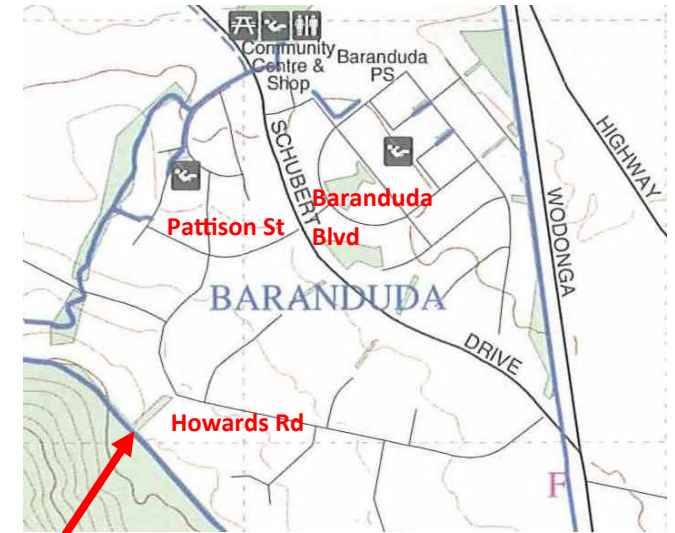
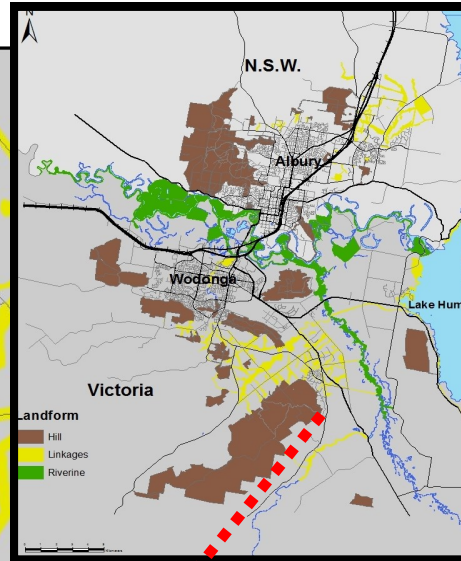
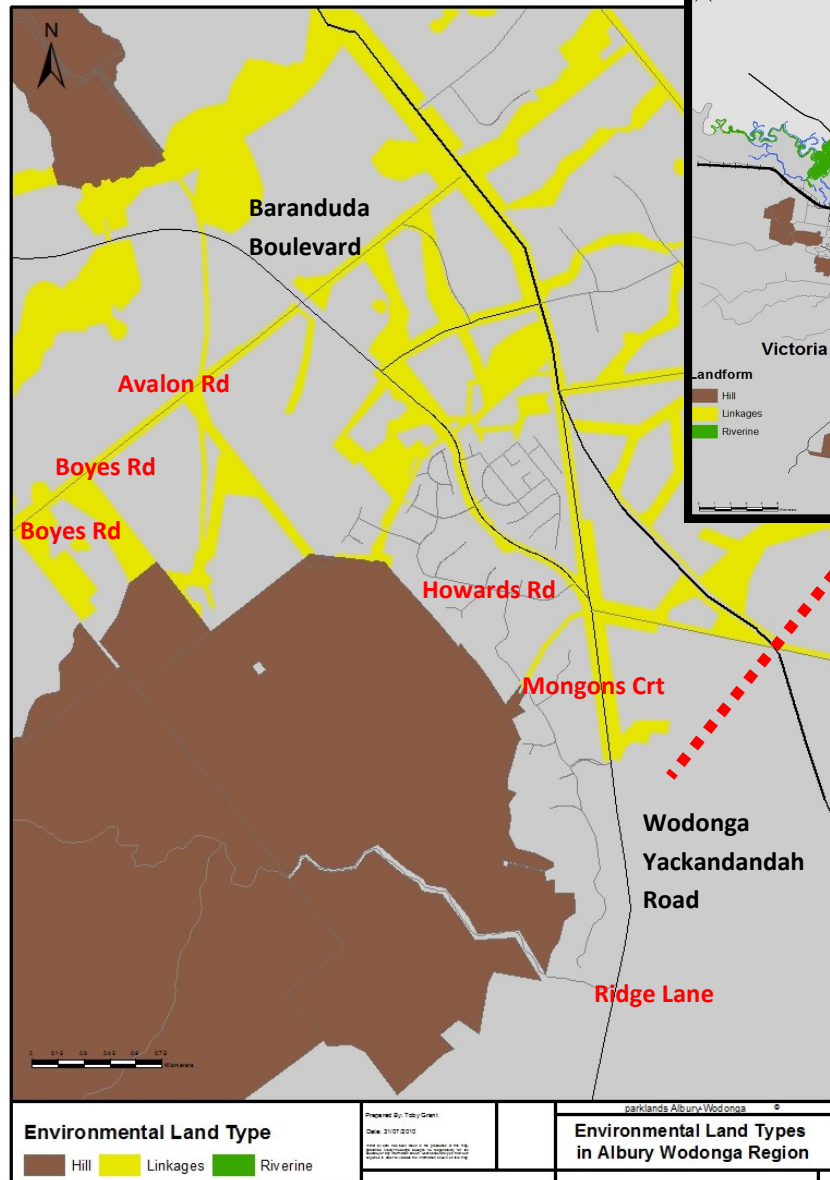




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Getting to Baranduda Range



Start / finish / park: at a range of small informal areas identified in red writing on map. Pedestrian access at all environmental corridors.

Highlights: steep hillside with diversity of landscapes (from dry western slopes to rainforest-like southern slopes) and amazing views for those who venture out.

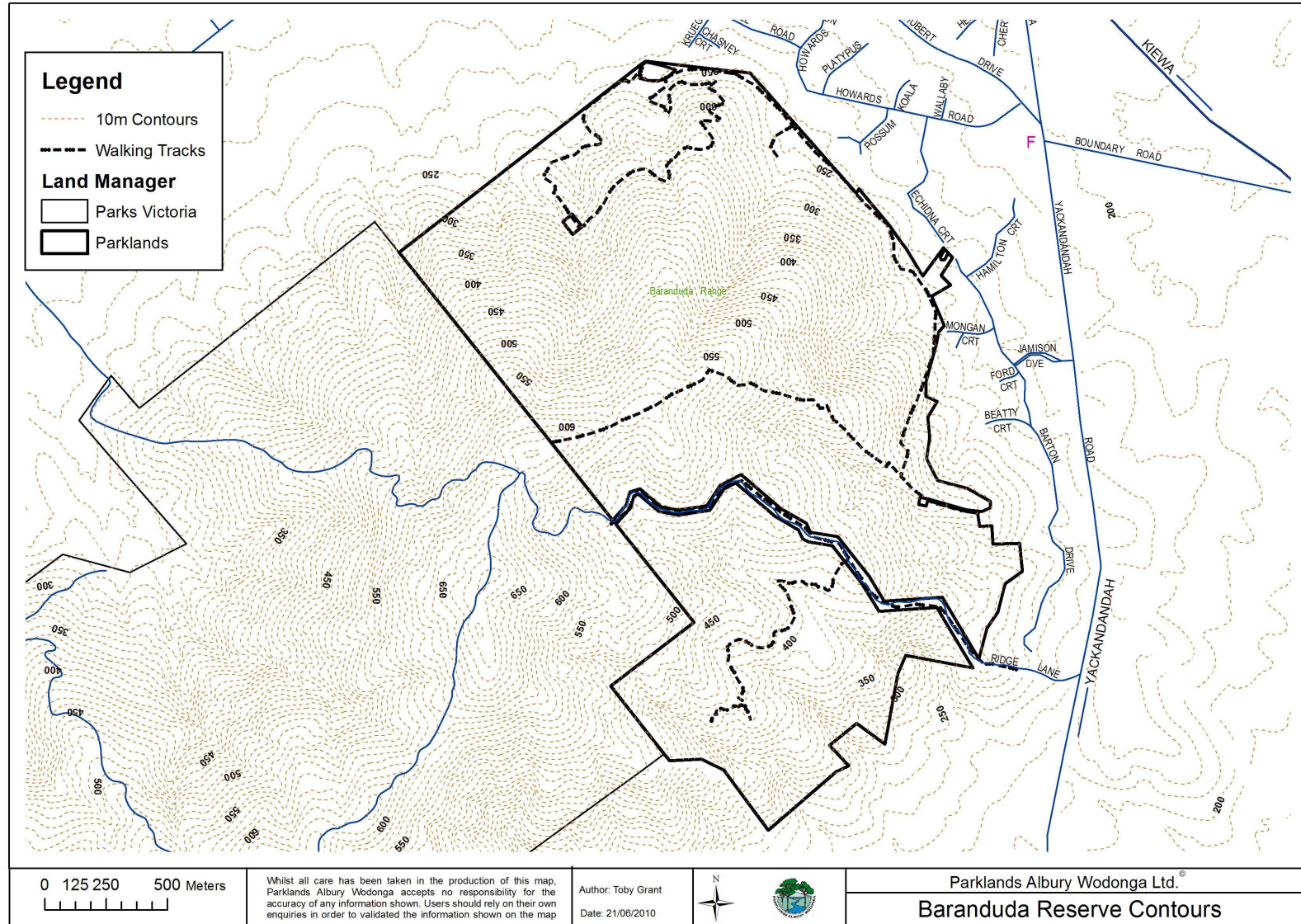
Take Care:

- ♦ Carry drinking water.
- ♦ Fire trails provide steep one-way access up the hill.
- ♦ Keep your dog on a lead in spring when snakes come out of hibernation.
- ♦ It is not recommended to visit during high fire risk days and total fire ban days in summer.



Baranduda Range Nature Trails Map

This bushland is a precious part of efforts to prevent some animals and plants being lost to us forever. The nature trails are named after native animals found in this open woodland landscape that are struggling to survive in a changed environment.





Things to look out for...

Rakali—Baranduda is named for the native water rat which were once common here. Adults are possum sized and have a distinctive gold belly and white-tipped tail.



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Burton's Legless Lizard - The Box Gum Grassy woodlands of the Baranduda Range provide vital habitat for several rare reptiles. Burton's Legless Lizard, also known as Burton's Snake Lizard (*Lialis burtonis*) looks like a snake but retains vestigial legs. It is an ambush predator that feeds largely on skinks. It lies in wait for its victims, concealed among thick, low vegetation.



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Possums— Ringtail and Brushtail possums, Sugar and Squirrel gliders and Tuans live in this reserve. Many native animals rely on tree hollows for shelter and raising young. Where no large hollow bearing trees remain, boxes can provide interim homes for threatened species including the Squirrel glider and Tuan. The nestboxes in this reserve are monitored regularly and occupancy recorded to a citizen science database.



Rocky habitat—reptiles love the rocks of the Baranduda area. Rocks retain heat - vital to get cold blooded animals moving. They also provide shade and shelter and collect moisture for the insects reptiles feed on.



Reptiles—Skinks (pictured) Geckos, Brown and Black snakes are all found in this reserve. Look out for them basking in the morning sun among the rocks and logs. Hollow logs provide shelter for lizards and their prey.



Woodland Blind Snake - Listed as a threatened species, the Woodland Blind Snake (*Ramphotyphlops proximus*) spends most of its life under deep leaf litter or underground. A rare sight indeed, you are only likely to find one after heavy rain or on a warm, damp night as they are mainly nocturnal.





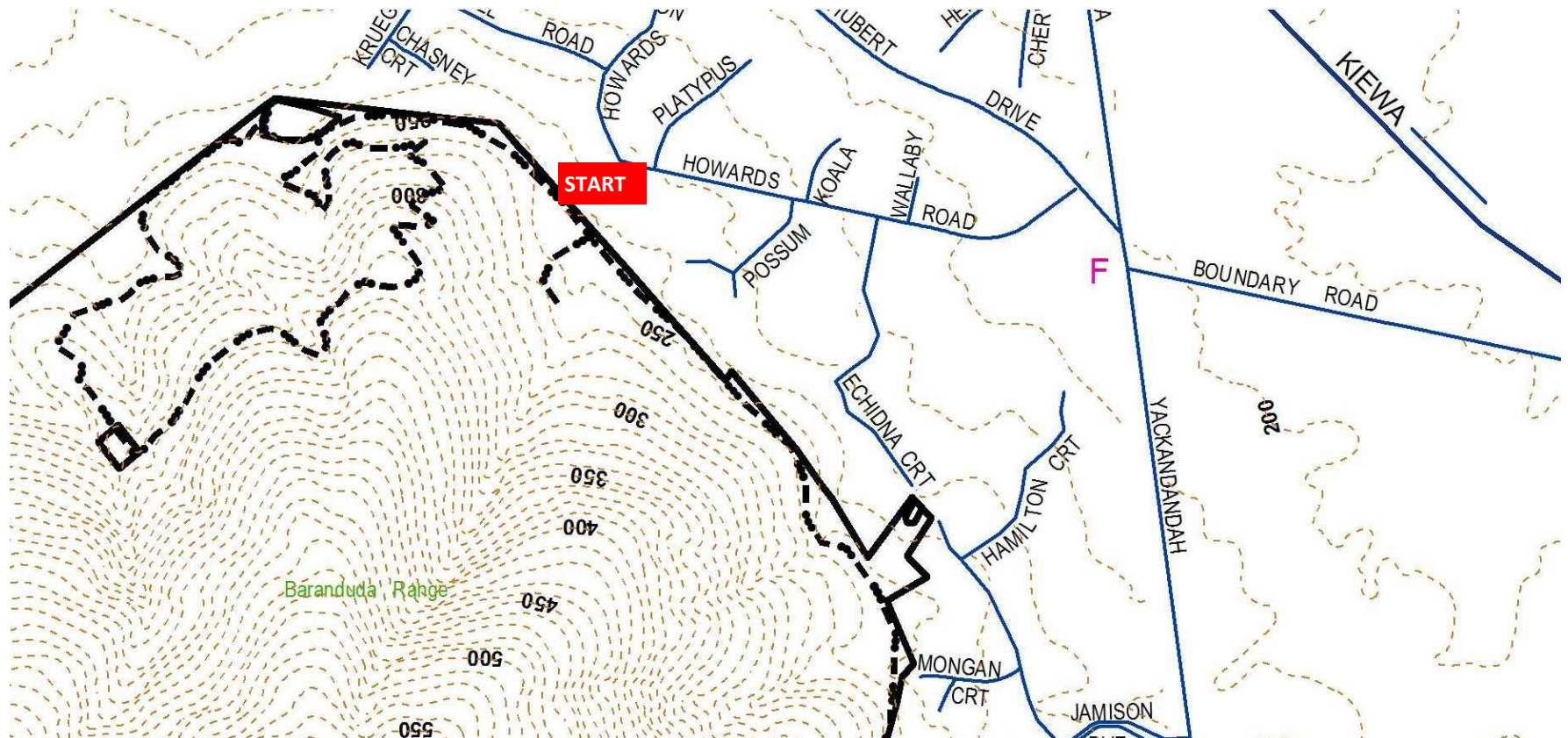
Eagle Nature Trail Circuit

Grade:	Medium
Distance:	2.5 km
Time:	1 hour
Gradient:	undulating
Surface:	fire trail

Start / finish / park: at the small carpark off Howards Road (right off Baranduda Blvd into Pattison St, left into Howards Road then right at Fire Sign).

Meander right (north) along undulating "Rat Track" as Baranduda is Aboriginal for Water Rat. Locals refer to this as the Tank Track as there are three town water supply tanks located around the hill.

It is an easy climb clockwise up and around Eagle Fire Trail rewarded with views across Leneva Valley. Eagle nests can be seen in the steep upper gullies. The return loop traverses past the remnants of a shearing shed and yards.



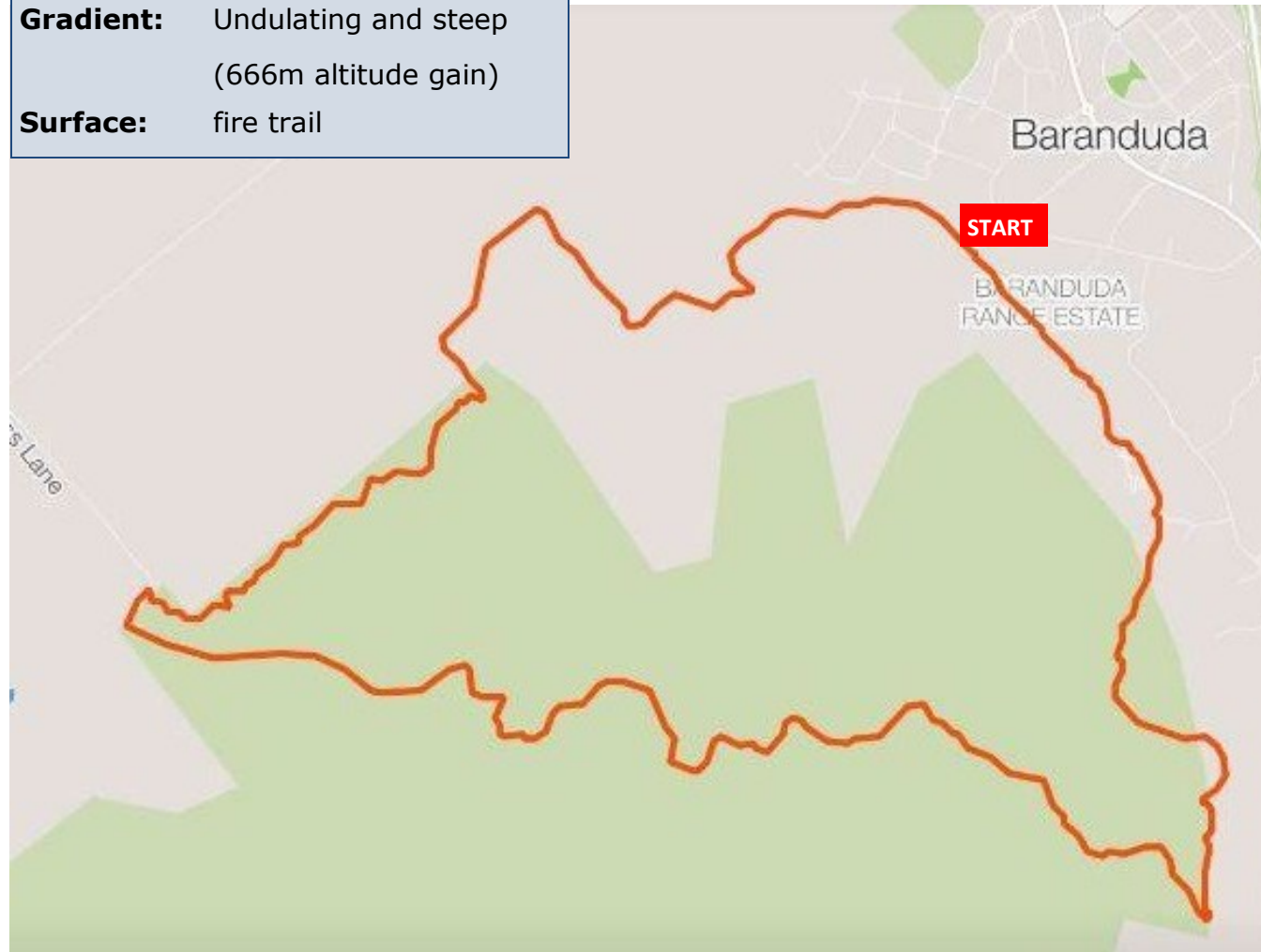


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Rat Nature Trail Circuit

Grade:	Hard
Distance:	12.4 km
Time:	4 hour
Gradient:	Undulating and steep (666m altitude gain)
Surface:	fire trail



Start / finish / park: at the small carpark off Howards Road (right off Baranduda Blvd into Pattison St, left into Howards Road then right at Fire Sign).

Meander left (south) along the undulating "Rat Trail".

"Baranduda" is the Aboriginal word for Water Rat. Locals refer to this as the Tank Track as there are three town water supply tanks located around the hill.

Take care as you leave Rat Trail onto the vehicle access Ridge Lane. It is an increasingly steep climb up Ridge Lane to Trig Point. Continue west down Trig Track to Burgess Lane.

Rat fire trail circumnavigates the boundary of Baranduda Range, with some very steep sections. The fire trail opens out onto Wombat Trail in Baranduda Conservation Park before climbing back into the Regional Park and around the boundary.