



## NATURE RESERVE ON NARROGIN'S DOORSTEP

If you enjoy the iconic birds and wildlife at Dryandra woodland, take the 30km drive to Foxes Lair in Narrogin for our great winter/spring wildflowers and interesting walk trails.

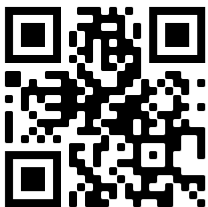
Foxes Lair is a 68-hectare nature reserve right on the edge of the town of Narrogin Whether you are an avid bush walker, bird watcher, or wildflower enthusiast, or love native animals, trees, photography, natural rock formations, or history, you will find them all at Foxes Lair.

The landscape in Foxes Lair is diverse, ranging from gravelly uplands and breakaways to large granite boulders and cool valleys Three picnic areas and five walking trails enable you to explore them and their special wildflowers and wildlife.

By far the busiest time of the year is wildflower season (starting late July depending on rainfall) and running through to November.

Dogs on a leash are welcome but please pick up after them and take your rubbish away as there are no bins at picnic areas. There is a dog free run area in bush ("The Commonage") on the eastern edge of Foxes Lair.

You can enjoy many trails with a mountain bike, but please remember that you are sharing most of them with walkers. [See Foxes lair website for a cycle track diagram.](#)



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Seasonal guide



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The **Marri picnic area** is first stop after entering from Williams Road, and is the starting point for the Breakaway, Valley, and Banksia walk trails. Nestled in marri-wandoo woodland it is a great area to have a picnic and listen to the birds. On hot still evenings you can take a packaged dinner and watch the moon rise while bats fly overhead.

The 2.1km **Banksia Walk** features gravelly upland soils with marri-jarrah- wandoo woodland and proteaceous shrubs containing great diversity of winter/spring wildflowers.



The 800 metre **Valley Walk** leads down to a shady sheoak valley below the Breakaway Walk with orchids and other flowers that persist longer than in other walks. Stairs and steep slope.



The 400 metre **Breakaway Walk** is a gentle stroll through lateritic gravelly soils to a large breakaway with a view of the Narrogin valley. Parrot bush is common underneath the marri and wandoo trees, and brown mallets line the breakaway slope.

Cars can drive directly to the **Claypit picnic area** from the Marri picnic area. Larger vehicles need to take the exit road to Williams Road, turn left, and left again down the track opposite the cemetery.



Twin 'ponds' contains water in winter/spring that attracts birds and kangaroos as well as families with children. Please supervise young children. Be sure to look for orchids and other beautiful wildflowers in surrounding areas. The Claypit is also a good base for family cycle riders with safe fire access roads through the gate to the south.

The picnic area is the starting point for the 1.8km **Claypit Walk**, which traverses landscapes and vegetation not found elsewhere in Foxes Lair. Keep an eye out for red leschenaultia. There are some steep slopes with stairs up breakaways, and a glimpse of Narrogin town.

The **Arboretum picnic area** in beautiful granitic sheoak country overlooking the arboretum is another favoured family picnic spot. Kids enjoy climbing the Morning Tea Rock (with parental supervision), playing amongst the rocks, the bush cubby and bush swing, looking for spent bullets at the historic rifle range bank on the Granite Walk and riding their bike on the flat trail around the arboretum.

The 1.2km **Granite Walk** is popular with kids. From the rock and bush swing at the Arboretum picnic area, it leads to the old rifle range bank where kids can fossick for spent bullets. The trail then wanders through hilly York gum -wandoo- sheoak woodland with large granite rock outcrops.

For dedicated mountain bike riders, the 4km Griffio circuit is available on the eastern side of Range Road adjacent to the Range Road parking area.

The **Narrogin Arboretum** has over 60 species of eucalypts that shows the diversity of this unique Australian plant. As you wander through the arboretum using the identification guide, you will see the variety of colours, shapes, textures and size of plants, bark, leaves, flowers and fruit.