

EXPERIENCE THE TRAIL

Located within the picturesque Perth Hills, the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail retraces 59km of the old Eastern Railway that formerly linked Fremantle to York in the 1880s.

The Trail begins its journey at Bellevue, following the old Eastern Railway line on both sides of Great Eastern Highway. The two lines rejoin at Mount Helena forming a unique 41km loop entirely on railway formations before extending out to Woorlooloo.

Most points along the Trail are accessible by road, making it easy to start your journey from a variety of locations. Many of the reserves are now community parks providing picnic tables, toilets and other facilities to complete your experience.

Access to the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail is free, although a National Park fee applies to visitors who access the Trail from John Forrest National Park's main car park.



Car parking is available adjacent to the Trail in most villages as indicated on the map overleaf

Getting on the Trail

The trail can be accessed via many entry points along the 59km route. If you are using public transport, Eastern Timetables 86, 96 and 97 provide bus routes to most villages along the Trail, or simply cycle directly to the Trail from Midland Station. Visit www.transperth.wa.gov.au or call 13 62 13 for more information.

The Trail also connects with Perth Bicycle Network routes SE3 and SE4 and is reachable from Perth Airport. Metropolitan bike route maps can be viewed/downloaded from the Department of Transport website www.transport.wa.gov.au (follow Active Transport / Cycling Publications).

For further information visit www.railwayreserves.com.au

For more information on Perth Hills visit:

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Community Art Project Sculptures:
1. The Volunteer
2. The Community
3. Regeneration



2014 Parkerville, Stoneville, Mt Helena Bushfire

On 12 January 2014 the Parkerville, Stoneville, Mt Helena bushfire destroyed 57 homes and affected an additional 273 properties.

A range of initiatives were identified by the community to help them in their personal and collective recovery. One initiative was a Community Art Project, in which 3 permanent public artworks were installed along the Trail in each affected village.



Look out for the information shelters in each of the reserves along the route describing the development of the adjoining settlement and photographs of the neighbouring historical sites, flora and fauna.

The Railway Reserves Heritage Trail is the Shire of Mundaring's premier trail and one of the State's Top Trails - trails.wa.com.au



RELAX: A place to unwind

The Railway Reserves Heritage Trail is the perfect place to relax and unwind as it takes in the peace and tranquility of the attractive flora and fauna and natural landscapes of the Perth Hills.

Enjoy the simple pleasures of a leisurely walk, special time with family and friends, connecting with nature or simply enjoying the fresh air.



Cyclist enjoying nature on the Trail



Above: There are many scenic picnic spots located along the Trail



Right: On the Trail overlooking Jane Brook. Photo courtesy Tourism WA

Right: Cyclists along the Trail
Below: The perfect place to exercise. Photo courtesy of TrailsWA



EXPLORE: A place for activity

Whether you are a walker, cyclist or horse rider, the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail provides the ideal place for activity for all fitness and experience levels with different sections of the trail, challenges and lengths to choose from. Explore the trails by walking, running, jogging or riding - the choice is yours.



Above: Proclamation Train Sculpture in Chidlow.
Right: Mundaring Stationmaster's House



DISCOVER: A place of historical significance

While on your journey, discover the individual history and character of the many charming settlements that evolved alongside the railway line during its construction, including Darlington, Parkerville and Mundaring. Appreciate the historical and cultural significance as you roam the Trail, taking in the romance of the rail era.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY

Share the Trail - Railway Reserves Heritage Trail is a multi-user trail for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Motorised vehicles are prohibited with the exception of emergency and maintenance vehicles.

Walkers

- Keep dogs on a lead
- Clean up after your dog
- Dogs are not permitted in national parks

Cyclists

- Pedestrians and horse riders have right of way over cyclists on shared paths
- Always ride on the left hand side, except when overtaking
- Use your bell to warn other Trail users
- A good quality cycle helmet is a legal requirement

Horse riders

- Ride in single file
- Clean up after your horse
- The Railway Reserves Heritage Trail must only be used to access the John Forrest Bridle Trail in John Forrest National Park from the eastern side of the park. There is parking for horse floats on Victoria Road
- Horses are only to be ridden on the marked bridle trail and are not permitted within the main recreation area of John Forrest National Park.

For all users

- Extinguish your cigarettes with care
- Take all your litter home with you
- Do not pick the wildflowers
- Do not wander onto adjacent private land
- Exercise caution at all driveways and road crossings
- Ensure you carry enough drinking water with you. Food and drink is available for purchase from the villages as indicated on the map
- Be sun smart - wear plenty of sunscreen and cover up for your journey

The fire danger season in Western Australia runs from October to March. Be aware of all fire weather warnings in the area you are visiting. Fire danger information can be found on the Shire of Mundaring home page www.mundaring.wa.gov.au

In case of emergency please call 000

For Trail related matters, please contact Shire of Mundaring on 08 9290 6666.

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RELAX EXPLORE DISCOVER

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Plan your journey...

The charming communities along the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail are a lasting memory of the early settlements and thriving industry that initially developed along the former Eastern Railway. Whether you choose to walk, cycle or ride, enrich your journey by exploring the notable highlights that can now be found in each village.

From Bellevue

Make your choice to start your journey on the Southern Section, which dates back to its opening in March 1884, or the Northern Section, which opened on 1 July 1896 as an alternative route to the steep incline and tight curves of the earlier Southern Section. Both routes join up at Mount Helena to form a unique 41km loop on railway formations.

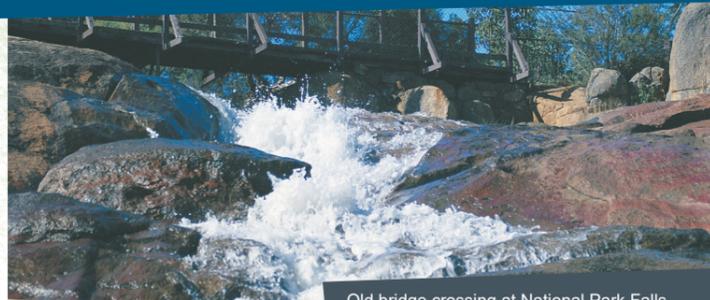
Swan View Station



From Swan View

The replica Swan View Station 1 is a legacy of the Mahogany Creek Deviation line and now provides one of the access points along the Trail to the picturesque John Forrest National Park 2. The Park is home to the unique construction of the 340m long Swan View Tunnel 3, which was originally built to overcome a granite barrier formed by a fold in the Darling Range. Further into the Park, the railway past is evident where three wooden trestle bridges 4 still remain. Amongst the railway heritage, John Forrest National Park is also the perfect place to relax and admire the unfolding landscapes and the National Park Falls 5 or to take a diversion along the Eagle View Walk Trail 5.

Swan View Tunnel



Old bridge crossing at National Park Falls. Photo courtesy Tourism WA

From Boya

Adjacent to the Trail, Greenmount National Park is home to the Goat Farm Mountain Bike Park 6, which is a great place to improve your mountain bike skills on the downhill tracks of this purpose-built mountain bike park. Also look out for the area named Cape Horn 7, a notorious spot for many accidents back in the late 1800s as the trains tried to navigate the dangerous bend.

From Darlington

The quaint village of Darlington is complemented by the remaining features of the second Darlington Railway Platform 8, which dates back to 1892. The biggest railway cuttings can be found along the Trail in this village where dynamite and blasting powder were used to shatter the granite obstructions. Make a deviation to Bilgoman Aquatic Centre 9, where during the summer months you can take a dip in the heated outdoor pool or follow the nearby heritage trail to Bilgoman Well 9.

From Glen Forrest

Beside the Trail, and within the Glen Forrest historic precinct, you will find the Stationmaster's House 10. The house was built in 1898 to service the railway station, originally named Smith's Mill.

Glen Forrest Stationmaster's House

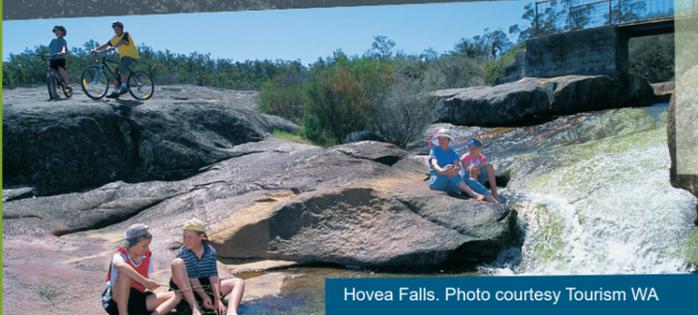


Walking along the Trail



From Parkerville

Head west along the Trail from Parkerville and you will arrive at the Hovea Railway Platform 11, which opened in 1912 and was originally used as access to the national park and day trips to Hovea Falls 12 before the National Park Station was opened in 1936.



Hovea Falls. Photo courtesy Tourism WA

From Mundaring

Serving as a reminder of Mundaring's railway heritage, the former Mundaring Station Platform 13, established in 1898, and Mundaring Stationmaster's House 13, established circa 1903, are both found in Mundaring Community Sculpture Park 13. The Munda Biddi Trail 13 trailhead is also located here. Visit Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor Centre 14 in the centre of town to find out more information on many of the other local attractions including Mundaring District Museum 14 and Mundaring Arts Centre 14. Should you wish to explore the historic Mundaring Weir precinct, follow the Munda Biddi Trail or Kep Track markers to continue the old railway line through Beelu National Park 15.

Mundaring Community Sculpture Park



Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor Centre

From Mount Helena

Mount Helena was formerly the junction of the two lines, originally named Lion Mill after the Jarrah Mill. Adjacent to the Trail, Mount Helena Aquatic Centre 16 is the ideal spot for a swim in the summer school holidays.

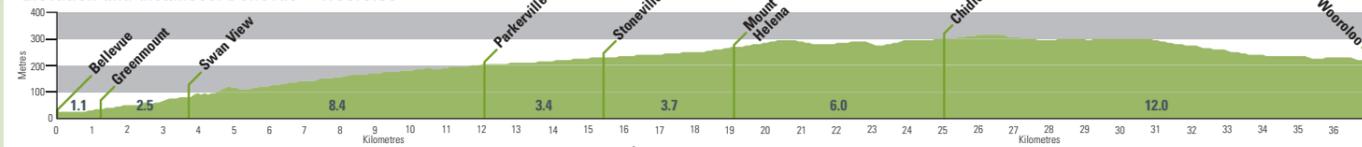
From Chidlow

The Proclamation Train Sculpture 17 is a testament to Chidlow's railway heritage and acknowledges the 175th anniversary of the founding of Western Australia. For a scenic detour, head off the trail at Chidlow - or Chidlow's Well as it was formerly known - to Lake Leschenaultia 18. Here a trail will take you around the lake, or grab a coffee at Reflections Coffee & Kiosk, hire a canoe, or take a cooling dip in the lake. Camping is also available however bookings are essential. Book online via Shire of Mundaring website www.mundaring.wa.gov.au. Enquiries to 9290 6736 or email lake@mundaring.wa.gov.au.

South of Great Eastern Highway, a detour will take you to the Forsyths Mill 19 mountain bike park



Elevation and distances: Bellevue – Wooroloo



Elevation and distances: Bellevue – Mount Helena



From Wooroloo

The arched stone culvert 20 over the Wooroloo Brook, east of the Wooroloo village, is one of the few existing railway structures and well worth a look. From here, pick up the signs for Kep Track 21 to continue your journey all the way to Northam.

Stone culvert

Map legend

- Railway Reserves
- Heritage Trail
- 13 Places of interest
- 94 National Highway
- Park - conservation, national
- Information shelter locations in each village along the Trail. Elevation and distances have been calculated from each of these shelter locations and facilities in each village are either adjacent to the Trail or within 700m.

Facilities

- Accredited Visitor Centre
- Parking
- Accessible toilets
- Toilets
- Fuel Station
- Telephone
- Barbecue
- Picnic table
- Cafe/Restaurant
- Supplies/Shop
- Playground
- Camping
- Bicycle maintenance point

For accommodation options please contact Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor Centre

Approximately how long will it take?

This will depend on the section you decide to walk, cycle or ride, and your average pace. Use the chart below as a guide to see how long it is likely to take you to complete the section of Trail you have chosen.

Timings

Activity	1km	5km	20km	50km
Walking – 4km/h	15mins	1hr 15mins	5hrs	12hrs 30mins
Horse Riding – 7.5km/h	8mins	40mins	2hrs 40mins	6hrs 40mins
Cycling – 12km/h	5mins	25mins	1hr 40mins	4hrs 10mins