

Kings Park

Kings Park is a 4.06 square kilometre park located on the western perimeter of the central business district in Perth. The park consists of grassed parkland, botanical gardens and natural bushland on Mount Eliza. Two thirds of the grounds are conserved as native bushland. Enjoy panoramic views of the City and Swan River whilst marvelling at the home of over 300 native plant varieties and 80 bird species.

Matilda Bay

Matilda Bay Reserve features grassy parkland framing the waters of the Swan River. It accommodates cafes, restaurants and yacht clubs and has a series of fully accessible pedestrian and cycle paths. The reserve offers the ideal place to picnic on shady river banks, or simply sit and watch the sun sparkling on the waters of the bay whilst enjoying the view of the Perth City skyline.

Paul Hasluck Reserve

Paul Hasluck Reserve is a beautiful location on the Swan River with the estimated terrain elevation above sea level being 10 metres. Sir Paul Hasluck, a historian, poet and politician was the 17th Governor-General of Australia and Minister for Territories. He brought about significant reform in the treatment of indigenous people. Pictured below is the Monitor Lizard.

Point Resolution Reserve

Point Resolution’s four hectare reserve offers grassed picnic areas and extensive views of the Swan River towards Point Walter. Enjoy the sandy beach on the western shore of Freshwater Bay which can be accessed from here. This remnant bushland is a bush forever site offering a variety of wildflowers between July and September. Represented below is the Cowslip (*Caladenia flava*)

Mrs Herberts Park

This lovely parkland with a children’s playground and picnic facilities is named after the teacher of the Freshwater Bay school built in 1862. The first school between Perth and Fremantle, the building is now the site of the Freshwater Bay Museum. Also located here is the historic boatshed where interpretive materials tell a cultural heritage story relating the Swan River and Freshwater Bay.

Noongar Significance

The Karda Bidi (Monitor Lizard Trail) follows the banks of the entrancing Swan River. The Derbal Yarigan (Noongar translation) is highly significant being woven into the dreaming stories of the local Aboriginal people who’s culture is characterised by a strong spiritual connection to ‘country’ (Boodja). The river is incorporated into song-lines and shared through, art, song and dance. QR codes on interpretive signs along the trail share some personal Noongar reflections.



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Karda Bidi

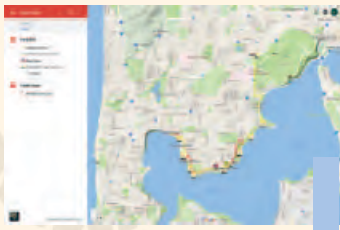
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History of the Trail

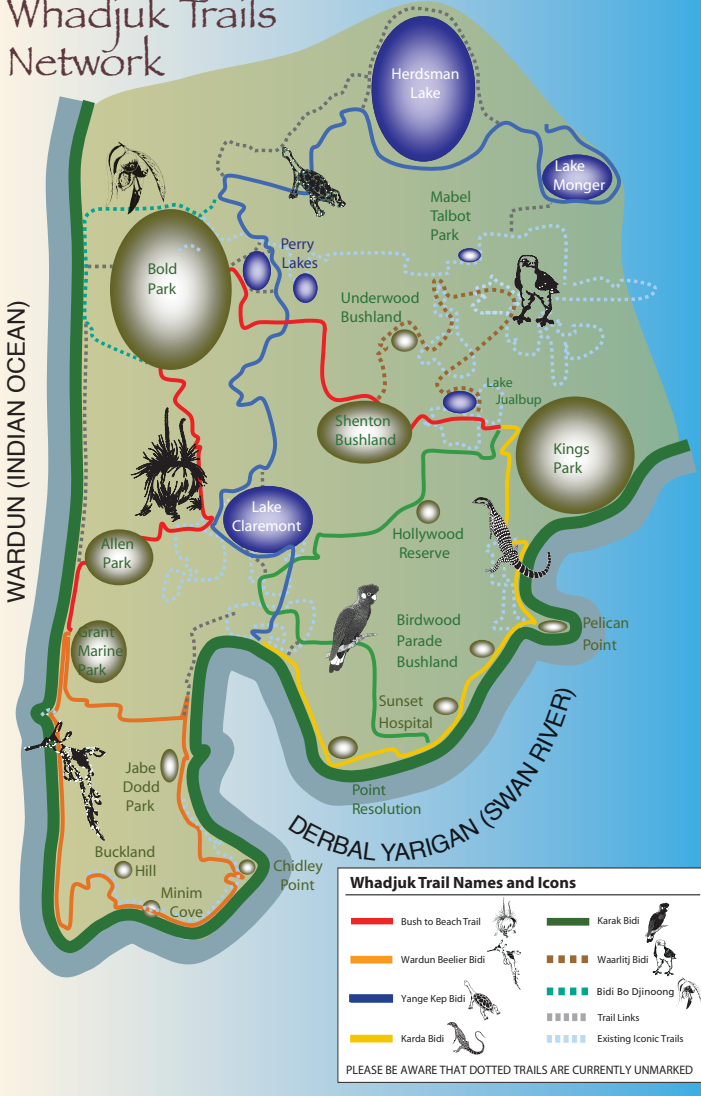
Western Suburbs bushland walks were initiated in 2002 by Friends groups to link remnant bushlands in Perth’s Western Suburbs. It was their vision to run a series of annual walks along sections of the trails to encourage the community to use and appreciate their local bushland areas. The Karak Bidi is 11.3km and links parks and bushland areas with the notorious Swan River, Iconic and Heritage Trails. Due to numerous access points, the route can be walked in sections, allowing all to enjoy the diverse landscape.

Map Options

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



Whadjuk Trails Network



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10.6 km



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Part of the
Whadjuk Trails

Karda Bidi links bushland across local Government areas of; City of Subiaco, City of Perth, City of Nedlands, and the Town of Claremont following the picturesque Swan River to Freshwater Bay.



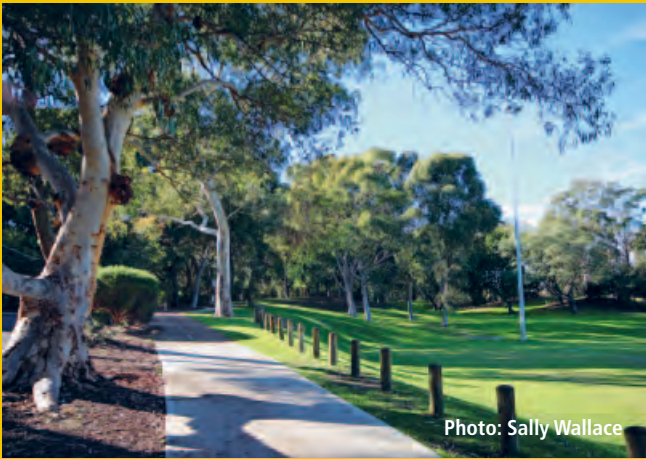


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Rosalie Park

The meeting point for the Bush to Beach, Karak Bidi and the Karda Bidi, Rosalie Park offers native trees in a pretty parkland setting.



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Kings Park

Kings Park is one of the world's largest and most beautiful inner city parks. It is rich in Aboriginal and European history. Its contemporary culture offers innovative design, displays and services including a wonderful network of bush trails.



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Matilda Bay

The reserve offers the ideal place to picnic on shady river banks. Look out for the Pied Oyster Catchers pictured above.



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JH Abrahams Reserve

Also known as Pelican Point is the home of the Royal Perth Yacht Club.



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White Faced Heron

Are frequently seen near to the shore along the banks of the iconic Swan River.



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Freshwater Bay

This area of limestone cliffs, known to the Noongar people as Curvegarou, feature strongly in the dreamtime stories.



Photo: Sally Wallace

Point Resolution Reserve

Enjoy this diverse 4 hectare bushland reserve, with its marvellous variety of birdlife and an extensive assortment of wildflowers. The beach area overlooks Point Walter.

Guide to Symbols

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

- Bushland Areas
- Car Parking
- Cycle Routes
- Facilities
- Information
- Noongar Significance
- Public Toilets
- Public Transport
- Water Fountains
- Wheelchair Access - refer to website for details

Additional Routes

Dotted trails are accessible during summer months at low tide. See <http://tides.willyweather.com.au/wa/perth/swan-river--causeway.html> WESROC trails are free and dog friendly. See website for alternate cycle and wheelchair access sections.



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Further information available online www.whadjukwalkingtrails.org.au

Additional Information

Transport: www.transperth.wa.gov.au

Bushland Friends Groups

Kings Park: <http://www.friendsofkingspark.com.au/>

Noongar Information:

www.noongar.org.au/new-page-11/
www.perthregionnrm.com/media/75101/Updated-Noongar-Coastal-Trail.jpg

