# city of swan Trails, parks and picnics guide



The City of Swan is home to many outdoor parks and attractions. This guide provides an overview of some of the walk trails, parks, picnic areas and playgrounds within the City.

Covering the areas of Guildford, Midland, Swan Valley, Ellenbrook, Gidgegannup and Millendon, the guide is a useful tool for exploring and finding walk trails, family friendly cycle routes, great drive trails and a park or playground to have your next picnic.

For a full list of parks and recreational areas visit the City of Swan website at **www.swan.wa.gov.au** 

#### Bookable spaces

Some of the public open spaces shown in this brochure require a booking for use.

A booking does not guarantee exclusive use, but it will assist in ensuring that there are no double bookings for events such as wedding ceremonies.

If you would like to book a space or would like further information, please contact the City of Swan Facilities Booking team on **9267 9321** or by email at **facility.bookings@swan.wa.gov.au** 

#### Use of barbecues

Electric barbecues are free to use and can be used at any time throughout the year.

From December to March, the use of wood fired barbecues is subject to prevailing fire conditions during the prohibited burning season.

If you are unsure of the restrictions that are in place at the time you wish to use a wood fired barbecue, please contact the City's Community Safety Advocates on **9267 9326.** 

Please note that firewood is not provided for wood fired barbecues.

#### Swan Valley Visitor Centre

The Swan Valley Visitor Centre can provide assistance with tours, brochures, accommodation bookings and general information on the Swan Valley, Guildford and surrounding areas.

The Visitor Centre is located at the corner of Meadow and Swan Streets in Guildford and is open seven days a week between 9am and 4pm.

Alternatively, you can contact the Visitor Centre on **9207 8899** or at **visitorcentre@swan.wa.gov.au** 

Further information can also be found on the Swan Valley website at **www.swanvalley.com.au** 



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### **Ellenbrook and Surrounds**

The suburb of Ellenbrook is located in the north of the City of Swan, 20km from Guildford and is a rapidly growing residential area with a current population of over 20,000 people. Ellenbrook is home to the popular Rainbow Waters Playground (Western Australia's largest free outdoor water playground) and to Woodlake Park, an area beautifully located on the water's edge.

The Ellenbrook area has a number of shops and restaurants while offering a great range of parks and picnic areas to suit one and all.

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Chardonnay Park	Vines Avenue, The Vines		Ā		Ħ		&
Forestview Park	Forestview Boulevard, Ellenbrook						&
Lake Fresca	Ponte Vecchio Boulevard, Ellenbrook		<b>T</b>		Ŧ		&
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Rainbow Waters Playground	Library Avenue, Ellenbrook	¶. <b>≜</b>	Ā		Ħ	بغ	&
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Wildflower Circle Park	Wildflower Circle, Ellenbrook				Ŧ		&
Woodlake Park	Woodlake Boulevard, Ellenbrook		æ		Ħ		&



### Swan Valley

The Swan Valley is located just 25 minutes from Perth CBD and is brimming with fantastic restaurants, cafes, wineries, breweries, distilleries and roadside stalls packed with seasonal produce as well as countless other places offering a range of enjoyable tourism experiences.

The Swan Valley is also home to some of the City of Swan's most beautiful parks, picnic areas and walk trails.

#### Swan Valley Food and Wine Trail

One of the most enjoyable ways to experience the tastes and delights of the Swan Valley is to embark on the Swan Valley Food and Wine Trail.

The Swan Valley Food and Wine Trail is a 32km self-drive loop comprising of more than 150 wineries, restaurants, cafes, breweries, distilleries, art galleries, seasonal roadside stalls and a host of other attractions.

You can pick up a Swan Valley Food and Wine Trail Guide and Map from the Swan Valley Visitor Centre between 9am and 4pm.

#### Swan Valley Heritage Cycling Trail

With its wide open spaces, vineyard vistas and plenty of fresh country air, the Swan Valley is the perfect place for a cycle.

The Swan Valley Heritage Cycle Trail has four different routes, each signposted to depict the rich history, interesting characters and natural elements of the areas.

There are plenty of scenic rest spots along the way, so visitors can pack a picnic and make a day of it. Bike hire is also available in the region. Ask for details at the Swan Valley Visitor Centre.

### The Great Valley Rally and the Amazing Valley Chase

The Great Valley Rally and the Amazing Valley Chase are perfect for families who love mystery and adventure.

The free family fun trails are available everyday of the year.

Families must work together to navigate the route and solve cryptic clues at each of the checkpoints on this treasure hunt.

Pick up a clue sheet from the Swan Valley Visitor Centre or download from www.swanvalley.com.au.

Upon completion, children are rewarded with a certificate and memento of their experience.

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### Guildford

Guildford is located just a 15 minute drive or train ride from Perth CBD. Guildford is classified as a historic town by the National Trust of Australia (WA) and is bounded by the Swan and Helena rivers.

With its heritage buildings, unique history, antique stores, character pubs and village charm, the Guildford area is ideally suited to be explored on foot and an ideal spot to spend a day or two.

#### Unique shopping

When in Guildford, be sure to visit the James Street antique strip which offers one of the largest ranges of second-hand wares outside of Perth.

There are also quaint home décor outlets, specialty gift shops, galleries, premium garden centres, chic furniture and clothing stores to browse in and enjoy.

#### Eating out

There are several dining experiences to choose from in Guildford that have a unique village atmosphere.

The area boasts a range of restaurants, pubs and cafes, including quaint tearooms, an ice-creamery, the iconic Alfred's Kitchen and venues offering Tapas, Thai, Vietnamese, Italian and modern Australian food.

#### Staying in Guildford

To really make the most of your visit to Guildford, stay overnight or even longer at one of the accommodation venues in the region.

In Guildford, you can choose from bed and breakfast (B&B), lodge, self-contained or motel style accommodation or a beautifully restored hotel where you can indulge in a luxurious heritage suite.

#### Self-guided walk trails

To really explore Guildford, take your pick from four self-guided walk trails, each offering a history lesson, tales of colonial life and a rundown of the intriguing characters that have called Guildford home.

As you walk, browse the many fine colonial buildings from the township's earliest days which continue to grace the streets. An excellent collection of these buildings can be found facing Stirling Square, which was modelled on a traditional English village green.

To get started on your Guildford journey, collect a copy of the Historic Guildford Guide from the Swan Valley Visitor Centre or download it from www.swanvalley.com.au

	Address	Toilets	BBq	Playground	Picnic	Fishing	Disabled access	Bookable space	Walk Trail
Fauntleroy Park	Corner Fauntleroy Street and James Street, Guildford	<b>n +</b>			Ŧ		Ġ.	&	
Fishmarket Reserve	Swan Street, Guildford		æ		Ŧ	•		&	
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Kulungar Park	Armitage Close, Sth Guildford				Ŧ			&	
Stirling Square	Meadow Street, Guildford	<b>₩</b>			Ħ			&	*

### Midland

Midland is located 16km north east of Perth CBD or just a short journey on the train from Guildford.

As the City of Swan's major strategic centre, Midland is the principal place for the provision of retail, commercial, community, entertainment, residential and employment activities in the north east metropolitan area.

On top of the major shopping precinct, restaurants and cinema, Midland is also bordered by the Swan and Helena rivers and has used this beautiful landscape to create some enjoyable outdoor experiences for visitors.

	Address	Toilets	BBq	Playground	Picnic	Fishing	Disabled access	Bookable space	Walk Trail
Middle Swan Reserve	Middle Swan Road, Middle Swan	<b>₩</b>	m A		Ŧ	•		&	
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Woodbridge Riverside Park and Playspace	First Avenue, Woodbridge	<b>₩</b>			Ŧ	<b>•</b> ••	Ġ	&	*

\*denotes fishing nearby

Please note that the John George Walk Trail links the Reg Bond Reserve to the Woodbridge Riverside Park and Playspace. For further details visit the Swan Valley website at www.swanvalley.com.au

The scenic Bells Rapids walk trail enjoys views of both countryside and coastal plains on this unique circuit.

Bells Rapids is known for being one of the best vantage points on the Swan River for the Avon Descent event, with its majestic boulders and rushing waters in the winter.

Bells Rapids is also the habitat of the beautiful Grey Kangaroo which can be seen in abundance at certain times of the year.

#### Goat Walk Key

- **G1** Turn right over the footbridge, follow the trail upstream.
- G2 Turn left at the T-junction and continue up the hill.
- G3 Turn left at the fence and gate, then follow along the fire-break.
- G4 Continue along the fire-break; make sure you pause to look back down over the valley.
- G5 Proceed downhill 🛕 CAUTION: Be aware of loose gravel.
- Ge if you can spot 'Buttock Boulder' among the cluster of boulders on your right.
- G7 At the top of the small incline, turn left at gate.
- **G8** Veer left with bridle trail on your right.
- 69 Continue down towards the river (this joins the River Walk).

#### **River Walk Key**

R1 At the end of the footbridge, take a left turn and follow the trail alongside the Swan River.

### Bells Rapids Walk Trail

#### Bells Rapids Walk Details

Location	End of Cathedral Avenue, off Great Northern Highway, Brigadoon.
Length	River Walk (2.5km) Goat Walk (3km)
Grade	The River Walk is flat on most of the route with a small rocky section (please note the unstable river edge area marked on the map). The Goat Walk has steep inclines, loose gravel sections and a medium level of fitness is required.
Walk time	River Walk (45 minutes) Goat Walk (1 hour & 15 minutes)
Facilities	Toilets
On site info	Totem markers are located on the trail.
Best season	Winter/Spring



- The trail will cross over a small rocky section.
- R3 The path will fork. Take the right trail 🛕 CAUTION: Do not use left trail as the river edge is unstable.
- R4

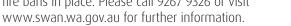
Continue along the trail until you reach a rocky section on your right.

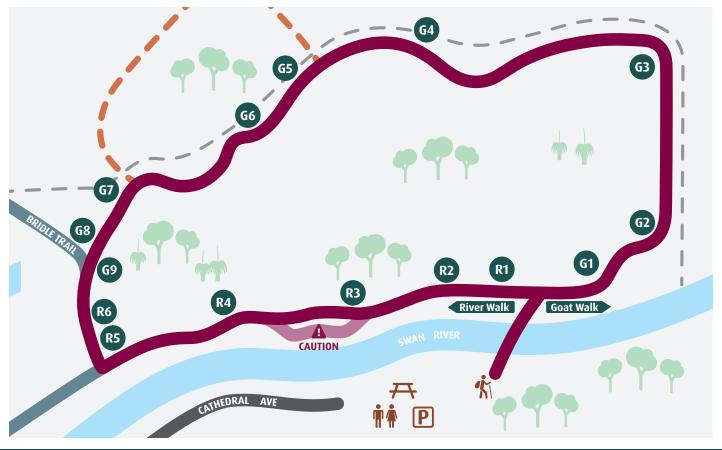


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Return along the trail you came. A small rise of rocky section will take you to join the Goat Walk and on to the fire-break trail. This section requires a

medium level of fitness. **Please note:** It is the responsibility of individuals to be aware of fire bans in place. Please call 9267 9326 or visit





## Gidgegannup

Gidgegannup is located on Toodyay Road, between the Swan Valley, Avon Valley and Toodyay, approximately 42km from Perth.

The area boasts a stunning landscape of pristine bushland, rolling hills and picturesque valleys, dotted with clear areas supporting a range of broadacre and more intensive boutique activities such as organic farming, alpacas, olives and dairy farming.

Gidgegannup is an area of regional biodiversity offering a variety of natives and wildflowers. The area also has local waterways and significant wetlands including the Avon River, Red Swamp, Wooroloo Brook, Gidgegannup Brook and Jane Brook.

Gidgegannup is home to some magnificent wildflowers which blossom in spring (September to November) each year, attracting many tourists to the region.

For those wanting to get the most out of a visit to Gidgegannup, a number of scenic wildflower and wildlife walk trails and drive trails have been developed.

#### Gidgegannup wildflower drives

There are two scenic and varied drives that start 34km east of Perth and centre on the Gidgegannup village.

Both wildflower drives pass through mixed Marri, Jarrah, Powderbark and Wandoo woodlands, providing views of the countryside and the range of agricultural activities in the region.

The peak viewing time for the wildflower season is spring when the yellow Wattles and Hibbertia commence flowering alongside the distinctive rich blue Lechenaultia.

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Paruna Wildlife Sanctuary (Private)

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#### Noble Falls picnic area

Enjoy a relaxing walk along the Wooroloo Brook, an area dotted with spring wildflowers and a fantastic winter waterfall. You can also stop for a picnic and some fun at the local playground.

Noble Falls is located just off Toodyay Road in Gidgegannup across from the Noble Falls Tavern.

#### F R Berry Reserve

The F R Berry Reserve is home to several vegetation communities including Wandoo, Marri and Jarrah woodlands. There is also a Paperbark fringed creek line, granite outcrops, winter waterfalls and several rare species unique to this area.

The vegetation in this area provides a valuable habitat for a wonderful variety of West Australian fauna including the Honey Possum, Mardo, Gould's Monitor, Bobtail, Western Green Tree Frog, Weebill and the endangered Carnaby's Cockatoo.

#### Walyunga Lookout in Walyunga National Park

The Walyunga Lookout is located at the end of Ewing Road (off O'Brien Road and 16km from Toodyay Road) on the rim of the Darling Scarp. This area provides picnic facilities and sweeping views of the Avon Valley.

#### Paruna Sanctuary

The Paruna Sanctuary is 2,000 hectares of pristine Jarrah, Wandoo and Powderbark forest, shrub land and water bank habitat, forming a substantial environmental corridor along the Avon River and linking the Walyunga and Avon Valley National Parks.

The Paruna Sanctuary has made a major contribution to the re-establishment of threatened native species including the Woylie, Quenda, Tammar Wallaby and Black-flanked Rock Wallaby.

There is 15km of walk trails that provide for viewing of waterfalls in winter and wildflowers in spring.

For more information on the Paruna Sanctuary trails, please visit www.australianwildlife.org



The Noble Falls walk trail takes you along the Wooroloo Brook and is an attractive trail throughout the year.

The walk trail adjoins a reserve, which is home to many birds and other wildlife. Wildflowers can also be seen blooming in the spring and there is a fantastic waterfall during the winter.

Before or after your walk you can enjoy a stop at the Noble Falls picnic area to enjoy the natural scenery or have a picnic or barbecue.

#### Noble Falls Walk Details

Location	Begin at the Noble Falls picnic area just off Toodyay Road in Gidgegannup and opposite to the Noble Falls Tavern.
Length	3.5km
Grade	It is a flat walk most of the way and a good surface.
Walk time	45 minutes.
Facilities	Picnic table, toilets, electric BBQ's, playground
On site info	Totem markers are located on the trail.
Best season	Winter/Spring

### Noble Falls Walk Trail

#### Walk Trail Key

1 The falls are visible from the car park. Cross the footbridge and then turn left following the Wooroloo Brook and heading past Noble Falls.

2 The path will come to a large sheet of rock, cross over the rock.

3 Continue along the path until you pass through a gate.

4 On the left, you will notice a footbridge going over the creek (please note that crossing this bridge and turning left is a short walk of 1.3 km).

5 With the water crossing on your left, turn right through a gate, then left through another gate.

6 Go through the gate up to the bitumen road (Kooringal Vale) then turn left.

Wet weather route: Follow the road to the T-junction (Brennan Rise) and turn left.

**7B** Dry weather route: Walk several metres and then walk left down the road embankment to the 'Kangaroo Track', which then becomes a fire-break. At the end of the fire-break, walk up the embankment to the road (Kooringal Vale). Follow the road to the T-junction (Brennan Rise). Turn left. Watch for traffic.

When you reach the T-junction at Old Coach Road, turn left and go through the gate.

Turn left again, into the lower fire-break.

The path joins the higher fire-break. Turn left.

Turn left back to the lower fire-break.

Take the left fork.

Walk along the terraced fire-break and return to the picnic area.





### F R Berry Walk Trail

The F R Berry reserve was recognised for its high conservation values in the early 1960's and covers an area of 214 hectares (529 acres) and is the largest of the City of Swan's nature reserves.

The F R Berry Reserve has been included in the Department of Conservation's Land for Wildlife Scheme.

Several vegetation communities exist at F R Berry Reserve including Jarrah, Marri and Wandoo woodlands, Melaleuca (Paperbark) fringed creek lines and granite outcrops containing a great diversity of species. The area also provides a valuable

#### Walk Trail Key

The walk trail starts from the picnic facility and car park area.

Follow the direction of the arrow on the trail head totem back down the access road to the white boom gate and enter the walk trail here (please note that the numbered trail markers start just after the boom gate).



Follow the indication arrow straight ahead through Wandoo trees and across the winter creek to sign number two.

- At this point, take the track to the right as indicated by the top arrow. This takes you into open Jarrah/Marri forest on your left, with creek line vegetation associated with the Wooroloo Brook on your right. (Please note that on the return walk you can take the alternative route, indicated by the lower arrow on this totem, back to the picnic area and car park if you feel like a longer walk).
- If you walk straight ahead you will come to the Wooroloo Brook. Notice the change in vegetation here to Freshwater Paperbark (Melaleuca) and Swamp Banksia associated with the stream environment. The main walk trail continues to the left at this arrow.

You will by now have passed many magnificent granite outcrops to the left with a diverse array of wildflowers surrounding them during the season.

habitat for a wonderful variety of our West Australian fauna including the Honey Possum, Mardo, Gould's Monitor, Bobtail, Western Green Tree Frog, Weebill, Splendid Fairy Wren, the migratory Rainbow Bee Eater and the endangered Carnaby's Cockatoo.

The reserve is also home to several species of rare and priority flora, some of which are unique to this region.

Along the trail are photos of some these fauna species that you may be fortunate enough to view on your walk.

- Rest here for a moment under the magnificent Marri tree and enjoy the view to the Wooroloo Brook and granite outcrops to the north.
- Head back onto the main track towards the waterfall.
- Pass the One-sided Bottlebrush (Calothamnus), very popular with insects and birds because of their nectar-rich flowers. **A** CAUTION: The trail ahead is quite steep and can be slippery - please be careful.
- This is the end of the walk trail rest here for a while and enjoy the spectacular lookout over the waterfall, a real feast for the eyes in any season. During the right season, Vanilla Sun Orchids may be seen amongst the Borya (Pin Cushion). Now you will need to turn around and retrace your steps to signpost 2. At this point you can continue back to the picnic ground the way you came or take the alternative (and longer) route back to the picnic ground. Follow the markers uphill to point 10.
- Continue on enjoying the wildflowers that form an under-storey to the Wandoos and Jarrahs along the track.
- You have now passed a tributary to the Wooroloo Brook, 10 continue straight ahead to return to the picnic area.



#### F R Berry Walk Details

### Wandoo Heights Walk Trail

This unique wildflower walk has a diverse collection of wildflowers and native plants. The walk provides an opportunity to view the panorama of the Swan Coastal Plain and to appreciate the unspoiled beauty of our natural bushland.

#### A Pocket History of Wandoo Heights

This property is a unique bush landscape on the Darling Escarpment and is situated 13km from Midland.

Comprising of two lots totalling 22 hectares, Wandoo Heights is part of an original block of 4,000 hectares on the Upper Swan, granted in 1830 to George Fletcher Moore, the Advocate General for the Swan Colony.

Because of its general unsuitability for farming, Wandoo Heights was not cleared in the early days and is still in its virgin state (as would have been observed by the early botanists in the 1820's).

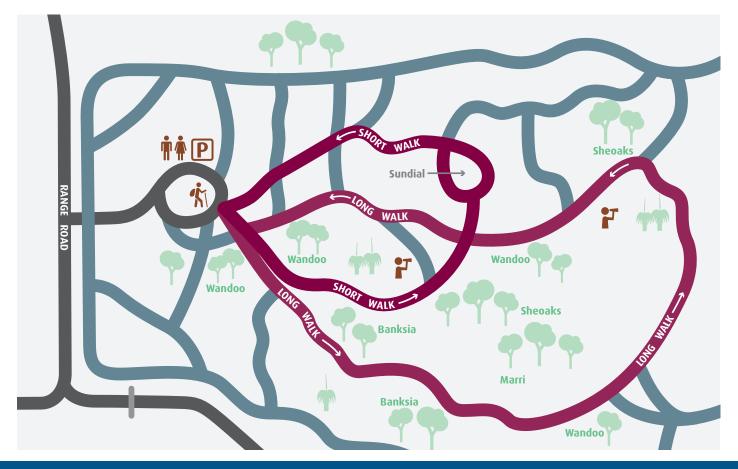
In 1960, the property was acquired by Miss Olive Gear and Mr Harry and Miss Adela Hyde. Unfortunately, Mr Hyde drowned two years after the purchase of the property. Undaunted and with the help of volunteers, the ladies maintained the property in excellent condition, while at the same time improving access to enable the extensive range of wildflowers to be observed without damaging the environment.

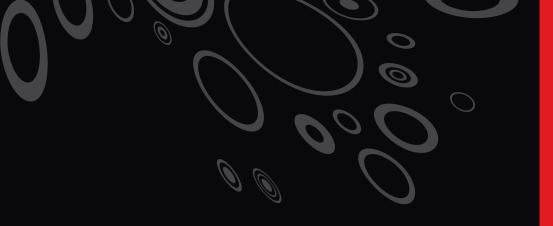
In 1988, the property was entrusted to the City of Swan as it was becoming too difficult for the ladies to manage effectively. The deed charges the City with maintaining Wandoo Heights as a flora and fauna reserve for present and future generations.

Dieback has recently been identified in Wandoo Heights. Prior to entry, ensure all vehicles and footwear are free of soil. Please keep to the paths, take only photographs, and leave only footprints.

Wandoo I	Heights Walk Details
Location	Corner of Range and Loton Roads, Millendon.
Length	Short Walk - 45 minutes. Long Walk - 1½ hours
Grade	Moderate, with a short steep section on east boundary. Good surface. A CAUTION: There is a slippery section in winter on the long walk.
Walk time	Short Walk - 45 minutes. Long Walk - 1½ hours
Facilities	Cottage and toilet
On site info	Markers located along the trail, wildflower and native vegetation signage.
Best season	Mid Autumn to late Spring
Plant Life	Eucalyptus wandoo - Wandoo Corymba callophylla – Marri/Red Gum Allocasuarina huegliana – Rock/Granite Sheoak Casuarina humilus – Dwarf Sheoak Hakea trifurcata – Two-leaf Hakea Banksia grandis - Bull Banksia Calothamnus quadrifidus – One-sided Bottlebrush
Wildflowers	Conostylis species - Cat's Paws Drosera species - Sundews Various Orchids

**Please note:** This is a controlled access walk trail. Permission is required through the City of Swan, contact 9267 9267.







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