

Name of Activity: Mount Taylor Nature Trail

Length: 860 m, height gain of 155 m

Approximate Time: 45 minutes return

Grade: Moderate with some steep steps and uneven, rocky sections.

The Walk:

Access is from Parkhill Street in the suburb of Pearce.

Services: The closest public toilets are at Mawson shops.

What will I discover?

This recently realigned track replaced the very steep Richmond fellowship track. The old track route has been rehabilitated so please keep to the new track. A series of 6 interpretive signs provide fascinating information about the local geology as well as plant and animal life on the mountain. The track passes through a stand of drooping she-oak and also some red box trees. Did you know that the vulnerable pink-tailed worm lizard lives on Mt Taylor and makes its home under rocks? It takes over ant tunnels—that's an indication of how small they are. The sun-warmed rocks heat up the tunnels - a form of solar heating. Animals that may be seen include eastern grey kangaroos and perhaps even a wedge-tailed eagle. You may see young birds learning to fly.

What will I learn?

You will discover Canberra's diverse and beautiful woodlands, you will see magnificent views and you will find out lots about the native flora and fauna.

What do I need to take?

A drink for the summit. Ensure you wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Dogs are allowed on a lead.

Other walks/activities links

For further information on Mt Taylor go to: http://www.tams.act.gov.au/parks-recreation/recreational_activities

For Further information on Canberra's native bird life go to: <http://canberrabirds.org.au/>

How to get there?

The start of the walk is from the National Bicentennial trail that skirts the eastern side of Mt Taylor. Access is off Parkhill Street in Pearce. Enjoy your walk.