

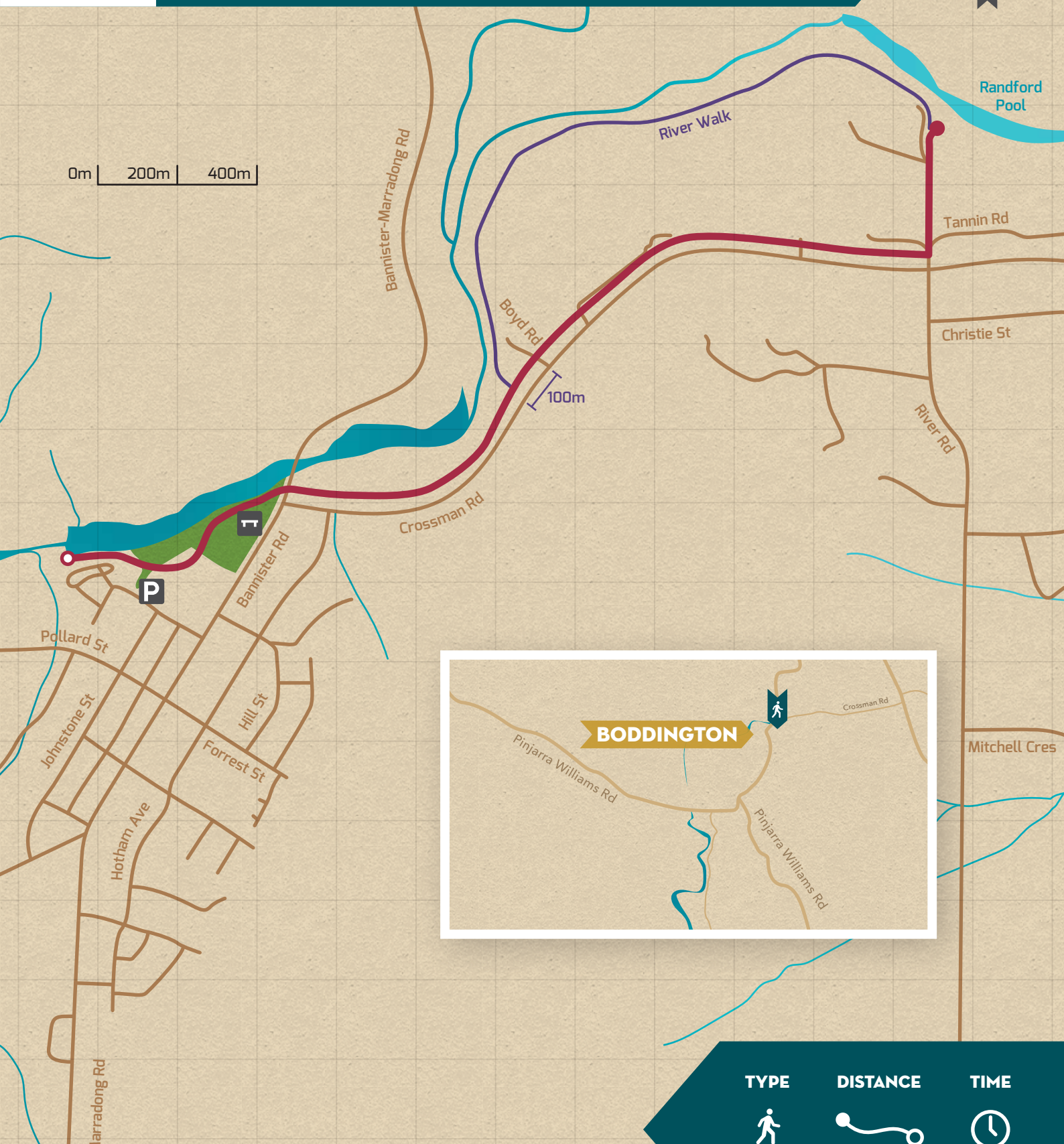


RANFORD TRAIL










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LEGEND

-  Road
-  End point
-  Parking
-  Ranford Trail
-  Hotham River
-  Toilets
-  Starting point
-  Memorial Park
-  Seating Area



TYPE	DISTANCE	TIME
		
Grade 2	2km each way	60 mins

ENQUIRIES & INFORMATION
www.visitpeel.com.au

DIRECTIONS

From Boddington Visitor Centre, the trail begins at the Lion's Weir Carpark, off Wuraming Ave. The path eastward goes for approx. 3km to River Rd. Turn northward to the Hotham River, and return either by retracing steps - OR - continuing westward along the Hotham River back to Boddington Townsite.

TRAIL INFORMATION

Ranford Pool is one of those special spots the locals would prefer you did not know about. It is one of the most beautiful spots in the Peel Region for a picnic and a nice and easy 4km return walk.

The local Friends of the Reserves have created this walk trail that starts from the Lions Weir and takes you along to the historical Ranford Pool.

The walk follows the line of the old railway and the Hotham River and winds its way through paperbark tree forests, past Long Donkey Farm and passes by scenic rural paddocks. The first part of the walk is fully paved, wide enough for push bikes, horses, prams and wheelchairs and takes in the scenery along the river's edge along to the Hotham Valley Bridge. Once you have passed the bridge the path reverts to a more natural state and ends up as a narrow walking trail only.

The water hole is a deeper part of the river created when the Tannin Factory was operational in the early 1970's, and is quite popular with the local children as a swimming hole. The walk trail is signposted along its length and also has informative signs on the different bird species and fish species you can experience.

Fishing is great in spring or autumn in the deep pools of the river. Redfin perch and cobbler (catfish), along with marron (freshwater crayfish) are caught in season.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Boddington Road Bridge - the main access to Boddington townsite from Albany Hwy and Perth to the townsite, this was flooded in the 1950's floods isolating the town.

Former Tannin Extract historic site built in the 1930's ran 24/7 during the war years and was considered a war effort. It extracted Tannin from Whitegum Trees until 1961 when the last whistle blew Tannin was used to treat leather.

Darnminning Pool, a large pool in the Hotham River, which feeds the Tannin Extracts factory with water for their processing and steam power.

Lions Weir - A picnic area next to a weir on the banks of the river features a public BBQ, rotunda and toilets. Lions Weir is a delightful spot to relax where a small dam has been created in the Hotham River to create a year-round haven for water birds and fish. A fish ladder (series of rock pools) has been built adjoining and up to top of the wall to enable fish to swim upstream in the spawning season.

The Bibbulmun Track (a world class 1,000 kilometre walking trail) passes through the Boddington Shire. Some of the area's tourist attractions include: Bacchus - Lord of the Grapes statue, Tullis Bridge, Hotham River Foreshore and Long Gully Bridge and one of the World's largest Gold producing mine.

The town is an excellent base from which to go hiking, wildflower sighting, bird watching or picnicking.

CODE OF PRACTICE

- Be courteous to other trail users.
- Carry adequate food and water for your walk
- Leave no trace. Take all your rubbish home.
- Dress appropriately for the trail and weather conditions
- Stay on the trail and avoid sensitive natural areas
- Sunglasses, sunscreen (30+) and insect repellent

USEFUL CONTACTS

Shire of Boddington	www.boddington.wa.gov.au
Shire of Boddington Rangers	9883 4999
Boddington Community Resource Centre	9883 8246
Boddington Police Station	9883 8002



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