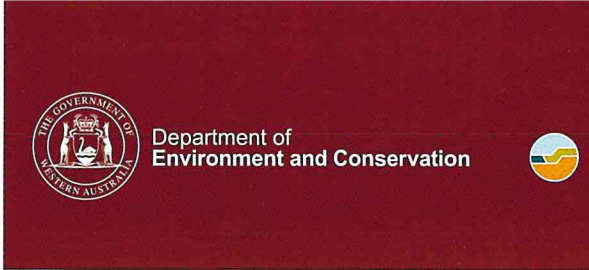


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**Four-wheel driving**  
See separate guides for details.

**Cycle trails**  
The Munda Biddi Trail.

**Canoeing**  
See separate 'Canoeing the Murray' brochure for details.

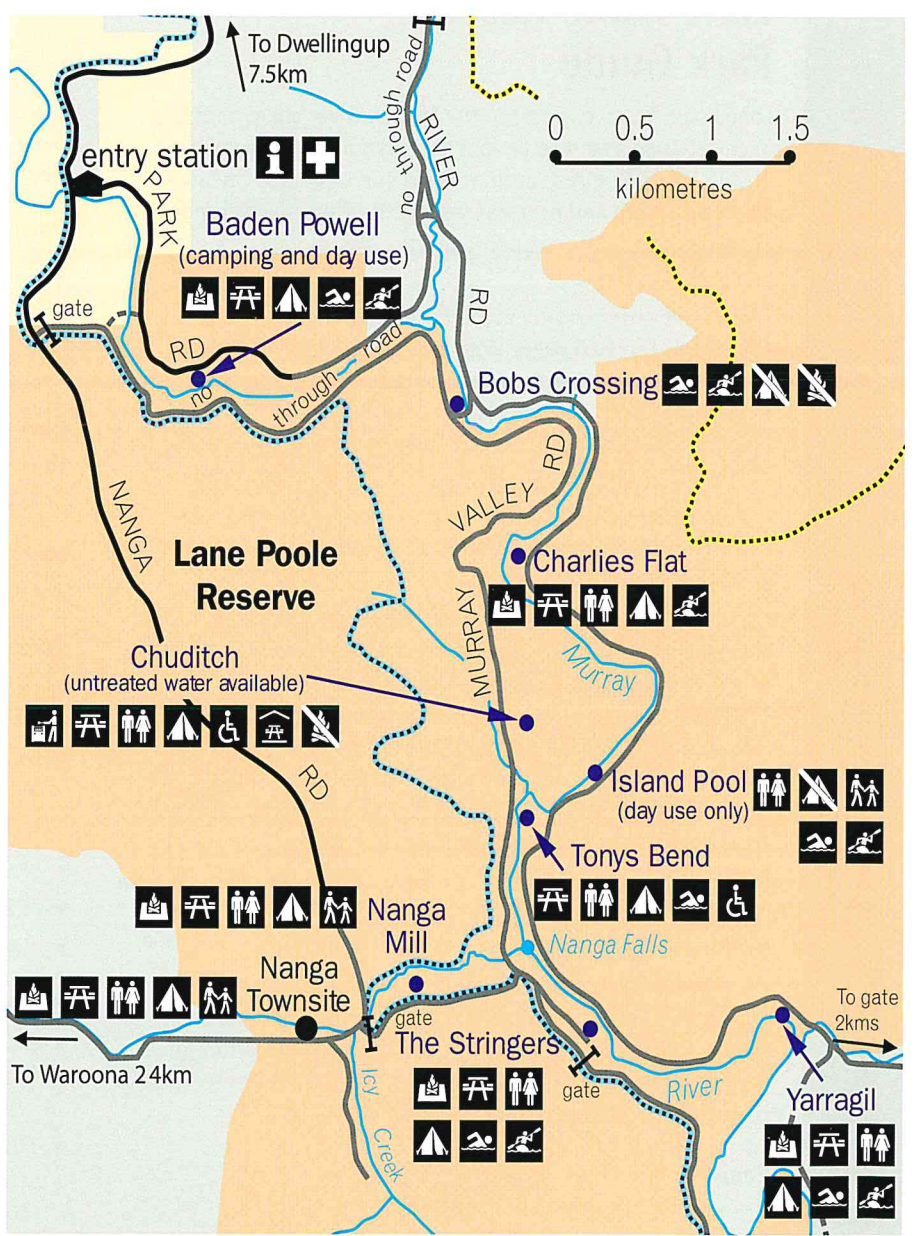
**On-site information**  
Rangers, entry station, trailside signs, park guides.

**Total fire ban**  
Fires are not permitted under any circumstances during a total fire ban.

**Important note:** The reserve may be closed at short notice due to fire risk or other emergency conditions.

- Visitors safety**
- Check the weather forecast and current road conditions.
  - Stay on tracks and paths.
  - Camp only in designated camp sites.
  - Drive safely on all roads according to road conditions.
  - Remember that your safety in natural areas is our concern but your responsibility.
  - Campfires only permitted in designated fire pits.

- Caring for the reserve**
- Please do not feed the native animals, as it interferes with their natural ability to hunt.
  - The taking of flora and fauna is prohibited.
  - Use soap, shampoos and detergents well away from water courses.
  - Take your rubbish with you when you leave.
  - Bring your own firewood.



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## Lane Poole Reserve Park Guide

Lane Poole Reserve is part of the Murray River Valley that has been set aside as a reserve for conservation and recreation. It is only 100 kilometres south of Perth and is an area favoured by metropolitan and overseas visitors. It offers a wide range of active and passive recreation opportunities, as well as a range of camping facilities.

The reserve covers nearly 55,000 hectares, ranging from the steeply forested valley slopes and rock-rimmed pools of the Murray River near the Darling Scarp to the more open, undulating jarrah and wandoo woodlands further east. Tall blackbutt, jarrah and marri forest shades the river valley, and on either side of the river gravel roads lead to recreation areas.

Pitching a tent in the jarrah forest by the Murray River is an experience that draws thousands of visitors back to Lane Poole Reserve every year.

Popular camping spots include the site of the old jarrah mill at Nanga, burnt in the Dwellingup fires of 1961, and now sheltered by a grove of tall pines. Nearby Nanga Brook flows down a trout ladder and into the Murray River. The Murray is the largest river in the Darling Plateau undammed for water supply. The river forms rapids, small waterfalls and deep still pools along its course. In winter it can be a raging torrent, and in summer a limpid stream for swimming, canoeing, or fishing.

In spring, the forest fills with wildflowers and in autumn you can hear the calls of brilliant parrots and magpies echoing through the early morning mist along the valley floor.

The reserve was declared in 1984 to protect the conservation and recreation values of the northern jarrah forest and the Murray River – the longest permanent river in the jarrah forest. It was named after CE Lane-Poole, the state's first Conservator of Forests and a devoted conservationist.

### Camping

Camping fees apply.

### Facilities

There are many camping areas within Lane Poole Reserve. Some, such as Baden Powell and Nanga Mill, cater for groups. Other sites, such as Charlies Flat, Tony's Bend, Yarragil, Chuditch, Stringers and Nanga Townsite are strictly for smaller groups of two cars or less.

Fire pits are provided at most camp sites but wood is not provided so please bring your own.

Chuditch campground is a campfire-free area but a camp kitchen equipped with gas barbecues is located centrally within the campground. On-site gas barbecues are provided at Chuditch in the campground kitchen.

Toilets are available within the reserve.

Generators and music must be turned off by 9pm each night. Dogs are allowed but must be kept on leash at all times. Please clean up after your dog.

### Universal access

Lane Poole Reserve provides wheelchair access to certain camping areas.

For more detailed information on access, please visit the Access WA website at [www.accesswa.com.au](http://www.accesswa.com.au).

### How to get there

The reserve is approximately 100 kilometres south of Perth, just south of Dwellingup. Travel time from Perth is about two hours.

### Best time to visit

Spring and autumn

### What to do

- Bushwalking, cycling and other trails (see information below)
- Picnicking
- Wildlife observation – 32 species of mammal, 123 species of bird, 42 species of reptile, 16 species of amphibian and six species of native fish have been recorded within the reserve
- Photography
- Camping
- Swimming and canoeing/rafting

### Walk trails

- Island Pool Walktrail starts from the top car park at Island Pool and is a one-hour loop walk through scenic jarrah forest with numerous grass trees.
- The King Jarrah Trail is 18 kilometres long, you will need to allow six hours to walk this picturesque circuit through the forest. Maps are available at the entry station or the Dwellingup Visitor Centre.
- The Bibbulmun Track winds through Lane Poole Reserve offering numerous options for day walks. Bibbulmun Track maps are available at the DEC Dwellingup office or the Dwellingup Visitor Centre.
- There are many walk trails within the reserve. Please talk to staff at the entry station for assistance with planning your walk trail experience.