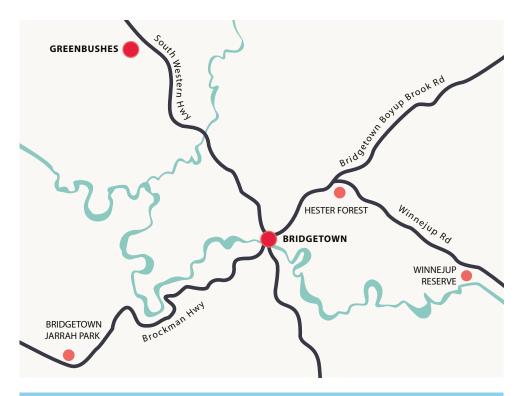


## **WELCOME**

Welcome to the historic and picturesque Shire of Bridgetown - Greenbushes, located in the stunning south west of Western Australia and home to approximately 4,500 people. The abundant beauty of the natural environment in and around the towns is complemented by friendly and helpful locals. The area boasts truly stunning and unique scenery, which can best be enjoyed by putting on walking shoes and experiencing the landscape firsthand. Bridgetown and Greenbushes have a number of interesting, varied and enjoyable trails for locals and visitors to enjoy.

This brochure provides trail information to help walkers enjoy the natural beauty of the area. Visitors that are unfamiliar with the area can obtain a local street map to assist with locating the trails identified in this brochure. The Visitor Centre on Hampton Street can provide additional information or at <a href="https://www.bridgetown.com.au">www.bridgetown.com.au</a>, or view all of the regions trails in detail at <a href="https://www.totaltrails.com.au">www.totaltrails.com.au</a>.



Much work has gone into the establishment of these walks and appreciation must go to the Trails Development Advisory Committee, the vast number of community volunteers and for the support of Talison Lithium Pty Ltd, Department of Biosecurity, Conservation and Attractions, South West Development Commission, Trailswest, Whittakers, Lotterywest, Department of Sport and Recreation and Tourism WA.



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### **GREENBUSHES**

Greenbushes abounds with natural and pioneering heritage. There are many points of interest scattered throughout the forest surrounds of the township. These features can be experienced by enjoying a number of walk trails located around the township. Greenbushes is 342.8m above sea level on the edge of the Darling Scarp, providing views of the surrounding rolling hills from various high points in town at the entrance and exit of Stanifer Street, the top of Tourmaline Street and from the Mine Lookout.

There are four short walks close to Greenbushes: the Mining Heritage Walk, Waterbird Walk Trail (Schwenke's Dam), Greenbushes Pool Board Walk and the New Zealand Gully Walk. The Heritage Amble has been developed to allow visitors and locals alike the opportunity to take in the historic buildings and points of interest in the Greenbushes town site. To enjoy a longer walk try the Greenbushes Loop, this walk connects to the Bibbulmun Track. The Bibbulmun Track is one of the world's great long distance walk trails, stretching 965km from Kalamunda near Perth to Albany on the south west coast.



## HERITAGE AMBLE (GREENBUSHES)

LENGTH: 2km return WALK TIME: Approximately 45 minutes return DIFFICULTY: Easy

#### AMENITIES:

Toilets | Picnic and BBQ facilities | Playgrounds

Meals and accommodation

A heritage amble through the Greenbushes town site celebrates the heritage of this historic mining and milling town. Sixty-five historic sites have been identified. A stroll along Blackwood Road will offer the opportunity to experience history by engaging with the lives of the miners, farmers, timber workers and business people from the past. A large thriving community of more than 3,000 people made their lives here in Greenbushes in the early 1900s. Pick up a Heritage Amble brochure from the Greenbushes Discovery Centre for more details and trails activities.

#### LOOK OUT FOR

- Historical buildings and infrastructure
- Historical mining equipment

#### WILDLIFE

- Historical box trees planted by local school children
- Examples of jarrah and marri trees







IMAGES (From top): Greenbushes Mine, Shamrock Hotel, Tasty Edibles, Exchange Hotel.

# HERITAGE AMBLE (GREENBUSHES)

#### **POINTS OF INTEREST**

- 1. Discovery Centre
- 2. May and Morgan's Livery
- 3. Old Road Board
- 4. Edward Dunning Bootmaker
- 5. RSL Hall
- 6. Mrs Armstrong's Vege Shop
- 7. Greenbushes Roadhouse
- 8. Bakery
- 9. Trington
- 10. Granny Knapton
- 11. Mr Pilvin the Tailor
- 12. Mr Pringle's Papershop and Keyser's Store
- 13. Temperance Hotel
- 14. Exchange Hotel
- 15. Commercial Boarding House
- 16. Courthouse Hotel
- 17. Pie Shop/W Phelan
- 18. Thomson Park
- 19. Greenbushes War Memorial
- 20. Miner's Institute Hall
- 21. Old Courthouse and Post Office
- 22. Old Gaol
- 23. Old Police Station
- 24. Greenbushes Primary School
- 25. Shepherdson's Timberyard
- 26. Mine Lookout
- 27. Uniting Church
- 28. Williamson Solicitor
- 29. Mr Fontanella Bootmaker
- 30. Mrs McKay's Fancy Goods Store
- 31. CWA
- 32. Newton's Garage and Iceworks
- 33. Greenbushes Laboratory
- 34. Barrymore and Lillywhite
- 35. Kerr Bros Garage and Power Station
- 36. Anglican Church
- 37. Caltura
- 38. Stratlea
- 39. Cosy Corner Store
- 40. George the Draper
- 41. Clocky the Barber

42. Bill Herbert's Tin Workshop

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Greenbushes

Catchment Area

Telluride Street

Blackwood Road

- 43. The Club
- 44. Merchant FS Benson
- 45. Shoe Shop Fontanella
- 46. Tattle's General Store
- 47. Jimmy Gallagher Estate Agent
- 48. J L Duncan the Draper
- 49. Duke of York Hotel
- 50. Post Office and Newsagency
- 51. Butcher Shop
- 52. Mrs Foster's Boarding House
- 53. Buzza's Blacksmith Shop
- 54. Joe Dahl Barber
- 55. Livery Stables
- 56. Catholic Church
- 57. Greenbushes Advocate Newspaper
- 58. Shamrock Hotel
- 59. Golder's Pharmacy (1)

- 60. E N McAlinden Cordial Maker
- 61. General Store Spencer's of Bunbury
- 62. The Miner's Arms Hotel
- 63. Cracknell's Boarding House
- 64. Trades Hall
- 65. Rogers the Tailor and Henry Elliot the Butcher

George Street

Jephson Street

- 66. Mrs Wellington the Dressmaker
- 67. Shamrock Coffee House
- 68. Elliot and Sons and Ewert's Butcher Shop
- 69. Esteban Ruffland Casas
- 70. Albert Lewis Secondhand Shop
- 71. Golder's Pharmacy (2)
- 72. Bank of Western Australia
- 73. Parish's Store and Duke of York Restaurant (1)
- 74. Masonic Lodge
- 75. Fish and Chips Shop
- 76. Mr Masel Mercer and Fancy Goods Store
- 77. Garcia the Tobacconist and Mrs Millman's Vegetable Shop

Start point for the Heritage Amble walk located in Greenbushes.

George Street

Telluride Street

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Woodward Street

Blackwood Road



## GREENBUSHES LOOP WALK

LENGTH: 15km return
WALK TIME: Approximately 5 hours return
DIFFICULTY: Moderate to hard

#### AMENITIES:

Picnic and BBQ areas | Toilets | Playground Universally accessible boardwalk | Canoe access | Short term camping

This walk begins and ends opposite the Greenbushes Discovery Centre at the Heritage Park on Blackwood Road, Greenbushes and also joins onto the Waterbird Walk (Schwenke's Dam). This trail can be completed in either direction and takes in 5km of natural waterways, heritage mining areas, old growth mixed forest, rehabilitation areas then joins the Bibbulmun trail for 5km and followed by a 5km return to Greenbushes. The trail is marked by a triangular badge featuring a red-tailed black cockatoo (also older arrow direction markers) and interpretive information signs. Located along the trail lies Mt Jones Dam, also called Vultan Dam, the remnants of the Vultan Tin Mine which operated in the early 1960s. Walkers will also pass a large loading ramp used as a platform to load ore from trucks into the Vultan processing plant until the 1970s.

Traversing the pristine forest is a winter creek, numerous habitat trees, flocks of red tailed black cockatoos and a smaller loading ramp. There is also a valley lookout overlooking farmlands in the Blackwood Valley. Take a seat and enjoy the paddocks of wildflowers and grass trees, especially in winter.



#### LOOK OUT FOR

- Historical mining & farming infrastructure
- Natural pool 1km from town

- Jarrah, marri and karri forest
- Wildflowers
- Kangaroos
- Wallabies
- Possums
- · Red and white tailed black cockatoos



## GREENBUSHES POOL BOARDWALK

LENGTH: 516 m return

WALK TIME: Approximately 20 minutes return DIFFICULTY: Easy (wheelchair and gopher friendly)

#### AMENITIES:

Toilets | Parking | Gazebo & picnic area | BBQ Playground | Universal access | Decked boardwalk & viewing area | Short term camping (3 days)

The Greenbushes Pool Boardwalk is a short trail around an attractive natural waterhole located on the Spring Gully water course within walking distance of the Greenbushes town site. A decked boardwalk and viewing platforms have been built around the pool. The trail can be accessed as part of the longer Greenbushes Loop Walk Trail from Maranup Ford Road or by walking directly alongside Spring Gully Road on a bush pathway from town. The walk features interpretive signage providing information about local flora and fauna. It is wheelchair and gopher friendly, however, there are some gentle inclines to navigate.

The pool is an important historic site for the town and was used as a water supply for tin sluicing and mining operations from the late 1800s through to the 1900s. It was the venue for school swimming lessons for children from Greenbushes, Balingup, Kirup, Donnybrook and Bridgetown for many years and was still in use as a swimming pool up until the 1970s.



#### LOOK OUT FOR

- Historical swimming pool
- Local art displays
- Camping library

- Many birds
- Marsupials
- Long necked turtles
- Marron
- Native fish
- Marco-invertebrates
- Sage
- Paper Bark
- Wattles
- Wildflowers



# WATERBIRD WALKING TRAIL (Schwenke's Dam)

LENGTH: 3.5km return

WALK TIME: Approximately 1.5 hours return

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

#### AMENITIES:

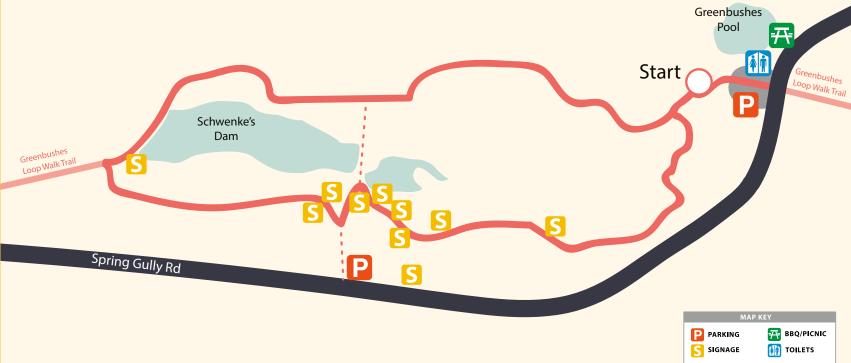
Car park off Spring Gully Road

AMENITIES AT THE GREENBUSHES POOL:

Carpark and short term camping facilities | Picnic and BBQ facilities | Toilets | Camping library | Interpretive signage | QR codes to view additional content, including videos

The walk begins and ends at the Greenbushes Pool on Spring Gully Road (it can also be accessed from the Schwenke's Dam car park and completed as a loop). The attractive trail takes walkers past wetlands and jarrah and marri forest, scrub and paper bark woodland and traverses part of the Greenbushes Loop trail. Keep an eye out for ring-tail possums as they have been spotted in the area. The Blackwood Basin Group has undertaken extensive rehabilitation work as part of the Priority Bittern and Water-Bird Biodiversity Enhancement Project throughout the wetland portion of the walk.

The jarrah and marri forest is a known roosting site for forest black cockatoos and is a registered site for the great cocky count. Listen out for cockatoos and perhaps their young as many nesting boxes have been installed in the area to supplement their breeding habitat.



#### LOOK OUT FOR

#### WILDLIFE

- Red and white tailed black cockatoos
- · Numerous birdlife
- Water birds
- Ringtail possums
- Wallabies
- Kangaroos
- Turtles
- Native fish

#### WILDFLOWERS AND FLORA

- Numerous wildflowers including orchids
- Wattles
- Jarrah, marri and blackbutt trees



# NEW ZEALAND GULLY WALK

LENGTH: 7km return
WALK TIME: Approximately 3 hours return
Difficulty: Moderate

AMENITIES:

Benches and interpretive signage

This walk begins and ends opposite the Greenbushes Discovery Centre at the Heritage Park on Blackwood Road, Greenbushes, and can be completed in either direction. The trail includes natural waterways, many heritage mining areas, old growth mixed forest, rehabilitation areas and the historic North Greenbushes town site. The New Zealand Gully Walk is marked by a triangular badge featuring a long necked turtle. A selection of interpretive signs are a feature of this walk.

Look out for the trail information sign as the trail enters the Dumpling Gully Forest. Alongside the trail are a number of rock mull heaps, evidence of early mining in the area where horses and ropes were used to pull rocks out of soft rock workings. The largest and highest laterite rock mounds are at the North Greenbushes end of the Gully. The trail takes walkers past rehabilitation areas, mixed forest, sleeper boardwalks and a series of small lakes including White Lode Pool. A walk through the old settlement of North Greenbushes is of note as this is the site of the historic Greenbushes Railway Station (1898) and offers walkers a view of the Timber Mill across the railway lines.



#### LOOK OUT FOR

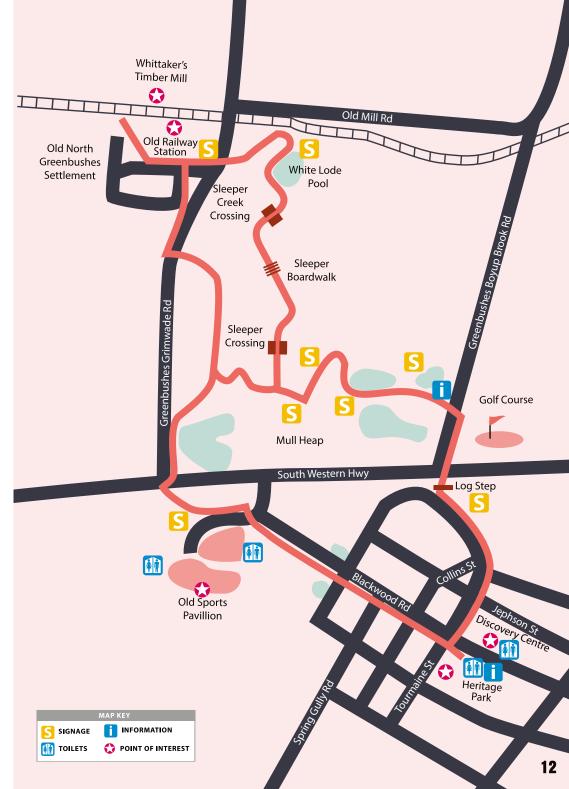
- Historical railway station site
- Old timber cottages
- Water dams (remnant mining voids)
- Historical mining infrastructure

#### WILDLIFE

- Kangaroos
- Wallabies
- Red tailed and white tailed cockatoos
- Long necked turtles
- Variety of birdlife

#### WILDFLOWERS

• Numerous wildflowers including orchids



# MINING HERITAGE WALK

LENGTH: 3km return WALK TIME: Approximately 1 hour DIFFICULTY: Easy to moderate

#### AMENITIES:

Toilet facilities at the Mine lookout | Picnic and BBQ facilities | Playgrounds

This walk begins and ends opposite the Greenbushes Discovery Centre at the Heritage Park on Blackwood Road, Greenbushes, and can be completed in either direction. The trail takes in many heritage mining areas and is marked by a triangular badge featuring a miner's safety hard hat and crossed pick and shovel. A selection of interpretive information signs brings history to life along the trail.

Along this walk you are able to view an array of old mining shafts used to mine tin from the 1900s to 1940s (tin was first discovered in Greenbushes in 1886). Miners used a variety of winch mechanisms and buckets to haul ore from as deep as 10 metres below the surface cap rock. Keep an eye out for Elias Tunnel, also known as the Mile Long Tunnel, which was developed to mine tin, note that shoring up was not required to support the tunnel. The trail includes a section of the historic precinct of Greenbushes including the Old Courthouse, Gaol and Police Station (now the school library). Included along this walk trail is the mine lookout where walkers can view the Cornwall Pit (open 8am to 5pm daily).



#### LOOK OUT FOR

- Historic mining infrastructure such as tunnels, shafts and trenches
- Mine lookout
- Interpretive signage

#### WILDLIFE

- Kangaroos
- Wallabies
- Red and white tailed black cockatoos
- Variety of birds

#### **WILDFLOWERS**

• Numerous wildflowers including orchids

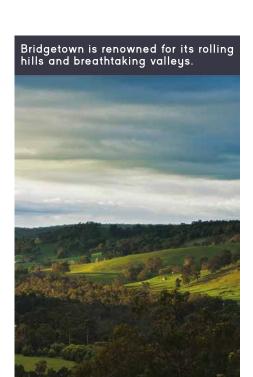


## **BRIDGETOWN**

Located approximately 300km south of Perth, Bridgetown is known for its lifestyle opportunities, with beautiful landscapes, heritage architecture, a strong sense of community and access to a wide range of services. Bridgetown is also listed as a Historic Town with the National Trust. Bridgetown lies within the Blackwood catchment area. The Blackwood River and its tributaries remain a highlight of the valley which is bordered by an undulating landscape providing a picturesque backdrop to the town and Blackwood River. The many hectares of national park and state forest surrounding Bridgetown and its smaller townships provide the perfect environment for a variety of scenic walk trails to suit everyone.

There are a number of beautiful bush and river walks in Bridgetown varying in length and difficulty to cater for a variety of walk trail users. The town walks include the Old Rectory and the River Walk. Both trails offer access points to River Park and the town centre as well as providing walkers with the opportunity to walk along the Blackwood River. Somme Creek Fitness Trail is also located in town and offers six stations with various types of fitness equipment to provide a whole body workout by the end of the walk.

Hester Forest extends north east from Bridgetown and is made up of a number of small blocks of forest interspersed between farmland. Hester Forest is an integral part of the character of Bridgetown. It is highly visible and provides a green belt for the town. Many farmers rely on the fresh water that originates in the forest and people choose to visit the area because of its beauty and tranquillity. Just a short drive from town and set within typical Bridgetown bush locations are the Old Abattoir Walk and the Wandoo Walk providing several length and difficulty options for all levels of walkers. Jarrah Park walk trails are located approximately 20km from town heading toward Nannup along the Brockman Highway and offer walkers a unique bush walking experience.



# TOWN HERITAGE WALK (BRIDGETOWN)

LENGTH: 2km WALK TIME: 2hrs DIFFICULTY: Easy

#### AMENITIES:

Public toilets at Memorial Park and along Hampton St | Bridgetown CBD | Cafés and restaurants | Various specialty shops

Bridgetown was originally called Geegelup, probably taken from the local Aboriginal term for the fresh water crustaceans found in the local brook. The local tribe called these 'guglies' and incorporated them into their diet. Other people changed this term to 'gilgies'. The town was proclaimed on 9 June 1868 as Bridgetown. John Allnutt wrote to the colony's authorities requesting that the town be called Bridgetown because the ship Bridgetown loaded the town's wool at Bunbury and due to the bridge crossing the Blackwood River. This walk allows you to take a step back in time and view some of Bridgetown's heritage buildings, some dating back over 100 years.

An information booklet with detailed descriptions of each location is available from the Bridgetown Visitor Centre.







IMAGES (From top): Resident geese at the Bridgetown bridge over the Blackwood River. Bridgetown by night, Eclectic shopping at Wag Walters Emporium (Ford House).

## **TOWN HERITAGE** WALK (BRIDGETOWN)

- 1. Memorial Park
- 2. Old Court House
- 3. Old Police Headquarters and lock up
- 4. The Post Office
- 5. Bridgetown Hotel
- 6. Town Hall and Shire Offices
- 7. Site of the Old Town School
- 8. Freemasons Hotel
- 9. Bridgetown Road Board Office
- 10. St. Brigid's Catholic Church and Convent
- 11. Terminus Hotel
- 12. Methodist Church
- 13. The Emporium
- 14. Veale's Dressmakers
- 15. Blechynden Butchers
- 16. Commercial Bank of Australia
- 17. Bank of New South Wales
- 18. Blackwood Pharmacy
- 19. Railway Station
- 20. Solicitor's Office
- 21. Berthold's Newsagents
- 22. Site of Dorsett Motors
- 23. National Bank Building
- 24. Masonic Lodge
- 25. Scotts Tavern
- 26. Maslin House
- 27. Old Cider Factory
- 28. Site of Nurse McAlinden's Midwifery
- 29. Nelson House
- 30. St Paul's Anglican Church
- 31. All View
- 32. Henry's House
- 33. Site of Moriarity's Blacksmith Shop
- 34. Old Town Haberdashery
- 35. Ford House
- 36. Austin Ford
- 37. Bridgedale
- 38. Main bridges across river
- 39. Police Reserve
- 40. Old Town Hospital
- 41. Town Creamery



# BLACKWOOD RIVER WALK

LENGTH: 5.7km to 6.2km WALK TIME: Up to 3hrs DIFFICULTY: Easy to Moderate

#### **AMENITIES:**

Picnic area and BBQs | Gazebos | Toilets Playground | River viewing platforms | Grassed recreational area | Canoe and kayak hire and launching spots

The Blackwood River Walk features a unique boardwalk detour which runs through native bush and wetland areas. The walk trail traverses 3.1km along the picturesque Blackwood River and crosses the river over a unique suspension bridge which spans 8 meters across the waterway. The trail and boardwalk can be accessed from the family friendly River Park and at the bottom of Grey's Hill. Canoe and kayak hire is available (through the Bridgetown Caravan Park) with the equipment located at the end of the southern board walk.

The full 8km loop provides entry point access and direction to the river from various starting points and passes through the historically listed residential areas of Bridgetown. The topography in Bridgetown can be quite steep, so there are some great 'heart starter' hills on this trail. The section of the trail that traverses bushland, along the river is slightly undulating with terrain not as steep as some of the residential sections of the trail.

The trail is popular with local dog walkers, joggers and cyclists. You may also share the trail with horse riders.

The River Markets run on alternate Sundays at the River Park. Market days are abuzz with activity where local food producers, artisans and performers gather to peddle their wares. Contact the Bridgetown Visitor Centre on 9761 1740 for Market Day information.

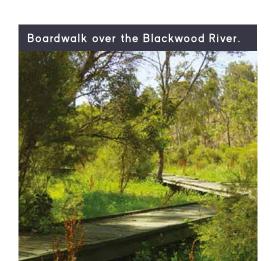
#### LOOK OUT FOR

#### WILDLIFE

- Kangaroos
- Possums
- Bob tailed and blue tongue goannas
- King's skink
- Long neck tortoises
- Geese
- Ducks and waterfowl
- Baudin's cockatoos
- Forest red and white tailed black cockatoos
- Finches and wrens

#### **WILDFLOWERS**

- Snow drops
- Peas
- Wattles
- Native buttercups & orchids



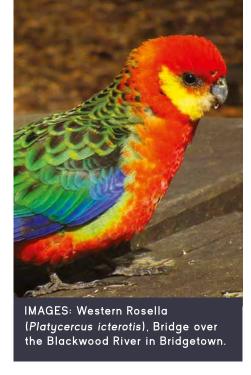


## OLD RECTORY WALK

LENGTH: 1.7km WALK: Approximately 1 hr DIFFICULTY: Moderate to easy

The Old Rectory Trail runs approximately 1km to the west of the iconic Bridgetown timber bridge along the picturesque Blackwood River. This walk trail was originally used by the Anglican Parish Priests when the 'Old Rectory' was located at the end of the trail as the means of linking 'home' to 'work'. The historic (100 year old) St Paul's Anglican Church is located in the Bridgetown town site at the opposite end of the trail, across the bridge. The 'Old Rectory' is now privately owned property, so walkers cannot enter the Rectory itself, but instead can retrace their footsteps back along the trail or access a loop link and return to the timber bridge along the service road adjacent to the Brockman Highway. This affords the walker the opportunity to view the public art sculpture at the southern end of the Bridge. This piece of artwork symbolizes the water drop - water being an element integral to environmental sustainability. This walk connects to the River Park.

Caution should be taken during winter as the river can flood parts of the trail.



#### LOOK OUT FOR

#### WILDLIFE

- Kangaroos
- Possums
- Bob tailed and blue tongue goannas
- King's skink
- Long neck tortoises
- Geese
- Ducks and waterfowl
- · Baudin's cockatoos
- Red and white tailed black cockatoos
- Finches and wrens
- Native frogs

#### WILDFLOWERS

- Snow drops
- Peas
- Wattles
- Native buttercups
- Native orchids





# SOMME CREEK FITNESS TRAIL

LENGTH: 1 km WALK TIME: 10 minutes DIFFICULTY: Easy

#### AMENITIES:

Exercise equipment | Benches | Carpark | Skate Park | Library | Bridgetown Leisure Centre | Grassed picnic area | Art trail

The Somme Creek Fitness Trail is an outdoor resistance training area which includes six stations of fitness equipment designed to target the whole body and get you into shape. Use them all or pick and choose. A description outlining correct use accompanies each piece of equipment. A 5-10 minute walk along the path is a great way to warm up and cool down after a workout. The fitness trail connects with the art trail to complete the loop at the Library car park.

Always stand clear of fitness equipment when observing others. It is recommended that children under 12 years of age don't use the equipment without adult supervision.

Somme Creek is a revegetated wetland area with native flora which attracts local fauna. This walk trail also provides access to the Bridgetown Library, Skate Park, Bridgetown Swimming Pool and Bridgetown Leisure Centre.



#### LOOK OUT FOR

#### WILDLIFE

- Frogs
- Water birds



MAP KEY

PARKING POINT OF INTEREST

BBQ/PICNIC EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

## BRIDGETOWN Jarrah Park

LENGTH: Various
WALK TIME: 20 minutes to 3 hours
DIFFICULTY: Various

Bridgetown Jarrah Park is located 20 kilometres from Bridgetown along the Brockman Highway. The park includes four walks of varying lengths, from 20 minutes to 3 hours. The trails meander past a variety of plant communities. In spring the forest floor is lit up by a brilliant kaleidoscope of colour provided by an array of wildflowers. Follow the labelled junction numbers for each of the trails. Alternatively, you can walk the trails in any direction and use the junction numbers to get your bearings. This way you can make your walk as long or as short as you like.

The area is significant as the uplands support open forest of jarrah and marri while the valley vegetation ranges from open yarri (also known as WA blackbutt), marri and jarrah to full open forest of karri with a wide range of understorey plant communities. This is the northernmost occurrence of Karri and the only place where magnificent specimens of the four major tree species of the region can be seen within easy walking distance.

#### LOOK OUT FOR

#### WILDLIFE

- Kangaroos
- Western brush wallabies
- Honey possums
- Western pygmy possum
- Numbats
- Common brushtail possum,
- Southern brown bandicoot
- Quokkas
- Chudich
- Common dunnarts
- Bush rat
- Brushtailed phascogale
- Honeyeaters
- White, yellow and scarlet robins
- Fantails
- Wrens
- Striated and spotted pardalotes
- Wattle birds
- Ravens
- Kookaburras
- Red and white tailed black cockatoos
- Golden and rufous whistlers
- Shrike thrushes
- Purple crowned lorikeets
- Skinks
- Goannas
- Dugites
- Tiger snakes

#### **WILDFLOWERS**

- Native wisteria
- Yellow flags
- Wattles
- Hovea
- Banksias
- Coral vine
- Orchids



# OLD ABATTOIR WALK

LENGTH: 1.7km to 3.1km WALK TIME: 30 minutes to 1 hour DIFFICULTY: Easy to moderate

AMENITIES:

Parking | Picnic facility and gazebo

The Old Abattoir walk trail is 5.4km from Bridgetown centre on the Bridgetown Boyup Brook Road. The area has been extensively logged however is now protected by Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions as a Reserve. The abattoir was opened in 1942 by Maurice Glancy and was later sold to Roland Blechynden in 1968 however was closed in 1970. Historical remnants of the Old Abattoir can be seen along the trail.

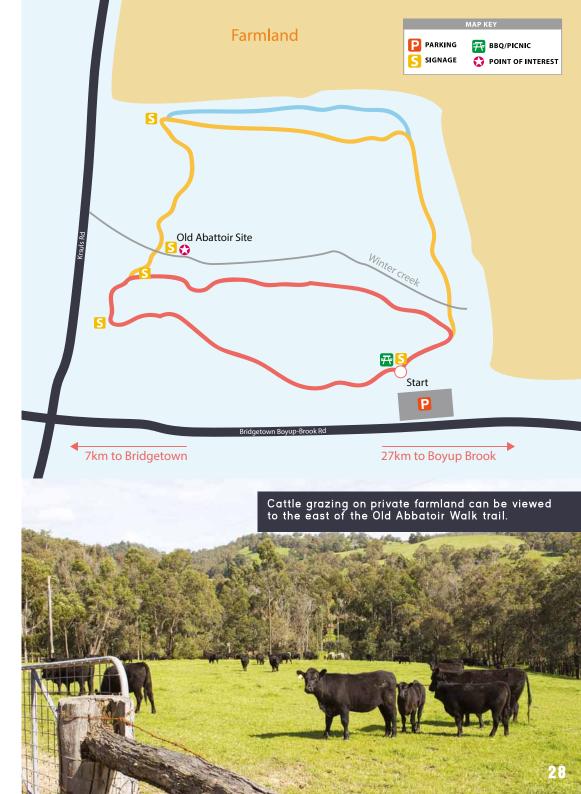
A combination of these three tracks enables walkers to join the shorter and longer tracks along the route. A directional map is located at the intersections to provide walkers with these options.



#### LOOK OUT FOR

- Winter creek line
- Remnants of the old abattoir
- Interpretive signage

- Kangaroos
- Wallabies
- Possums
- Many native birds
- Many wildflowers and orchids



## WANDOO VALLEY WALK

LENGTH: 1km to 3.7km WALK TIME: 30 minutes to 1.5 hours Difficulty: Easy to moderate

AMENITIES:

Parking | Seating along the trail

The Wandoo Valley walk trail is 8.2km from Bridgetown centre. To access, drive along Winnejup Road and turn down the power line corridor, parking at entrance to Wandoo Walk. The area has been extensively logged however is now protected by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, as a reserve. The area is now a reforested environment with jarrah, marri, and wandoo trees. Other areas along the trail include low shrub clearings scattered with wildflowers.

There are some examples of old jarrah and marri trees that were not logged due to their perceived poor quality timber and these now offer many tree hollows providing shelters and nesting sites for birds and possums.

There are three loops along the Wandoo Walk. The orientation map at the commencement of the track highlights each of the loops.



#### LOOK OUT FOR

- Examples of jarrah, marri and wandoo trees
- Loop intersection direction and information signs

- Kangaroos
- Wallabies
- Possums
- Many native birds
- Many wildflowers and orchids
- Jarrah
- Marri
- Wandoo
- Grass trees







HIKING TIPS NOT

Below is a list of hiking tips to bear in mind while participating in any of these walks. Although some of the trails are not far from town and some are only a short distance, if you follow these tips, you will be better prepared for any situation that may arise.

#### 1. Notify someone of your plans

If possible, let somebody know where you are going and your expected return time. Some of these tracks may not see many travellers and mobile coverage may be limited.

#### 2. Water

Make sure you take plenty of water. Take at least 2 litres per person, per day. Take even more in the hotter months.

#### 3. Dress appropriately

Always make sure you have the correct clothing and shoes to suit the walking conditions and for the time of year. A sun hat is necessary in summer and sunglasses are a good idea.

#### 4. First aid kit

Always carry a first aid kit. Comprehensive first aid kits are inexpensive and crucial if something goes wrong. Even an insect bite can be painful.

#### 5. Food

Make yourself a healthy trail mix to keep your energy levels up on the longer walks.



#### 6. Stay on the path

Always stay on the designated trails and follow the trail markers at all times. Be careful not to trample the flora and fauna.

Remember to take all rubbish home. Keep the trails clean for the next walkers. It's as easy as putting a plastic bag in your backpack.

#### 8. Fires

Fires are not permitted along any of the walk trails.

#### 9. Wildflowers

Although they look pretty, it is an offence to pick wildflowers in Western Australia.

#### 10. Reference book

Take a reference book to aid in flora and fauna identification.

#### 11. Snakes

There are some very poisonous snakes out in the bush. Be careful in areas of long grass, rocks and near water. A snake will probably have moved away before you see it, but if you should see one on your track, just walk around it and leave it alone.

#### 12. General safety

Everyone is responsible for their own safety. In the natural environment with loose gravel, uneven surfaces and trip hazards it is important to be prepared. There are many areas that do not offer mobile phone coverage and weather can adversely affect safety on all walks so please be prepared and take care.



