



8 THE ORIGINS LOOP
45 minutes, 2.7 km walk From the Transit Park, head east along Brook Street and you will pass the Origins Centre on your left. When you join the gravel road, cross the wooden bridge and turn right to return to town via Jayes Rd. Look out for the Origins Centre – a respite, retreat and community activity centre that has been in the town since 1983. FOLLOW THE ROAD RULES ON PUBLIC ROADS.

7 GRIMWADE LOOP
3 hour, 13km trail Starting from the Transit Park you follow the Bibbulmun track signs. This walk requires a good level of fitness. Head east along Brook Street and you will pass the Origins Centre on your left. When you cross a wooden bridge, look for the Bibbulmun waugal marker and continue up the track parallel to Jayes Road. Follow the markers into the pine plantation (at the top of a hill) and along to a footbridge. The trail then turns north, up a (very steep) hill. Keep following the trail markers until you reach Grimwade Road. Turn left on Grimwade Road and walk 4km to Walter Road. Turn left, and in 1.2km you will be back at the Transit Park. FOLLOW THE ROAD RULES ON PUBLIC ROADS.

6 RACECOURSE RESERVE
 All walk times are based on a leisurely stroll, taking time to enjoy the native flora and fauna:
Race-track walk - 1 hour. Some sandy sections but mainly flat.
Kangaroo Paw walk - 40 minutes - easy walk.
Emu Bush walk - 20 minutes - some hilly.
Possum Tree walk - 1.5 hours - hilly walk.
 Drive 2 km north of Balingup and look for "Racecourse Reserve" sign on the right. In spring, the reserve becomes a blaze of colour, with an abundance of wildflowers. Each week of spring sees change until early December. Native animals and birds found in the Reserve include Kangaroos, Phascogale, Quendas and Red Tailed Black Cockatoo. THE RESERVE IS BAITED TO CONTROL FOXES. THE BAITS ARE POISONOUS TO DOGS.

BALINGUP TRAILS & ATTRACTIONS

The Bibbulmun Track runs right through the centre of Balingup and the following short walks are designed to give you a taste of 'walking the Track'. Where indicated, follow the Bibbulmun track trail markers – this is a yellow triangle trail marker with a black waugal (snake) symbol.

These are bush walking trails, so wear sturdy shoes. An average level of fitness is required. There are some steep sections but most of the walks are flat.

THE BIBBULMUN TRACK

Western Australia's world-class long-distance walk trail, the Bibbulmun Track, stretches over 1,000 kilometres from Perth hills to the south coast through some of the most beautiful and varied natural areas of Australia's South West.

Whether it's for a short stroll, a weekend break, or the challenge of becoming an end-to-ender, there's no better way to discover the natural wonders of the region.

The Track is named after the Bibbulmun Nyoongar people, an aboriginal group who journeyed on foot over long distances to celebrate their land. The distinctive trail markers depict the Waugal, a symbol of the Rainbow Serpent.

Although the track is well marked, walkers are advised to use a physical map. Eight maps showing car access points, campsites, terrain profiles and distance tables, along with eight corresponding guidebooks are available from the Balingup Visitor Information Centre. The guidebooks will assist your planning and enrich your journey.

The Track links nine unique towns including Balingup and passes through 22 national parks and other reserves. The northern half of the track is home to extensive jarrah, marri and wandoo forests only found in this part of Western Australia, while the southern half features ancient karri and tingle forests and spectacular coastal walking where whales can be sighted in the Southern Ocean between June and October.



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1 KONDIL PARK WALK

1.2 km walk Starts at Kulyir Mia Park (intersection of South Western Highway and Forrest St) spot the giant eagle sculpture! One steep section but mainly flat.

Follow the gravel footpath across the footbridge and turn left as the path merges with a gravel road. You will then emerge in Kondil Park which is home to huge old blackbutt trees and it is well worth spending a moment contemplating the majesty of these native Western Australian giants – and don't miss the big black cockatoo sculpture.

The walk then makes its way down DeLisle and Walters St to Balingup Oval. Turn left at the Transit Park and follow the Bibbulmun Waugal marker, over a footbridge. Return to your starting point along the town footpaths.

BIRDWOOD PARK WALK

AVENUE OF HONOUR

2 BIRDWOOD PARK OAKS WALK

2.2km easy walk Especially suitable for those interested in the history of the area. It explores the western side of the town, past the Medieval Carnivale Grounds through the Avenue of Honour, ending up near Balingup Brook.

From the Village Green entry, follow the path past the public toilets to the Fire Shed. Turn left over the railway line and immediately right into the Carnivale grounds. Turn right on Brockman Street and follow the gravel road through the Avenue of Honour, lined by oak trees in memory of lives lost in World War 1. Interpretive panels in the picnic area half way up the Avenue provide more information and offer an opportunity to rest.

The trail ends at the brook but you can turn right onto a narrow footpath that follows the brook to a swimming place. Beware steep drops! The return journey can be made by following Brockman Street into the town.

9 ART TRAIL & 10 HERITAGE WALK

Enquire at the Balingup Visitor Centre for a map detailing two town walks that exhibit local art and explain the heritage of Balingup.

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1.5km walk trail This walk trail follows Balingup Brook for approximately 50% of the journey. The walk is mainly flat but has a moderately steep section as it climbs up to the railway line. Start at the Visitor Centre and head north towards the Transit Park. Follow Allan Rothery Walk, turning left after the second footbridge - then follow the scarecrow trail marker under the South Western highway road bridge. Follow the fence up to the railway line (or turn back at the end of the fence line). When you reach the railway line, please turn around and retrace your steps.

5 BALINGUP BROOK WALK

1km walk Start at the Visitor Centre, walking west down Brockman Street and past Balingup Primary School. Continue straight (onto a gravel road) past the Tavern. When you cross the road bridge over the brook, turn right and follow the scarecrow markers. The trail ends at the railway line. When you reach the railway line, please turn around and retrace your steps.

3 BIBBULMUN SOUTH TO GOLDEN VALLEY TREE PARK

1.5km mainly flat trail Start at the bus/information bay and follow Southampton and Old Padbury roads. Follow the Bibbulmun Waugal markers. Golden Valley Tree Park is home to a unique collection of beautiful and interesting trees from around the world, grown in a landscaped setting. Established in 1981, this 60 hectare Park now has over 5,000 trees and is the largest arboretum in WA.

There are six established trails in the Tree Park (including one wheelchair friendly in the overseas collection). Maps are available at the Visitor Centre or GVTP information bay near the Homestead. FOLLOW THE ROAD RULES ON PUBLIC ROADS.

