



# Forest Notes

## Toolangi State Forest Walking Trails

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### Toolangi State Forest

Situated about 60 km north east of Melbourne, Toolangi State forest provides excellent opportunities for camping, bushwalking, picnicking, bird watching and fishing. The forest has a number of spectacular walking trails, catering for various skill and fitness levels. These include Tanglefoot Loop, Myrtle Gully Circuit, Wirrawilla Walk and Kalatha Giant Tree Walk.

There is a history of indigenous use in the area by nomadic tribes. The forest was home to the Taungurung people, and the Wurundjeri people to the south.

### Location and Access

From Melbourne via the Melba Hwy, Toolangi State forest can be accessed from a number of roads heading east into the forest, or via Sylvia Creek Rd in Toolangi. From the Maroondah Hwy access is from Andersons Lane in Narbethong.

### What facilities are provided?

Toilets and picnic tables are located at Wirrawilla carpark, a starting point for Wirrawilla Walk, Tanglefoot Loop and Myrtle Gully Circuit. Toilets, picnic tables and wood-fuelled barbeques are also located at Tanglefoot Picnic Area.

### Walking Trails

Toolangi State forest is an area of very high rainfall, and tracks may be waterlogged during periods of heavy rain. Thunderstorms are common in summer and light snowfalls can occur in winter. Wear suitable footwear, carry warm, waterproof clothing and walk with a group if possible.

#### Wirrawilla Walk



Return 500m		30 minutes
Flat		Well formed track
Clearly signposted		Suitable for wheelchairs
No experience required		

Starting at the Wirrawilla carpark on Sylvia Creek Rd, Wirrawilla Walk is an easy but spectacular walk winding through Cool Temperate Rainforest in the headwaters of the Sylvia Creek. The majority of the walk is via a boardwalk and is accessible by wheelchair.

Compared with the surrounding eucalypt forest, the rainforest is cool, moist and shady, with only flecks of sunlight reaching the ground through the dense tree canopy. The dominant trees of this Cool Temperate Rainforest are Myrtle Beech (*Nothofagus cunninghamii*), Southern Sassafras (*Atherosperma moschatum*) and Blackwood Wattle (*Acacia melanoxylon*). Tree Ferns

(*Dicksonia antarctica*) grow luxuriantly below the canopy, surrounded by a dense layer of ground ferns.

#### Tanglefoot Loop



Return 10km		4 hours
Short steep hills		Formed track
Signposted		No steps
No experience required		

Tanglefoot Loop can be accessed from Wirrawilla Carpark or the Monda carpark at the southern end of the walk. The track winds through Mountain Ash forests, mainly regrowth from the 1939 forest fires. There are many older giants in the gullies, some 200 or more years old. The walk is moderately difficult where it descends into the rainforest gullies.

#### Myrtle Gully Circuit



Return 9km		3 hours
Short steep hills		Formed track
Signposted		Occasional steps
No experience required		

Myrtle Gully Circuit can be accessed via Tanglefoot Picnic Area in the north or Wirrawilla carpark on Sylvia Creek Rd. The walk can be done as a single loop or in conjunction with Tanglefoot Loop as a 17km, whole day walk.

#### Kalatha Giant Tree Walk



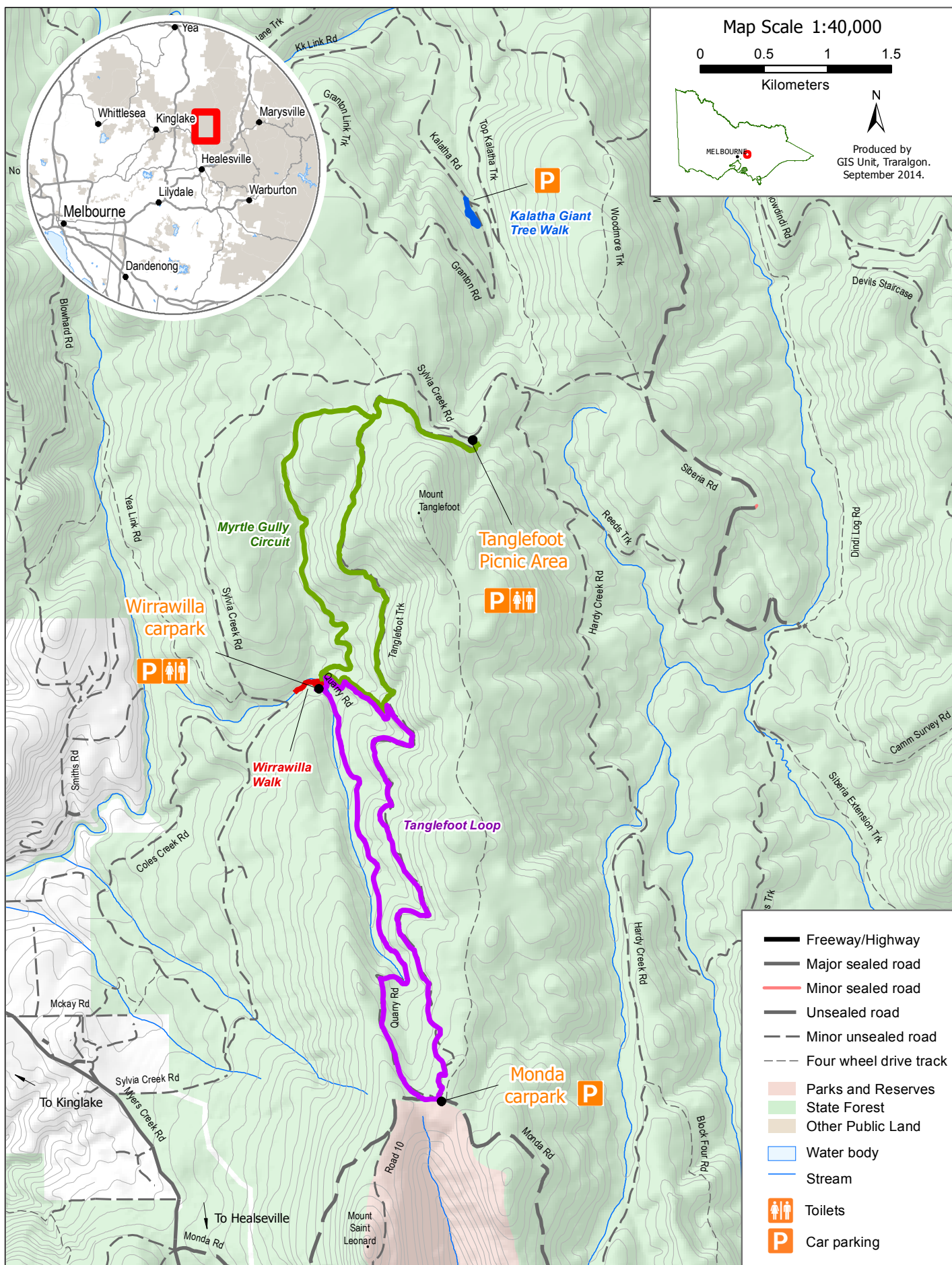
Return 500m		30 minutes
Gentle hills		Well formed track
Clearly signposted		Occasional steps
No experience required		

Kalatha Giant Tree Walk is a short walk to the enormous and spectacular Kalatha Giant, a Mountain Ash thought to be 300 to 400 years old. A carpark is located on Kalatha Rd, near the junction of Granton Rd.

### For more information

The Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP) is responsible for managing Victoria's State Forest. For further information contact DELWP's Customer Service Centre ☎ 136 186 (If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service on 133 677) or visit DELWP's website at <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au>

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