wetlands heritage trail escape the everyday

CHARLES VERYARD RESERVE

Follow the path of the wetlands past and present down to the river while under your feet the Claise Brook drain flows and echoes the journey

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EDGE OF THE WETLANDS

This marks the northern-most end of the trail and the beginning of the former wetlands. A short stroll will take you to Smith's Lake, a sanctuary in the suburbs.

SMITH'S LAKE

Relax and unwind at this beautiful piece of wetland tranquillity. Listen to local stories, old and new, from the talking rock. Originally a lake named Danjanberup covered what is today Charles Veryard Reserve and Smith's Lake.





Dive off the path with a swim at Beatty Park pool. Featuring family-friendly facilities including an Olympic size swimming pool. In 1962 Dawn Frazer smashed world records with a golden 100m swim at the VII British and Commonwealth Games.

ROBERTSON PARK

BULWER STREET

DORRIEN GARDENS

COWLE ST

This ancient gathering place stills draws people with its range of fun opportunities. Drop in for a hit of tennis, listen to the talking artwork or explore the rejuvenated Little Bojoomelup wetland. Nearby are Lee Hop's Cottage and the Maltings (see highlights of the trail).

HYDE PARK

NEWCASTLE

The 'Jewel in the Crown' of Perth's formal parks. Hyde Park has been welcoming families since Aboriginals first hunted and camped here. Hosting summer concerts, picnickers and weddings, unwind with a Pod Tour around the lakes. See www.vincentwetlands.com.au for details.

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NATIVE FLORA GARDEN

FORT STREET

Nested in Hyde Park is this beautiful showcase of local WA plants including Zamia Palms, Bottlebrush, Grass and Jarrah trees. Look out for the swans and ducks as you picnic under the old gum tree.

WILLIAM STREET

Taste the world and shop 'til you drop. Successive waves of immigration have left their mark, as seen in the eclectic mix of architecture and the many shops selling food and products from all corners of the globe.

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recreational path

former wetlands

BANKS RESERVE

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BANKS RESERVE

Spot the ducks on Walters' Brook, cycle along the river or have a BBQ. This is the most eastern point of the trail and one of the Town's most scenic parks with panoramic river views.

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BULWER STREET



highlights of the trail

THE EAST PERTH POWER STATION M

was the main public electricity utility for the metropolitan area from 1916 to 1951. It was decommissioned in 1981. In 2004 preliminary renovations commenced, the site awaits further restoration and development.



SMITH'S LAKE ARTWORK was created by Tony and Francine Riches and installed in 2002.

The sculpture is accompanied by the 'talking rock' and audio presentation of stories of the lake.

DORRIEN GARDENS

Join the weekend crowd cheering on local soccer legends at 'The Gardens'. Reclaimed from the wetlands, this football ground is now home to Perth Soccer Club. Cool down with a drink from the wetlands drinking fountain by Owen Davis.



LEE HOP'S COTTAGE

Built in 1903. Lee Hop. a Chinese market gardener, occupied the cottage from 1903 to 1914.



LITTLE BOJOORMELUP

An oasis for birds and local wildlife. This winter lake was reconstructed by the local community in 2005 and named after the original lake that covered the area. Visit the website to join in protecting our environment.

THE MALTINGS

was actively used as a maltings plant for almost 100 years. The residential developments of 1998 won both national and state awards for best medium density project.

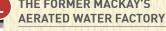


PIECES OF LEISURE

a bronze artwork by Judith Forrest was installed in 2006. Next to the sculpture is a 'sound plinth' – press the buttons for further stories of the park and wetlands.







Producing a range of locally made aerated waters and cordials, the company supplied the troops during the Second World War until its closure in 1966 from multinational pressures.

flora and fauna

The trail and parks provide a valuable habitat for a wonderful variety of WA flora and fauna. Look out for the majestic Black Swans, Purple Swamp Hen or the entertaining Willy Wagtail. Download a guide from the website.

> There is a rich diversity of plants to see from the formal gardens of Hyde Park through to the river vistas of Banks Reserve. Rest under a Jarrah tree or smell the Acacia and Bottlebrush as you walk the trail.

walking tips

- Wear sunscreen, a widebrimmed hat, protective clothing and sunglasses to avoid exposure to the sun.
- Wear light-coloured clothing when walking during twilight to ensure fellow walkers, drivers and cyclists can see you clearly.
- Drink plenty of water before, during and after walking.
- especially on hot days.
- Ensure that you walk your dog on a leash.



wetlands heritage trail



The Wetlands Heritage Trail is an initiative of the Town of Vincent to encourage reflection on the natural and social history of the area. The trail is a pedestrian and cycle path linking many of the Town's parks and points of interest while following the existing and former wetlands. Much of the trail echoes the Claise Brook drain that still flows underneath the Town, taking water down to the Swan River.

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For more information go to www.vincentwetlands.com.au

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