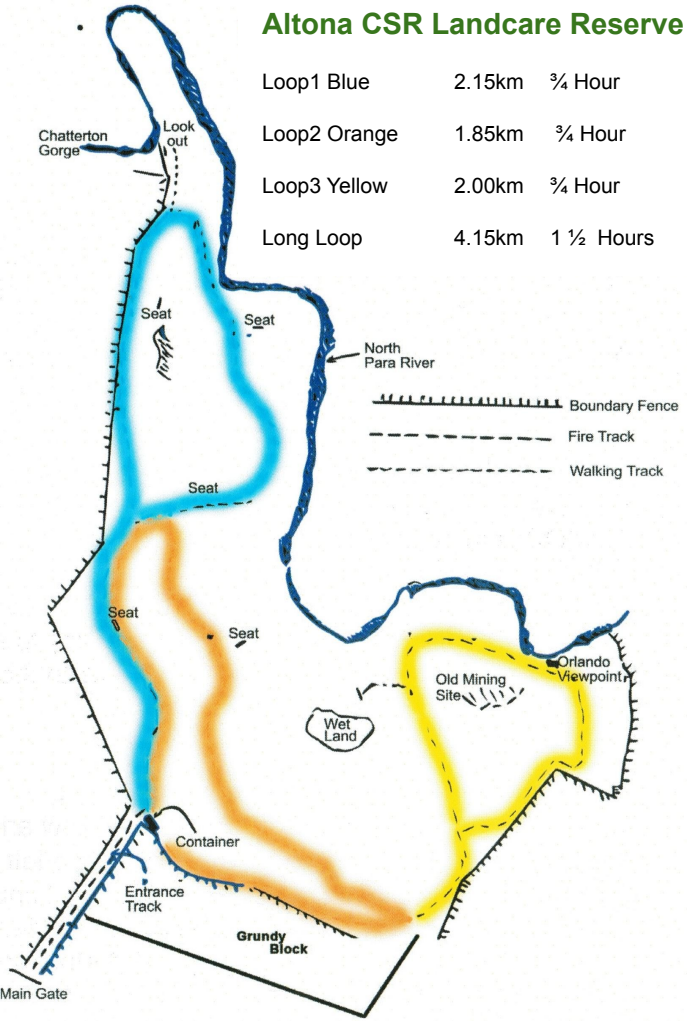
Altona CSR Landcare Reserve

Loop1 Blue	2.15km	¾ Hour
Loop2 Orange	1.85km	¾ Hour
Loop3 Yellow	2.00km	¾ Hour
Long Loop	4.15km	1 ½ Hours



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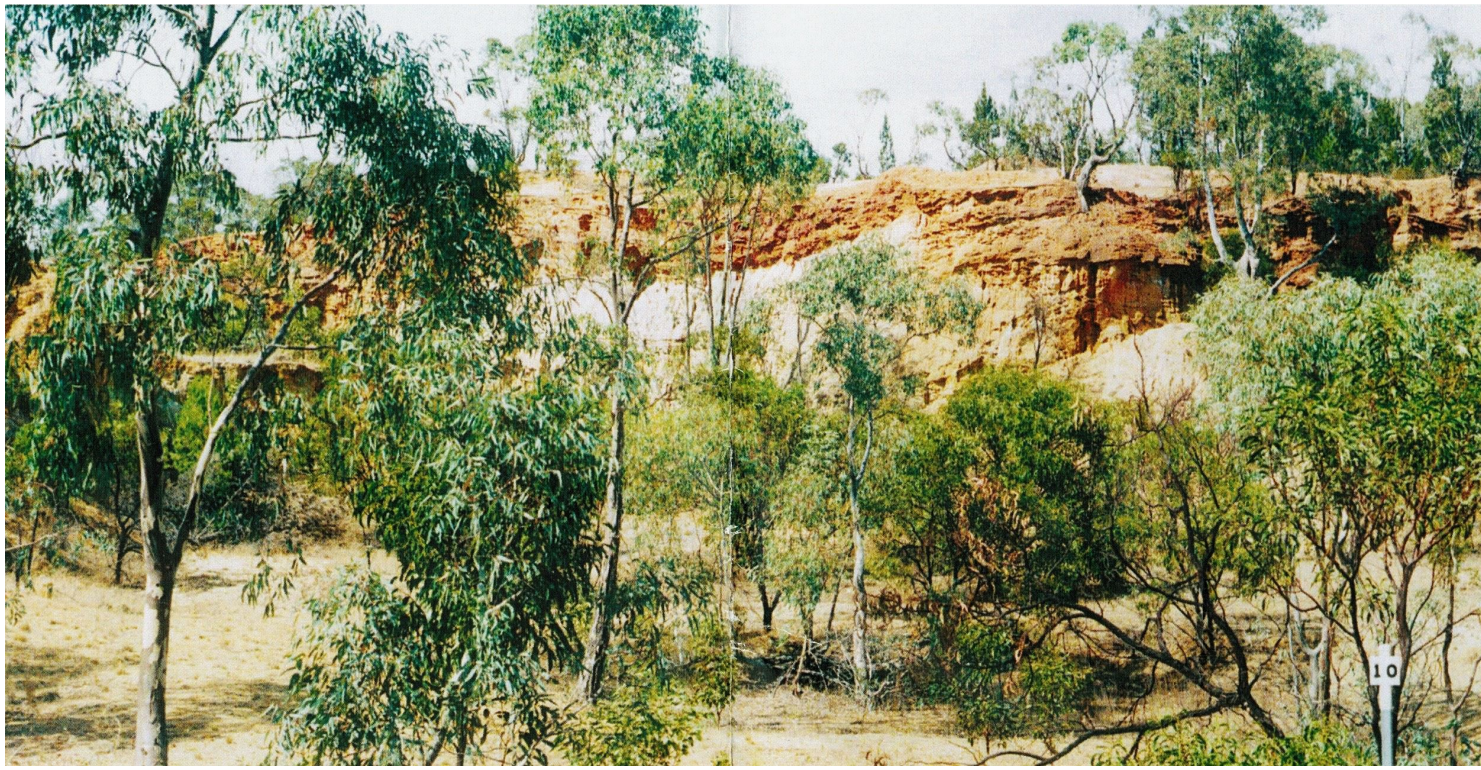

Reserve Regulations

Please keep to designated walking tracks and behind all barriers, to preserve fragile surface plants, and to control the spread of fungi that cause diseases to native plants and trees.

Please take only photographs and leave only footprints.

Your safety is our concern but YOUR responsibility.

Acknowledgements

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Permanent pools can be seen in some places. The Orlando Viewpoint gives a view over Rowland Flat with the river below.

Several seats along the way will enable you to enjoy views of the reserve.

All tracks are graded and suitable for those of medium fitness.

Map explanation

Blue Arrow - Black Chinned Honeyeater Trail

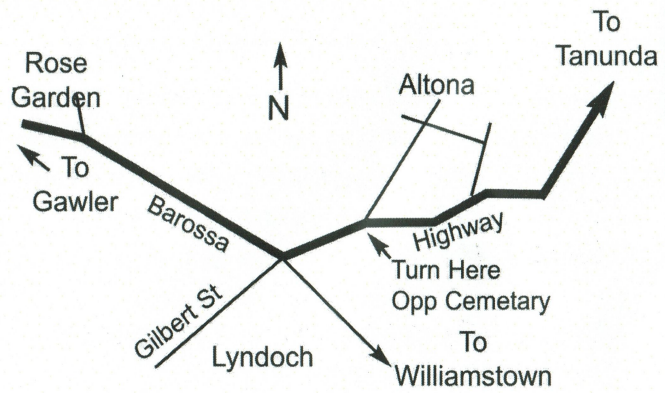
Turn left at the container and follow the blue arrows. The start gives views over the reserve. On the right a seat allows for a pause. Follow the left fork and continue to a sharp right turn. Here a small spur track to the left will take you to a view of Chatterton Gorge. Return to the main track and continue along, passing in front of the Amphitheatre where swallows and rainbow bee-eaters make their homes. The track rises to another seat. From here you complete the loop back to the container.

Orange Arrow - Firetail Track

Turn left at the container and follow the orange arrow. Take the right fork and a few metres down, turn right. The track goes down through an area of Silver Banksia. Follow the path through a quiet valley to the end. Turn right onto the main track and back to the container.

Yellow Arrow - Boobook Trail

Turn right at the container and follow the yellow arrow along the wide main track. At the fork, take the left one that passes tall gums. To the left is a small spur track, which stops at the log. Here visitors can view the contoured and re-vegetated wetland. Return to the main track where you will pass part of the old mining site, on the right. Fine views over Rowland Flat can be seen from the Orlando Viewpoint. Continue round the loop and at the fork junction, turn left and back along the track to the container.



Hooded Robin

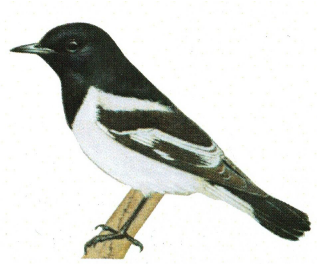
This species is considered uncommon in South Australia and to be declining in the Flinders Lofty Block. The male is pied and the female greyish and white patches on the wing. They sit for long periods motionless before flying down to the ground for food. Nest is a neat cup of grass, bark and roots, well hidden in deep fork.

Diamond Firetail

This species is Vulnerable in South Australia. Most of the birds seen in Altona have been in the 'non creekline' woodland in the far south. However some have been seen along the road reserve in the open grassy woodland. The call is penetrating 'twoo-hee' and it can be identified when flying by the brilliant red on its tail. The distinctive black breast band and the small diamond spots on the flanks make this a beautiful little bird.

Restless Flycatcher

Sometimes mistaken for the Willy Wagtail, but this one has a white chin and lacks the white eyebrow. It has a swift zig zag flight and often hovers close to the ground. The call a harsh' scissors grinder' sound and a musical 'Tu-whee' The nest is a neat cup, decorated with paperbark and spiders egg-sacs.



Black Chinned Honeyeater

This species is considered Vulnerable in South Australia. At present up to ten birds probably exist in Altona. Regular records have been made since 1999 and it is presumed they are permanent residents. One of the larger honeyeaters, it has a distinctive black head with a white nape and blue over the eyes. The dark chin extends to the breast.

History

Hydraulic mining of sand ceased on this 50-hectare site circa 1960. Natural regeneration took place, assisted later by mining rehabilitation and Landcare. Studies of the site in 2001 revealed forty species of native orchids and a diverse seed bank of remnant native flora. Over 100 species of birds have been recorded, also a number of reptiles and mammals. The construction of walking tracks and seats, along with the continuing management is being undertaken by the Williamstown & Lyndoch Landcare Group Inc. They would welcome new members to assist with this ongoing project.

Present projects on the scrub, now called the Altona CSR Landcare Reserve, has been extended by the Grundy Block, 13 hectares (30 acres) and a heritage agreement has been negotiated for the whole reserve.

Developing a management strategy based on a plan prepared by consultants & monitoring & collating information such as seed sources, fauna habitats and problem areas.

Weed control with valuable input from local community groups including the Barossa 4WD Club, Green Corps, LEAP groups, schools and environmental groups Feral animal control.

Rapid response location numbers have been positioned throughout the reserve in case of any emergency.