

1.0 km Keep an eye open beneath the Blue Gum and Twiggy Daisy Bush for Echidna diggings in the sand.

0.8 km About 50m beyond this marker a small sand pit is reminiscent of larger ones at Altona (Altona Scrub walk). This gravelly sand probably had limited use in the local area. Silver Banksia trees have established in the quarry.

0.6 km As you proceed downhill, notice copses of young Southern Cypress-pines and also Drooping She-oak. Along here Dusty Miller makes a good display in September with other heath species such as Common Fringe-myrtle and Prickly Tea-tree.

0.4 km Keep an eye open for Western Grey Kangaroos and evidence of possums (droppings and scratches on trees). You may hear White-winged Choughs giving plaintive calls.

0.2 km Cross a small bridge and return to the carpark noting prickly Kangaroo Thorn near the gate which provides protected nesting for small birds.

0.0 km Trailhead



Echidna

P.D. Canty



King Spider
Caladenia tentaculata



Wallflower-orchid
Diuris corymbosa

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PLANTS YOU MAY SEE ON THE WALK

Blue Squill *Chamaescilla corymbosa* small lily with bright blue flowers in spring

Common Fringe-myrtle *Calytrix tetragona* slender shrub about 1m, clusters of pale pink flowers in spring

Drooping Sheoak *Allocasuarina verticillata* tree up to 8m, with dark green 'leafless' branches

Dusty Miller *Spyridium parvifolium* white-woolly leaves surround heads of tiny flowers

Finger Flower *Cheiranthra alternifolia* straggling shrub with large bright blue flowers; yellow anthers all on one side of flower

Flame Heath *Astroloma conostephioides* shrub to 1m, red tubular flowers late winter-spring

Guinea Flowers *Hibbertia* spp. a number of species all with bright yellow flowers

Hakea *Hakea carinata* stiff shrub, small woody fruit with upright beak

Beaked Hakea *H. rostrata* large fruit with beak turned back on to fruit

Kangaroo Thorn *Acacia paradoxa* large straggling wattle with sharp thorns

Long-leaved Box *Eucalyptus goniocalyx* tree to 15m with dark green strap shaped leaves, rough bark

Native Cherry *Exocarpus cupressiformis* tree to 8m with pale green 'leafless' branchlets

Barossa Walks Jenkins Scrub



Finger Flower
Cheiranthra alternifolia

Jenkins Scrub is part of the Little Mount Crawford Native Forest Reserve (near Mt Crawford) and is a vegetation remnant which has a rich diversity of species.

The spring months of September and October are the time to see the wildflowers at their best. This short walk is a rare gem as an introduction to longer walks in nearby areas. Rocky outcrops stimulated digging for gold, but the ground is generally sandy.

Some coarse sand has been quarried, and multi-stemmed trees indicate historic cutting for a range of uses which would have included fence posts and charcoal burning.

Distance and Time: 1.6 km circuit; allow 1 hour to see things at your leisure. Distances along the walk are marked every 0.2km decreasing as you return to the trailhead. Trail may be slippery after rain. Heysen Trail follows part of the route.

Notes are written for a clockwise circuit.

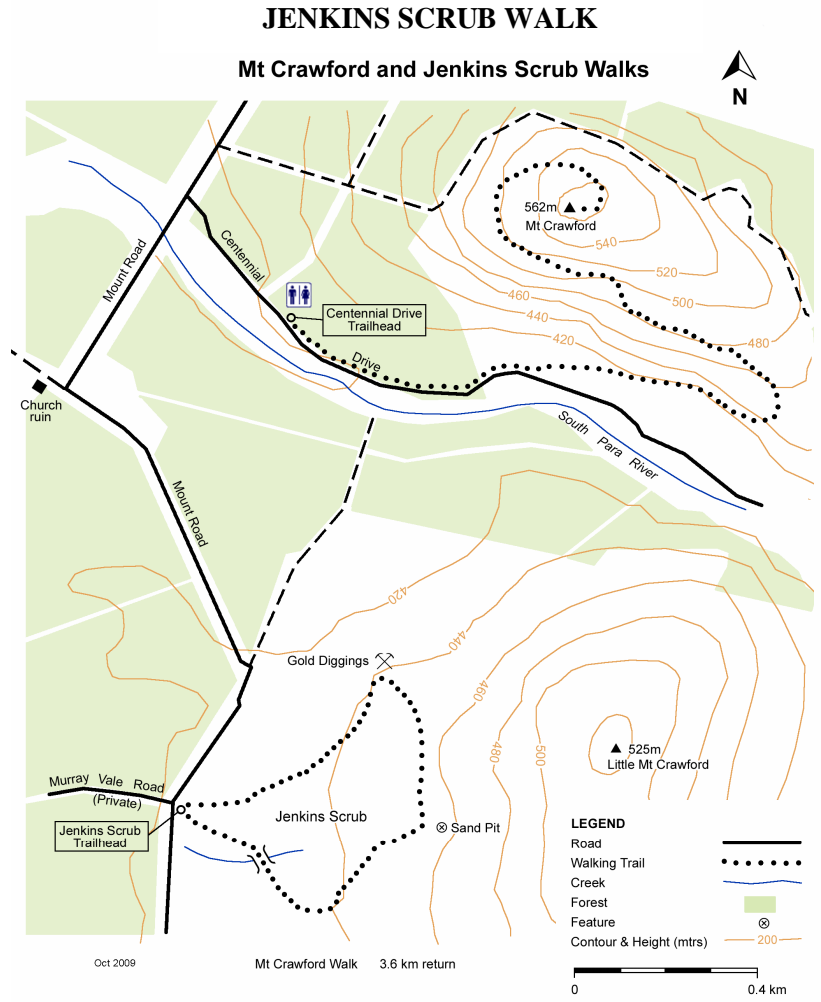
Access: From Mount Road, opposite the private entrance to the Mt Crawford Forest HQ. There are parking and picnic facilities.

Track
Generally an AS2156 Class 3; that is, a defined natural surface, gentle grades, marked distances decreasing as you approach the trailhead.

- For your safety**
- This is a walk in a natural area; beware of inherent hazards
 - Walk in a party of four, advise a reliable person of where you are going and when you expect to return
 - Wear strong comfortable boots and take adequate food and clothing
 - Take at least 2 litres of water per person, more if it is hot
 - Protect yourself from the sun and carry a First Aid Kit

Seasons come and go, and plants and animals mentioned in the notes may not always be there.

Start at Jenkins Scrub Trailhead (Mount Road)
Read the information on the sign. For the first 200m, look for the wide diversity of herbs and shrubs with bright spring flowers which form the understorey of the mixed Long-leaved Box and Pink Gum woodland. The grass-like clumps are those of the Black Rapier Sedge and Wire Rapier Sedge. Tufted Grass-trees are scattered throughout Jenkins Scrub. Keep an eye open for common small birds such as Grey Fantail, Golden Whistler, Superb Fairy-wren and Grey Shrike-thrush.



1.4 km Many of the gum trees have multiple stems as they have regrown following cutting for firewood in past years. There are at least two Hakea species within a few metres of this post.

1.2 km The short-lived (15-20 years) Golden Wattle have dark slender trunks. Many are dying of old age.

As you proceed further uphill, the woodland changes as does the understorey. The large trees are Blue Gums and a tall grey shrub, which has tiny daisy

flowers, is Twiggy Daisy-bush. Uphill from the distance post the track passes between two bright green Native Cherries.

Guinea Flowers add colour on the ground, and there are increasing numbers of white quartz pebbles. Quartz is a mineral often associated with mineralisation of copper, silver or gold.

The fenced-off mine diggings at top of the rise were for gold, as part of the Gumeracha Goldfield. The mine operated between 1884 and the early 1900s, but did not yield as well as mines to the south and west (Barossa Goldfield walk). Notice the fractured slab of quartz in the mine shaft wall.

In winter the common Rock Fern carpets the ground on these higher slopes.

The Heysen Trail goes north beyond the mine.



Gorse Bitter-pea
Daviesia ulicifolia



Grey Fantail

Lyn Pedler