

Rica Erickson Reserve

Excursion to the Rica Erickson Nature Reserve within the Shire of Victoria Plains.

The leader is to be our Patron, Dr Neville Marchant.

Saturday 18th September

Meet at 1pm at the Rica Erickson Nature Reserve signage

The walk will be for approximately 2 hours to then enjoy an afternoon tea break & a 'show and tell' - finish by 4pm.

The map below shows two routes to the Reserve on sealed roads – Bindi Bindi Road through Bolgart to Calingiri or Bindoon Dewars Pool Road then Great Northern Highway to Calingiri Road.

The Old Plains Road is unsealed and currently used by farm vehicles so may be a little churned up, following the rains, and more suitable for 4WD vehicles.

To drive directly to the Rica Erickson Reserve from Toodyay time taken is approx. an hour and a half if driving at 90km per hour.

Who was Rica Erickson?

Mrs Erickson was a country school teacher. She was posted to several country areas around the State's south west and in 1934 to the Bolgart School where she met and later married local farmer, Syd Erickson.

She had a gift of observation and in reading her brief autobiography, '*A Naturalists' Life*', it demonstrates this wonderful attribute.

Mrs Erickson was a naturalist, artist and historian and to know more about this amazing, gentle lady there is wonderful information to be found on the internet.

