



Victorian Heritage Database Report

## Ferntree Gully National Park Sanctuary and Aviary

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**Location:**

1A Mount Dandenong Tourist Road TREMONT, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number: H7922-0153**

**Listing Authority: HI**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO143**

**Statement of Significance:**

The site of the sanctuary and aviary at Ferntree Gully National Park is of local significance. The surviving features document the changing perceptions of the nature and the history of National Parks.

**Description**

Three concrete fence posts are all that remain of the gate of a former fauna sanctuary in the Park. The original fencing is largely intact along eastern boundary. It dates from 1936, when the zoo and aviary was established. Site of former aviary (at the junction of Musk Avenue and the Native Walk) marked by local stone and cement mortar foundation. (Supple 1991)

Popular visiting place for local people and city people. A Fern Gully and typical Dandenong Ranges vegetation but with no mountain ash. Protects local ecology to a degree. (RNE, 005696)

Dry sclerophyll open forest on elevated range. Featuring a gully supporting some wet sclerophyll vegetation, eg tree ferns, (but no mountain ash). Highly visited and very accessible for people wanting relaxation in bush surroundings. (RNE, 005696)

Much used area for recreation but impacts generally localised. Whole area subject to pressure from surrounding developments and from services and feral animals/plants. (RNE, 005696)

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| Heritage Study / Consultant | Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000 |
| Construction Date Range     |  |
| Architect / Designer        |  |
| Municipality                | YARRA RANGES SHIRE   |
| Other names                 |  |
| Hermes number               | 115308   |
| Property number             |  |

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