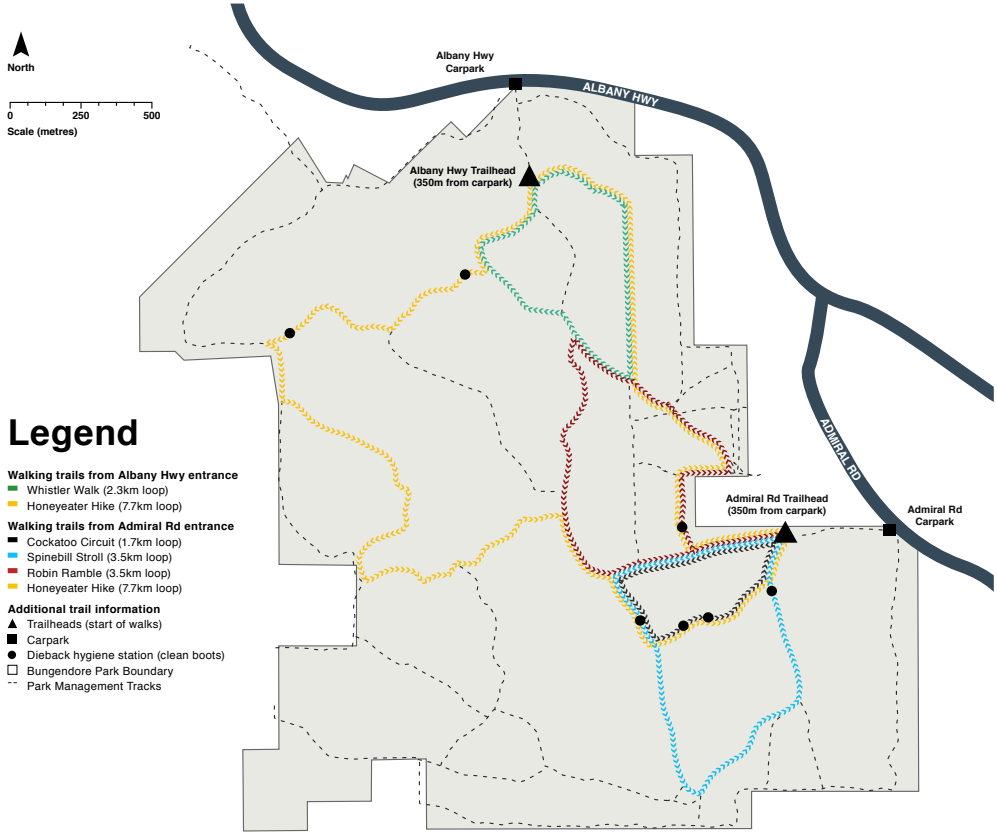

Bungendore Park Walking Trails

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A deadly disease lives in Bungendore Park that kills native plants and destroys animal habitats.

Known as Phytophthora dieback (or *Phytophthora cinnamomi*), this water mould lives in soil and attacks the roots of plants. It stops the plant from taking up water and nutrients, effectively starving it to death.

Phytophthora dieback can attack over 40% of WA's native plants, including jarrah, banksias and grass trees, but it's not only these plants that suffer. Whole habitats can change and animals can lose their homes when dieback attacks.

Once Phytophthora dieback is in the soil, it's impossible to remove but its spread can be slowed and stopped.

Dieback Duties

More than half of Bungendore Park is infected with dieback, but there are some important pockets of habitat which are disease-free. We need your help to keep them that way.

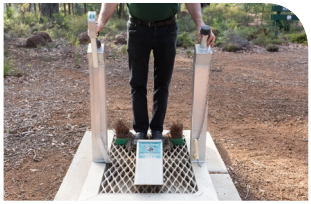
If you go into a dieback-infected area, **clean your shoes at the boot-cleaning stations** when you leave. **Scrub your shoes** with the brush provided and **spray them** with methylated spirits. It's also important that you **stick to designated walking trails** and follow them in the direction indicated.

Your actions help stop dieback in its tracks.

Look out for these symbols while walking the trails of Bungendore Park.

How to Use the Boot-Cleaning Station

Step 1: Holding the handles step onto the phyto-fighter mat.

Step 2: Scrub each shoe along the brushes to remove loose soil or dirt/rocks.

Step 3: Insert shoe into sprayer and swipe over heel to toe whilst squeezing the handle to release the disinfectant. Repeat with the second shoe.