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# Dog Rocks Reserve

## At a glance

**Country:** Wadawurrung

**Catchment:** Corangamite CMA

**IBRA Region:** Southern Volcanic Plains

**Victorian Bioregion:** Victorian Volcanic Plain

**Size:** 15.75 hectares

### Management priorities include:

- Protection of the geological and landscape features
- Facilitating passive recreation
- Local community education and wellbeing
- Continued use of livestock to manage biomass

## About the property

The Dog Rocks Reserve was donated to Trust for Nature to be reserved and managed for its geological, cultural, historical and landscape values. The signature of the reserve is the Devonian granite boulders that resemble lying dogs, thereby giving rise to the name Dog Rocks.

The property is highly attractive in its landscape amenity and attracts interest from many individuals and groups for its scenic beauty and unique natural features. It is a very popular site for landscape and sunset photography, stargazing and nature appreciation.

The intention of the reserve has always been to protect it from development and to maintain it for the benefit of the local community and visitors. Low-density residential development to the north and west of the reserve was carefully planned so as to avoid any visual obstruction of the reserve and in particular the rocks, so that it could continue to be enjoyed by residents and visitors for years to come.



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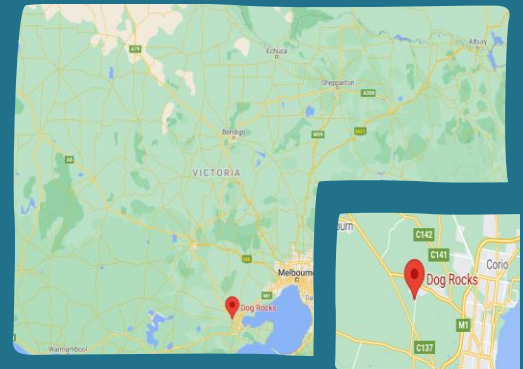
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## Dog Rocks Reserve is habitat forever

**Key habitats:** This reserve does not support any Ecological Vegetation Communities (EVC). Pre-European EVC modelling suggests Grassy Woodland was once present.

**Notable flora species:** Spear Grass (*Austrostipa* spp), Wallaby Grass (*Ryidosperma* spp), Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*) and Chocolate Lily (*Arthropodium strictum*).

**Notable fauna species:** Eastern Grey Kangaroo (*Macropus giganteus*) and Nankeen Kestrel (*Falco cenchroides*).



### Location

Dog Rocks Reserve

Entry via carpark and playground, Tolloora Way, Batesford

Open to locals and visitors who respect the property

Sheep may be present on the reserve



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