

# Wildlife Protection Areas in Ryde



Protecting our native wildlife  
and promoting responsible  
pet ownership

## What are Wildlife Protection Areas?

Wildlife Protection Areas are places designated for the protection of native wildlife and are declared under the *NSW Companion Animals Act 1998*.

Cats and dogs in bushland areas can have a significant impact on native wildlife through physical attacks, disturbance of habitat and increased stress.

Even the scent of a dog or cat can be enough to alter the behaviour of native wildlife. Some may abandon their young when approached by dogs or cats.



## Why are they important?

City of Ryde is home to a number of unique fauna species including Swamp Wallabies, Echidnas, Powerful Owls, Possums, Water Dragons and Blue Wrens.

Council has declared Wildlife Protection Areas in the most significant wildlife corridors to protect native animals and their habitat.

# Where are Wildlife Protection Areas in Ryde?

## Category 1



No cats or dogs allowed any time

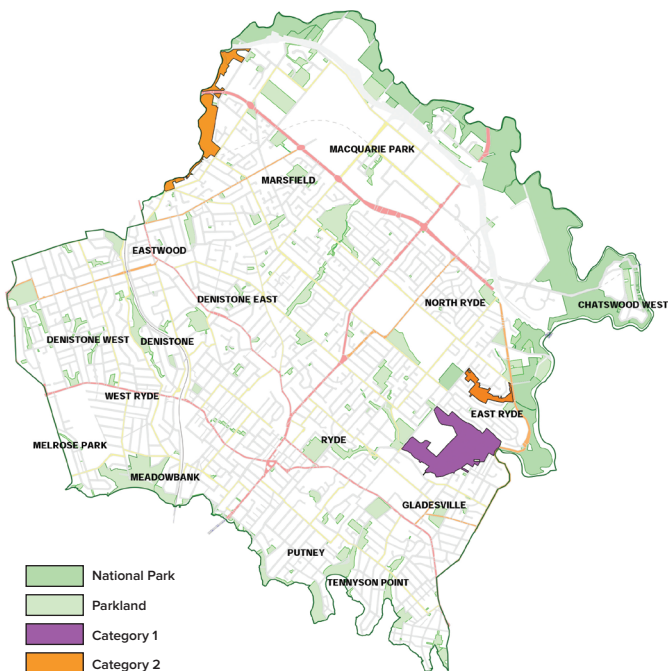
- **Field of Mars Reserve** (also a Wildlife Refuge under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*)

## Category 2



No cats allowed any time; dogs permitted on leash along established tracks

- **Terrys Creek corridor**; Forrester Park, Forsyth Park, Pembroke Park, Lucknow Park and Somerset Park
- **Kittys Creek corridor**; Pryor Park, Portius Park and Kittys Creek Reserve



## Visiting Wildlife Protection Areas

### Help your cat or dog live a longer and healthier life

Dogs in bushland areas can be subject to ticks and allergic reactions to certain plants. For this reason it's best to keep your dog on a leash and on established tracks.

Studies have shown that outdoor cats have a higher chance of getting ill or injured compared to those kept indoors, who end up living much longer!



### Enforcement

Council rangers regularly patrol parks and reserves in the local government area and can issue on the spot fines if cats or dogs are found in Wildlife Protection Areas.

Signage is displayed at the entrances to all declared parks and reserves.



By keeping your cat out of bushland areas and ensuring your dog is on leash, you can help protect our unique native wildlife.

# Living near Wildlife Protection Areas

## Tips for cat owners

- Keep cats indoors at night and contained on your property during the day.
- Place special cat netting along walls and fences to prevent your cat climbing over.
- Create an adventure playground for your cat in your garden using mesh enclosures.
- Consider installing wireless pet containment systems at your home to prevent your pets from entering other properties.

## Tips for dog owners

- Keep your dog on a leash and remain on established tracks in **Category 2 Wildlife Protection Areas**.
- Always pick up after your dog and dispose of responsibly.
- Utilise one of Council's designated off leash areas.

## Off leash areas

We realise it's really important to give dogs a chance to run around and socialise off lead and Council has some great spots where you can do this. Council provides this opportunity at 13 dedicated off leash areas.

You can find more information about off leash areas online at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/offleash](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/offleash).



For more information on Wildlife Protection Areas in Ryde please visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/WPA](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/WPA) or contact customer service on **9952 8222**