



LOWER HARVEY RIVER WALK TRAIL






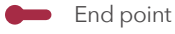
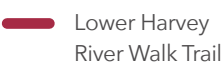
A walk trail with restored vegetation and great historical significance.






0m | 100m | 200m



LEGEND

-  Road
-  Track
-  Harvey River
-  Info Board
-  Start point
-  End point
-  Lower Harvey River Walk Trail

-  Toilets
-  Picnic Area
-  Parking

 Dogs Prohibited

TYPE



Grade 2

DISTANCE



2.1 kms return

TIME



60 mins

ENQUIRIES & INFORMATION

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DIRECTIONS

From Waroona Visitor Centre, travel 300 metres south along South Western Highway. Turn right onto Coronation Road and follow this for 16.2 kilometres. Continue onto Peppermint Grove Road for 6 kilometres and turn left into John Tognela Rest Stop, just before reaching Forrest Highway.

TRAIL INFORMATION

The central theme of this trail is "Same Landscape - Different Views" as the landscape tells many different stories, depending on the point of view of visitors.

For Aboriginal people, this place was a summer gathering area where food, water and shelter were plentiful. Aboriginal people have used this area for thousands of years, and have seen the landscape change in many ways. Many of the surrounding roads and trails follow traditional Aboriginal tracks.

For European settlers, this was a difficult and dangerous place due to drainage issues and the comparatively alien landscape. The site was a wetland teeming with life, but difficult to negotiate. Many attempts were made to control the landscape, with little success. Much of the land remained uncultivated in the winter due to flooding. Increased settlement put increased pressure on the land, and created a need for engineering solutions to these natural problems.

For modern day travellers, this is a major transport corridor leading to work and tourism destinations in the south. The construction of the Perth to Bunbury Forrest Highway has boosted economic development and tourism, and has played a significant role in environmental management.

For locals, this is a conservation site where restoration has been undertaken to save native flora, fauna and habitats. The nearby Harvey River plays an important role as a wildlife corridor to protect the fauna safe from the traffic on the highway.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Keep a look out for the following unique features:

RIFFLES

Riffles are shallow sections in river channels that are characterised by fast and turbulent flow, usually over stones or gravel. Riffles are an important part of river systems because they provide habitat for in-stream invertebrates, aeration of water flow through turbulence, and a reduction in water velocity. The granite rocks in the river bed have been designed to form an artificial Riffle.

RIPARIAN VEGETATION

Riparian vegetation plays an integral role in river ecosystems by providing shade, habitat and food; it reduces erosion and sediment flowing into waterways and provides a buffer for a river system. The planting of new vegetation has been undertaken in this area by the local community under the guidance of the Harvey River Restoration Taskforce.

PAPERBARK

The paperbark tree has been used for a number of years, especially by the Noongar people. The bark is used to make water carrying and storage vessels, and also to wrap fish in to cook in coals. Paperbarks can be found growing alongside rivers and throughout wetlands and floodplains. Paperbarks have adaptations that allow them to survive for long periods of time with their roots immersed in water. The extensive root system of the paperbark helps to bind soil, which reduces the impact of erosion on a river or creek.

CODE OF PRACTICE

- Be sure to read the trail information before you set out
- Carry adequate food and water for your walk
- Dress appropriately for the trail and weather conditions
- No bins are provided so please take all rubbish home
- Stay on the trail and avoid sensitive natural areas
- Be courteous to other trail users
- No motorised vehicles permitted

USEFUL CONTACTS

Waroona Visitor Centre	9733 1506
Shire of Waroona Rangers	9531 7776
Waroona Police Station	9733 7400



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