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FIELD TRIP

ABOUT NAMARAG

- Namarag is a 35-hectare nature space within the Molonglo River Reserve – one of Canberra's newest nature parks established in 2012.
- Namarag is located on Ngunnawal Country, an ancient and diverse landscape managed and cared for by Ngunnawal people for tens of thousands of years. For time immemorial Ngunnawal people have maintained a tangible and intangible cultural, social, environmental, spiritual, and economic connection to the Molonglo lands and waters.
- Namarag means 'wattle' in Ngunnawal language.
- Namarag provides sweeping views over the Molonglo River corridor and broader Molonglo Valley, offering walking tracks, river access, fishing, picnics and nature play.
- Namarag's bushland is currently being restored to help conserve threatened native plants and animals. This has involved extensive and pioneering restoration efforts that have converted former pine plantations, agricultural land, and a 10 hectare sewerage treatment facility into native rocky grassland and box-gum woodland.
- The area is home to the threatened Pink-tailed Worm-lizard (*Aprasia parapulchella*), Superb Parrots and Yellow-Box-Red Gum Grassy Woodland.

ITINERARY / POINTS OF INTEREST

NAMARAG CARPARK

- Brief meet and greet
- Walk down to site

1. BUTTER'S BRIDGE SITE TRAILHEAD

- Welcome / Overview of site
- Biodiversity restoration, site remediation and cultural engagement objectives
- Q&A & Free time to explore Bugang events terrace and platypus lookout
- Move onto stop 2

2. PINK TAILED WORM-LIZARD SCULPTURE

- Discuss rocky grassland restoration initiatives
- Discuss success of PTWL restoration efforts (threats, research, opportunities)
- Brief Q&A / move onto stop 3

3. VERTICAL HABITAT STRUCTURES

- Discuss Box-gum woodland restoration initiatives
- Discuss success of innovative vertical habitat installation methods
- Brief Q&A / move onto stop 4

4. NATURE PLAY SPACE

- Discuss community engagement efforts
- Discuss cultural engagement efforts and creative interactive elements of the nature space
- Discuss artificial hollow restoration efforts
- Q&A & Free time to explore Nature Play Space
- Move onto stop 5

5. PINK-TAILED WORM-LIZARD LOOKOUT

- Discuss site remediation and native grassland restoration efforts
- Q&A & Free time to explore surrounding points of interest
- Return back to carpark (allow 30-40min return walk from this location)



PARKING

- Parking is available offsite, and can accommodate mini vans.
- It's a short walk (10-15mins) to the reserve through a pine plantation.
- A left turn into the parking lot off John Gorton Drive is recommended (this is sign posted from the road).

TOILETS

- No toilets available onsite
- Nearest Toilets are available at Denman Prospect Shops (5 mins from carpark).

USEFUL BACKGROUND LINKS

- Namarag - Parks ACT | <https://www.parks.act.gov.au/find-a-park/molonglo-river-reserve/namarag>
- Nature Conservation (Molonglo River Reserve) Reserve Management Plan 2019 | <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/di/2019-192/>
- Namarag on Vimeo | https://www.vimeo.com/641783236?embedded=true&source=video_title&owner=115187720

WHAT TO BRING

- Good walking shoes
- Appropriate warm clothing
- Personal water / snacks

Please note: no bins available onsite

ROUTE MAP

- Free time / explore zones
- 1-5** Points of interest
- Route

