

Shire of York

Nature Passport



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How to use this passport



This is your Shire of York “YORKids” Nature Passport!

Use it to visit some great nearby nature, try new things, be brave, get messy and have some adventures with your friends and family.

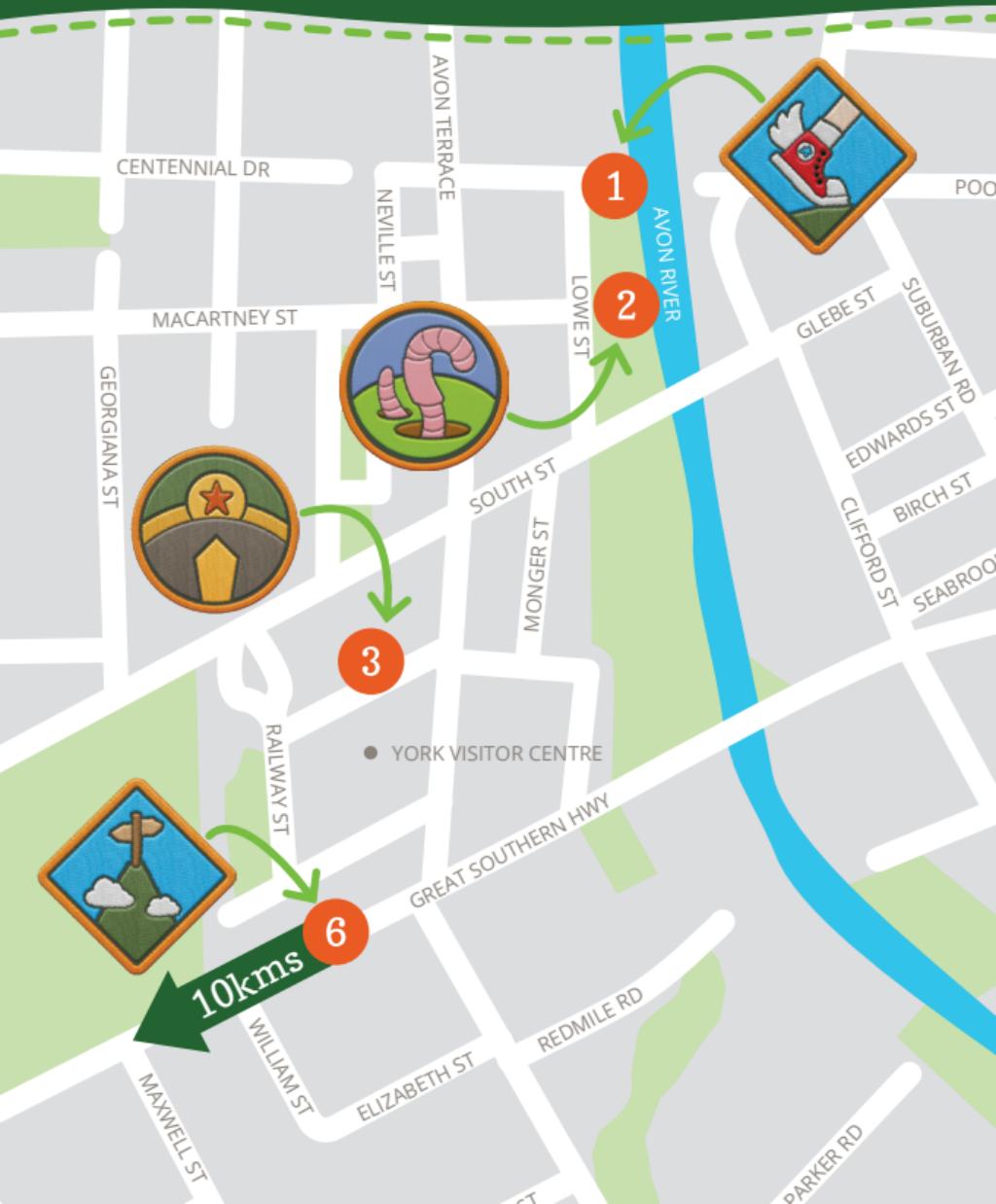
- Try new nature activities;
- Journal your escapades;
- Record the wildlife you come across; and,
- Tick off our list of ‘15 things to do’

Flip forward to your **York Activity Map** to see the six activity locations, then find the corresponding activity page and get stuck in!

Each of the activities can be done using the international **Nature Passport** app and there are over one hundred more to choose from.

Visit www.naturepassport.org to get started!

York Activity Map





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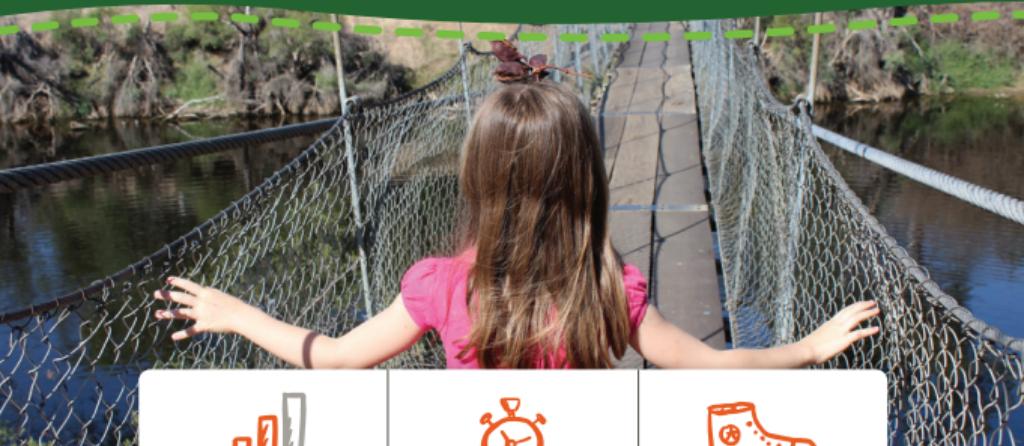
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For more information
on the Shire of York visit
www.york.wa.gov.au

Activity 1: Suspension Bridge

Lowe Street, York



Medium



15 mins or less



Move

Test Your Balance

Balance an item on your head as you cross the Suspension Bridge!

Find a piece of nature on the ground, like a seed pod or a stick.

Balance it on your head.

Can you get from one end of the bridge to the other without it falling off?

Time yourself, and record your personal best!

Journal

Draw, take notes and fill in the blank space!

I crossed the Suspension Bridge,
without my piece of nature
falling off, in ____ seconds!

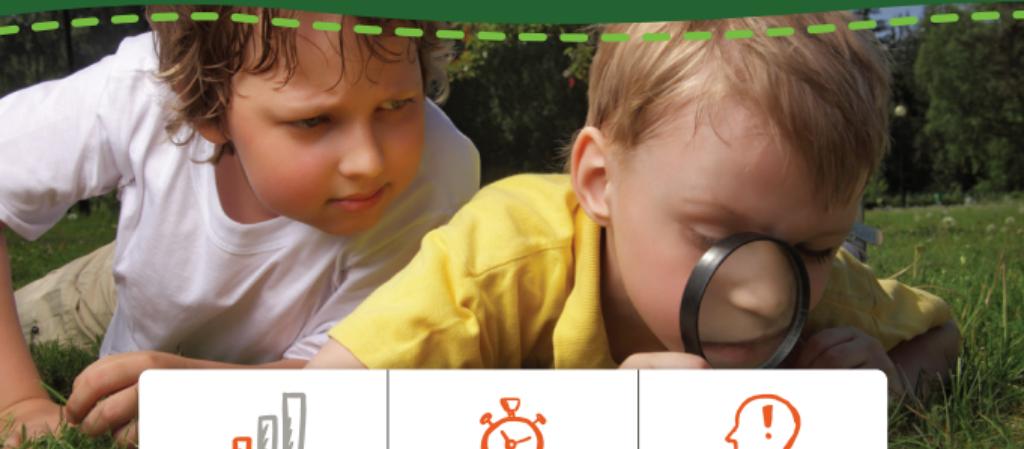


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Activity 2: Avon Park

Lowe Street, York



Beginner



15 mins or less



Observe

Bug Hunt

Hunt for bugs of all sizes at Avon Park.

Some bugs are very small and well camouflaged, so look carefully at plants, under rocks, or in the cracks in the sidewalk. When you come across a bug, record your discovery.

Do you know the names of the bugs you've found?

Safety first! Most bugs are harmless, but some are poisonous and bite if they feel threatened. So look but don't touch.

Journal

Draw, take notes and fill in the blank space!

Bugs I found:

- Ant
- Dragonfly
- Fly
- Butterfly
- Something else...

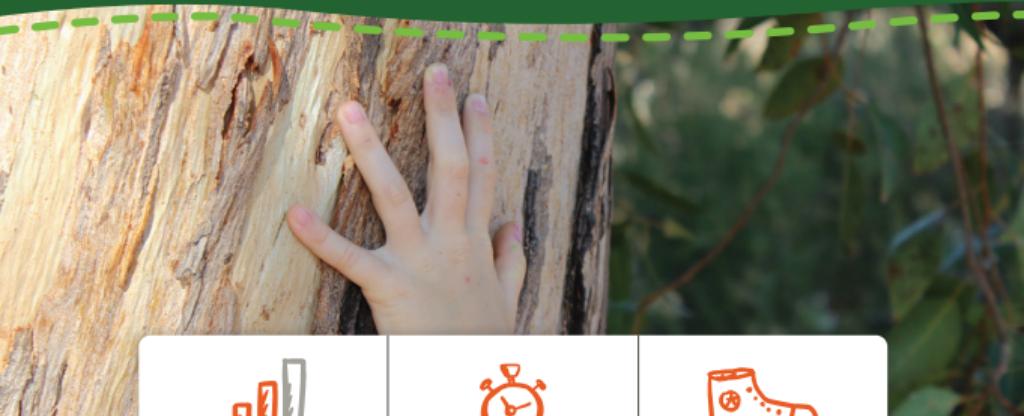


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Activity 3: Peace Park

Joaquina Street, York



Medium



30 - 45 minutes



Move

Texture Tag

Go on an adventure to explore textures at Peace Park.

Touch leaves, bark, even the ground. Record the textures you felt.

Now look for an open space where you can move freely without tripping. Decide on boundaries, a home base and a caller.

When the caller yells a texture, race to find and touch it as quickly as you can. Play as many rounds as there are textures!

Safety first! Scout the area for objects that would be unsafe to touch. Make anything rusty, sharp, or dangerous off limits for this game.

Journal

Draw, take notes and fill in the blank space!

Textures I found:

- Slimy Sandy
- Rough Scratchy
- Smooth Soft

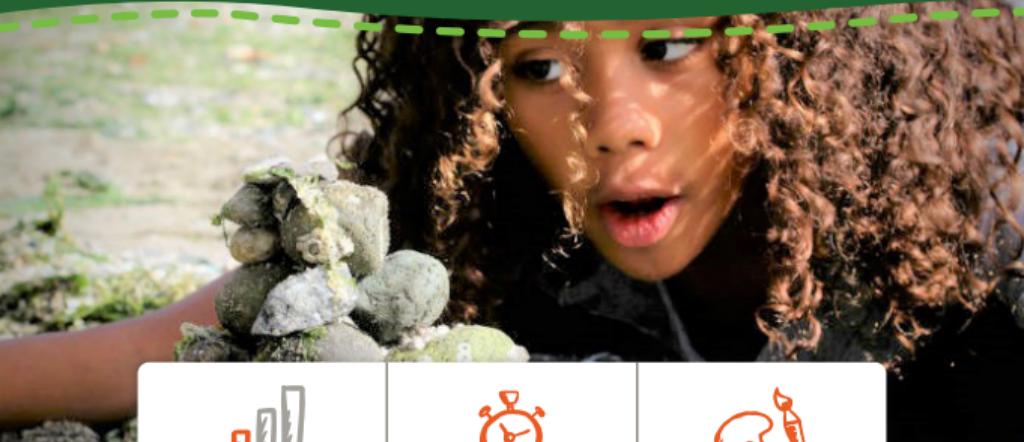


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Activity 4: York Residency Museum

4 Brook St, York WA, Phone: 9641 1751



Beginner



15 mins or less



Create

Nature's Sculptor

Get artistic inspiration from the **Ballardong Noongar Six Seasons Garden Walk** and make a masterpiece.

Walk through the garden, taking note of the rock etchings, sculptures, artworks and native plants.

Record the things you find beautiful and gather all-natural building materials.

Use your collected items to make a sculpture.

Be kind to growing things! Look for items on the ground and don't pick living things from the garden.

Badges



Test your Balance



Bug Hunt



Texture Tag



Nature's Sculptor

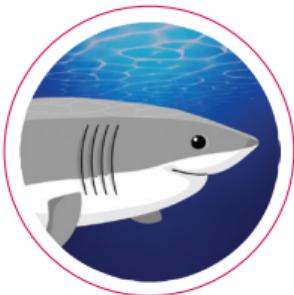


That's Astronomical



The Bravery Award

Avatars



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Activity 5: Mt. Brown Lookout

Pioneer Road, York



Adventurous



30 - 45 minutes



Observe

That's Astronomical

Go star-gazing to discover the mysteries of the night sky.

Head to Mt. Brown after dark. Lay down on a blanket or find a comfy spot to gaze up at the stars.

Identify a special group of stars in the sky that make up a pattern or look like a picture to you.

What is your constellation called?

Pro tip! Use an astronomy book or app to identify the formations you see.

Journal

Draw, take notes and fill in the blank space!

I saw:

- The moon Planets
- Constellations The Milky Way
- Shooting stars



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Activity 6: York Olive Oil Co.

254 Ashworth Rd, Daliak, Phone: 9641 2200



Adventurous



30 - 45 minutes



Move

The Bravery Award

Conquer your fear at the York Olive Oil Adventure Playground!

Think of something that you're scared of and ask a grown-up to help you come up with a plan to conquer your fear safely.

*Example: Afraid of heights? Climb a tree or ride the flying fox!
Take a deep breath, be brave and give it a try...*

*Insiders information! Visit in April/May to pick your own olives!
Bookings essential.*

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York Seasonal Activities



Summer

Visit **York Swimming Pool** in summer to splash and play!

*York Swimming Pool: LOT 593
Georgiana St, York WA 6302,
Phone: 9641 1410*

Winter

Take part in the annual **YORKids - A Winter Adventure** or have fun watching skydivers freefall at the **Skydiving Express Drop Zone**.

*YORKids - A Winter Adventure:
www.facebook.com/shireofyork*

*Skydiving Drop Zone:
3453 Spencers Brook York Road, York*





Autumn

Walk the beautiful **Avon Walk Trail** (1.5km) or, if you're feeling adventurous, give the **Mt Brown Walk** a shot (3.2km/7.5km)! If cycling is more your style, call into the York Visitor Centre and pick up some handy information for advice on the best trails!

Spring

Explore the wildflower wonderland York becomes in spring. Visit **Grey Street Park** or the **York Canola Fields** to get started!

*Grey Street Park:
27 Ford St, York WA 6302*

Canola Fields: visit Shire of York website for details



Further information available from the York Visitor Centre (81 Avon Terrace, inside the York Town Hall) or at visit.york.wa.gov.au

Let's go on a Nature Safari!

Nature is all around you. How many species of plants, animals, or fungi can you spot and record?

Start your safari!

Give it a name!

What is it doing?

Why do you think it likes this spot?

Draw your species

Create a digital record of your nature safari!

Develop observation and stealth skills as you go “hunting” for new species in the wild. In addition to this booklet, use the ‘Safari’ section of app.naturepassport.org to record your Safari animal sightings.

Draw your species

Give it a name!

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Things to Do in York

1. Make a kite and fly it
2. Climb a tree
3. Try geocaching (www.geocaching.com)
4. Spot the pink and grey galahs
5. Climb a rock - there are lots at Mt Brown!
6. Search for smooth rocks to paint and decorate - try the small pools near the bridge at Mackie Siding Road!
7. Give croquet a go at the local club
8. Make a flower crown (daisies bloom in September)
9. Watch the sunset from the top of Mt Brown
10. Play in the bush for a whole day
11. Learn the Aboriginal names for five plants or animals
12. Ride a bike in nature - try the Avon Walk Trail!
13. Ride the flying fox at York Olive Oil Company
14. Play chasey in the rain
15. Camp somewhere overnight

Play, explore and learn outdoors!

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