

Wollongong Camera Club Members' Field Trip

OPEN DAY AT ILLAWARRA GREVILLEA PARK


Saturday 7 May 2022



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What?	<p>Max Davies from our Movie Makers Group recently showed a video he had produced about a birdwatching group's visit to this location. There is a lot to see, especially if you're interested in our feathered friends.</p> <p>Illawarra Grevillea Park is only open to the public on a select number of weekends per year. This is one of those available dates.</p> <p>"Large colourful display gardens with hundreds of grevilleas and other native species and cultivars. Rainforest walk. Acres to explore including a bushwalking track... Birdwatching. Dogs welcome but must be on a leash at all times."</p>
Where?	<p>Grevillea Park Road, Bulli</p> <p>"The Grevillea Park is nestled at the foot of the Illawarra Escarpment near the historic township of Bulli. The park is at the rear of Bulli Showground, Princes Highway Bulli. Only a 10 minute walk from Bulli Station."</p>
Date(s)	<p>Saturday 7 May 2022 10am-4pm</p>
Weather permitting?	<p>If the weather is horrible, the field trip will be cancelled - but Members can still attend of their own accord if the Park remains open on the day.</p>
Meeting place & time	<p>Sign in at 10am, at the front gate</p>
Travel time	<p>Approximately 18 minutes' drive from Wollongong CBD</p>
Cost	<p>\$7 per adult. EFTPOS preferred. Pay on arrival.</p>
Booking or RSVP required?	<p>NO - but please contact Kaz Childs on 0414 377 999 if you are going to be late for sign-in at 10am</p>
Skills to practise / potential subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature, birds
Extra gear/items to bring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long lens for birds • Sunscreen, insect repellent, etc • BYO BBQ stuff if you like!

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For your safety

- If COVID restrictions are in place, then please follow any/all state government guidelines.
- Do not attend if you are feeling unwell.
- Closed-in footwear is a requirement for all field trips (no thongs, sandals, etc)

Notes

There are self-guided walking tour instructions from the Park's website, attached at the end of this document.

This information has been copied from the Park's website:

Parking - There is ample free parking for all visitors.

Pram and Wheelchair Accessibility - The park is laid out with clear roads and tracks. People with prams and wheelchairs are able to navigate around the main display gardens and the rainforest. The picnic area and chapel* are also readily accessible.

BBQ and Picnic - The picnic area is located adjacent to the chapel. There is a lawned area and picnic tables. We also have a wood BBQ in this location. There are several other locations around the park where visitors can picnic.

Toilets - These are located just up the path from the chapel.

Food and Drink - The Park does not have a cafe. However basic tea, coffee, cordial and cake can be purchased in the Sherbrook Chapel.*

*Hopefully the chapel will reopen and so there will be plenty of books to browse and purchase at low prices.

Info/links

[About the park Website](#)

Source(s)

[Map](#)

Group Leader / Contact

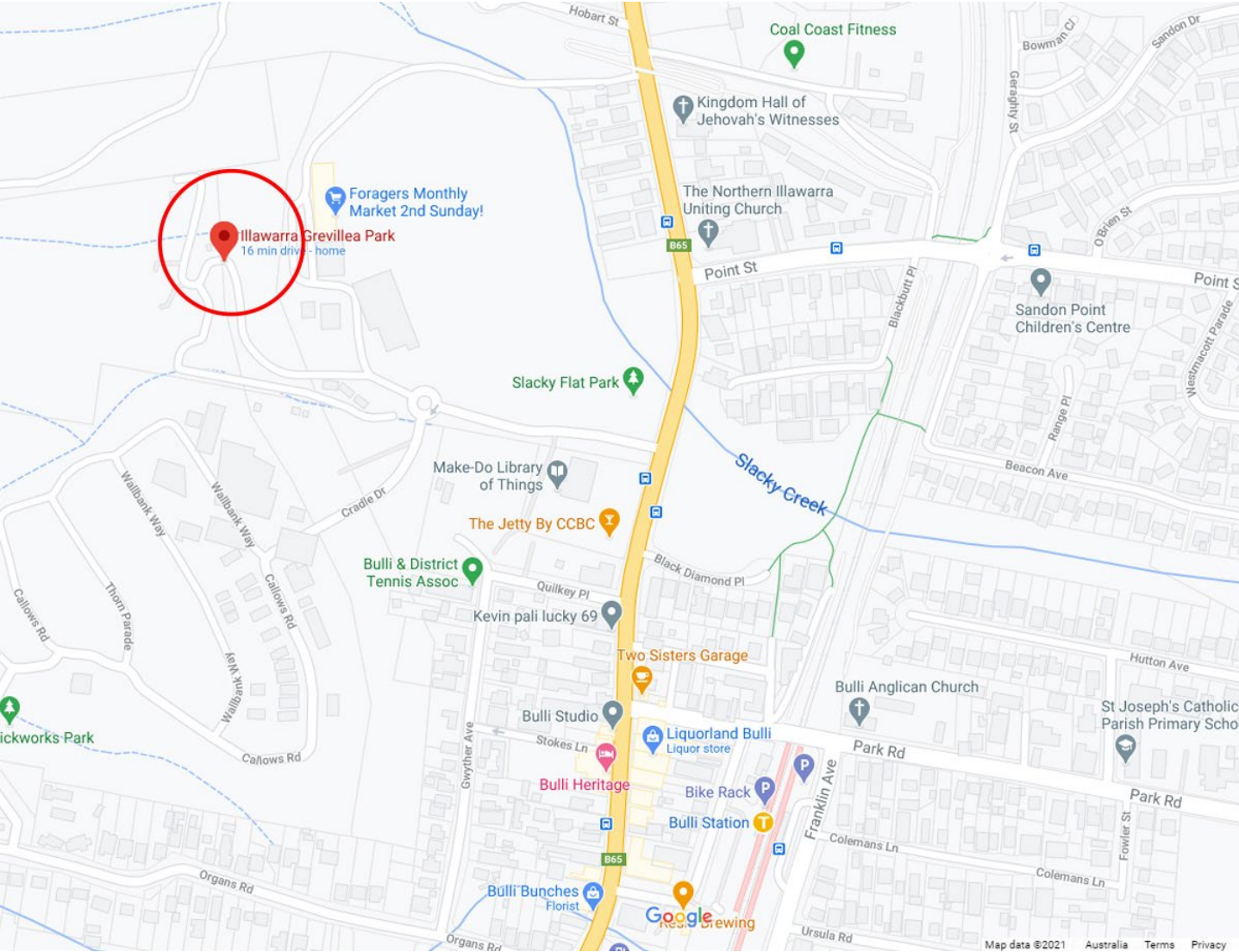
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Additional notes

Wollongong Camera Club complies with NSW Government health orders. Any information relating to these orders and/or restrictions in this document is correct at the time of writing and Club Members will be advised of any significant changes via email. For further information and regular updates, please visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/>

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Illawarra Grevillea Park – Self Guided Walk

Follow the Letters and Arrows

- A** As you stand in the front entrance area you will be greeted by a wall of colourful tropical Grevilleas from the bank opposite the entrance. To the left are the silvery foliage and lilac flowers of *Eremophila nivea*.
- B** Turn left and walk up the roadway, Display garden 1 (to your left) contains Grevilleas such as *G. johnsonii*, *G. endlicheriana* and *G. heliosperma*. Yellow everlasting daisies have self-seeded through this bed as well.
- C** Keep going straight ahead to the Second Pathway to the left and look out for the purple and pink flowers of *Melaleuca suberosa* and *Melaleuca nematophylla*.
- D** Turn left and follow the brick path past *Banksia integrifolia*, the Christmas tree-like Daintree Pine (*Gymnostoma australianum*) and *Grevillea glauca* (Bushman's Clothes Peg).
- E** Admire the majestic Bunya Pine, *Araucaria bidwillii*, a very ancient species with very prickly leaves which bears seed cones up to 10kgs in weight in summer.
- F** Continue along the path back to the main roadway and turn right. Follow the road and to your left you will pass under eucalypts such as *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum, with an orange trunk) and *Eucalyptus paniculata*. (black trunk) This bed also features NSW Christmas Bush, *Grevillea nudiflora* and *G. ilicifolia*, well as *Eremophilas* and *banksias*. Splashes of yellow are provided by Yellow Buttons (*Chrysosephalum apicatum*) in both green and silver leaved forms. (Display garden 2)
- G** Follow the road around to the left and spot Cootamundra Wattle (*Acacia baileyana*) and Cousin It (*Casuarina glauca*) growing over rocks, as well as two QLD Bottle trees. Turn left and walk up the hill and check out our almost finished new picnic area planted with standards utilising Grevilleas and *Eremophilas* (Display garden 2)
- H** Keep following the main road and take the next pathway off to the left. Look out for the bright yellow ball flowers of *Acacia ruppi*, pink Croweas and mint bushes (*Prosterantha*) The path continues up the hill where you will come to a large Eucalypt (*Eucalyptus pilularis*) covered by Native Wisteria. (*Callerya megasperma*) (Display garden 4 and 3)
- I** Just a few metres to your right is a small native bee hotel. This area also features a lot of new plantings. (Display garden 3)
- J** Continue along this path past a beautiful prostrate form of *Banksia serrata*, and a spectacular group of Sydney Rock Orchids (*Dendrobium speciosum*) You will notice a strong honey scent coming from them.
- K** Keep following this path and as it rejoins the main roadway there is a Giant Spear lily, *Doryanthes palmerii* as well as local species the Gynea Lily, *Doryanthes excelsa*.
- L** Turn right and continue down the hill passing rock orchids on your right and a newly planted bed of various Grevilleas, *Scaevolas* and *Banksias* on the left and then a more established area featuring various Tropical Grevilleas and species Grevilleas (Display garden 5)

M Turn left at the junction near the picnic tables and head straight across to the right-hand path (of two paths) between the two variegated leaved Qld brush boxes, here are Birds Nest ferns, Cordylines and an enormous Elkhorn fern donated to the park last year.

N Further along the path past another Qld Bottle tree, these beds feature northern Australian species such as *Grevillea wickhamii* ssp *aprica* and *aurea*. (Display garden 6)

O Continue down the path around the dam and look out for the Pink Paper Daisies. (Display garden 7) Turn left into the rainforest area where there are several tracks to explore if you wish.

P Turn right twice and walk up the stairs past Red Cedars, ferns and native ginger and this will bring you out onto the lawn in front of the chapel. The toilets are a short walk to your left or look around the historic chapel and its gardens featuring *Grevilleas* such as *Tirari Blaze*, *Spirit of Anzac*, *G. rudis*, *G. sericea* and *G. wilsonii* and the colourful pink and orange pea flowers of *Chorizema cordatum*.

Q Heading back to the main roadway turn right, walk down the hill and follow the road past a display of large flowered tropical hybrids including *Bulli Beauty*, *Moonlight*, *Honey Gem*, *Miami Pink*, *Bush Lemons* and *Stylish* along the left-hand side. (Display garden 9) On the right hand side look out for *G. Elegance*, various *Banksias*, *G. dielsiana* and a standard form of *Grevillea Amber Blaze*.

R You will then come to the Flinders Baudin Memorial Garden, a series of pipes repurposed as pots and featuring *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* 'Blue Veil', *Acacia baileyana* prostrate, *Goodenia ovata* and other small natives. Take the chance to sit down if you wish.

S Finally head back down the hill to the plant sales area and take a walk along the garden edge to spot *Grevilleas striata*, *Kimberly Gold*, *Wubin Wand* and *Claire Dee*, tiny Native Violets, *Scaevola aemula* and *Hakea bucculenta* planted around this area. (Display 9)