

Hills Forest Park - first step in forest education

by Fiona Marr

CALM executives certainly won't forget their introduction to the proposed Mundaring Hills Forest Park!

Some colourful characters of times-gone-by enlivened the recent Standing Committee on forestry meeting, when 'bushranger' Bill Adams from Mundaring District held them up on horseback during their sneak preview of the park.

The park, in multiple use forest, will be established as a site for outdoor recreation and education activities.

Right at Perth's door, the 'Hills Forest Park' will be one of the strategies used in CALM's forest education and information plan, currently being developed. From bush-rangers to demonstration forests: all ideas that can show the public the past and present story of West Australian forests are being explored.

Other strategies are being assessed by several CALM officers. Community education officer Fiona Marr has spent the last few months familiarising her-

self with forest management and operations in multiple use forests.

Exchanges with counterparts from other states has produced some worthwhile insights. Computer packages, field study

centres, forest tours and interpretative sites are just some of the avenues employed successfully nationwide.

Fiona has also reviewed existing materials used in WA forestry education.



Part-time bushranger Bill Adams from CALM Mundaring holds up the proceedings.

