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Discover one of Dardanup's great natural attractions

Come and explore the magnificent jarrah forest by foot, wheelchair, bus or car. Stop and have a picnic while you admire the wildflowers or relax by the creek.

Crooked Brook Forest

Crooked Brook Forest is a beautiful recreation site situated just 25km from the centre of Bunbury, in the Shire of Dardanup and adjacent to the beautiful Ferguson Valley.

This popular forest destination lies within State forest managed by the Department of Parks and Wildlife and has been developed by the local community into 'a forest for all people'. It provides access for elderly and disabled visitors as well as challenges for the energetic.

What you'll find ...

- four walk trails ranging from a 600m wheelchair path to a scenic 10km trail with views to the coast
- parking to suit all vehicles, including buses and caravans
- free gas barbecues
- a picnic shelter and tables suitable for wheelchairs
- wheelchair-accessible toilet facilities
- information on local wildlife and plants, including life in the billabong
- a series of plaques depicting the history of the forest.



Get involved

If you would like to become part of the volunteer group working to develop and maintain facilities in this special forest, or if you would like to support the project financially, please contact:

Crooked Brook Forest Association
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For more information visit

www.crookedbrookforest.weebly.com or

www.fergusonvalley.net.au, or

contact the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Wellington District office on (08) 9735 1988.



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Crooked Brook Forest

'A forest for all people'



Visitor guide



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Walk trails within Crooked Brook Forest

Forest Path

Easy walking, wheelchair access

A 600m scenic, wheelchair-accessible path along a gentle winter brook leading to the billabong, where you'll find seating, a footbridge and the Jarrah Walk. Forest Path is listed by Trails WA as one of Western Australia's Top Trails.

Jarrah Walk

Easy walking

A 1.5km circuit from the car park, alongside the winter brook, past the billabong and through the magnificent jarrah forest. This walk is beautiful all year round and superb in spring when the wildflowers are in bloom.

Wildflower Walk

Moderate walking

A 3km, moderate walking circuit through Crooked Brook Forest's magnificent wildflower display. The higher section is an undulating forest walk to a beautiful lookout over the Crooked Brook valley and into Bunbury, while the lower section offers an easier walk. The lower section is also used by cyclists following the Munda Biddi Trail.

Marri Walk

Moderate walking – allow three hours

A 10km circuit for those conditioned to walking longer trails. An undulating walk through typical redgum and jarrah forest. Please carry drinking water. A short section of the trail is also used by cyclists following the Munda Biddi Trail.

Walking tips

- Wear sturdy but comfortable footwear.
- Wear suitable clothing to protect you from the sun and other elements.
- Carry adequate water, especially on longer walks, and remember to drink it, particularly in hot weather.
- It's safest to walk with another person or in a group.

A forest for all seasons

Come and experience the changes in the forest from season to season. In winter, see the creek overflow the billabong to create a sparkling crystal waterfall. Throughout the year admire the wildflowers, which are particularly spectacular in spring.



An ongoing community project ...

The Crooked Brook Forest Association of Volunteers has worked tirelessly since 1994 and continues to develop this forest area in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Wildlife. Members are proud to see the forest being regularly used by a wide range of people including senior citizens, school groups, people with disabilities and young families.

Since 1994, the association's efforts have been facilitated and supported by the department through funding and providing materials, as well as undertaking conceptual planning and design work for the tracks and facilities developed by the association.

