

Nature Watch Community Training Day

Saturday 5 August 2017



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Thanks for registering for the VNPA NatureWatch and Friends of Bunyip State Park Community Day!

Where: Meet at the Friends of Kurth Kiln building near Kurth Kiln picnic ground – see map on next page and Kurth Kiln Regional Park Note here: <http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/kurth-kiln-r.p>.

When: 10am - 1pm (plus free lunch afterwards) Saturday 5 August 2017. *Please arrive on time - we've got a lot to do!

What to expect:

- Project and safety briefing (~ 0.5 hour)
- On-site installation (~ 2.5 hours)
 - o Breaking into small groups and travelling to one of four monitoring sites to set up cameras with bait stations (led by team leaders).
 - o Learn how to set up the motion sensing cameras and Song Meters. Note you may need to use your vehicle to get to the site and this may involve some driving on an unsealed road.
- *Free lunch provided at the end!*

Contact: NatureWatch Coordinator – **Christine Connelly**, christinec@vnpa.org.au phone (03) 9341 6510 or on the day, 0403 195 663 (or Ian Vaskess on 0422 007 031).

Weather and fire danger conditions: In the event of very wet or windy weather or 'Severe', 'Extreme' or 'Code Red' fire danger conditions, the activity will be postponed.

Medical conditions: Please inform Christine *before* 5 August if you have any medical conditions that may be relevant (information will be confidential).*

What to bring

1. Weather appropriate clothing – wet weather gear, warm clothing, sun hat, beanie
2. **Sturdy covered shoes essential** and must be worn at all times
3. Snacks if you'll need them (morning tea and lunch provided)
4. Water to drink, at least 1 litre
5. Sunscreen and insect repellent
6. Your own personal First Aid kit (if you have specific needs, e.g. Ventolin)
7. Binoculars and camera if you would like



As the weather forecast was not the best, the Nature Watch Community Training Day was re-located to Kurth Kiln.

Under the Big Shed roof the Victorian National Parks Association Co-ordinator, Christine Connelly, welcomed the participants and spoke about the project. Ian Vakes and Jasper Hails showed the two groups how the cameras are set up, made up the feed (oats and golden syrup), then took the two groups to the camera set up locations in Kurth Kiln Regional Park. Each group set up two cameras.

The groups returned to Kurth Kiln where they enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by the Victorian National Parks Association. They then headed off to Bunyip State Park where, in two different locations, two more cameras were set up at each site.

