

# Toodyay's Walks and Wildflowers



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# Dawn Atwell Reserve

## Wildflowers and the Toodyay Region

Conservation and Nature Reserves throughout the Shire of Toodyay provide a unique opportunity to experience the region's natural heritage and encounter spectacular flora and fauna. Nestled amongst magnificent hill country and the valleys of the Avon River, wildflowers are especially abundant throughout Spring each year.

## Flora Roads

Toodyay Flora Roads are sign posted and pull-in bays offer opportunities to explore the spectacular sights, particularly during Spring. Each Flora Road is an example of excellent conservation, provides direct observation of landscapes, and is easily accessible by all vehicle types.



## We love our wildflowers

Please be careful on your journey. Take care not to trample the wildflowers or pull them from the ground. We want to make sure there will always be wildflowers for everyone to admire.

## Canola

If you would like to take photographs of the canola please find a safe place to pull over, away from the road and take your pictures from outside the boundary fence. Canola is grown by local farmers so the fields are private property and unauthorised entry causes damage to the flowers.



## Safety

Please note that mobile phone coverage is limited outside the Toodyay town site, so please be prepared if you are driving or walking into the reserves. Be aware that wildfires and fuel reduction prescribed burning can occur throughout most of the year. Please call DPaW on 9290 6100 to check if there are any scheduled.

When visiting any nature reserves please remember that the lighting of fires within the reserves are prohibited year-round. Also endeavour to "Leave No Trace" and take your rubbish with you. Take special care to prevent the spread of Dieback by ensuring your boots are clean before entering any reserves.

The information contained within this brochure is intended as a guide only. Not all tracks are signposted. Please be prepared if you intend to go bush walking in natural areas; suitable footwear & a hat are a must, always carry adequate water and be aware of hazards.

Named after a Toodyay Naturalists' Club founding member this beautiful, Shire managed reserve has a special community history. The Club successfully campaigned for the reserve to be vested for nature conservation. The reserve now protects a range of pristine native vegetation from Banksia Woodland in the sandy eastern part through to Jarrah, Marri and Powderbark Wandoo.

The reserve is easily accessed from Julimar Road with a parking area, picnic table and interpretive signage near the corner of Parkland Drive. The fire breaks and tracks are ideal for walking and the terrain is relatively flat. This reserve is renowned for its wild flowers with over a hundred species recorded there from the endangered Star Sun Orchid *Thelymitra stellata* to the spectacular *Banksia menziesii*, Fire Wood Banksia. Some 33 bird species have been observed here.



**Length:** 5kms around perimeter  
**Area:** 85 ha.  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Trail signposted:** No  
**Terrain:** Dirt tracks and fire breaks



# Wongamine Nature Reserve

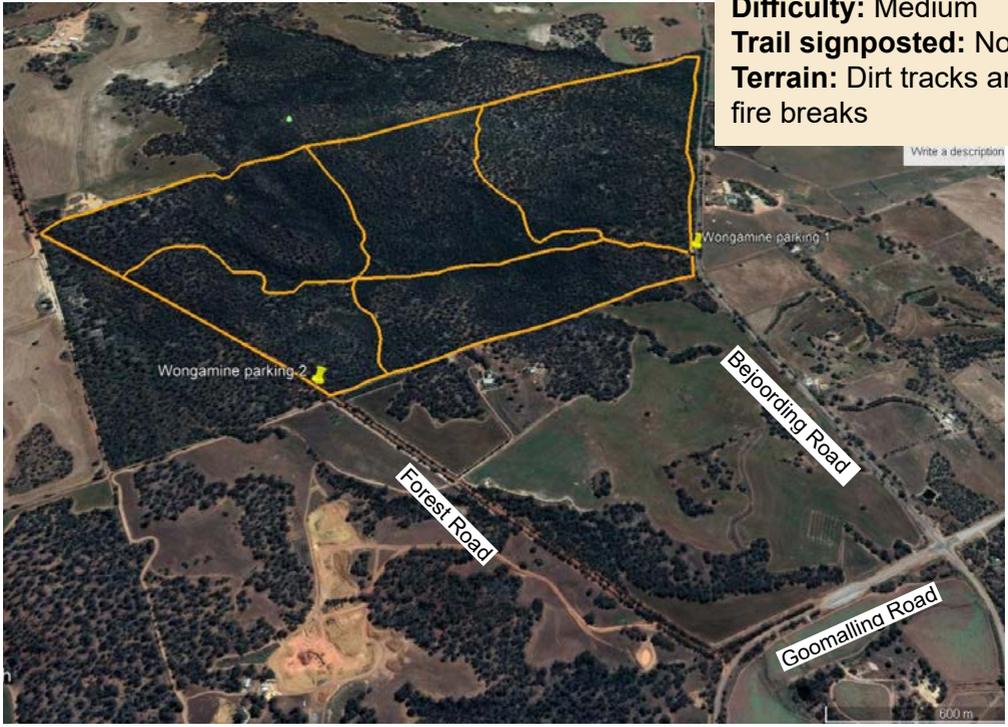
Historically used as a watering/stopping place, and for timber and gravel extraction, Wongamine Reserve is now used for conservation purposes. With its northern extension and Shire managed adjoining western portion the reserve boasts a range of diverse vegetation.

Species include the Mottlecah which has the largest Eucalypt flower in the world, Brown Mallet, Drummond's Gum and fine examples of Salmon Gum in the Toodyay Shire. In spring wildflowers of all kinds abound. Walking access in the reserve is facilitated by the many fire breaks. Forest Rd is a designated Flora Road with a sign-posted pull in bay.

Take care when exploring the reserve as it has gravelly slopes and steep gullies.



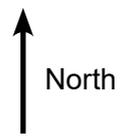
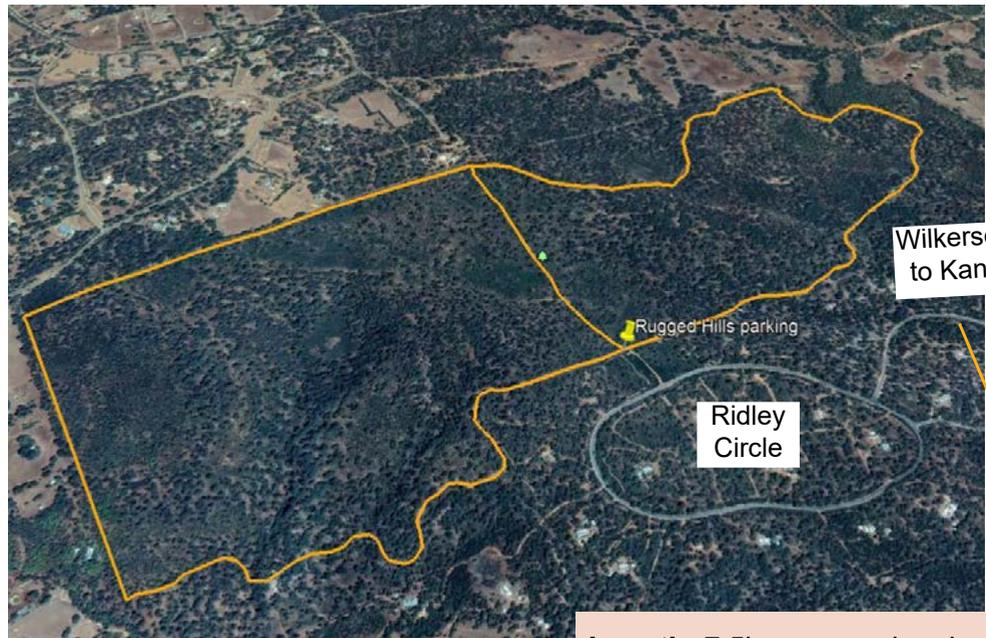
**Length:** 6.5 around perimeter  
**Area:** 330 ha.  
**Difficulty:** Medium  
**Trail signposted:** No  
**Terrain:** Dirt tracks and fire breaks



# Rugged Hills Reserve

Access to this reserve is via Ridley Circle. The perimeter walk is approx. 8 kms but you can shorten it by taking the fire break that runs through the middle of the reserve.

There are some steep hills that take you to beautiful views, especially from the eastern end of the northern boundary. Varied vegetation with Wandoo, Jarrah and Marri. Lots of wildflowers in spring. Plenty of bird life and good chance of seeing the elusive Black-gloved Wallaby and Euro.



**Length:** 7.5kms around perimeter  
**Area:** 260 ha.  
**Difficulty:** Medium to Hard  
**Trail signposted:** No  
**Terrain:** Dirt track, steep in places



# Majestic Heights Reserve

Park off Sandplain Road in an area marked with a “Passive Recreation” sign (approximately 500m from Folewood Road). In Spring this area boasts an impressive carpet of everlastings.

Follow the fire break as it winds its way upwards through woodland to reach Stirlingia Drive. Over the road the track continues steeply through fire ravaged, regenerating vegetation. Head towards the NBN tower.

From that point you are treated to a spectacular view of Knockdomine Hill and Mt. Nardie (350 m). Millard’s Pool on the Avon River is also visible. Return along the same route admiring the views down the Avon Valley towards the National Park. You will be treated to many wild flower blooms in spring.



**Length:** 4kms return  
**Area:** 50 ha.  
**Difficulty:** Medium to Hard  
**Trail signposted:** No  
**Terrain:** Fire breaks



# Panorama Reserve

Access to this hidden reserve is from Panorama View off Salt Valley Road. The entrance is very narrow but there is room for parking. Follow the fire break on the western boundary around until it terminates overlooking the historical Clackline Railway line and enjoy the view from here.

The reserve abounds in spring wildflowers and provides important habitat for many bird species. Salt Valley Road also has a great display of wildflowers during the Spring season.



**Length:** 1km one way  
**Area:** 10 ha.  
**Difficulty:** Medium  
**Trail signposted:** No  
**Terrain:** Dirt track with slopes



# Pelham Reserve

Rising up the slopes, overlooking the town is Pelham Reserve. The majority of this Reserve is York Gum and Jam Woodland with Wandoo Woodland in the southern corner. Wander through the 6 kilometres of walking tracks to discover the various historical points of interest, and vast stretches of everlastings.

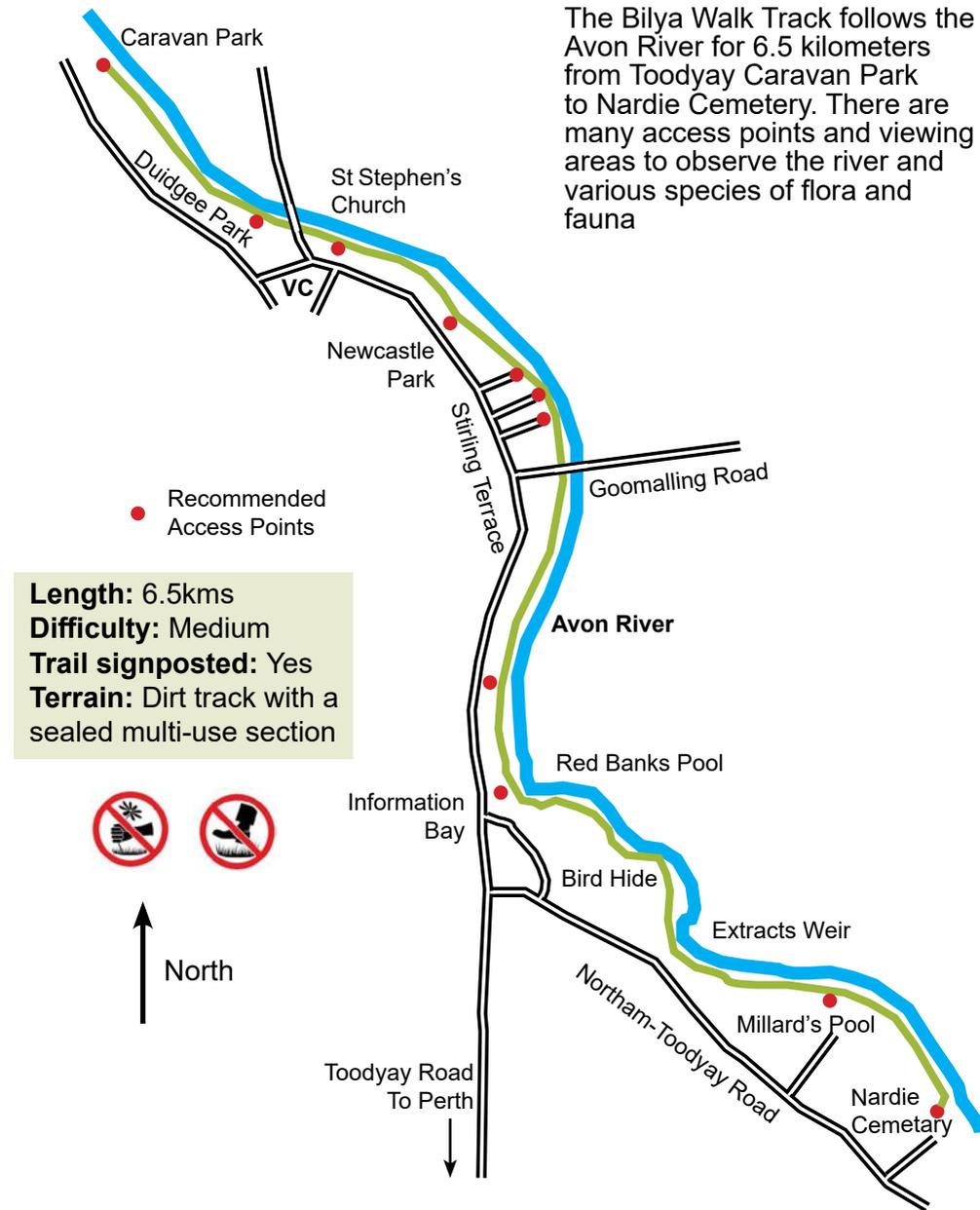


- Pelham Walk Trail - 2.25km
- Everlastings Loop - 1.1km
- Bunker Complex Loop - 650m
- Rifle Range Loop - 1.2km
- Gully Track - 500m



# Bilya Walk Track

The Bilya Walk Track follows the Avon River for 6.5 kilometers from Toodyay Caravan Park to Nardie Cemetery. There are many access points and viewing areas to observe the river and various species of flora and fauna.



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