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The Wardun Beelie Bidi traverses the land of the Noongar People in the Whadjuk Country. Noongar people continue to share and practice traditional laws, customs, language and culture, characterised by a strong spiritual connection to 'country' (Boodja). Significant sites on the trail include Mudurup Rocks and Wadjemup (Rottnest Island). Seen from the mainland, Wadjemup is believed to be the Noongar heaven.

Noongar Significance

Mudurup (pronounced Mudurup), is a registered ceremonial site with mythological significance for Noongar people. This is one of many points along the Perth Coastline where ceremonies relating to the Kurangup (Noongar Heaven) would take place. In the spirit world, the Wardang (Raven) would take the spirit of Noongar to its final resting place over the Wardun (Indian Ocean).

Mudurup Rocks

Located between the river and sea, this unique bushland provides an important ecological corridor for flora and fauna. The reserve, one of the highest points in Perth, was used as an observation point by Willem de Vlamingh when he landed near Cottesloe Beach in 1696. During World War II, the area was home to Leighton Battery, a gun emplacement and tunnel complex. Tours can be joined most Sundays.

Buckland Hill Park

A Bush Forever site, this reserve contains a Parrot Bush shrubland, an excellent food source for the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. Reptiles such as King Skinks and Bobtails enjoy the shelter of the debris and vegetation around the Chidley Beach foreshore. The reserve provides BBQ and toilet facilities and is a popular fishing spot.

Chidley Point Reserve

Is located on the Peppermint Grove foreshore, a regionally significant Bush Forever site. Large mature trees along the river provide fantastic bird watching opportunities. Look out for a range of raptors and water birds such as the black swan and pelican that frequent the area.

Devils Elbow Cave

Is a small park with sweeping views of the ocean and Rottnest Island where goats grazed only 100 years ago. The Town of Cottesloe and Cottesloe Coastcare have been rehabilitating the area since 2004. Just as we enjoy it today, the Noongar people were attracted to Cottesloe for the cool sea breeze in summer, known as the *gulamwin* (south-westerly breeze).

Grant Marine Park

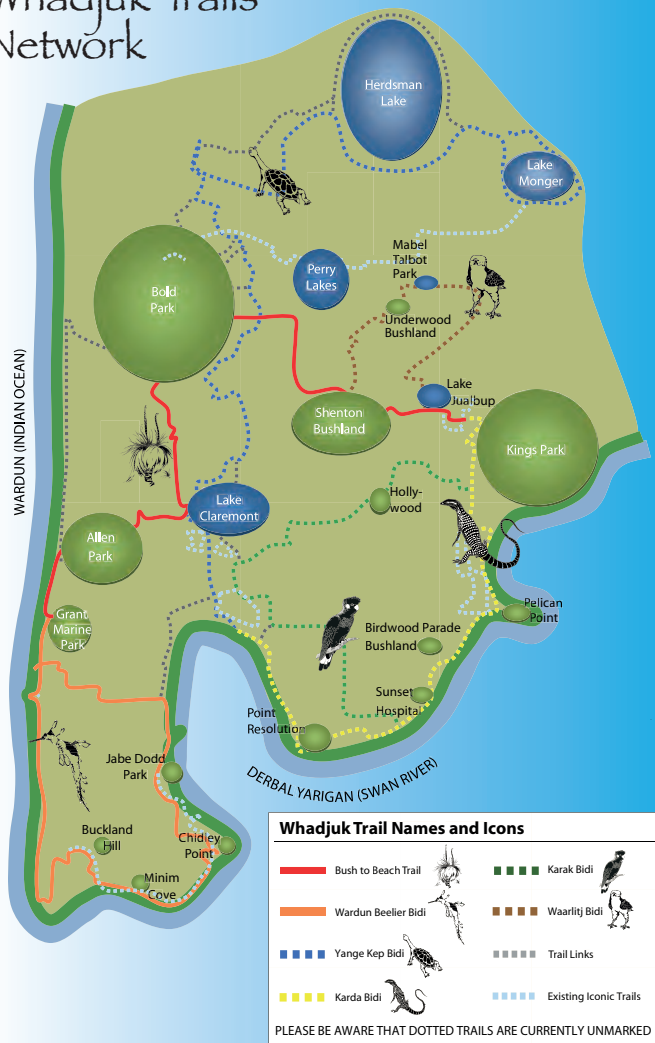
History of the Trail

The Western Suburbs bushland walks were initiated in 2002 by local friends groups as an annual walk linking remnant bushlands in Perth's Western Suburbs. The vision was to encourage the community to use and appreciate their local bushland areas. The Wardun Beelie Bidi (Coast to River Trail) is 16.3km linking bushland with iconic Noongar and Heritage Trails in the area. Numerous access points enable the route to be walked in sections if preferred, enabling all to enjoy the diverse landscape and this natural environment.

Map Options

- A Google Map option is available for a large variety of phones, or can be printed from the webpage.
- A free APP is available for download at everytrail.com for smart phones providing a clearly-mapped off-line route www.whadjukwalkingtrails.org.au
- Great audio guides are available with QR codes on your smart phone.
- Trails are marked with triangular directional signage inserted into paths and bollards.

Whadjuk Trails Network



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Wardun Beelie Bidi

17.4km



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Part of the
Whadjuk Trails
Wardun-Beelie Bidi links the bushland areas of Peppermint Grove on the Swan River with Mosman Park and Cottesloe on the Indian Ocean



Town of Cottesloe

Every year the Town hosts 'Sculpture by the Sea'. Keep an eye out for the permanent sculptures displayed in the Town as you wander down the coast.

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Osprey

The Osprey is a fish-eating bird of prey, whose name is derived from the Latin word *ossifraga* or "bone breaker". It is the only Australian bird of prey with a dark line through the eye.

Photo: Robert Pickard



Rainbow Bee-Eater

Seen arriving in early October, these birds migrate from the Kimberley to breed.

Photo: Rod Smith



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Carnaby's Cockatoo

Revegetation with suitable species for the endangered black cockatoo is taking place at Chidley Point Reserve, enhancing habitat and foraging opportunities and complementing the existing Parrot Bush scrubland favoured by the cockatoos.



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Point Roe Park

Point Roe Park connects two important bushland remnants. Wandering along the boardwalk, quandong trees are scattered through the area which were an important food source for Noongar people.



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Bay View Park

Located 13km southwest of Perth CBD, Bay View park is a picturesque parkland along the shores of the Swan River providing panoramic views of Mosman Bay and the Point Walter sand bar.



Guide to Symbols

WESROC trails are free. They are dog and mostly cycle and wheelchair friendly.

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- Noongar Significance
- Public Toilets
- Public Transport
- Water Fountains
- Wheelchair Access - please refer to website for details



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Further information available online www.whadjukwalkingtrails.org.au

Additional Information

Bushland Friends Groups

Cottesloe Coastcare: <http://cottesloecoastcare.org>

Friends of Mosman Park Bushland: <http://mosmanparkbushland.org>

Noongar Information

www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au/enjoy-the-riverpark/river-culture-and-heritage/indigenous-history

www.perthregionnrm.com/media/3165/coastal_trail_brochure_inside.pdf_sm.pdf

<http://cottesloecoastcare.org/publications/Aborigines.pdf>

Transport Information

www.transperth.wa.gov.au

