

Fernhill Estate

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Fernhill Estate

Fernhill Estate is a beautiful estate located on Darug Country at the edge of the Cumberland Plain, in the scenic Mulgoa Valley at the foot of the Blue Mountains.

It was once part of a much larger Aboriginal estate across Mulgoa Valley and the broader Cumberland Plain. Much of the Estate still looks as it once did in the early days of the British colony when it was established by the early pastoralist Cox family through a series of land grants to William Cox and his sons.

Fernhill House built by Edward Cox on the Estate is one of the most significant Greek Revival houses from the Early Colonial era.

With a history of private ownership, Fernhill Estate was acquired by the NSW Government in 2018 along with two adjacent properties.

The NSW Government purchased the properties to bring this significant 423-hectare site into public ownership. It was vested to Western Sydney Parklands Trust as part of the new Greater Sydney Parklands agency in 2020 to secure its future for the recreation and amenity to the people of NSW.

When will Fernhill Estate open as a park?

The Estate will be managed as a public park and progressively opened to the public, under the custodianship of Greater Sydney Parklands.

Fernhill Estate currently offers a weekend walking trail, giving the community a look at one of Western Sydney's most beautiful estates.

The walking trail is a 2.6 km self-guided walking loop of Fernhill Estate, open from 10am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 4pm on Sundays only.

Entry is free, and the walk takes in Fernhill Estate's natural green setting and the exterior of Fernhill House.

What are the NSW Governments plans for Fernhill estate?

Fernhill Estate will open over time as a place for relaxation, recreation, programs, and education, while also enhancing people's connectivity to open space within the Mulgoa and Penrith valleys, the Blue Mountains and Greater Sydney.

Fernhill Estate has a plan of management which is a statutory document that sets out the vision, objectives, key strategies, and management priorities for Fernhill Estate.

[Read more about Fernhill Estate](#)

Is this part of the same work being done on Mulgoa Road at Glenmore Park?

No - the Mulgoa Road upgrade between Glenmore Parkway and Penrith is separate to the options being investigated for Mulgoa Road near Fernhill Estate.

The Mulgoa Road upgrade between Glenmore Parkway and Penrith is to support current and future traffic demands and expected growth in the area.

The options being investigated for Mulgoa Road between Winbourne Road and Mayfair Road are to balance the needs of the local community, road users, and future park visitors at Fernhill Estate. This includes improving access in and out of the Estate to make it safer and easy to reach for all users and improving pedestrian and cycle connections along the corridor.

Will land need to be acquired for the proposed changes?

No land acquisition will be required to make these proposed improvements.

