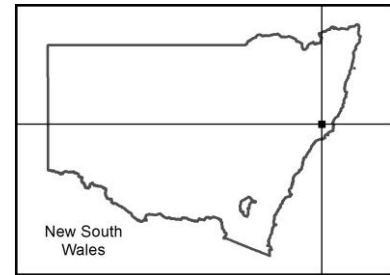


Statement of Management Intent



The Glen Nature Reserve

1. Introduction

This statement outlines the main values, issues, management directions and priorities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for managing The Glen Nature Reserve. This statement, together with relevant NPWS policies, will guide the management of the reserve until a plan of management has been prepared in accordance with the [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 \(NPW Act\)](#). The NPWS [Managing Parks Prior to Plan of Management Policy](#) states that parks and reserves without a plan of management are to be managed in a manner consistent with the intent of the NPW Act and the [‘precautionary principle’ \(see Principle 15\)](#).

2. Management principles

Nature reserves are reserved under the NPW Act to protect and conserve areas containing outstanding, unique or representative ecosystems, species, communities or natural phenomena. Under the NPW Act ([section 30J](#)), nature reserves are managed to:

- conserve biodiversity, maintain ecosystem functions, and protect geological and geomorphological features and natural phenomena
- conserve places, objects, features and landscapes of cultural value
- promote public appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of the reserve’s natural and cultural values
- provide for appropriate research and monitoring.

The primary purpose of nature reserves is to conserve nature. Nature reserves differ from national parks in that they do not have the provision of visitor use as a management purpose or principle.

3. Context

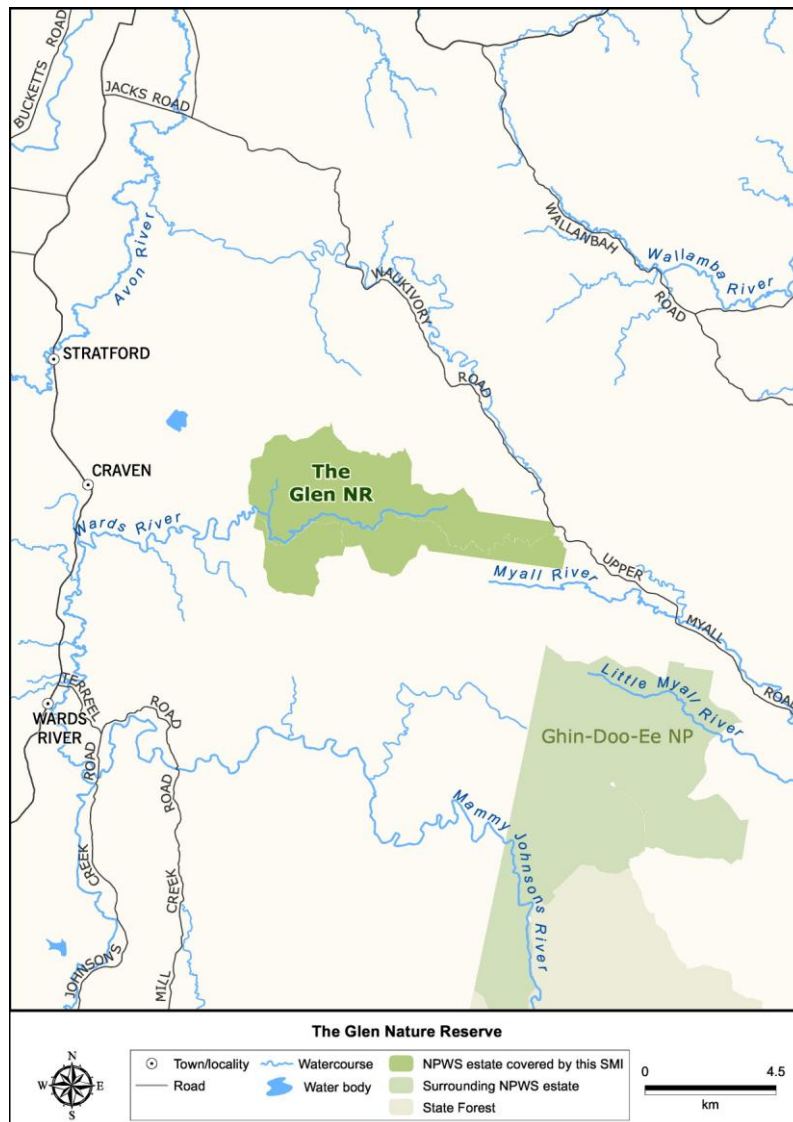
Reservation details: The Glen Nature Reserve was reserved on 1 January 1999.

Size: 2750 hectares.

The Glen Nature Reserve is located approximately 40 kilometres west of Forster and approximately 16 kilometres south-east of Gloucester. It falls within the NSW North Coast Bioregion and within the administrative areas of Gloucester Shire Council, Hunter Local Land Services and Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council. The reserve is located within the traditional country of the Worimi People.

The Glen Nature Reserve comprises the former Craven State Forest originally dedicated in 1917 and has a long history of timber harvesting. The reserve features wet sclerophyll forest and

provides habitat for a variety of threatened species. The Glen Nature Reserve is an important component of a regional wildlife corridor connecting the Myall Lakes area with Barrington Tops.



4. Values

- The Glen Nature Reserve is part of the Avon River – The Glen regional corridor that forms a key vegetation and wildlife link from Barrington Tops National Park and surrounding parks to the parks on the coast. The reserve protects important habitat for a variety of threatened species, including 17 threatened animal and three threatened plant species.
- The endangered Craven grey box (*Eucalyptus largeana*) occurs within The Glen Nature Reserve. This species has declined significantly over its former range and is now generally restricted to small isolated populations.
- The Glen Nature Reserve attracts small numbers of visitors who undertake passive recreational pursuits, including birdwatching, bushwalking, as well as low levels of trail-bike riding and horse riding and occasional informal camping.
- One Aboriginal site has been recorded within the reserve. Aboriginal sites are places with evidence of Aboriginal occupation or that are related to other aspects of Aboriginal culture. They are important as evidence of Aboriginal history and as part of the culture of local Aboriginal people.

- The Glen homestead site is located within the reserve as well as other historic features associated with the reserve's past logging history.

5. Issues

- A number of pest animals may occur in the reserve including wild dogs (*Canis lupus* spp.), European foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*), feral cats (*Felis catus*) and feral pigs (*Sus scrofa*).
- Weed species occurring in The Glen Nature Reserve includes crofton weed (*Ageratina adenophora*), lantana (*Lantana camara*), mistflower (*Ageratina riparia*), giant Parramatta grass (*Sporobolus fertilis*), blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.), smooth senna (*Senna septemtrionalis*), ox-eye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*), bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*) and pasture grasses.
- There is also an isolated but expanding stand of patula pine (*Pinus patula*) located at the old homestead site.
- Bell Miner Associated Dieback (BMAD) occurs in isolated populations within The Glen Nature Reserve.
- There are occurrences of unregistered trail-bike riders using management trails and closed trails within The Glen Nature Reserve.

6. Key management directions

- Fire is managed in accordance with The Glen Nature Reserve [Fire Management Strategy](#).
- Pest management programs will be implemented in accordance with the [NPWS Regional Pest Management Strategy](#): Lower North Coast Region.
- The Worimi People and other relevant Aboriginal community organisations, such as the Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council, will be consulted in the management of the reserve, including the management of Aboriginal sites, places and cultural and natural values.
- All management activities will be preceded by the preparation of an environmental assessment or heritage assessment where this is a requirement of NPWS policy or legislation.
- Environmental repair and threat management programs, such as erosion mitigation measures, pest management, and activities arising from threatened species requirements may be implemented in accordance with NPWS policies and procedures.
- Non-intrusive works may be undertaken where necessary to protect cultural heritage items from further deterioration, to ensure the safety of visitors, to protect wildlife or to prevent damage to park assets.
- A plan of management will be prepared to set out the ongoing management objectives for the reserve. The plan of management is a statutory document under the NPW Act which will be available for public comment. NPWS will also encourage the community to contribute to the ongoing conservation of the reserve by promoting and raising public awareness of its special values.

For additional information or enquiries about any aspect of this park or this statement, contact the NPWS Gloucester Office on 02 6538 5300 or 59 Church Street, Gloucester NSW or PO Box 236 Gloucester NSW 2422.

Disclaimer: This is a statement of intent to guide the management of the reserve prior to the development of a plan of management. Any statements made in this publication are made in good faith and do not render the Office of Environment and Heritage liable for any loss or damage. Provisions in the final plan of management may vary from those identified in this document as a result of new information and community consultation. The maps in this statement are intended to show the reserve's location and basic features only, and are not suitable for use when navigating to or exploring within parks.

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