

Most of the tracks in this area are fire trails, Water Board or State Electricity Commission access roads or old logging tracks. LORNA PASS is a well constructed walking track built as relief work during the depression of the 1930's with money raised by Miss Lorna Brand. From Conscript Pass it leads back to Thornleigh oval.

BOY SCOUTS CREEK TRACK connects with the track from Short St. and can be followed to the Lane Cove river.

From the junction of SUTHERLAND RD and SOMERSET ST a track follows Devil's creek to the causeway where Byles creek enters and then continues along Devil's creek to the Lane Cove river.

From BOUNDARY RD, NORTH EPPING a short track connects with the Devil's creek track near a natural sandstone formation popularly called Whale Rock.

AHIMSA Near the Day Rd. entrance to the park is this National Trust property donated by the present resident Miss Marie Byles to be maintained as a natural bushland sanctuary. From the sign-posted gate a walk leads through Ahimsa from Day Rd. to Cobran Rd.

A number of tracks from suburbs east of the river connect with the river track which can be followed to Browns waterhole, North Epping.

Most of this area was completely burned by a wildfire in Dec. 1976. The vegetation is regenerating well. Please assist by keeping to the tracks and so avoid trampling young growth.

A more detailed map covering this area has been published by the Orienteering Association of N.S.W. Copies may be bought at the Scouts Training Camp, Pomona St. Pennant Hills.

The Lane Cove river rises in the Hornsby plateau between Thornleigh and Wahroonga and flows south-east through Hawkesbury sandstone formations with creeks entering from deep valleys on each side.

The tall trees in the valleys are rough barked blackbutts, turpentines and smooth Sydney redgums, with some fine specimens of coachwood along the banks of the creeks.

Commonly found on the slopes are Sydney peppermint and red bloodwood.

On the main ridge of Pennant Hills Park scribbly gums dominate with casuarinas.

The flora is typical of that found on Hawkesbury sandstone in its profusion and diversity.

Birds are also prolific. Honeyeater species and brightly coloured parrots are commonly seen.

Help to protect this area of valuable bushland

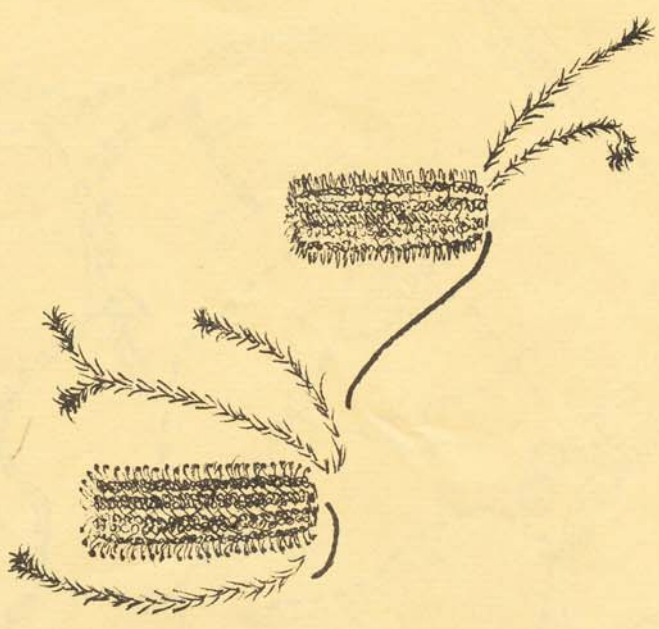
- All wildflowers and birds here are protected.
- Avoid damage to all native vegetation and defacement of rock formations.
- Keep the bush clean. Carry out all rubbish.
- Make picnic fires only in properly constructed fireplaces and only at times when permitted.
- Trail bike riding is not permitted. It causes erosion of tracks and noise annoyance.

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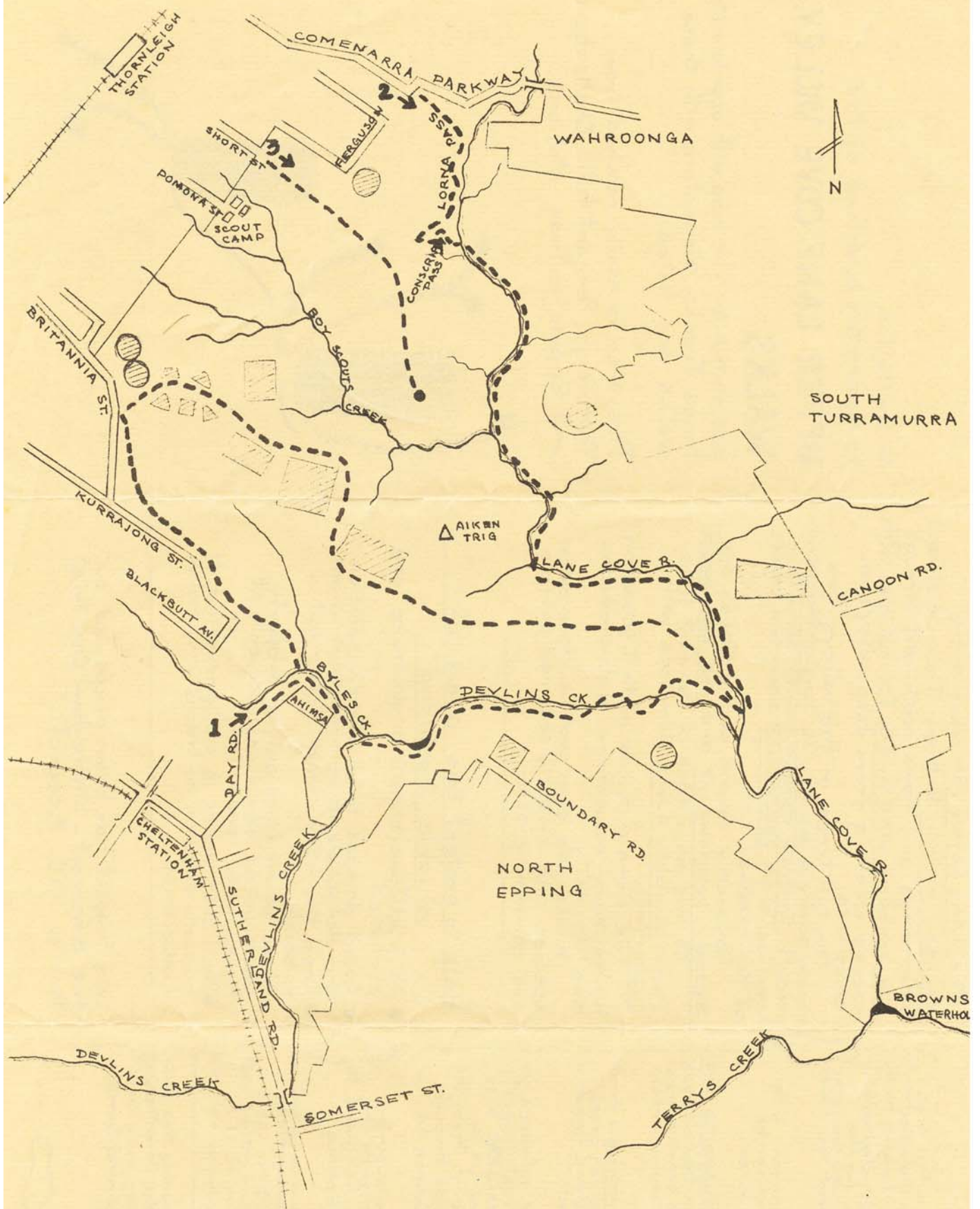
# an invitation to explore the bushland of the UPPER LANE COVE VALLEY. WALKS

are shown on the map with approximate times. Tracks connecting with these walks are listed.

This area is easily reached from Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Cheltenham and Epping railway stations.







**1 PENNANT HILLS PARK WALK** — Enter the park at Day Rd. Near the picnic area take the track along Byles creek, crossing Devlin's creek at the causeway. Follow the track along Devlin's creek to its junction with the Lane Cove river. Walk up the track leading to the park's main ridge. This track leads back to the sports complex at Pennant Hills. Tracks can be followed from here back to the Day Rd. picnic area.  
Approximate time 2½ hrs.

**2 LANE COVE RIVER WALK** — From the Comenarra Parkway walk along Lorna Pass to Conscript Pass. This short pass connects with a track along the Lane Cove river. Follow this track to where Devlin's creek enters the river. Then take the Devlin's creek track back to Day Rd.  
Approximate time 3 hrs.

**3 WALK TO LOOK-OUT** — From Short St. Thornleigh follow the track along the ridge to the look-out with a view of the city framed by forest, seen at its best when lit by the setting sun.  
Approximate time ½ hr. each way.