

NAVIGATING THE TRAIL

The Mosman Park Heritage Trail visits 17 sites along a 10.5 kilometre route that takes you along the river, through the bush and back into the heart of Mosman Park. While most of the trail can be walked at a leisurely pace, there are sections that could be physically challenging for some walkers. These areas are indicated on the map on the back of this brochure.



The trail takes approximately 3 to 4 hours to complete. Make sure you bring plenty of water and wear comfortable shoes. Public toilets and picnic facilities are available intermittently along the route (refer to the attached map). Cafes, shops and restaurants can be found in the centre of town.

Participants following the trail do so at their own risk.



THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESERVOIR AROUND THE OBELISK ON BUCKLAND HILL, 1935.



RUDWICK'S CHEMIST SHOP ON STIRLING HIGHWAY, c. 1920.

RELIVE THE MOSMAN PARK HERITAGE TRAIL

Do you want to share or revisit the information provided along this trail? Scan this QR code or visit the Town's website at:

www.mosmanpark.wa.gov.au/heritage-trail



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MOSMAN PARK'S HISTORY?

The Grove Library maintains a community history collection about the people, places and events that have shaped the history of Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park.



BAR-B-Q PARTY PONTOON ON THE SWAN RIVER, MOSMAN PARK, 1989.

Items in this collection include reports, newsletters, photographs, oral histories, newspaper clippings, digital histories and books, including:

Between River and Sea: A History of Mosman Park, Western Australia by Elizabeth Tuetteman

Beaches, Bush & Riverbanks: Memories of Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove & Mosman Park edited by Katherine Wallace

Most material in this collection is not for loan but may be referenced and copied in the Community History Library.



FRONT COVER: A GROUP OF CHILDREN FROM DOYLE STREET ON THE MOSMAN BAY FORESHORE, 1936.

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MOSMAN PARK HERITAGE TRAIL



DISCOVERING Mosman Park's HIDDEN HISTORY



WELCOME TO THE MOSMAN PARK HERITAGE TRAIL

This trail explores some highlights of Mosman Park's history and uncovers traces of the past that have been left behind. Take the time to explore the trail, in whole or in part, and don't forget to take in the beautiful scenery of this unique municipality, between river and sea.



TWO MEN ON THE MOSMAN BAY JETTY DURING THE FLOODS OF 1920.

It is hard to imagine this quiet suburb as an isolated 'country town' or the home of large-scale industry. Yet once this was a place of open bushland and large factories that lined the river and the highway. Going to 'the pictures' or a local dance was a treat for hardworking residents on Friday and Saturday nights, while Sundays were reserved for family fun at the river or the beach.

Physical reminders of Mosman Park's history have slowly disappeared as residential development has thrived. Although much of the open land and industry that once defined Mosman Park has gone, some of the Town's remaining buildings, reserves and residential developments are reminders of this vanished past.



HOMEMADE SKIFFS ON THE MOSMAN BAY FORESHORE, c. 1948.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

As you walk along the Mosman Park Heritage Trail, you may notice different names for the suburb. These reflect the fact that Mosman Park has had at least seven different names!

1833 — Surveyor John Septimus Roe labels an undefined area of land north of Fremantle as **Buckland Downs** on an original survey map.

1841 — The area northwest of Rocky Bay appears as **Buckland Hill** on a map drawn from the *H.M.S Beagle*.

1899 — **Buckland Hill Road District** is gazetted. The Road Board and residents, however, unofficially refer to the area as Cottesloe Beach after the local train station on the Perth to Fremantle line.

1908 — Members of the Buckland Hill Road Board officially change the Board's name to **Cottesloe Beach Road Board**. Permission to use the new name is granted by the Minister the following year.

1922 — A competition is held to establish a new name for the district. Five names are considered, including: River Sea, Beachlia, Beachhole, Riverslea, and Riverbeach. None of these names is found to be suitable and the issue is abandoned.



1930 — Confusion caused by the existence of Cottesloe and Cottesloe Beach leads the Road Board to change its name back to **Buckland Hill Road District**.

1932 — A committee considers a new list of names for the district, short-listing Buckland, Mosman Park and Rivermont. Local residents lean strongly towards Mosman Park as a distinctive name for the district.

1937 — The **Mosman Park Road District** is officially gazetted.

1961 — The *Local Government Act 1960* replaces Road Districts with Councils and establishes the **Shire of Mosman Park**.

1962 — The Shire of Mosman Park is designated the **Town of Mosman Park**.



THE RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S LEAGUE (RSL) HALL, WHICH ONCE STOOD ON THE CORNER OF SOLOMON AND JOHNSTON STREETS, 1938.

WHADJUK TRAILS

Along the trail between the Mosman Bay foreshore and Leighton Battery, look for stainless steel triangles cut into the footpath. These mark the Wardun Beelie Bidi, a 17.4km trail linking bushland with iconic Noongar and heritage trails in the Town of Cottesloe, Shire of Peppermint Grove and Town of Mosman Park.



LIME KILNS ON BUCKLAND HILL, c. 1920.

The Warden Beelie Bidi is part of the Whadjuk network of walking trails that connects remnant bushland areas in Perth's western suburbs. To download the free App for the Wardun Beelie Bidi and other Whadjuk Trails, or for additional information on the Whadjuk network of walking trails, please visit: www.whadjukwalkingtrails.org.au



MISS KELLY AND TWO AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AT BLACKWALL REACH, 1942.

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1. Welcome to Mosman Park
2. Mosman Bay Foreshore
3. Bay View Park
4. Chidley Point
5. Cottesloe Refinery
6. Minim Cove
7. The Fertiliser Factory
8. Garungup Park
9. Buckland Hill
10. Leighton Battery
11. Rope Works Park
12. GM Holden Factory
13. Mosman Park Primary School
14. Memorial Hall ('Camelot')
15. The Oceanic Hotel
16. St Luke's Anglican Church Precinct
17. Memorial Park

Incline

- Flat-Gradual
- Medium
- Steep

Amenities

- Public Toilets
- Picnic Facilities
- Administration Centre

