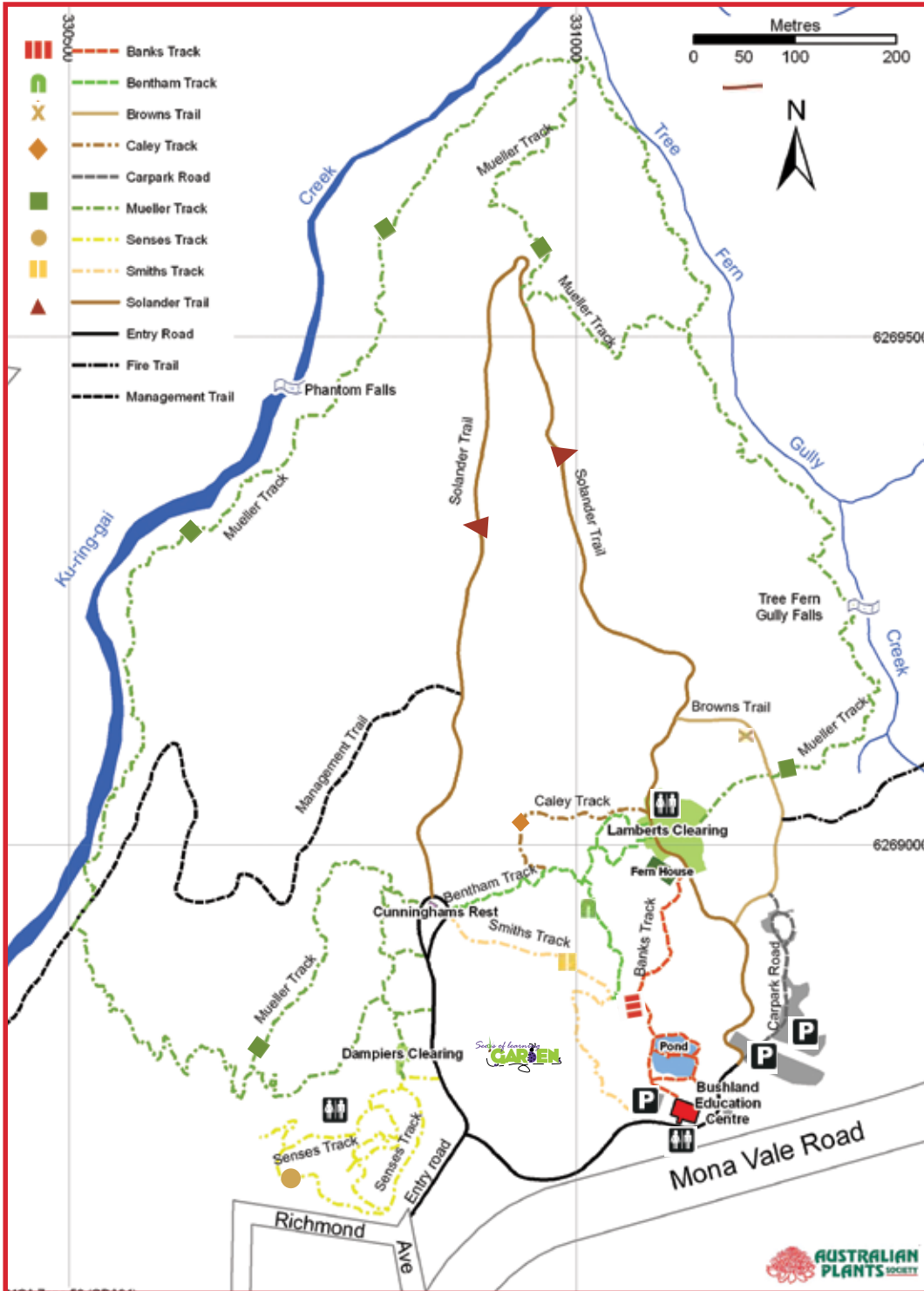


Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden map



Festival of Wildflowers

Stories of the Past - Footprints to the Future

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Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden
 420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives
Sunday 28 August
9am - 4pm





Festival Program



WALKS Meet at the red & yellow walks banner behind Education Centre

10am Master Mueller's Minibeast Walk
Join our bug expert to discover the mysteries of minibeasts found here in the Garden. Take a family friendly walk. You'll be surprised with what we'll find.

10:30am Australian Plants Society Walk – Spring Magic in the Australian Bush
Spring is the peak flowering time in the Australian bush. Join APS members Bob and Wendy as they share their knowledge of native plants.

11:30am Australian Plants Society Walk – Early European Botanists
Enjoy an historical look at the plants of the Wildflower Garden with a native plant enthusiast. This guided walk will give you an insight into our unique plant life.

1.15pm Biodiversity Walk
In 1805 English Botanist and explorer George Caley once said "Every inch of ground I consider to be scared and not to be trampled over without being noticed." Join us to experience some of the biological diversity that have made this area historically and ecologically significant.

2pm Bush Foods and Ecology Walk
Join Indigenous educator John Lennis to learn a little about the many uses of native plants. From leaves as exfoliates to the sweet nectar of the Banksia, John's knowledge and enthusiasm is sure to impress you.

2:30pm Australian Plants Society Walk "Immensely Large" – Early European Botanists
Join naturalist Bill Jones to enjoy an historical look at botanists, Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander during the time of Botany Bay in 1770. Learn about what Banks realised was "immensely large".

Workshops at the Seeds of Learning Garden

The garden is open throughout the day. Follow the signs along the Smith's Track just in front of the large marquee. *(Moderate level of bushwalking).*

2:30pm Why Compost? *(Duration: 30 minutes)*
Join Ranger Dennis for a quick introduction to composting and worm farming.

3pm Wildlife in the Veggie Patch *(Duration: 30 minutes)*
Learn a little about what kinds of wildlife visit your garden, which ones need to be encouraged and how to protect your vegetables from plant eaters.

Special Presentations behind the Education Centre

2:30pm Join Walangari Karntawarra and Diramu Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo performers.

1:15pm Sand Art Watch or join Elder Walangari Karntawarra complete a Sand Art piece.

Talks and Animal Presentations Inside the Education Centre

10am Birds of Sydney Past and Present
Join Dr Holly Parsons as she takes you on a seated bird watchers tour through time. Learn about the changes in urban bird populations and what we can do to conserve the birds still visiting our gardens.

11am Taronga Zoo Mobile – Australian Animals
Join educators from Taronga Zoo as they share their native animal knowledge and give you an opportunity to meet their animal friends.

11:30am Native Garden Ponds
Learn how to create a beautiful pond in your own garden. Mark Abell will share his expertise on pond design, native fish, water plants and some of the more unusual things you can keep in your pond.

12pm Sydney's Frogs – Species of the present, past and future
Author Marion Anstis is a legend among the frog-watching community. Her research and book Tadpoles of South-eastern Australia has set a new benchmark for taxonomic work. Join Marion as she shares her vast knowledge on what's happening in the frog world.

1:15pm Native Plants ~ From the Garden to the Table
Indigenous educator John Lennis will be sharing his knowledge of native plants. He will be discussing their many uses in landscaping and in the kitchen. There will even be an opportunity to put your taste buds into action.

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3pm A Birdstuffer's Library
Join Dr Joan Webb as she discusses her book about the life and times of the English explorer George Caley.

For children

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1:30 Dipnetting at the pond
Try your hand at dip netting for tadpoles and aquatic insects with members from the Frog and Tadpole Society. (Note: This is a water based activity, all children must be supervised by an adult at all times.)

All Day – CSIRO Young Scientists
CSIRO Education presents hands-on science activities for 4 to 12 year olds under the large marquee.

All day – Bush Kids Craft Corner
Free nature craft activities for children 2 to 12 years. Look for the large white Kids Craft Corner banner.

More activities

All day
Wildflower display and sales, native plant sales, community displays, Turrumurra Rotary café at Education Centre, coffee barista and more to explore.

Picnic areas
Pack a healthy picnic and visit one of our two picnic areas – Lambert's Clearing, children's playground and the Fern House (follow Banks Boardwalk past the pond area, or follow along Solander Track (sealed road) and Dampier's Clearing at the top of the Garden past the t-intersection.