

Forest Education Foundation & the Hollybank Reserve Year 5/6



Exploring the forests with the Forest Education Foundation (FEF)

Hollybank Forest Reserve

During the day we will visit different forest types and explore eucalypt forests (forest structure, canopy, understorey). We will identify the features of trees and explore their adaptations. We will also draw features onto a basic map to illustrate the different land areas and uses of the Reserve today and look at historical features as evidence of past land use.

Times:	10.00am – 2.00pm	Meeting point: Hollybank entrance (top of hill)
Group 1 (FEF):	10.15am - 11.45am	
Group 2 (FEF):	12.15pm - 1.45pm	

Program outline:

Brief introductory activity with all students and outline of day.

Walk on various tracks through wet and dry eucalypt forests (explore characteristics of each forest type, the role of fire and the adaptations of plants). In groups students will orientate a prepared map outline to locate position, draw and label features as we walk (this will also include aspects of the human activity in the area from the early 1900's to present day).

As we navigate through the area a number of activities will be explored to support the Science and Geography curriculum (students will record these activities and locations on the map).

Lunch at the cricket pitch area: 11:45 - 12:15 (BYO lunch and drinks).

Change over groups for afternoon session.

Students will need to bring:

- Appropriate sturdy footwear / jumper / waterproof coat / hat (all the usual for a day out in Tas!)
- Lunch / drink

FEF will provide all the equipment needed for the program.

Curriculum connection Science: Living things have structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment (ACSSU043) year 5. The growth and survival of living things are affected by the physical conditions of their environment (ACSSU094) year 6.

Curriculum connection Geography: The impact of bush fires or floods on environments and communities, and how people can respond (ACHASSK114). Organise and represent data in a range of formats including large- and small-scale maps (ACHASSI096 and ACHASSI124).