



Victorian Heritage Database Report

Ferntree Gully National Park Sanctuary and Aviary

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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