

Mullewa Bushland Trail

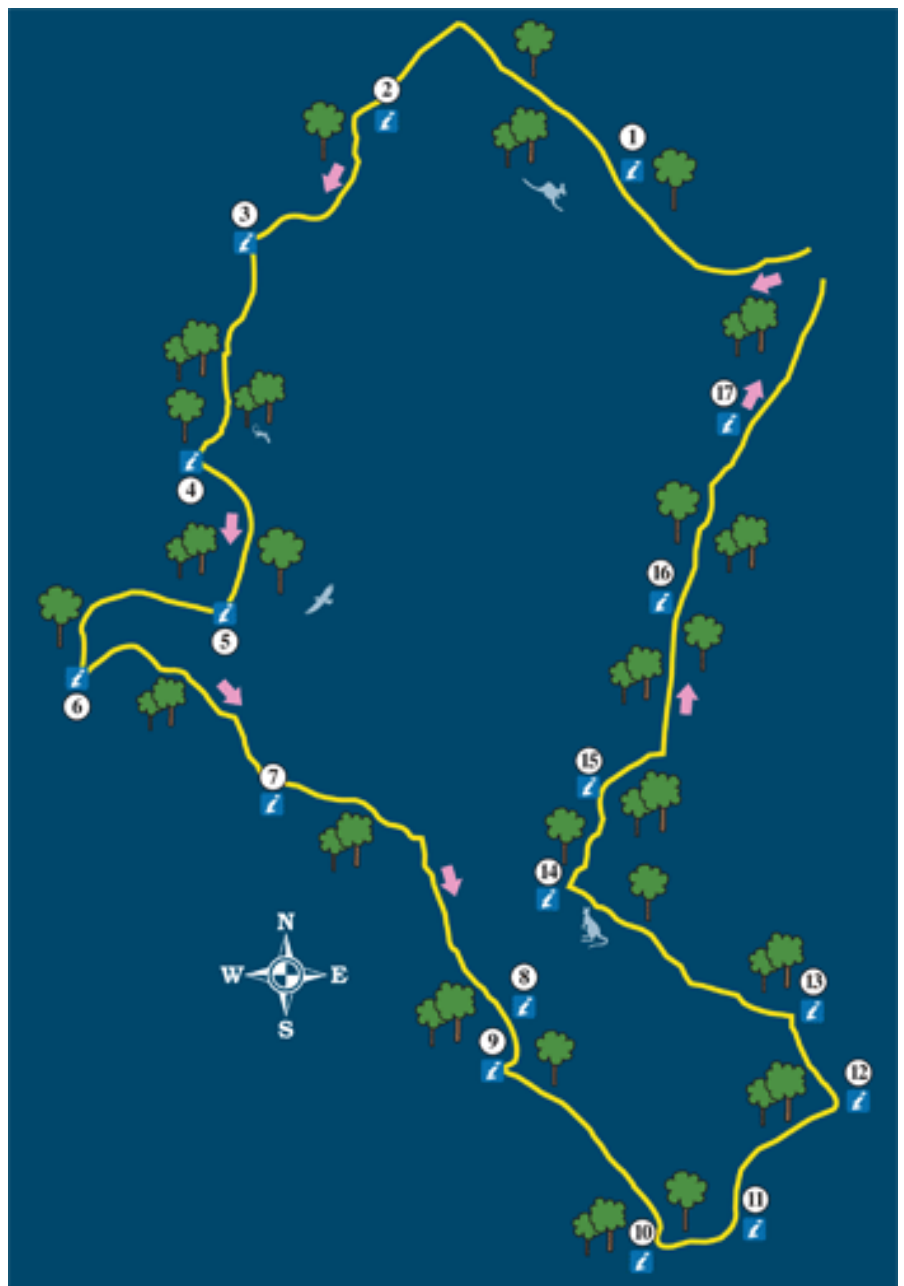
The Mullewa Bushland Trail is a fascinating 2,370 metre walk through the rich natural landscape bordering the town.

The trail is easy to follow and uses raked natural-earth paths for most of the route.

It includes some short moderate climbs and several rocky (but safe) sections.

At a leisurely pace taking time to read the interpretive panels allow 40–60 minutes to complete.

This trail will give an intriguing insight into the nature of this landscape, from both European and Wajarri perspectives.



Waypoint 1 – The Mill with Concrete Boots

Imagine being given the job of digging three sizeable holes into a rocky ridge, one for each 'leg' of a windmill. Your response may well have been 'you've got to be joking!' Find out how they worked around nature's constraints.

Waypoint 2 – Dead Finish – Good Tucker!

Why would a tree that has nutritious seeds associated with life rather than death be known as 'Dead Finish'? All is revealed about one of Mullewa's most useful plant species.

Waypoint 3 – Where There's Water There's Saltbush

It's tough living in the scrub around Mullewa. Plants in these harsh conditions can't be picky – find out why the Saltbush is a successful inhabitant of the slopes.

Waypoint 4 – From Telegraphs to Telephones

Where would we be without modern communication? Discover how those living in Mullewa managed the task of keeping in touch and connected outback WA with Perth long before the telephone.

Waypoint 5 – Marndu (Meat) for the People

'Unearth' the best place to dig for bardi grub from a Wajarri elder.

Waypoint 6 – Shaping a Flat Landscape

See how the erosive forces of wind and water have created stunning highs and lows in one of the oldest geological regions on earth.

Waypoint 7 – Out in the Mulga

Find out why mulga, the most widespread tree species in the dry heart of Australia was so versatile to Wajarri people.

Waypoint 8 – Highways on the Hills

Careful, you could be standing in the middle of a highway! Who traverses the rocky ground in their thousands, leaving a smooth 'road' through the ragged outcrops?

Waypoint 9 – Cave Dwelling Kangaroos

Kangaroos, euros and bungarras seek shelter and escape the heat of the day in caves among the rocky breakaways. You may see them sleeping peacefully if you are quiet, otherwise you will certainly see evidence of their presence.

Waypoint 10 – The Blessing of the Edge

On the lip of a small breakaway you can stand 'on the edge' in more ways than one – the rim of the Yilgarn Block is a massive and ancient formation that underlies much of the interior of Western Australia.

Waypoint 11 – They Don't Build 'Em Like They Used To!

Who would have thought today that a fence could last a century? What native materials stood the test of time?

Waypoint 12 – Bush Fruit: Warlgu and Gamberarra

Learn to recognise when bush fruit are ripe and how to cook them.

Waypoint 13 – Mullewa's Market Garden

One of the more unusual success stories of the northern Wheatbelt, Redland Rose's white tunnel structures are an unusual site in the

farming hinterland but a source of great community pride for local Wajarri people who help pick and pack the centre's produce.

Waypoint 14 – Creatures of the Crevices

Search for native lizards among the crevices of a rocky breakaway.

Waypoint 15 – The Only Eucalypts on the Trail

You've heard of getting blood from stone, so how do you get water from a tree?

Waypoint 16 – Guwiyarl the Goanna

The bungarra is a widely regarded delicacy among the Wajarri people making the meal worth the dangers faced in catching it.

Waypoint 17 – Plants that Heal: Bush Medicine

Aboriginal people learned how to alleviate or cure all kinds of ailments and illness. Burns, fever and toothaches were all treated with native plants like saltbush, native currant and toothache tree!