plantation forest floor only, near their campsites and picnic areas. It is an offence to cut down or damage standing trees or plants. Campfires are restricted to designated fire places located in campgrounds, picnic areas and at huts. Please conserve wood supplies by keeping fires small.

Wirrabara Forest Picnic Ground



Wirrabara Forest Office

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## Campgrounds and Picnic Areas

### PERMITS REQUIRED

Available from the Wirrabara Forest Office.

### Ippinitchie Campground

The Ippinitchie Campground is located along Ippinitchie Creek, 4km to the north-east of the Wirrabara Forest Office with access from Forest Road. This campground offers basic bush camping, a pit toilet and untreated water.



Ippinitchie Campground

### Wirrabara Forest Picnic Ground

This attractive picnic ground is located near the Wirrabara Forest Office. Walking and cycling trails to the Old Wirrabara Nursery, King Tree Native Forest Reserve and the Ippinitchie Campground commence from here. Picnic tables, a toilet and untreated water are available at the picnic ground.

### Old Wirrabara Nursery

Located 2 km driving distance west of the Wirrabara Forest Office. The nursery contains many fine examples of trees originally planted in 1877 to determine their suitability for forestry in South Australia. The area contains picnic tables.

Old Wirrabara Nursery

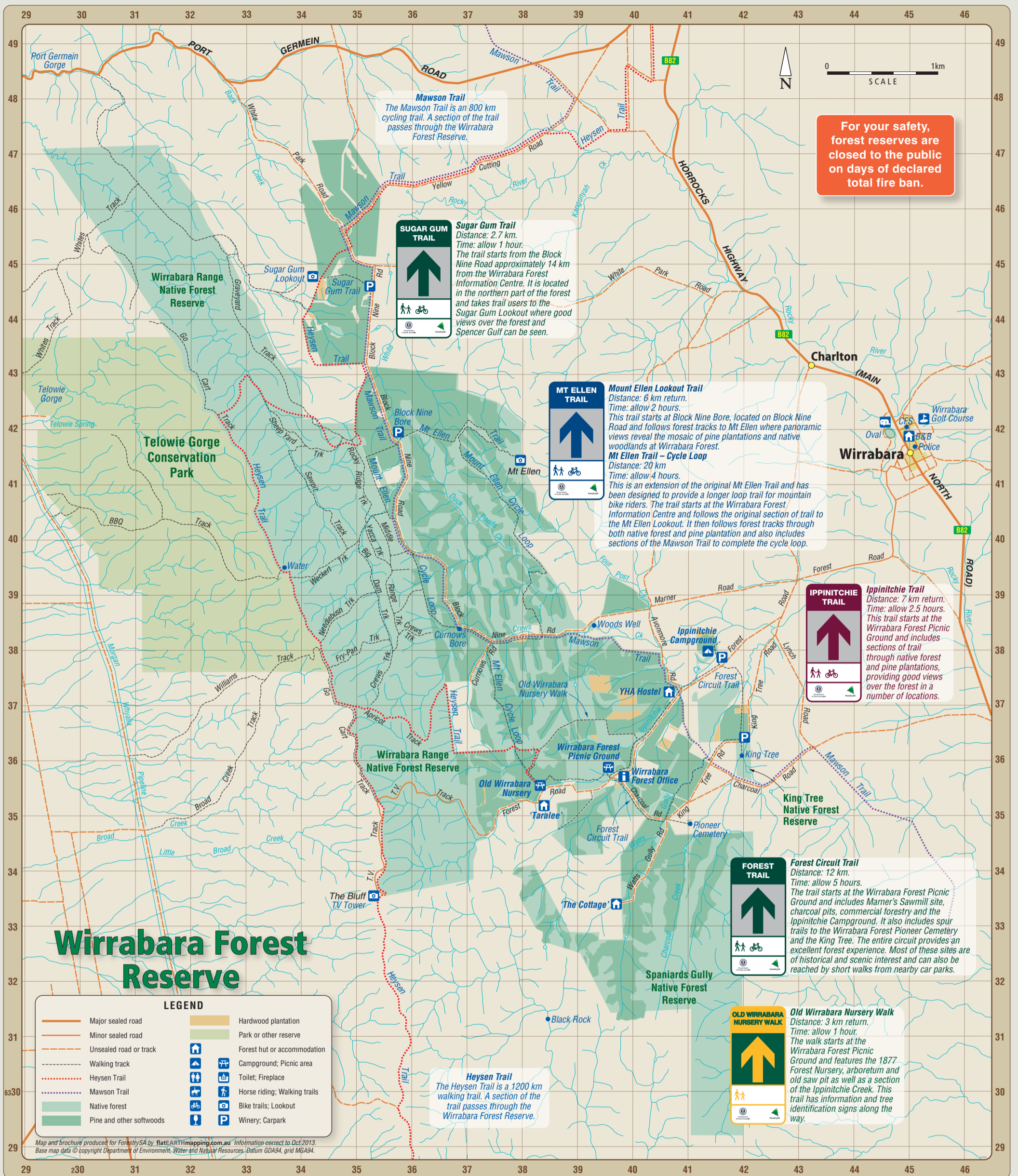


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## Visitor Information







## Multiple Use Trails

Walking, cycling and horse riding are all popular activities in Wirrabara Forest Reserve. The Heysen and Mawson trails both pass through parts of the forest.

Within Wirrabara Forest Reserve, there is one short walk and four multi-use recreation trails. These walks and trails are clearly sign posted with colour coded markers.

For more information regarding the extensive trail network within Wirrabara Forest Reserve, please refer to the map or contact the Wirrabara Forest Office.



Walking along the Ippinitchie Trail

## Forest Trail Code

The forest trail and road network is used by walkers, horse riders and cyclists. To ensure everyone's enjoyment and safety please consider:

- For your safety, avoid areas where access is restricted, including where forestry operations are in progress. Look for signs.
- Always wear a helmet when cycling and horse riding and travel at a safe speed according to your experience, track conditions and terrain.
- Consider other users. Cyclists give way to walkers and both must give way to horse riders. Courtesy is the key.
- Avoid steep muddy or loose trails and surfaces, where the tracks you leave behind can channel rainwater and cause erosion.