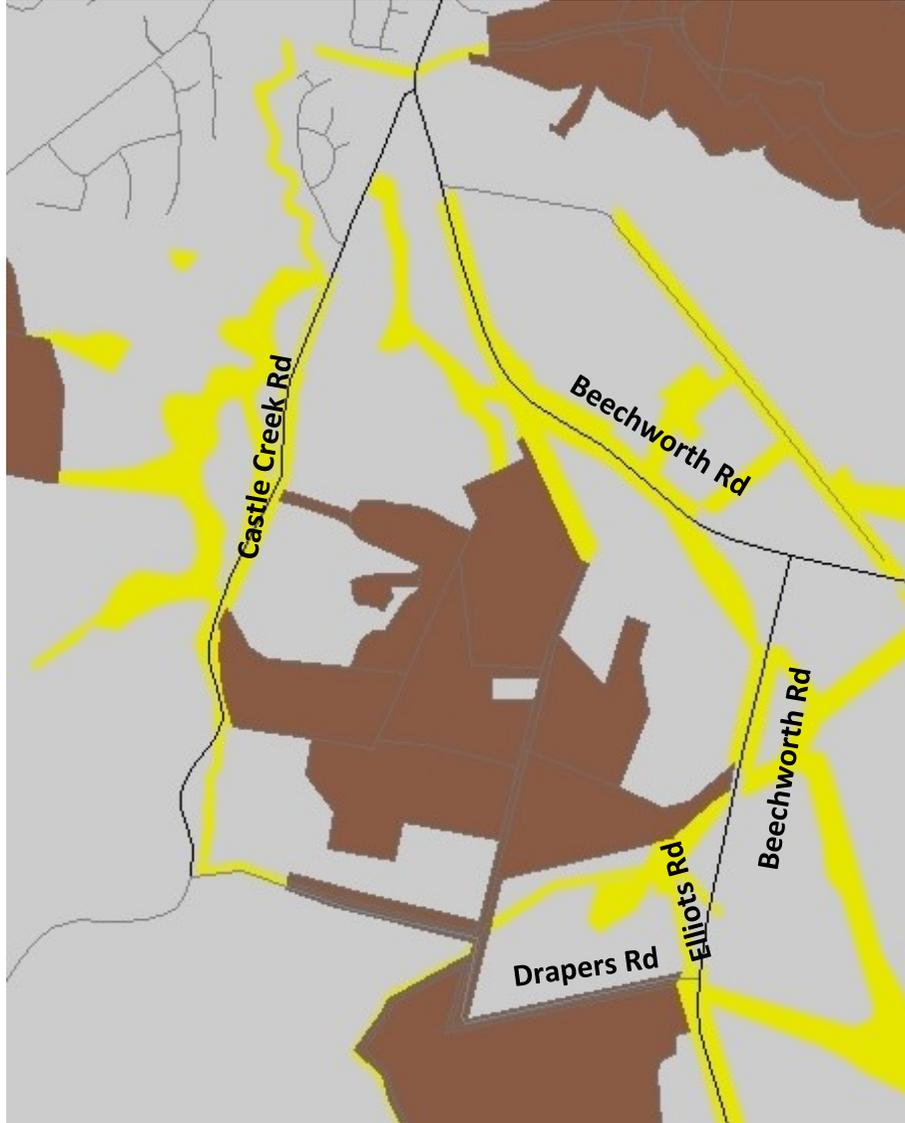




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Grade:	Medium
Distance:	4km
Time:	60 minutes
Gradient:	Gentle slopes
Surface:	Single track
Parking:	1.Castle Creek Road 2.Elliott Lane
Prepare:	Wear closed footwear bring a waterbottle be sunsmart
Be Aware:	Snakes active in spring/summer

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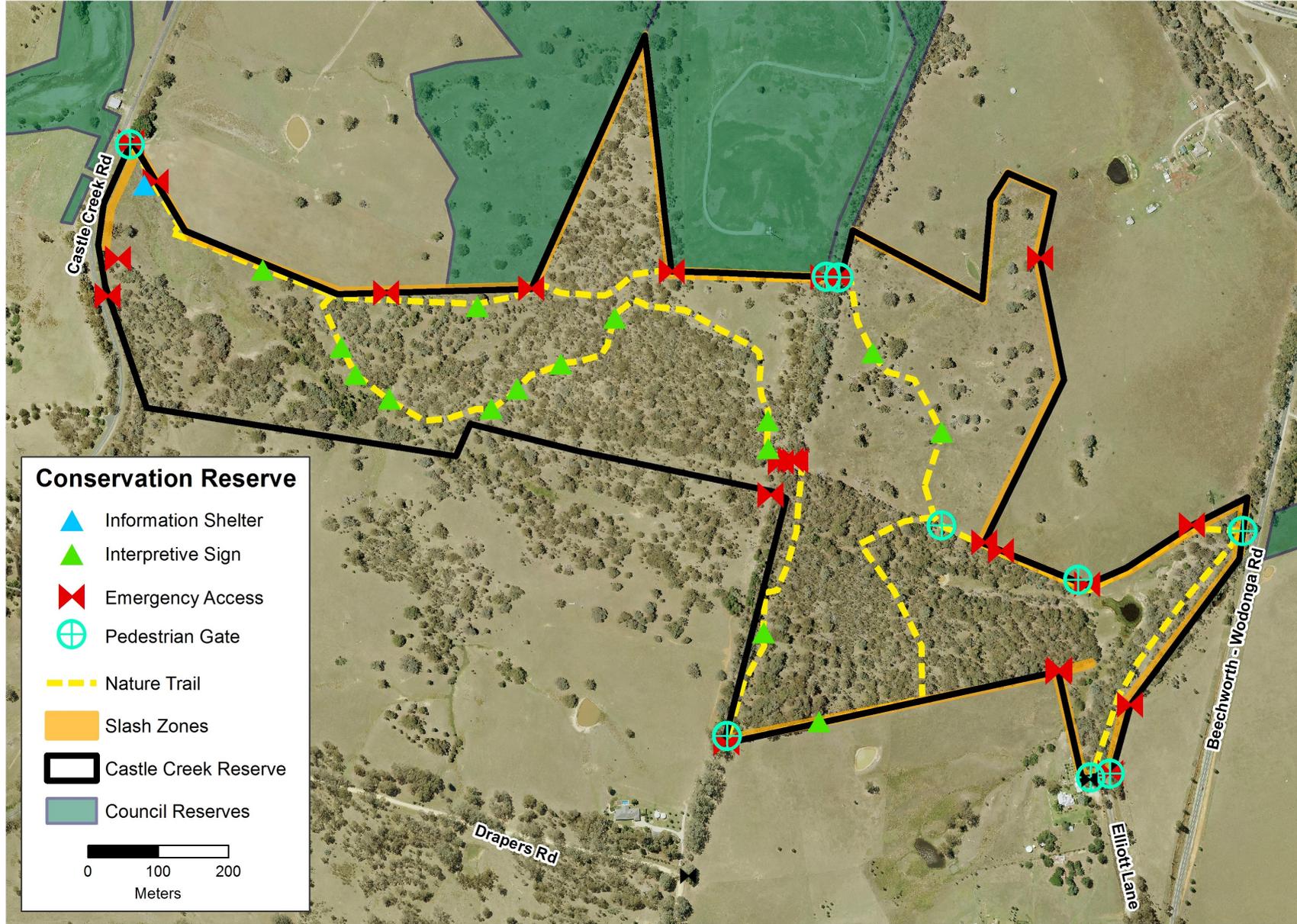
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Things to look out for...

Nest Boxes Parrots, kingfishers, possums, gliders, bats and others rely on tree hollows for shelter and raising young. However, we have lost most of the large old trees from this reserve and, as hollows can take at least 100 years to form, many remaining trees are too young. Nest boxes can provide interim homes for threatened species including the Squirrel glider and Tuan. There are a number of nestboxes here.



Rare seasonal migrants

Regent Honeyeaters (pictured) and Swift Parrots are seasonal migrants to this reserve, feeding on autumn/winter flowering White Box and planted Mugga Ironbark. Regents will also feed from flowering native shrubs like cultivar Grevilleas in home gardens.



Image: C. Tzaros

Larger local residents such as this Swamp wallaby. There are several large mobs of Kangaroos in the reserve, while Echidna and Lace monitors are also regularly spotted.



Tussocky native grasses like kangaroo grass (pictured), wallaby grass, poa, spear grass, which leave spaces for wildflowers to come and go throughout the year.



Mistletoe provides nectar for birds and insects, food for gliders and possums and is an essential part of this ecosystem. The nectar and fruit provide a vital food for the threatened Painted Honeyeater and common Mistletoe Bird. Mistletoe in this reserve is in balance and does not threaten tree survival.



Grey Mistletoe (*Amyema quandang*)

Delicate wildflowers in spring and early summer. Lilies, orchids, yam and everlasting daisies thrive in this reserve. Look out for this beautiful purple Fringe lily in October-November.

