



*Open Gardens Walks - Turallo Nature Reserve
Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November*

On Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November, Open Gardens Canberra Inc will join with Friends of Grasslands and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service to present 'Open Gardens Walks' at Turallo Nature Reserve at Bungendore. There will be two walks of an hour's duration conducted on both days. The first walk will be 11.00 am-12 noon and the second will be at 1.30-2.30 pm. The start point for the walk will be at Hoskingtown Road. Grasslands expert, Rainer Rehwinkel, will be the main walk leader around a defined walk through the reserve.

The 25 hectare Turallo Nature Reserve is one of the region's finest examples of natural temperate grassland, an ecosystem now regarded as one of the most threatened in the country. It is amongst the first nature reserves in south-east NSW established to conserve the critically endangered Natural Temperate Grassland. The reserve is dominated by swathes of kangaroo and snow grass along with a myriad array of wildflowers, including rare daisies, peas, lilies, orchids and many others growing amongst the grass tussocks. In addition, ancient Candlebark trees are scattered throughout the reserve. The reserve is not just home to flora species, but also many species of birds and reptiles can be seen. Turallo has been subject to research on grassland management, including experimental ecological burns. Walkers are strongly encouraged to bring a hat and sunscreen and wear suitable boots or covered shoes.

Directions : from main street (King's Highway) travel south on Ellendon Street which becomes Hoskingtown Road two km out of town on west side of road.

For more information and photos of the reserve please see:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/parkmanagement/TuralloNR.htm>
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nswnationalparks/sets/72157618572663846/>