

Walyunga National Park



Visitor guide



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Above The Aboriginal Heritage Trail.

Walyunga National Park

Walyunga National Park is steeped in Aboriginal legend and cultural significance. It contains one of the largest known Aboriginal camp sites within close proximity to Perth where local Nyoongar would meet to share stories and songs and rekindle family ties.

The 1,800 hectare park is nestled behind the hills of the Darling Scarp. The park is known for rugged valley scenery and sensational wildflowers in winter and spring. The Swan River is one of the main attractions, thundering through the park after winter rains and reducing to a meandering waterway during the drier months.



Park hours

The park is open between 8am and 5pm daily. Entry fees apply. Please note that the park may be closed at short notice due to fire risk or other emergency situations.

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Leave your pets at home

Pets are not permitted in the park.

- The sight, sounds and smells of dogs and other domestic animals cause native animals great stress. It may even cause them to leave their homes and their young unprotected.
- Walyunga National Park is baited with 1080 poisonous baits as part of the *Western Shield* program to reduce feral fox and cat numbers. These baits are fatal to domestic animals.

A picnic by the river

The most popular areas to visit in the park are the two picnic areas – Walyunga Pool and Boongarup Pool. Both areas lie upon the banks of the Swan River and feature gas barbeques, picnic tables and toilets.

Camping

Camping is available at the Walyunga Campground and can be booked online at explorearks.wa.gov.au. The campground features a pit toilet and wood fire pits. You must provide your own wood. The campground is closed annually between 1st December and 31st March.

Landscape

Walyunga National Park lies in the Darling Range, just behind the Darling Scarp, and covers both sides of the steep valley in which lies the Swan River. The valley sides show outcrops of grey granite with occasional areas of darker dolerite, and waterworn boulders of both may be seen in the stream and river beds. The tops of the hills have a mantle of red laterite rock.

Flora

The park is dominated by the river valley. Large flooded gums grow on the river's edge and flood plain. Wandoo grows on the sides of the valley, with marri and powderbark woodlands and forests being common on the uplands, and jarrah on the high ridges only. Extensive heaths contain an array of wildflowers including hakeas, grevilleas, isopogons, petrophiles and verticordias. In spring a profusion of plants flower in the mosaic of heaths, granite outcrops and woodlands throughout the park. A large variety of other plants may be seen, including zamia, hibbertias, triggerplants, banksias, grevilleas, and at least 12 orchid species.



Everlasting Daisy
Helichrysum macranthum



Calytrix depressa



Caring for Walyunga National Park



Help care for Walyunga National Park by following the seven *Leave No Trace* principles.

Plan ahead and prepare – your safety is our concern but your responsibility.

Travel and camp on durable surfaces – camping is only permitted in the designated campground.

Dispose of waste properly – please place your rubbish in the bins provided or take it home with you.

Leave what you find – rocks, plants, wood and natural objects are important habitat to native animals and birds.

Minimise campfire impacts – fires are only permitted in fire rings in the campground. Do not take wood from the surrounding forest.

Respect wildlife – do not disturb animals or plants. Please do not feed animals or birds.

Be considerate of other visitors – please keep noise to a minimum and ensure your activities do not spoil the enjoyment of others.

Bushfires

Bushfires are dangerous and are common in Western Australia. They can start without warning throughout the year and can spread rapidly on hot, windy days. Avoid the risk of bushfire by planning your visit during mild weather conditions.

In case of bushfire call 000 and check for alerts on www.emergency.wa.gov.au.



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Download the free Emergency+ app before your visit. Use the app in an emergency to call for assistance. If there is no mobile phone coverage you **WILL NOT** be able to call 000 but the app will provide you with your GPS location.

Bush walking in the park

There are a range of walks to explore in the park. Choose a walk to suit your fitness level and ability.

Remember: The gates close at 5pm. Please ensure that you have enough time to complete your walk.

Bush Walking Safely

- Carry and drink 3-4 litres of water per person.
- Wear sturdy footwear, a hat and sunscreen.
- Tell someone responsible where you are going and let them know when you return.
- Bushwalking is not recommended in hot or other extreme weather conditions due to the risk of bushfires and the damaging impact of winter storms.
- Watch your step. Loose and uneven surfaces may be encountered.



Below A section of Syd's Rapids Trail.

Below right A section of Echidna Trail.



Walk trail classifications

Parks and Wildlife Service walk trails are assigned a 'Class' to indicate degree of difficulty. Check trailhead signs at the start of walks for classification information.

The walk trail classes range from Class 1 (universal access), which is suitable for wheelchairs, to Class 5, which requires walkers to be fit, experienced and suitably equipped. The walk trails in this brochure range from Class 2 to Class 4.



Class 2

Easy, well-defined walk trail with a firm surface. You may encounter gentle hill sections and occasional steps. It is suitable for all levels of experience and fitness but may present difficulties for people with mobility impairments.



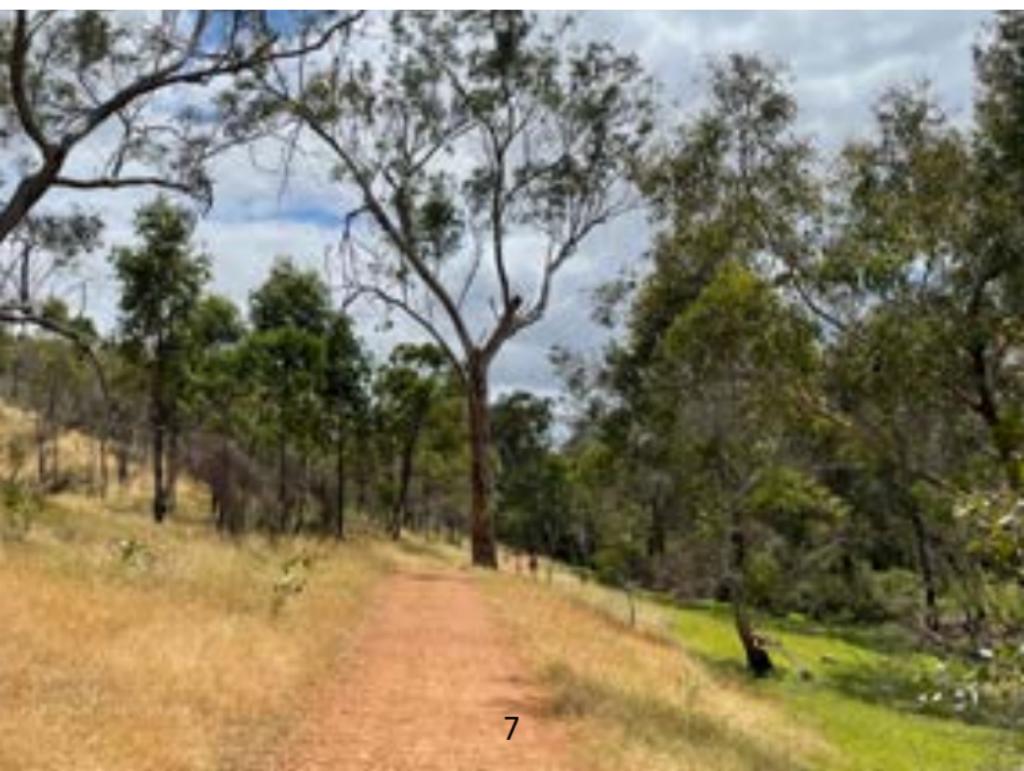
Class 3

Moderate walk trail with clear directional signage. You may encounter minor natural hazards such as short, steep sections; steps; shallow water crossings; and unstable or slippery surfaces. A good level of fitness is recommended.



Class 4

Trails are in relatively undisturbed environments and are often rough with few if any modifications. Expect loose and slippery surfaces with some steep sections. A moderate to high level of fitness is required. You need to be prepared and self-reliant.



Walk trails

All trails, except for Syds Rapids Trail, can be accessed from Walyunga Pool or Boongarup Pool.



Aboriginal Heritage Trail

**Class 2 – 1.6km return,
1 hour**

This easy well defined return walk travels along the banks of the river and includes interpretive signage explaining the area's rich Aboriginal past.



Syd's Rapids Trail

**Class 2 – 3.5km return
(from Boongarup Pool),
1.5 hours**

Visit these picturesque rapids on this easy well defined return trail along the banks of the river.



Kangaroo Trail

**Class 3 – 4km loop,
2 hours**

Enjoy the park on this moderate, well defined trail, with some short steep sections, loose surfaces and slippery rocks



Kingfisher Trail

**Class 3 – 6km loop,
3 hours**

Discover different vegetation types on this moderate, well defined trail, with some short steep sections, loose surfaces, and slippery rocks.



Echidna Trail

**Class 4 – 11km loop,
5 hours**

Enjoy expansive views on this moderately difficult trail requiring a good level of fitness and bush walking experience. Includes rough, very steep sections and loose surfaces.



More information

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Nearest emergency hospital: Midland

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Check for alerts and updates directly related to parks and major trails at alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au and for all emergency information in Western Australia at emergency.wa.gov.au.

Find more park visitor information, book campsites and share your experiences at exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au.

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