

## **Points to consider for excursions to the Wolli Creek Valley**

Parts of the Valley have been declared a regional park under the management of the Department of Environment and Conservation, (National Parks and Wildlife) The park will extend from Tempe to Bexley North.

There is a walking track between Girrahween Park (near Bardwell Park Station) and Tempe, a distance of approximately 3 kms. The unpaved track is generally safe for walkers between Girrahween Park and Turrella with some places where care is needed crossing rocks and rough areas. Between Turrella and Tempe the track is less well formed.

### **Recommended walks**

5 to 7 year olds – Tracks in and around the Girrahween Park area.

8 to 12 year olds – Girrahween Park to Turrella Reserve and return (allow 2 hours).

### **How to get to Girrahween Park.**

- Public Transport
  - Train: East Hills Line to Bardwell Park or Turrella Station
  - Bus 423, 472 and 412 to Earlwood Shopping Centre.
- Own transport: Parking in Fauna Street (off Hartill-Law Avenue) or Sutton Ave.
- Disabled access: via Fauna Street. Note, picnic area suitable for wheelchairs and disabled access toilet provided. Contact NPWS for further information.

### **Facilities (for bookings NPWS 9337 5511)**

Facilities are located at Girrahween Park.

Picnic tables and shelters and free electric barbeques are provided.

Toilets may be locked. Contact NPWS prior to your event to arrange access.

Groups of more than 40 or commercial activities require a written consent from NPWS.

### **Safety issues.**

Children should wear covered walking shoes, a hat (and sunscreen), have drinking water and carry a small backpack to keep hands free.

Take a portable first aid kit.

Have a mobile phone in case of emergency.

Give clear instructions regarding safety to the children before commencing walk.

Emphasise importance of keeping to tracks and walking in a group with an adult at the front and end of the line. (A ratio of one adult to eight children is recommended).

Inform the children about care of the bushland and the importance of not removing plants or picking flowers.

They should not touch insects, spiders or other animals but inform the teacher.

Magnifying lenses and perspex boxes are ideal for viewing small creatures safely. Take a camera to record the discovery.

Red-bellied black snakes are present in the valley but are rarely seen.