

Why Protect the Upper Florentine?

The Upper Florentine Valley is an iconic old growth forest and is a fine example of Tasmania's irreplaceable and high conservation value ancient forests.

This pristine upper catchment is bordered by high mountains of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and Mount Field National Park.

The forest has been evolving to its present form since the last ice age, 10,000 years ago.

It comprises a mix of Tasmania's major rainforest trees – myrtle, celery-top pine, sassafras and leatherwood, as well as giant eucalypts that are up to 400 years old.

It is home to a diverse range of animals, including Tasmanian Devils, Quolls, Pygmy Possums, Flame Robins, Wedge-tailed Eagles and a huge range of insects and invertebrate fauna.

The Florentine Valley is riddled with caves, underground streams and sinkholes. It is a repository of Aboriginal heritage dating back to the Ice Ages.

This extraordinary area contains some of Australia's tallest and most massive trees amid stands of old growth forest that the Australian Government promised to protect in 2004.

It was the last known habitat of the thylacine.



Florentine
Protection
Society

Old growth forests
– worth more standing

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Do you value
ancient forests?

Join the Florentine
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The Florentine Protection Society

The Florentine Protection Society was formed in 2009 as an apolitical, not-for-profit community organisation with the main purpose of preserving Tasmania's ancient forests, including the forests of the Upper Florentine Valley.

We strive to:

Preserve:

- Tasmania's beautiful old growth forests for the benefit of the community
- Tasmania's unique native wildlife living in the forests
- Ancient trees, the "lungs of the planet", storing huge amounts of carbon
- The environmental, social, cultural and economic qualities of old growth forests

Educate the public about:

- Tasmania's natural environment and environmental issues
- The wise use of Tasmanian resources, including high conservation value forests

Communicate with others about:

- The importance and reasons for protecting old growth forests
- The inherent value in standing trees
- The unique beauty of Tasmania's ancient forests, such as the Upper Florentine Valley
- The environmental, social, cultural and economic qualities of Tasmania's old growth forests

Appreciate:

- The majesty of Tasmania's ancient trees
- The beauty and complexity of old growth ecosystems
- The diversity of Tasmania's native plant and animal life

Application for Membership of THE FLORENTINE PROTECTION SOCIETY Inc.

Annual subscription is \$10.00 (individual)
 \$5.00 (concession)
 \$100.00 (corporate)

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Phone Home () _____

Work () _____

Mobile _____

Email _____

Website or Blog _____

Preferred means of contact Phone Email

Preferred times of contact _____

I hereby accept the rules of the Society and undertake to uphold the Objects of the Society as set out in the Constitution.

Signature _____

Date _____

Membership fee attached Yes No

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