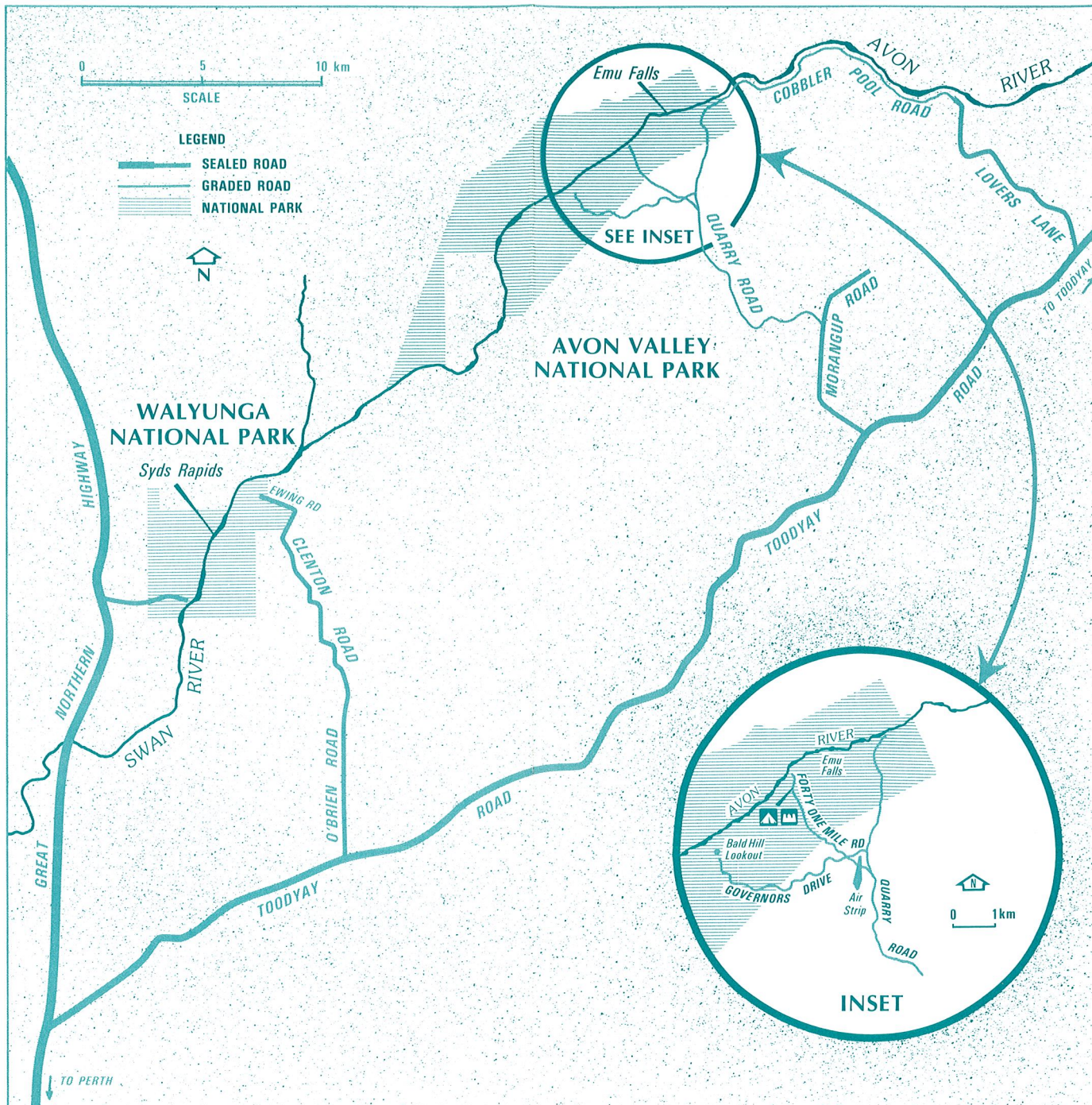


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WALYUNGA AND AVON VALLEY NATIONAL PARKS



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WALYUNGA NATIONAL PARK

THE Walyunga National Park sits on the very rim of the Darling Scarp, and protects nearly 1 800 ha of virgin bushland and its resident native animals. Just to the east of the Park, in the picturesque Avon Valley, the Avon River joins Brockman River to form the Swan River.

The Walyunga National Park is situated 20 km north of Midland (40 km from Perth) along the Great Northern Highway.

The Park's main features are wildflowers in winter and spring, native fauna, the rugged valley scenery and the Avon River which in summer is a string of placid pools. In winter, however, the river can become a raging torrent with a long series of rapids through both Parks that provides one of Australia's best white water canoeing courses and is the venue for the annual Avon Descent.

The Park was once the site of the largest Aboriginal campsite near Perth and was still in use by the Nyungar late last century. Archaeological evidence suggests that the area has been used by regional tribes for over 6 000 years.

Entrance fee to the park is \$3 per vehicle and there is ample parking at the main picnic sites. Please bring your own wood for barbecues in winter or use the gas barbecues provided.



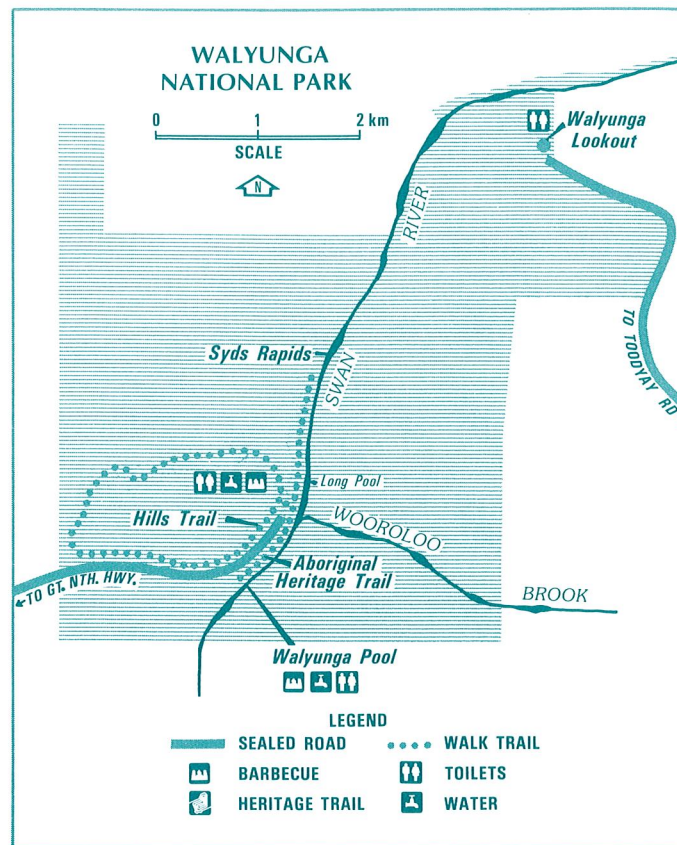
WALYUNGA ABORIGINAL HERITAGE TRAIL

This trail is located adjacent to the Avon River and is 1.7 km (return) long so you will need about 3/4 - 1 hour to enjoy it fully.

To help you interpret the area a detailed brochure has been produced.

The trail reveals the aboriginal myths, stories and traditional uses of the river, landscape and local flora and fauna.

The stories of the Waugul (rainbow serpent) and Wardarchi, little hair men who inhabit the Walyunga area, bring the landscape alive and convey the uniqueness of this special place.



AVON VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

The Avon Valley National Park is located 45 km from Midland along Toodyay Road to Morangup Road to Quarry Road.

The Park lies on the Avon River upstream of Walyunga National Park, and protects 4 500 ha of native woodland and forest.

The Park's main features are the excellent panoramic views over the Avon Valley from Bald Hill lookout and other vantage points, the Avon River and native flora and fauna.

In winter-spring when the Avon River is in flood, rapids and spectacular turbulent water flow over the hard granite rock of the region which has been exposed by

thousands of years of erosion. Emu Falls is a favourite vantage point to see this spectacle.

There has been very little development in the Park but there are limited picnicking facilities and camping sites.

Entrance to the Park is free.

CARING FOR WALYUNGA AND AVON VALLEY

BE CAREFUL: Stay on paths and help prevent erosions. Your safety in natural area is our concern, but your responsibility.

BE CLEAN: Put your litter in bins, or better still, take it with you.

BE COOL: Light fires only in fireplaces provided. Bring your portable gas stove.

PROTECT ANIMALS AND PLANTS: No firearms or pets, please.

STAY ON THE ROAD: Follow signs and stay on the roads marked in this brochure. Normal road rules apply.

FURTHER INFORMATION

National Park rangers and forest officers are always glad to help. Don't hesitate to contact them if you need information or assistance.

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