

## where is **Glow Worm Glen track?**



## The Glow Worm Glen track and its native ecosystems

The Glow Worm Glen track was established over 100 years ago. It links the eastern end of William Street, Bundanoon from the Glow Worm Glen walker's entry point to Morton National Park.

The track passes through a 560 metre long corridor of native vegetation with adjacent swamps and a stream flowing into Dimmocks Creek in Morton National Park.

Descending from William Street the vegetation transitions from remnant critically endangered Robertson Basalt through Wianamatta Shale to Hawkesbury Sandstone communities. Where the forest has been cleared sedge swamp vegetation has established. The stream and swamps provide a buffer zone between domestic gardens and Morton National Park and provide a refuge for many species of native birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

## what has been **achieved?**

Bushcare volunteers commenced work on the track in 1998 when it was a slippery, eroded rough path through a tangle of blackberries, English ivy, cape ivy, privet, hawthorn and cotoneaster.

Over the following years these major weeds have been largely eradicated, and local native species have been re-established. The path has been stabilised with sleeper steps and the bridges over the two creek crossings have been repaired.

Glow Worm Glen Bushcare Group also cares for the Unmade Governors Road Reserve holding working bees there on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (see Unmade Governors Road brochure).



## what are our **plans?**

We aim to help the native vegetation return to its natural state so as to improve both the habitat of the native animals and the amenity of the track for walkers.

To this end we will continue to remove and suppress the invasion of introduced weeds while planting appropriate native species that provide food and/or shelter for birds, along Glow Worm Glen track and in the adjacent Garland Road Reserve.





## flora & fauna

A comprehensive survey of the flora and fauna was undertaken in 2004 and 108 native plant species were identified.

The Glow Worm Glen Track and adjacent swamp is home to various native mammals including wombats ringtail possums, feathertail and sugar gliders, swamp wallabies and eastern grey kangaroos.

Bird species commonly sighted include Bassian thrush, superb lyrebirds, Lewin's honeyeater and red-browed finches. Reptiles sighted include the copperhead snake and the diamond python.



## get involved in bushcare!



**Bushcare is a fantastic way for people to make a practical difference to the environment in which they live.** So if you're aged between 15 and 90 years, fit, and love the outdoors, then Bushcare is for you!

Glow Worm Glen Bushcare Group meets on the **second Sunday** of each month at Glow Worm Glen track, and also works at the Unmade Governors Road reserve on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, between 9.00am and 12.00pm.

Please note that all Bushcare volunteers need to be registered and given a safety induction before commencing any work on site. **Call the Council Bushcare Coordinator on 4868 0772 who can arrange for registration and a safety induction.**

More information on Bushcare can be found online at [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/bushcare](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/bushcare)

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