

INCC Spring Social Paddle – Saturday 5th November at 10.30am

The INCC Committee invites one and all to join us in a social ‘spring time’ picnic paddle. This time we are going on an adventure. Paddling up the river to have a picnic at the Wilson Reserve. **BYO Picnic. Prizes to be given.**



Timetable for the day

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| 10:30 | - Arrive INCC |
| | - Give your ‘picnic bag’ to the Ground Crew |
| 11:00 | - Boats on water ready to depart |
| 11:45 | - Arrive Wilsons Reserve |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | - Picnic Lunch Wilson’s Reserve |
| 1:00 | - Depart from Wilson’s Reserve |
| 1:45 | - Arrive back INCC |
| 2:00 | - Pick time (if being picked up) |

An easy 45
minute
paddle

What to bring!

- **Your PICNIC LUNCH**
(We will transport it for you)
- **A drink** (we will have water)
- **Dry outfit or top**
(It is quite shady there you might feel a bit cold)

Picnic Prizes!



Non-paddlers, parents and partners are welcome to join us for the Picnic

See Maps next page

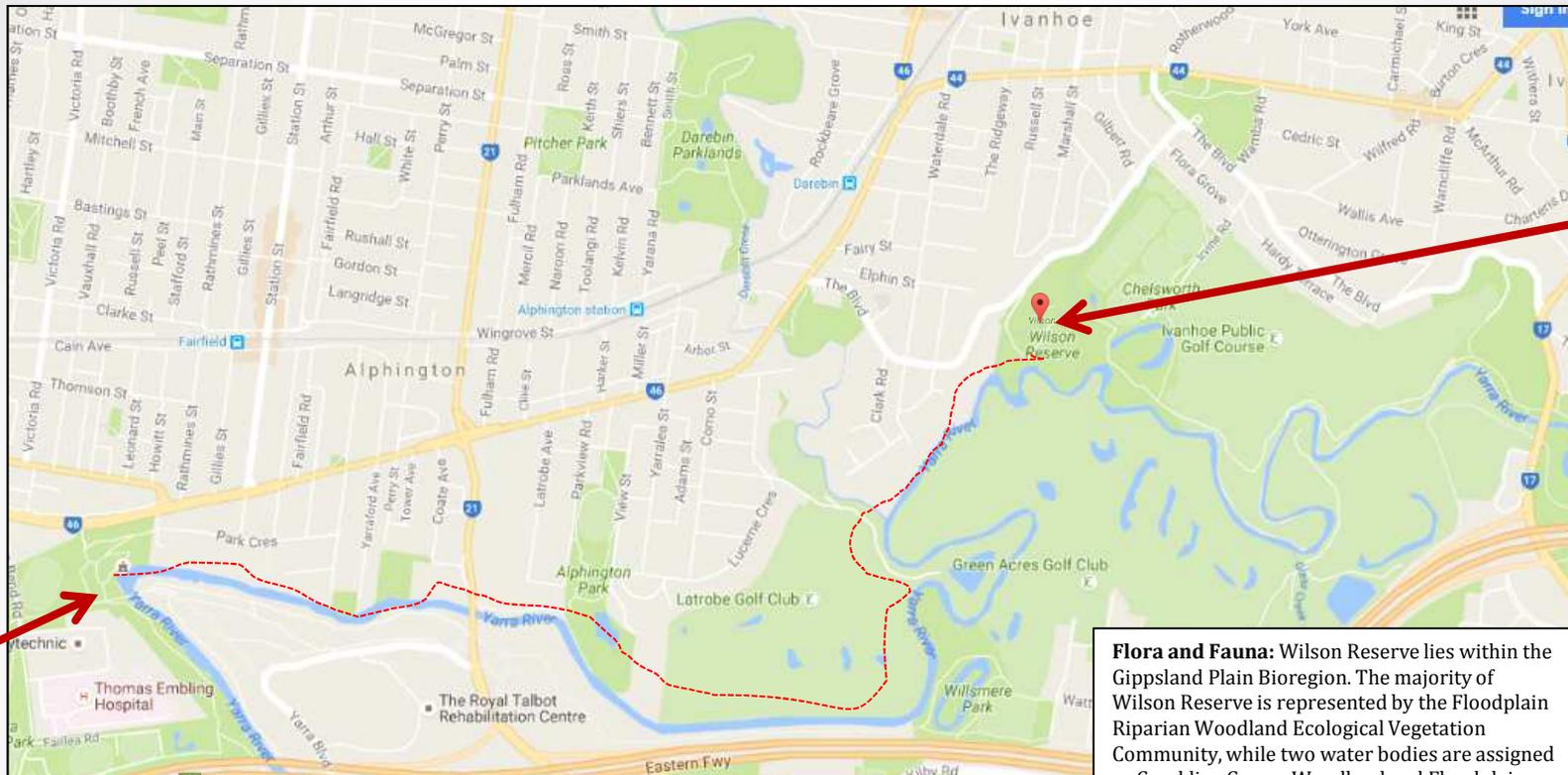
- ❖ Prize for best ‘Racing Carnival Outfit’ outfit (chocolates!)
- ❖ Prize for ‘Best Fascinator’ (more chocolates!)
- ❖ Race prize (horse & jockey – piggy back)



Safety

- Helpers stationed at rapids
- Backstop paddler
- Pack a dry top for picnic

MAP – Spring Paddle from INCC to Wilsons Reserve Ivanhoe and back



Meet INCC
10.30am

Picnic 12.00
- 1.00 at
**Wilson
Reserve**

If you are
coming by
car to join
the picnic
then access
is via 'The
Boulevard'
or Irvine
Road in
Ivanhoe.

Melway Ref
Map 31 F10

Drive down
the road to
the
car park.

Then walk
cross the
little bridge
and
towards the
river. You
will find us
in a little
clearing.

Wilson Reserve, 21.5 hectares in size, is located in Ivanhoe East along the Yarra Valley floodplain, 10 kilometres from Melbourne's CBD. The reserve's boundaries are defined by the Yarra River, The Boulevard, Chelsworth Park and the Ivanhoe Public Golf Course. Wilson Reserve represents a diverse natural environment including wetlands, native woodlands and riparian vegetation which acts as an important biological corridor on the Yarra River. Wilson Reserve connects with the upper and lower reaches of the Yarra River. In Banyule, the Yarra River connects with the Plenty River to the north and Darebin Creek to the south of Wilson Reserve. This reserve is managed by the Banyule Bushland Management Department with assistance from local volunteers. If you are interested in helping out with the management of this reserve, you can join the [Friends of Wilson Reserve](#). **Dogs** and cats are restricted from all parts of this reserve

History: The Yarra River was important to dreamtime myths and stories, with the surrounding billabongs, wetlands and river flats an important food source. The area which is now Wilson Reserve was almost entirely cleared for dairy farming and cropping in the mid nineteenth century. In 1924, Mr Christopher Bailey, Mr Eisman and Mr HD Wilson started to buy land in the area. They devised a method where local residents could buy river frontage land in parcels. The swimming club, scouts and local residents decided to buy 7 acres by subscription. River frontage land was offered at 2 shillings 6 pence a foot and 300 pounds was raised to buy the land from Mr Irvine in 1922. Once the land was bought it was presented to Heidelberg Shire Council to be held in trust for the youth of Ivanhoe. The reserve became known as Wilson Reserve after "Skipper" Wilson, leader of the Sea Scouts in the early 1900s. Swimming and boating were popular pastimes up until the 1960s.

Flora and Fauna: Wilson Reserve lies within the Gippsland Plain Bioregion. The majority of Wilson Reserve is represented by the Floodplain Riparian Woodland Ecological Vegetation Community, while two water bodies are assigned as Creepline Grassy Woodland and Floodplain Wetland Aggregate which are classified as endangered communities. There are nine ecological vegetation classes within Wilson Reserve. The Reserve also has a bio-site of regional significance – bio-site number 5063, which includes Willsmere Lagoon, Bailey Billabong and Hays Paddock. Over 121 species of native birds have been recorded in the reserve. Seven frog species have been recorded at the billabongs at Wilson Reserve including the Brown Tree Frog, Striped Marsh Frog, Common Froglet, Spotted Marsh Frog, Eastern Banjo Frog, Smooth Froglet, and the Perons Tree Frog. Six micro-bat species have been recorded: Gould's Wattle Bat, Chocolate Wattle Bat, Freetailed Bat, Gould's White-striped Freetailed Bat, Large Forest Bat, and the Eastern Broad-nosed Bat.