# Accessible Nature



**Kings Park and Botanic Garden** 



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### **Before We Go**

We recognise and acknowledge Whadjuk people as the traditional custodians of Kings Park and Botanic Garden.

Kaarta Koomba, Mooro Katta and Kaarta Gar-up are some of the many names Aboriginal people have for Mount Eliza, on which Kings Park and Botanic Garden sits.

### **Getting There**

Kings Park and Botanic Garden is located on Fraser Avenue in Perth.

GPS:

-31.960455476596632, 115.83236456135982

See Google Map reference here

### **Public Transport**

Kings Park and Botanic Garden is located in the heart of Perth city and is accessible by private vehicle or public transport. There are multiple entry points along main roads. Once in Kings Park, there are various options to get around.

Transperth <u>bus route 935</u> travels from St Georges Terrace into the heart of the park along Fraser Avenue. The free <u>Blue Cat bus</u> travels between the Perth Busport and Kings Park, via Perth Station and Elizabeth Quay Station.

There are several public transport options depending on your starting point and individual needs. Visit the <u>Transperth</u> website or call 13 62 13 for more information.

### Parking

Free parking is available within Kings Park (for visitors to Kings Park and Botanic Garden only).

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The main car park is Wadjuk Carpark, located behind Fraser's Restaurant. Parking closest to Aspects of Kings Park has a 30-minute limit, as per signage nearby.

Parking locations are situated throughout Kings Park in key locations, and verge parking is permitted where indicated by signage.

Disability parking is available for people who hold a valid ACROD pass (or equivalent Australian Disability Parking Permit) in all locations. The <u>parking map</u> includes locations of all ACROD bays available in Kings Park and Botanic Garden.

There are a number of drop-off zones located across Kings Park including Frasers Circle, Fraser's Restaurant, Wadjuk Carpark, the Western Australian Botanic Garden, Forrest Carpark and at Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park.



Motorbike Frog (Kooya)

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### What's There

Kings Park and Botanic Garden is one of the world's largest inner city parks, and an incredibly diverse, beautiful one at that!

Located just five (5) minutes west of the Perth CBD on Mount Eliza, Kings Park offers sweeping views of the city and Swan River. The 400-hectare park is made up of manicured gardens, native bushland, educational and recreational facilities, and plenty of places to play!

You can explore the park by following one of many walk trails or designated cycle paths, or by car. Be sure to pack a picnic and make use of the free electric barbecues available.

Visit the free-to-enter Botanic Garden to see over 3,000 varieties of WA's native flora, including rare and threatened species. We also highly recommend stopping in at one of the many playgrounds to enjoy some nextlevel adventure and nature play!

For those who want the complete Kings Park experience, there are multiple cafes, the Visitor Information Centre and Aspects of Kings Park Gallery Shop to check out too.

### **Entry Fees**

There are no entry fees to Kings Park and Botanic Garden.

Donation boxes are provided during some events in Kings Park and in certain locations, including the Visitor Information Centre and Lotterywest Federation Walkway. Your donation of any monetary amount is most welcome and greatly appreciated. For more information on donating to Kings Park and Botanic Garden, visit the <u>website here</u>.

### **Opening Times**

Kings Park and Botanic Garden is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Want to learn about Australia's oldest living culture and discover traditional foods, tools, medicines and shelter of the Noongar people? Explore part of the Boodja Gnarning walk using the Kings Park and Botanic Garden Interpretive Trail. The trail consists of 12 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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### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

- · Disability parking is available for people who hold a valid ACROD pass (or equivalent Australian Disability Parking Permit) in all locations. The parking map includes locations of all ACROD bays available in Kings Park and Botanic Garden.
- · Kings Park offers a network of hard paths throughout the developed areas to the Australian standard gradient of 1:14. Ramps to access key areas of Kings Park are also available.
- There are several bench seating options to allow frequent breaks, with many seating areas including room for wheelchairs.
- The Visitor Information Centre offers the free use of a wheelchair while in Kings Park.
- Saw Avenue Picnic Area (previously Variety Place) is located on the corner of May Drive and Saw Avenue. This precinct was developed with the needs of children with disabilities in mind, and features open grassed space, adventure play elements and picnic tables.
- Food and drinks are available for purchase at the various restaurants and cafes within Kings Park and Botanic Garden including Frasers Restaurant, Botanical Café, Kings Park Kiosk, Koorak Café, Zamia Café and Bovell Kiosk.
- · There is plenty of shade available for picnics and outdoor seating.

- · Visitors are welcome to use the free, electric barbecues maintained by the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority. Free barbecues are located at the Pines Picnic Area, May Drive Parkland, Poolgarla Family Area and Saw Avenue Picnic Area.
- Free drinking water is located throughout Kings Park and Botanic Garden including within Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park, Poolgarla Family Area, Fraser Avenue Precinct, Saw Avenue Picnic Area, May Drive Parkland and the Botanic Garden.
- Toilet facilities are available throughout Kings Park and Botanic Garden at all major visitor precincts. For more information on toilet locations, please see page 9.
- Key elements of the park are signposted. however there are no Braille translations or options for non-English-speaking visitors.

Sounds

• Children playing.

• Nature.

• People.

• Wildlife.



- Uneven terrain.
- Weather.

- · Follow the Kings Park and Botanic Garden Interpretive Trail. This trail follows a mostly flat, even surface making it suitable for prams and wheelchairs.
- Botanic Parks welcomes visitors from all walks of life to Kings Park and is committed to ensuring that people with disabilities, their families and carers have the same opportunities as other people to access services, facilities, events and information. For more information, please visit the Kings Park and Botanic Garden website.

A communication board has been placed at the end of this document for your use at Kings Park and Botanic Garden.



## When We Get There



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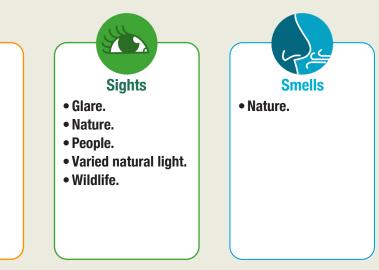
Southern brown Bandicoot (Kwenda)

### **Nature Engagement and Recreational Activities**

- There are over 70 species of birds that flit about the park, from common species like the western wattlebird, grey fantail and tawny frogmouth, to the endangered Carnaby's black cockatoo. Birds you're most likely to see include the kookaburra, Australian magpie, Australian raven, galah and rainbow lorikeet.
- There are 29 reptile species and hundreds of different invertebrates.
- Native mammals include the brushtail possum, quenda and bat.
- Kings Park is mostly made up of limestone heathland and banksia woodland. As you explore the park, you'll see some magnificent native trees, including marri, jarrah, tuart, sheoak and banksia trees.
- The Western Australian Botanic Garden displays around 3,000 of WA's 12,000 species of native flora. It includes a Conservation Garden, which displays WA's most critically endangered and rare species, like the Qualup bell. The Botanic Garden is free to enter.
- Kings Park Education offers a range of programs and special events, including Zippy's Bush Kindy and school holiday programs. For more information visit the Kings Park and Botanic Garden <u>website</u>.

- There are a variety of walks and tours offered within Kings Park and Botanic Garden. Booking fees apply. For more information, visit the <u>website here</u>.
- There are a series of walking tracks and designated pedestrian/cycle paths through the Kings Park bushland that allow visitors the chance to appreciate Kings Park's unique flora, fauna and fungi. Click here to view the Bushland Tracks Map.
- Throughout the park, there are multiple seating options that allow visitors to sit amongst nature and view wildlife.

- There is open space for children to engage in unstructured play and plenty of space for picnics and sport. The open fields allow for quiet spaces for families; however, the park may be busy during school holidays.
- There are a variety of textures for children to interact with including plants, trees, grass and dirt.
- Shade cover is available at some seating areas. Seating is also shaded by natural tree cover.
- Dogs are welcome in most areas of Kings Park, provided they are on a leash no longer than two (2) metres.



Feel • Change in ground surface. • Increased body temperature.

- Increased heart rate.
- Nature.
- Shared personal space.
- Uneven terrain.
- Weather.

Sounds • Children playing.

- Nature.
- People.
- Wildlife.

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Australian painted lady butterfly (Bindi Bindi)

### Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park

Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park is a dedicated nature space for kids, encouraging learning and discovery and providing the opportunity to have a 'bush experience' in the heart of Perth. The space is surrounded by natural bushland and features large aerial walkways, a creek and waterhole, a cubby-building area, tunnels, climbing ropes and rocks.

Naturescape covers six (6) hectares and can be explored following accessible paths, bridges and boardwalks.

Parental supervision is required at all times. Operating hours and closure periods apply. For more information, visit the Kings Park and Botanic Garden <u>website</u>.





### **Toilet Facilities**

Toilet facilities are available throughout Kings Park and Botanic Garden at all major visitor precincts. The visitor map shows the location of all toilet facilities (including accessible toilets). Parenting facilities are available at most locations.

Toilets are located:

- Along May Drive; Zamia Café, May Drive Parkland and Saw Avenue Picnic Area.
- Off Kulunga Grove, near Koorak Café at the Poolgarla Parkland.
- Off Kattidj Close near Fraser Avenue.
- Within Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park.
- Near Wadjuk Carpark, close to Aspects of Kings Park.
- Near the Gija Jumulu (Giant Boab).
- Off Forrest Drive.



Please note:

All toilet facilities in Kings Park include disabled access, except for the toilets located at Marri and Botanic Garden.

The Acacia toilets located at Wadjuk Carpark include an adult change table.

Toilets in children's play areas that include a baby change table are located at Poolgarla Family Area, May Drive Parkland and Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park.

A Changing Place facility is available at Saw Avenue Picnic Area, adjacent to Kulbardi Carpark.

Sounds

Door creaking.

• Toilet flushing.

Water running

• Echo.

• People.





To view the visitor map, please click here.





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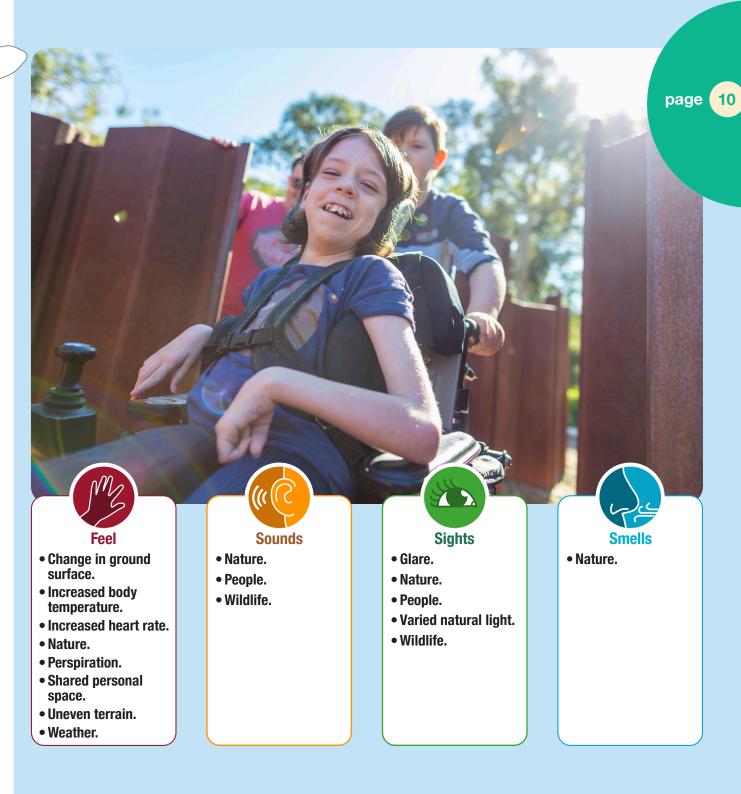
Bobtail or shingleback lizard (Yorna)

### Saw Avenue Picnic Area

The Saw Avenue Picnic Area (previously known as Variety Place) is an accessible and inclusive space designed for families, with plenty to see and do.

We suggest you...

- Admire the wood carvings by local artist Nic Compton.
- Climb to the top of the lookout tower.
- Explore the tunnels in the playground.
- Swing, bend and twist from the web of climbing ropes and poles.
- Play hide and seek in the mini-maze.
- Climb over the log bridges and try to keep your balance.
- Find the spinning signs and learn about plants and animals that live around the parkland!



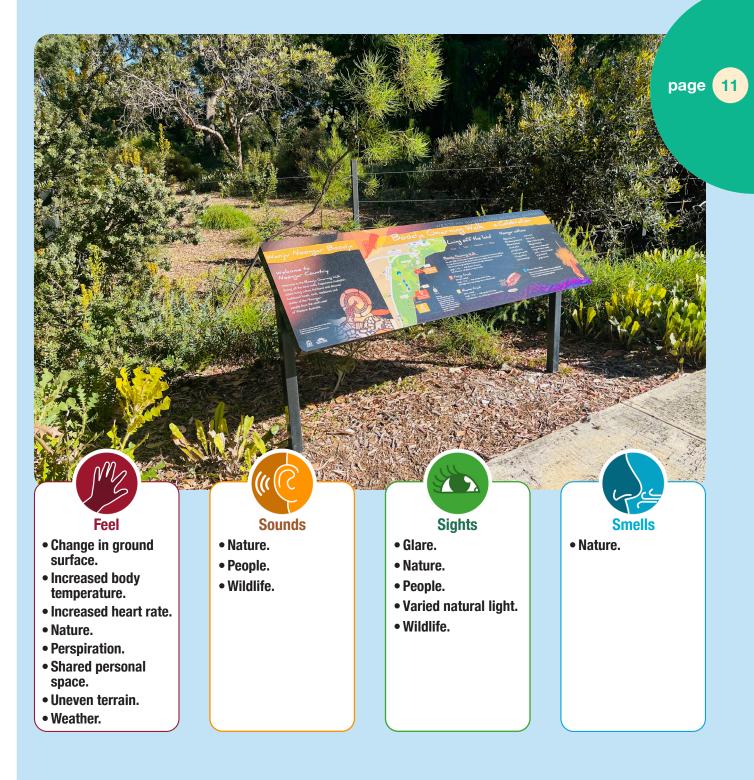
### Boodja Gnarning Walk

Welcome to Noongar country, an area bounded by the south-west coast of Western Australia that extends from Geraldton in the north, to Esperance on the south coast, including Perth.

This area is home to a diverse range of flora and landscapes which were used for survival by the Noongar people who often visited the Moora Katta (Kings Park) area. The Boodja Gnarning Walk captures some of this knowledge and explores traditional foods, tools, medicines and shelter of the Noongar people.

The initial one (1) kilometre walk separates into two (2) paths known as the **maarm** (male) and **yorga** (female) tracks. To view a map of the **Boodja Gnarning Walk**, please <u>click here</u>.

Explore part of the Boodja Gnarning Walk using the Kings Park and Botanic Garden Interpretive Trail. The trail consists of 12 stops and can be accessed through the Every Kid in a Park app. The Interpretive Trail follows a mostly flat, even surface making it suitable for prams and wheelchairs.



### **Botanic Garden**

The Western Australian Botanic Garden is located high on the Mt Eliza scarp in the heart of Kings Park. Unlike most botanic gardens, it is free to enter and open 24 hours a day.

The WA Botanic Garden features the largest display of Western Australian flora in the world, with over 17 hectares of stunning garden displays featuring species from around the state. The Botanic Garden displays around 3,000 of Western Australia's species of native flora.

Some plantings are grouped by regions of the state and others are purely for display! There are always plants in flower within the Botanic Garden, however the best time to visit is in late winter and early spring when the wildflowers are a highlight.





### **Communication Board**

Question	I need help	Where is	I want to	Time
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Yes	No	I don't speak English	Deaf/hard of hearing	Toilets
	X	e	R	B
Trail	Animals	Botanic Garden	Gija Jumulu/giant boab tree	Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park
Picnic	Trees	Rest area	Quiet place	Social story



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### **About Every Kid in a Park**

This Accessible Nature guide has been developed for Kings Park and Botanic Garden. This document is available online to help you plan your visit.

Download the Every Kid in the Park app for more information on Kings Park and Botanic Garden. 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 (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 notfor-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 the Nature Play WA website.



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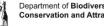
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