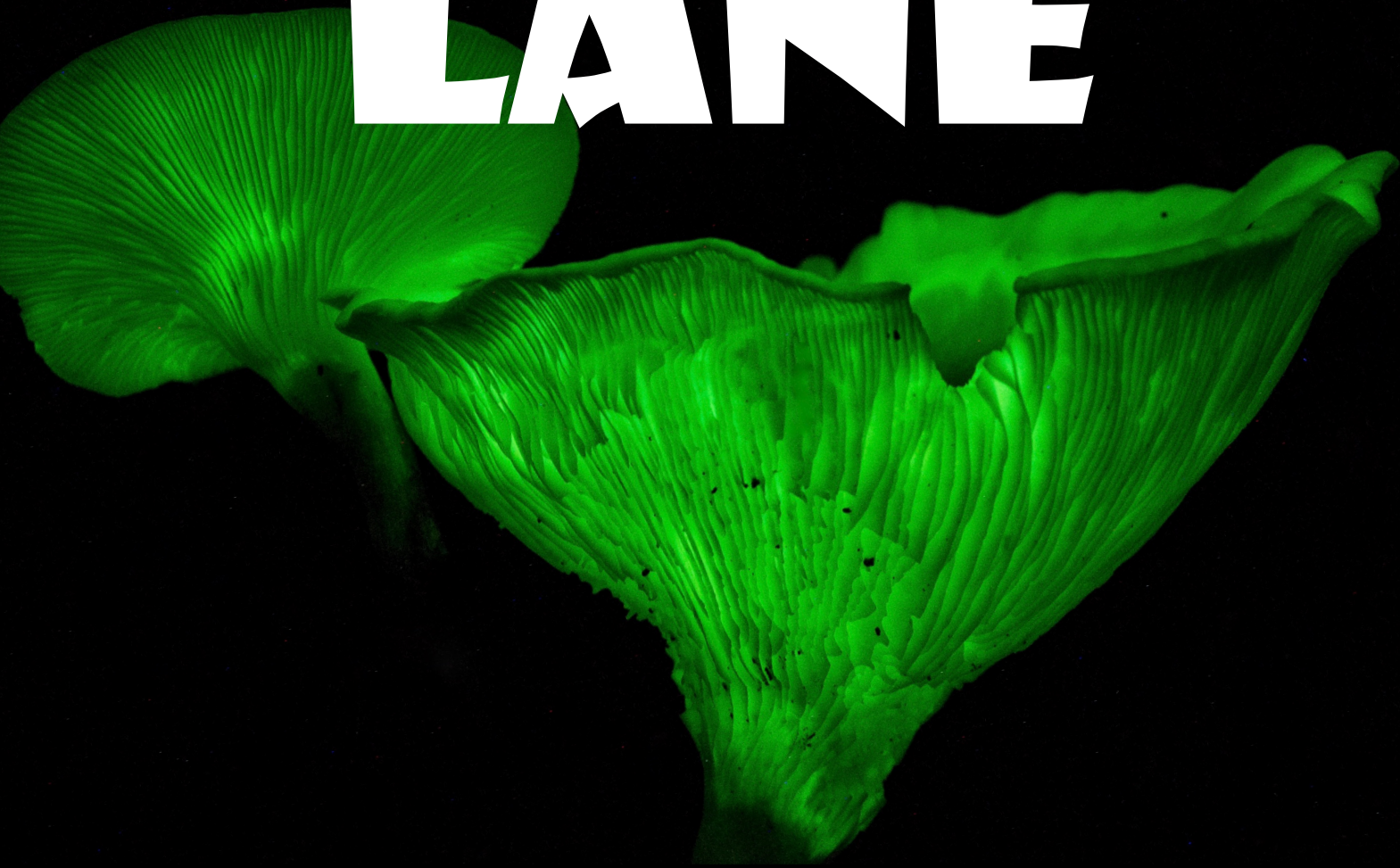


GHOST MUSHROOM LANE



ForestrySA

A free community experience in the heart of the
Green Triangle forest, presented by ForestrySA

www.forestrysa.com.au/GhostMushrooms

WHAT ARE GHOST MUSHROOMS?

The Ghost Mushroom (*Omphalotus nidiformis*) is a bioluminescent fungi that emits a soft green glow at night. The glow can be bright enough to read a book!

Ghost Mushrooms are native to Australia and can often be found growing on decaying plant material, such as stumps left after pine tree harvest. They emerge in late autumn following good rain and continue into winter, reaching a size of up to 20cm wide.

The glow of the fungi is a result of a chemical reaction between fungal enzymes and oxygen. It is thought that the glow attracts insects and other invertebrates which feed or forage on the mushroom and help spread spores.

VISIT GHOST MUSHROOM LANE

ForestrySA is inviting members of the public to drive down Ghost Mushroom Lane after dark and experience the glow of the mushroom for themselves.

The lane is located within a known mushroom breeding ground, among pine forest near Glencoe just 16km from Mount Gambier.

For those keen to exit their car, take a walk and view the mushrooms up close, warm clothes, sensible shoes and a torch are recommended. Ghost markers are also available at the beginning of the lane and can be placed along the track where mushroom populations have been found to assist other visitors.

For the enjoyment of others, please leave the mushrooms exactly as you found them. The chemical in the mushroom responsible for the glow can be poisonous, causing cramps and vomiting if ingested. Accidental touching is not harmful.

A forest permit is not required to visit the trail, but please observe the conditions of entry to the forest and take care while walking on uneven ground in the dark.

See www.forestry.sa.com.au/Recreation/Green-Triangle for further forest access information.



HOW TO GET THERE

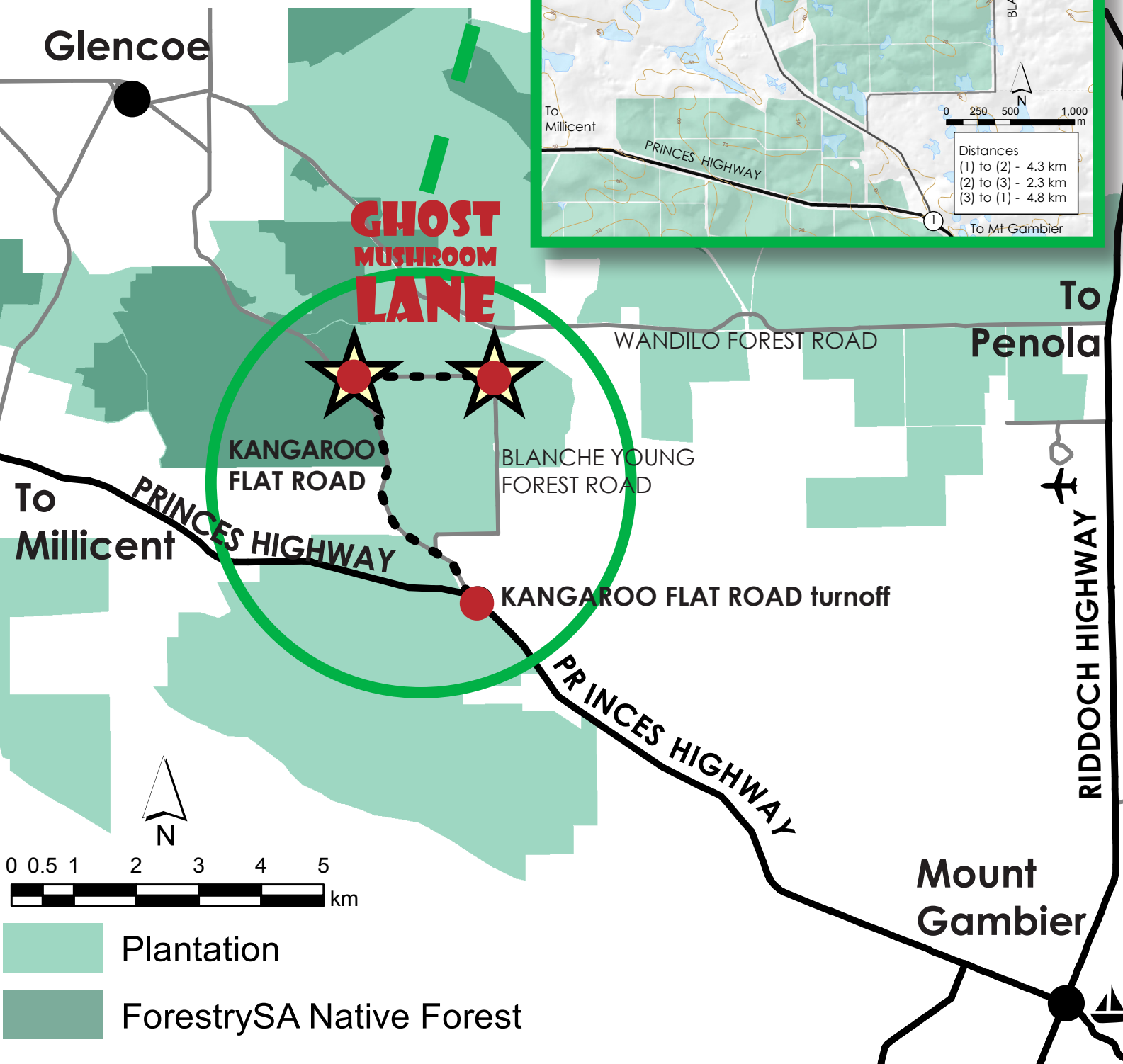
Ghost Mushroom Lane is a 2.3km drive located within pine forest near Glencoe.

just 16km North West of Mount Gambier.

From Riddoch Highway / Princes Highway Roundabout (near Lady Nelson Visitor Centre, Mount Gambier), drive along the Princes Highway towards Millicent.

After 12km, turn right on Kangaroo Flat Road and drive for a further 4.3 km, before turning right into Ghost Mushroom Lane.

Signage will be clearly visible from the road.



DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA

As always, we encourage forest visitors to bring their cameras along. While producing clear shots in the dead of night can be tricky, thanks to well known local photographer and nature enthusiast Ockert le Roux it has never been more simple.

Ockert's purpose-written guide is available for download from www.forestrysa.com.au/GhostMushrooms.

SHARE THE LOVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We need your help to spread the word via social media and let others in the community know about this unique event. Don't forget to add the hashtags below when sharing your Ghost Mushroom shots online:

#GhostMushroom

#GhostMushroomLane

#OmphalotusNidiformis

#MountGambier

#LimestoneCoast

#ForestrySA

#Fungi

#Forest

#GreenTriangle

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We hope you enjoy your visit to the forest and would love to receive your feedback.

Send us an email at forestrysa@forestrysa.com.au and let us know what you think.

THANK YOU

This unique community project would not have been possible without the contributions of a number of local groups and individuals.

Special thanks go to Ockert le Roux, The Lady Nelson Visitor and Discovery Centre, OneFortyOne Plantations and Mount Gambier Tourism.

