

Come into the woods!

FLORENTINE FOREST Information day Sunday 7th November

An information day in the Upper Florentine with guest speakers and guided tours.
A day for anyone interested in learning about and experiencing the Upper Florentine forest
and surrounding areas.

Meet 11am at Timbs Track, 21km west of Maydena on the Gordon River/Lake Pedder Road
(allow 2 hours travelling time from Hobart).

Bring lunch, all-weather gear, sturdy shoes, binoculars, cameras,
friends and family — children welcome.

For more information contact Maggie on 6288 1194.

Walk in the Upper Florentine accompanied by Alan Lesheim

PHOTOGRAPHER Alan Lesheim, who has worked extensively in the Upper Florentine Valley over the past three and a half years, will accompany those well equipped for a moderate to difficult walk into untracked old-growth forest for an eyes-on experience of the true nature of the Upper Florentine wild forest. Always willing to help with questions regarding photography, his 40-year full-time involvement in the profession will hopefully be able provide all those interested with the answers they seek.

THE WALK will involve roughly 20 minutes of tracking through dense heath and tea-tree scrub from the road in order to reach the margins of the forest itself, whereupon previously marked GPS points will be visited covering all manner of unreserved forest, from stands of sassafras to ancient myrtles, manfern groves and wet eucalyptus forest, including a massive *E. deligatensis* with three crowns. The Florentine River will be tracked along before returning

through the scrub to the road; the round trip will take around four hours at a sight-seeing pace. Lunch is to be carried in and a break will be had in the forest itself.

ESSENTIAL to going on this walk will be good waterproof, over-ankle hiking boots (with gaiters suggested) and if the weather forecast is for anything like rain a good waterproof jacket and hood, with waterproof over-pants suggested as well. For security a \$2 plastic whistle from Chickenfeed is advised to be carried so that inadvertent straying from the group does not become a needless drama. The walk will require a good level of fitness as there is also some scrambling over logs etc involved, but it is not anywhere near hard-core bush-bashing so if a few flights of stairs don't bother you it will be well within physical capabilities. It will be beyond pre-teenage children, though. Water is available at the river, but a water bottle should be carried regardless.



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