

Accessible Nature



Kent Street Weir, Canning River Regional Park



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Before We Go

You're on Whadjuk Noongar Country

The Canning River Regional Park is on Whadjuk Noongar country.

Noongar people are the traditional owners and custodians of the south-west of Western Australia.

Whadjuk is the name of the dialectal group from the Perth area in which the Canning River Regional Park is situated.

Getting There

Kent Street Weir is located at Kent Street in Wilson, Western Australia, 6107.

GPS: -32.0209, 115.921

See Google Map reference [here](#)



You can colour me in!

*Red Tailed Black cockatoo
Noongar word: **Kaarak** (Male and female, including chicks)*

Public Transport

The following transport lines have routes that pass near Kent Street



Bus: [178](#), [283](#), [960](#)



Train: [Armadale Line](#)
[Thornlie line](#)

Parking

The most convenient parking for Kent Street Weir is located at the end of Kent Street in Wilson.

GPS: -32.02068, 115.92186

There are four (4) ACROD parking bays and 80 general parking bays.





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What's There

Welcome to Kent Street Weir, the gateway to Canning River Regional Park. Kent Street Weir is open 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week and there is no cost to enter and use the park.

The Canning River Regional Park is home to many important plants and animals, some of which you'll be able to see and hear at Kent Street Weir. These include estuarine plants like samphires, soft needled swamp sheoaks and salt-tolerant melaleucas as well as a variety of freshwater plants like flooded gums, river banksia and freshwater melaleucas.

Canning River, Djarlgarro Beeliam, is home to 97 species of birds. Commonly spotted waterbirds include cormorants, swamp hens, ibis, pelican, egret, ducks and spoonbills, and crayfish such as gilgies and marron.

As well as an abundance of flora and fauna, Kent Street Weir features a number of amenities and points of interest for families to use and enjoy any

time of year. This includes direct access to the Canning River (Djarlgarro Beeliam) for canoeing and kayaking, walk trails accessible via wide dual-use pathways, fishing areas along the banks of the Canning River (Djarlgarro Beeliam) as well as shaded seating areas and universal barbecues.

Along the banks of the Canning River is interpretive signage that tells stories of the history of Kent Street Weir. This can be reached by an accessible pathway which features Noongar artwork. Follow the path to the right of the bridge to read about this special area.

Learn more about the history of Kent Street Weir and get a glimpse of the diverse fauna and flora whilst doing the Kent Street Weir Interpretative Trail. The trail is a loop trail consisting of five (5) stops and can be accessed on the Every Kid in a Park app. The trail follows a mostly flat, even surface making it suitable for prams and wheelchairs.



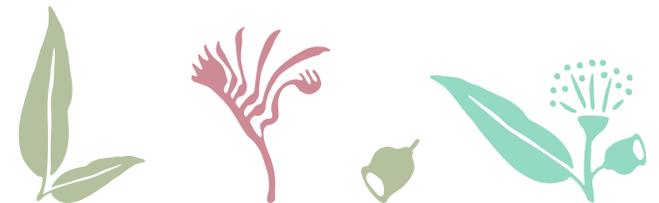
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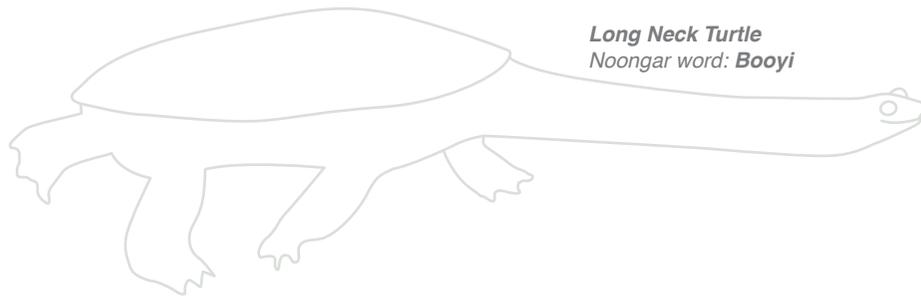


Apple App Store



Web App





Long Neck Turtle
Noongar word: **Booyi**

Accessibility and Inclusion

- There is a continuous accessible path to major features including public toilets, the Canning River Café, the Canning River Eco Education Centre, walk trails and much more.
- Buildings have built-ramp access for wheelchair users and prams.
- There is one set of public toilets, with separate male, female and ambulant toilets. There are no changing facilities or shower facilities on site.
- Key elements of the park are sign-posted, however there are no Braille translations or options for non-English-speaking visitors.
- There are shaded seating options on site. These can be accessed using the wide-open pathways.
- The bridge crossing the Canning River (Djarlgarro Beeliar) is a dual-use path accessed by cyclists. The sound of the river flowing can be particularly loud at times, especially when crossing the bridge.
- There are three (3) universal access barbecues for public use.
- There is one (1) drinking fountain on site.
- Dogs are welcome on site. There is a fully-fenced dog exercise park next to Kent Street Weir.
- Kent Street Weir is not fenced, and there is an open body of water. There is no lifeguard on duty.
- For more information on the animals and plants at Kent Street Weir, visit the Canning River Eco Education Centre, open on Monday to Saturday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.
- There is one (1) playground on site. There is no shade over this space, and users may find difficulty in navigating their way onto the playground with a small, raised barrier wall between the grass of the park and sand in the playground.



Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Cool water
- Nature
- Shared personal space
- Weather



Sounds

- Aircraft flying
- Children playing
- Nature
- People
- Traffic
- Water running
- Wildlife



Sights

- Colourful play equipment
- Glare
- Nature
- People
- Varied natural light
- Wildlife



Smells

- Dust
- Food/drink
- Pollen
- Sunscreen

A communication board has been placed at the end of this document for your use at Kent Street Weir.

When We Get There



BMX track



Dog exercise area



Bridge



Drinking fountain



Canning River Café



Fishing spot



Canning River Eco Education Centre



Toilets



Car park



Playground



Castledare Miniature Railway



Universal barbecues

Nature Engagement and Recreational Activities

- Kent Street Weir is on the banks of the Canning River (Djarlgarro Beeliar), which can be entered and swam in. There is no lifeguard on duty. There are ramps entering these areas, however your level of accessibility will depend on the ease in which you can navigate through sand.
- The Butterflies, Birds and Bridges Loop Trail follows a mostly flat, even surface making it suitable for prams and wheelchairs. Users of the trail are advised to be mindful that the pathway is dual use with cyclists also accessing the pathways.
- Nestled amongst the riverside vegetation and trees there is an accessible viewing deck and seating that allows visitors to see the river up close (follow the pathway along the river towards the Canning River Eco Education Centre).
- The Castledare Miniature Railway runs from the Wilson Park station on the 3rd Sunday of every month, and on select Wednesdays in school holidays (please note parking may be very busy on days the railway is running). The trains are not accessible for prams or wheelchairs.
- There is open space for children to engage in unstructured play and plenty of space for picnics and sport. The open field allows for quiet spaces for families; however, the park does get busy after school hours and on weekends.
- The Kent Street Weir Bridge is a safe and accessible spot to view the flowing water in the Canning River (Djarlgarro Beeliar). In Winter the river flows make amazing sounds as water rushes through the weir. This means that the sound of the river flowing can be particularly loud at times.
- There are a variety of textures for children to interact with including plants, trees, grass, sand and water.
- There is shade cover available at some seating areas. The open green space and playground are not covered with shade.
- Wildlife can be viewed and heard throughout the park, including accessible areas.



Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Cool water
- Nature
- Shared personal space
- Water resistance
- Weather



Sounds

- Children playing
- Nature
- People
- Traffic
- Water running



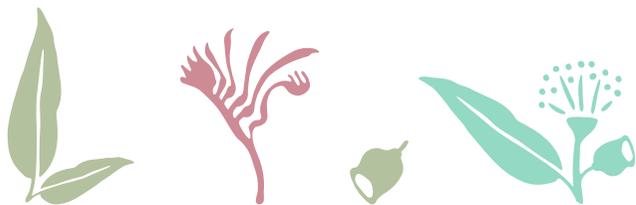
Sights

- Colourful play equipment
- Glare
- Nature
- People



Smells

- Food/drink
- Nature
- Sunscreen

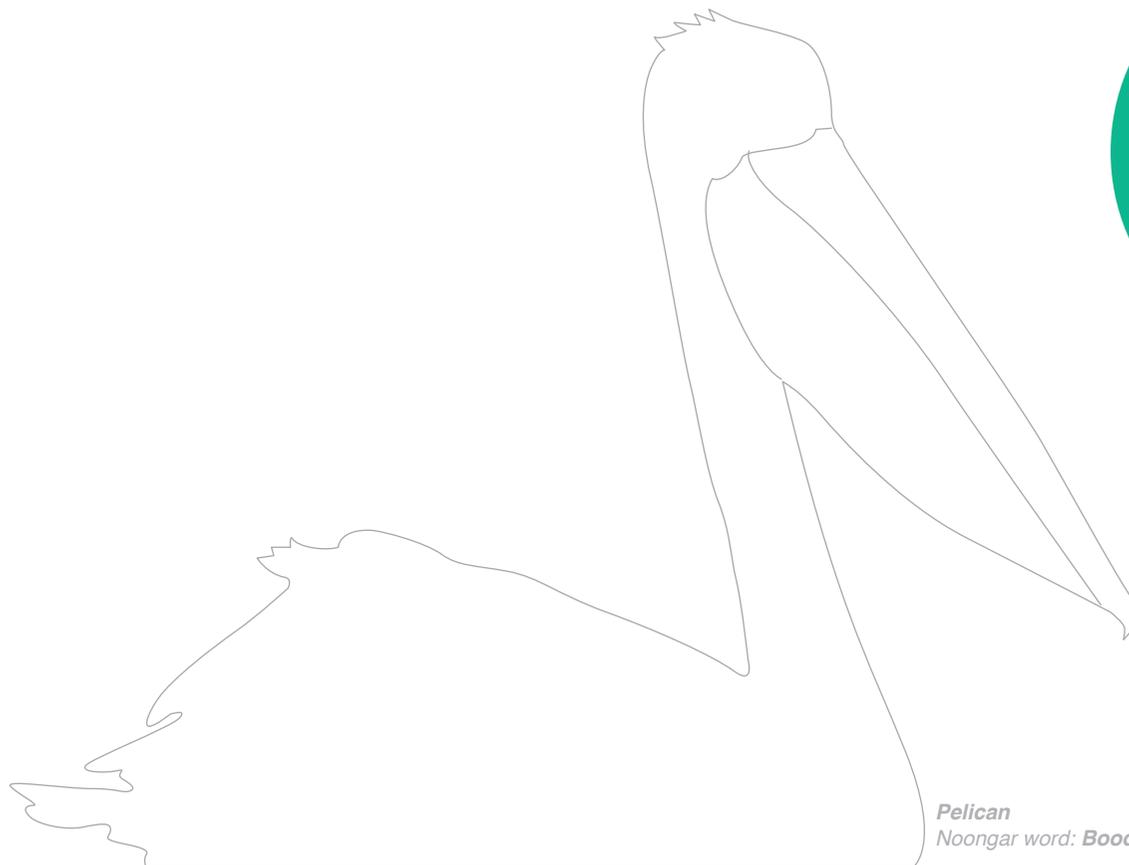


Public Toilets

Kent Street Weir has one set of public toilets with separate male, female and ambulant facilities.

The toilets are open between 5am and 8.30pm each day.

Location: to the right of the Canning River Café and Canning River Eco Education Centre.



Pelican
Noongar word: *Boodalana*



Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Shared personal space (excluding accessible toilet)



Sounds

- Aircraft flying
- Door creaking
- Echo
- Toilet flushing
- Traffic
- Water running
- Wildlife



Sights

- Dim lighting
- Mirror/reflection



Smells

- Bathroom smells
- Disinfectant

Canning River Eco Education Centre (CREEC)

The Canning River Eco Education Centre, known locally as CREEC, provides sustainability and environmental education through its programs, to support children, adults, schools, community groups and the public.

CREEC is located at Kent Street Weir along the banks of the Canning River, Djarlgarro Beeliar.

Visit the Eco Education Centre to learn about the animals and birds that live in the surrounding wetlands and bush.

CREEC is open to the public from Monday to Saturday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

For more information about the Canning River Eco Education Centre please visit the [City of Canning website here.](#)



Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Heating/Cooling
- Shared personal space



Sounds

- Aircraft flying
- Computers
- Nature
- People
- Phones
- Traffic



Sights

- Bright lights
- Glare
- People
- Wildlife displays



Smells

- Bathroom smells
- Disinfectant





Bushwalking

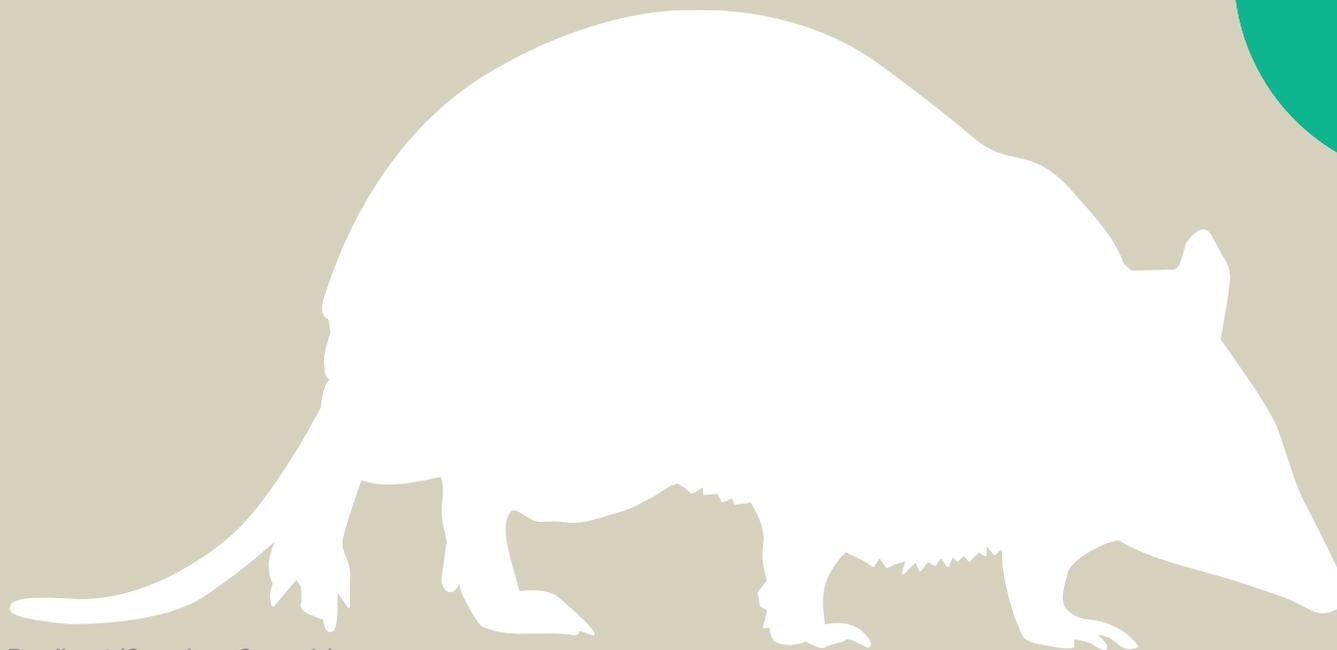
The Butterflies, Birds and Bridges Loop Trail is a 4km loop trail through the Canning Regional Park. The trail has a flat, even surface making it suitable for prams and wheelchairs. The pathway is dual use with cyclists regularly using the pathways.

The loop starts and ends at Kent Street Weir and passes through a variety of landscapes including wetlands, a paperbark forest and mature bushland.

As you walk the trail across the bridge, listen for birds and the buzzing of insects.

The loop trail is beautiful all year round, but we think the best time to visit is in Spring when the wetlands are full and the natural fauna and flora are in flourish.

Along the banks of the Canning River is interpretive signage that tells stories of the history of Kent Street Weir. This can be reached by an accessible pathway to the right of the bridge, and features beautiful Noongar artwork.



Bandicoot (Quenda or Queenda)
Noongar word: Kwenda



Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Increased body temperature
- Increased heart rate
- Perspiration
- Shared personal space
- Uneven terrain
- Weather



Sounds

- Aircraft flying
- Trees rustling
- Water running
- Wildlife
- Wind/Weather



Sights

- Dust
- Glare
- People
- Splashing
- Varied natural light
- Wildlife

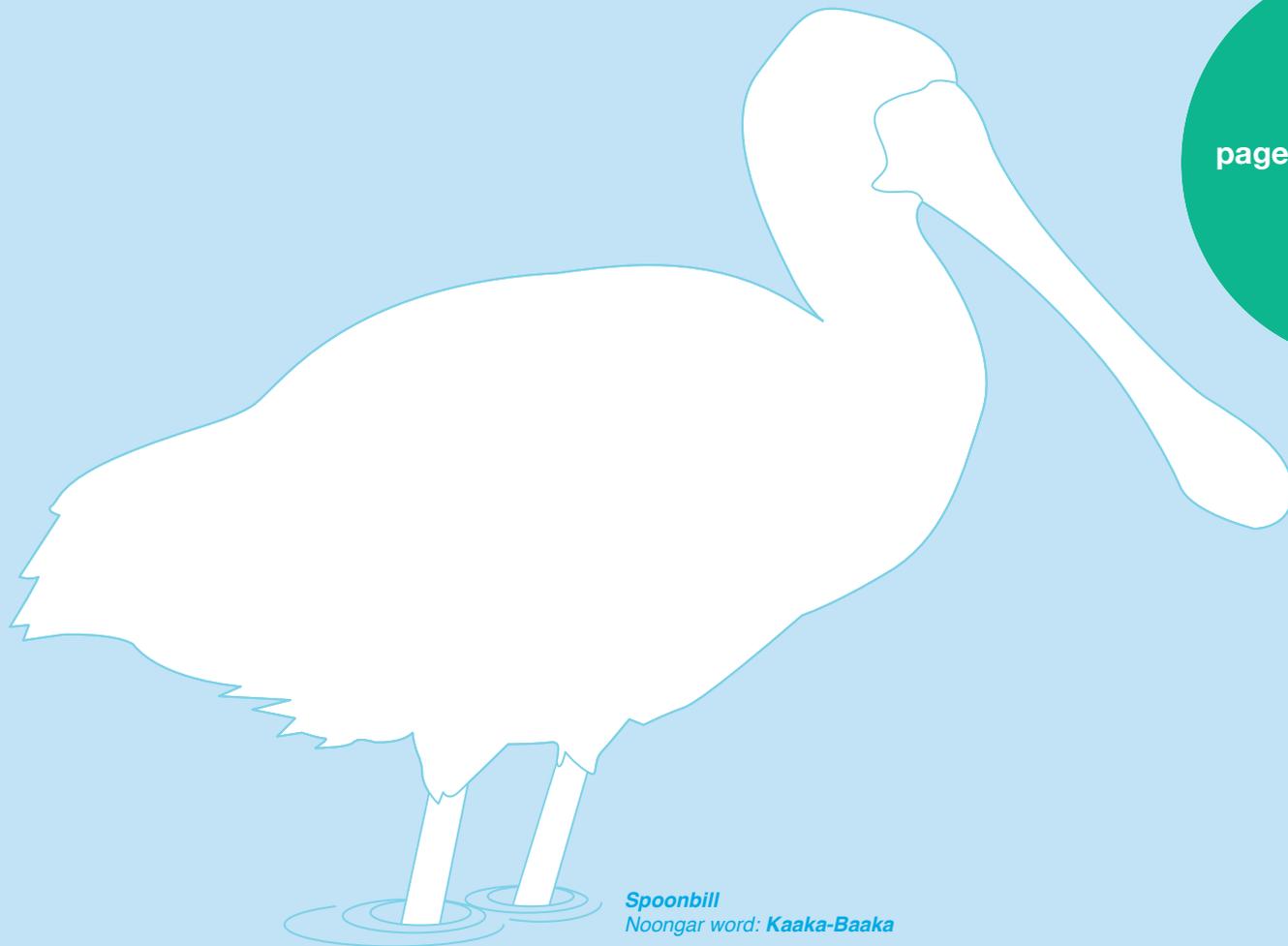


Smells

- Dust
- Nature
- Pollen

Fishing

Kent Street Weir is a great location for fishing. The Reel It In bin provided on site helps to reduce the impact of discarded fishing line and tackle. Use the bin (which is made of 100% recycled materials) to help protect the animals that live here.



Spoonbill
Noongar word: *Kaaka-Baaka*



Feel

- Perspiration
- Weather



Sounds

- Aircraft flying
- Children playing
- Water running
- Wildlife



Sights

- Dust
- Glare
- Splashing
- Wildlife



Smells

- Dust
- Fish
- Fish bait
- Nature
- Pollen
- Sunscreen

Picnic Areas

Kent Street Weir features three (3) premium wheelchair-accessible barbecues. These meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act specifications and allow seated users of all abilities to cook (they're also a suitable height to keep children from reaching hot surfaces).

There is shaded seating available on site, as well as open green space for picnics. This area is not shaded.



Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Nature
- Shared personal space
- Weather



Sounds

- Aircraft flying
- Barbecue sizzling
- Children playing
- Nature
- People
- Water running
- Wildlife



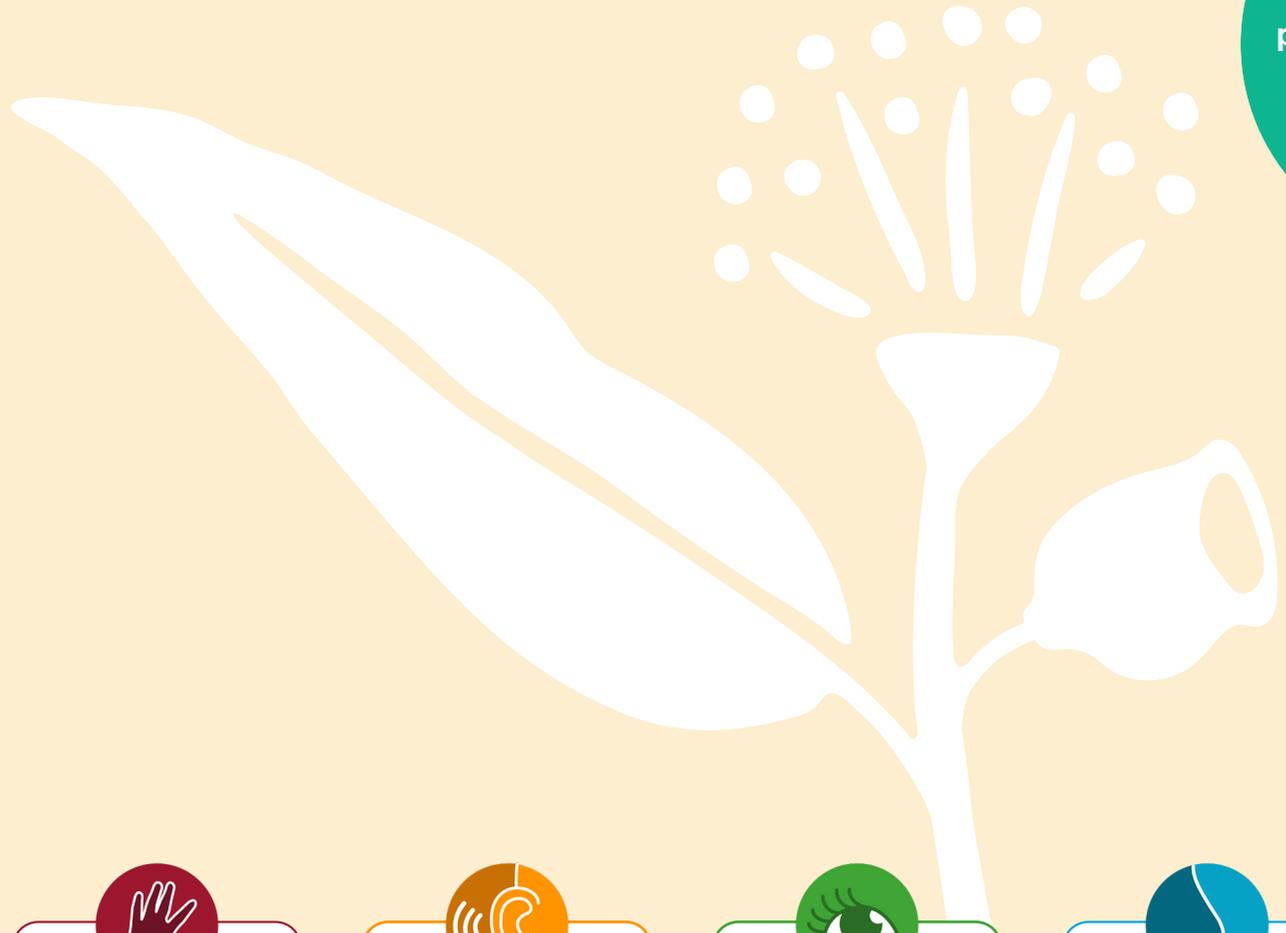
Sights

- Glare
- Wildlife



Smells

- Food/Drink
- Nature
- Pollen
- Sunscreen





Communication Board

Kent Street Weir, Canning River Regional Park

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Question

I need help

Where is

I want to

Time

Yes

No

I don't speak English

Deaf/Hard of hearing

Toilets

Water

Trail

Fishing

Drinking fountain

Animals

Playground

Garden

Bushland

Quiet place

Social Story



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About Every Kid in a Park

This Accessible Nature guide has been developed for Kent Street Weir in Canning River Regional Park. This document is available online to help you to plan your visit.

Download the Every Kid in the Park app for more information on the Canning River Regional Park. The App is free to download and use, and is a tool developed for families to plan their visit and navigate their way through the park.

Every Kid in a Park is a project to support families of children of all abilities in accessing and enjoying the outdoors areas (like local parks, nature reserves, beaches, and national parks) around Western Australia.

Statement of Language

Nature Play WA supports the Social Model of Disability. We are proud to work with families and industry professionals within the disability community, who continue to assist us in our approach to access and inclusion.

For more information about the Social Model of Disability, visit [People With Disability Australia](#).

About Nature Play WA

Nature Play WA Inc. is an incorporated not-for-profit association established to increase the time Western Australian children spend in unstructured play outdoors and in nature.

For more information on what we do and who we are, visit www.natureplaywa.org.au



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