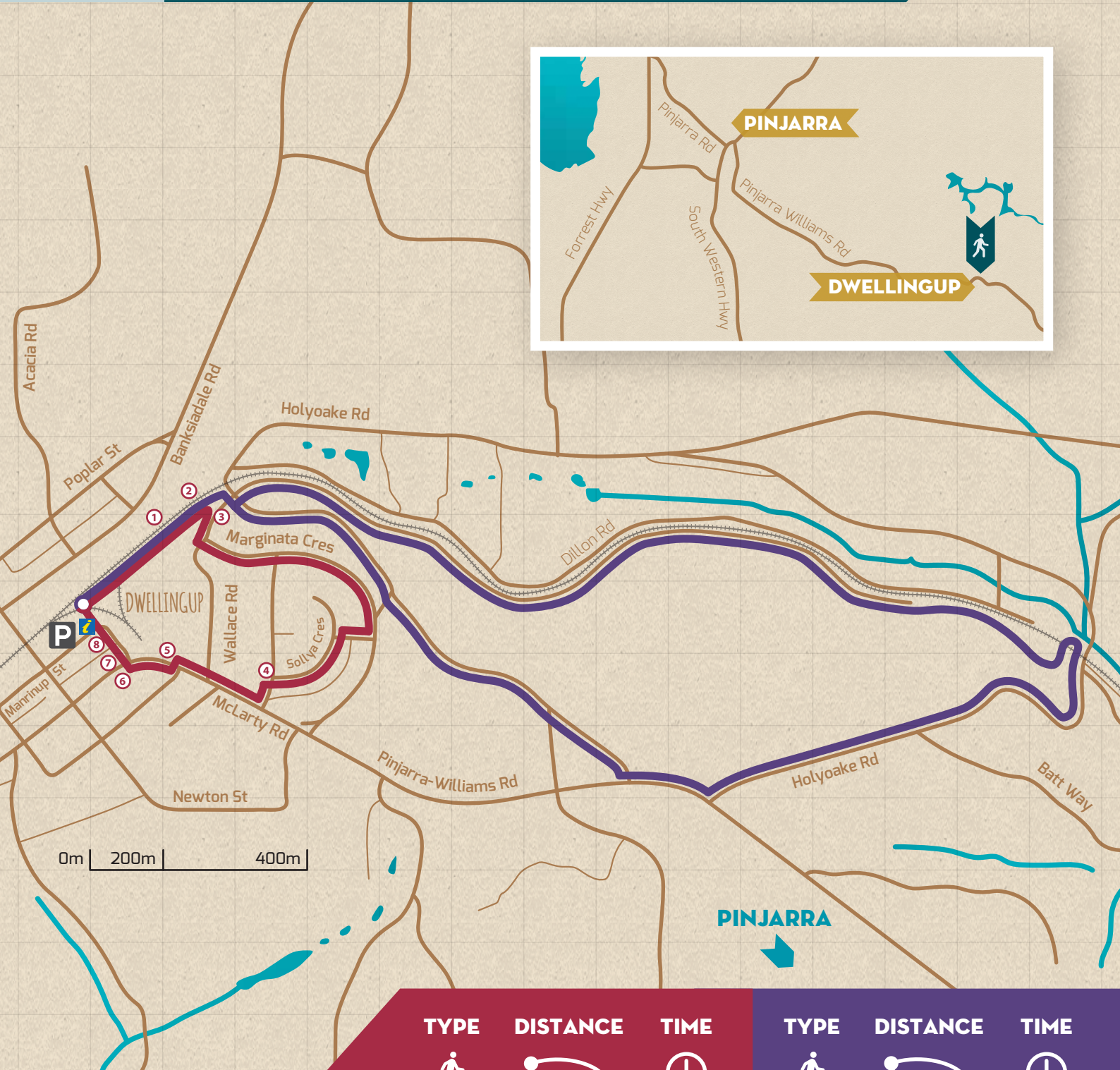




# DWELLINGUP HOLYOAKE & EARLY DAYS



**TYPE**



Grade 1

**DISTANCE**



3.9km circuit

**TIME**



1.5 hours

**TYPE**



Grade 2

**DISTANCE**



6.5km circuit

**TIME**



2.5 hours

## LEGEND

Road

Trainline

River

The Early Days

Holyoake Hike



Information Centre



Start point



Parking



Toilets



Barbecue



Seating Area



Picnic Area



Dogs are prohibited

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## HOLYOAKE HIKE

Turn left outside the Dwellingup Visitor Information Centre and follow the railway line. Turn right into Wallace Rd and then left onto the Bibbulmun Track.

## TRAIL INFORMATION

During spring part of the trail becomes a mass of native and cultivated flowers.

Residents of the old mill town of Holyoake were members of the South West Timber Hewers Cooperative Society, known as the 'Teddy Bears' after a chance meeting with US President Teddy Roosevelt by the Mill Manager, Herbert Jackman.

The 'Teddy Bears' were so successful that the State Government bought them out. The mill was renamed to State Mill No.5 at Holyoake but was always known as the 'Teddy Bear's Mill'.

Holyoake town was destroyed by the 1961 bush fire with only Holman House left standing. Dwellingup was also destroyed, but the Teddy Bear's church was not harmed and still stands today.

Many grave markers in the cemetery were burnt and there are no plans of the plots prior to 1961. Records of the people laid to rest before the fire were also destroyed.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

Approx 1km into the trail trees on the left will clear showing orchards in the fertile Holyoake Valley.

Upon reaching the gravel intersection (3km) you will see a nice tin building on the right that was formally built by scouts and on the left is a rock with a plaque remembering residents of the mill town of Holyoake.

Follow the track across the railway line and on the right can be seen the blacksmith's fire pit. A few metres along on the right the track will take you to the 'log slide' where logs from the rail line were rolled down the 'slide' to another rail line below, then pulled into the mill, sawn into railway sleepers.

Retrace your steps to the railway line and walk up the hill in front of you. Continue left to commence your journey back towards town.

Continue along the gravel road a couple of kilometres and you will pass on the right the waste transfer station - this was the Holyoake Sports Oval. The Teddy Bear's played football on the gravel pitch.

Follow the track to the right and 500m along the side of the bitumen will bring you to the cemetery.

Retrace your steps 20m and rejoin the track. Veer Left and in another 1.5km approx will meet the bitumen (At Wallace Road) with the sawmill ahead.

Turn left onto the bitumen, then right back onto the Bibbulmun Track and retrace your steps alongside the oval and back to the Visitor's Centre.



## THE EARLY DAYS

Turn left outside the Dwellingup Visitor Information Centre and start the trail.

## TRAIL INFORMATION

This trail is part of the Holyoake Hike and the short loop takes in some of the main historical landmarks of Dwellingup.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Mill Studio - At the junction of the mail rail line from Pinjarra, in the 1930's this building was the 'Goods Inwards' shed and carpenter's workshop. It survived the 1961 bush fire.
2. Colli Timber Products (Mill) - A sawmill has been on the site since 1910 and currently operates 5 days a week.
3. Marginata Crescent - There were no homes in Marginata Crescent between Solya Crescent and Williams Road and then after the fire over 25 homes were relocated here from Banksiadale.
4. Solya Crescent - This street has some of Dwellingup's oldest homes and the 1961 fire destroyed only one out of nine.
5. Dwellingup Oval - Surrounded by native and introduced trees, many locals gathered here to shelter from the bush fire.
6. RSL Hall - Originally the Marrinup School, opened in June 1911, relocated to Dwellingup in 1947 to become the RSL Hall and after the bush fire it housed people who had lost their homes.
7. Dwellingup Heritage Garden Precinct - Mick French lived here from the age of seven until he passed away at eighty seven. Mick loved his garden and shared his flowers, oranges and knowledge with everyone. During spring the garden is ablaze with the colour and perfume of his many rose bushes.
8. First Surveyors Peg - Marks the spot the first peg was driven into the ground by Surveyor William F. Rudell on 19 October 1909. In 2009 Dwellingup celebrated its Centenary with the placing of a new peg and time capsule.

## CODE OF PRACTICE

- Be sure to read the trail information before you set out.
- Carry adequate food and water for your walk.
- Dress appropriately for the trail and weather conditions.
- Leave no trace. Take all of your rubbish home.
- Stay on the trail and avoid sensitive natural areas.
- Be courteous to other trail users.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Dwellingup History & Visitors Information Centre	9538 1108
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