

Lower Silvermine River



Be courteous and friendly to all.
Reduce environmental damage.
Take only photographs,
leave only footprints.
Keep dogs under control.
Leave wildlife in peace.

Enjoy yourself, come back again.

History

In 1999 phased construction commenced on flood control measures and the upgrading of the Lower Silvermine River. These flood control measures have led to the creation of a series of wetlands which have provided habitat for wetland species and a facility for the local community and public to enjoy.

Dry calcareous dune systems previously found in the area have been recreated along the southern and parts of the northern boundaries of the scheme. These systems are rapidly disappearing as a result of housing schemes and through invasion by exotic plants.

Chondropetalum tectorum and Stenotaphrum secundatum depression wetlands have largely disappeared from the Lower Silvermine River valley. The upper wetlands of the scheme have been revegetated with plants typical of these communities in an effort to ensure they survive and diversify.

Remnants of historic flood protection measures constructed by the railways authorities in 1900 and 1925 can be found in the south west portion of the scheme.

