

walking

Walking can improve strength and fitness, reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke, and increase mental alertness.

Walking in natural bushland areas is a unique opportunity to appreciate the flora and fauna and to reflect on the unspoiled beauty that is still available for us to enjoy.

The City of Swan would like to thank Olive Gear and the late Harry and Adela Hyde for this wonderful gift given to our community.

The Wandoo Heights Wildflower Walk Trail is the third of the series to be developed by the City of Swan.

Be Active Together is a joint project with the City of Swan and Eastern Perth Public Community Health.

Please note this is a controlled access walk trail. Permission is required through the City of Swan contact 9267 9000.

Wandoo Heights walk trail



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A walk trail brochure developed for you by the City of Swan and
Be Active Together



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This unique wildflower walk has a diverse collection of wildflowers and native plants. The walks provide an opportunity to view the panorama of the Swan Coastal Plain and to appreciate the unspoiled beauty of our natural bushland

A Pocket History on Wandoo Heights

This property is a unique bush landscape on the Darling Escarpment situated 13km from Midland, comprising of two lots totalling 22 hectares.

Wandoo Heights is part of an original block of 4,000 hectares on the Upper Swan, granted in 1830 to George Fletcher Moore the Advocate General for the Swan Colony.

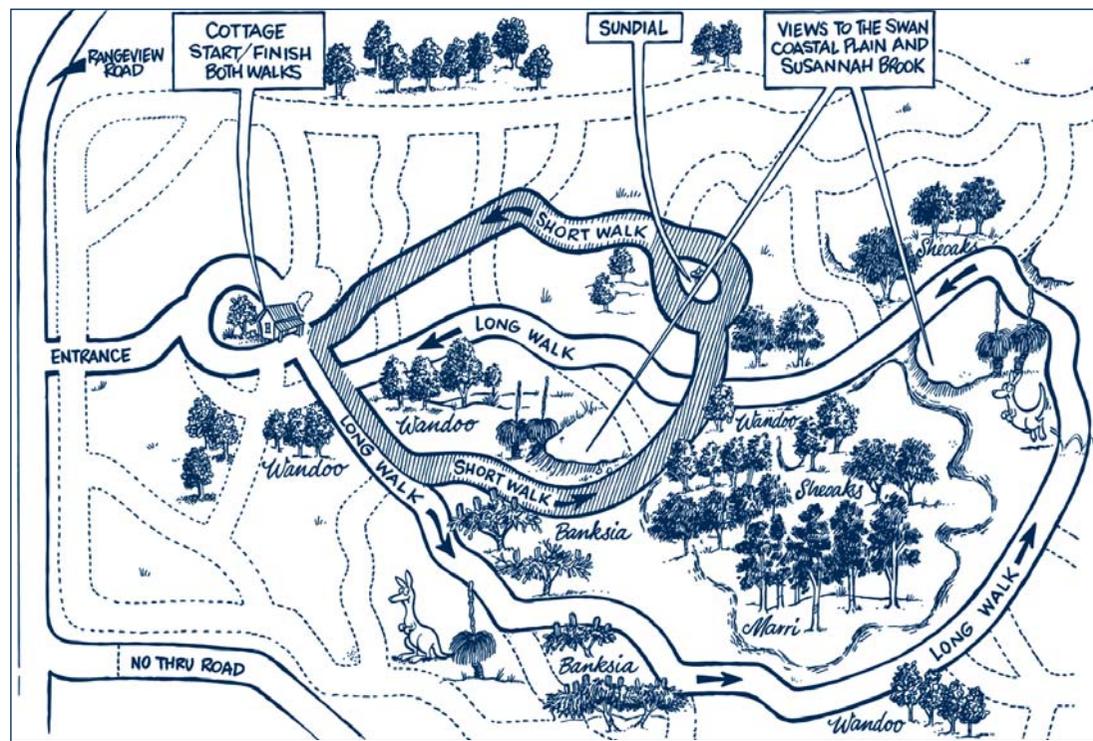
Because of its general unsuitability for farming, Wandoo Heights was not cleared in the early days thus is still in its virgin state, as would have been observed by the early botanists in the 1820's.

In 1960 the property was acquired by Miss Olive Gear and Mr Harry and Adela Hyde. Unfortunately Mr Hyde drowned two years after the purchase of the property. Undaunted with the help of volunteers the ladies maintained the property in its pristine condition whilst at the same time improving access to enable the extensive range of wildflowers to be observed without damaging the environment.

In 1988 the property was entrusted to the City of Swan as it was becoming too difficult for the ladies to manage effectively. The deed charges the City with maintaining Wandoo Heights as a flora and fauna reserve for present and future generations.

Dieback has recently been identified in Wandoo Heights. Prior to entry ensure all vehicles and footwear are free of soil.

Your co-operation is sought. Please keep to the paths, take only photographs, leave only footprints.



walk details

Short Walk - 45 minutes

Long Walk - 1½ hours

Grade: Moderate, with short steep section on east boundary, Good surface, (note: a slippery section in winter on the long walk)

Where is it: About 13 km from Midland

Travelling time: 45 minute from Perth

Facilities: Cottage and toilet

On-site information: Markers along trail, wildflower and native vegetation signage

Self Guided Walk Map

Best Season: Mid Autumn to late spring

Some of the plants that may be seen

Eucalyptus wandoo - Wandoo
Allocasuarina huegiana - Sheoak
Hakea trifurcata
Calothamnus quadrifidus

Corymba callophylla - Marri
Casuarina humilus - Sheoak
Banksia grandis - Bull Banksia

Wildflowers

Anigozanthus - Kangaroo paw
Helichrysum - Everlastings
Various Orchids

Conostylis - Cat's Paws
Drosera - Sundews

