

Lane Poole Reserve



Visitor guide



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With its leafy valley slopes and rock-rimmed water pools amid undulating jarrah and wandoo woodlands, Lane Poole Reserve is a popular destination. Only 100km from Perth, it offers a wide range of nature-based activities and visitor facilities. The 55,000-hectare area for the Murray River Valley in the Perth Hills. The Murray River is the longest permanent river in the jarrah forest and one of the few major rivers on the Darling Plateau that has not been dammed. The reserve is named after C.E. Lane-Poole, the State's first Conservator of Forests and a devoted conservationist.

Camping

Lane Poole Reserve is very popular for camping with a variety of campgrounds to choose from. Baden Powell, Charlies Flat, Tonys Bend, Yarragil, Chuditch and Stringers campgrounds are suitable for smaller family groups and individuals. Nanga Brook is ideal for caravans and camper trailers. Sites at these campgrounds must be booked online at parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au. Nanga Mill and Nanga Townsite are suitable for larger groups and cannot be booked in advance. **Camping is permitted in designated areas only and fees apply at all sites.**

All campgrounds have pit toilets, picnic tables and bins. Fire pits are provided at most campgrounds. Chuditch is a campfire-free area but has a camp kitchen with gas barbeques. Generators can be used between 8am and 9pm.



Fire restrictions and bans

Fires may not be lit during the Prohibited Burning Season. Use a portable gas stove or one of the camp-kitchen barbeques during this time. Check signs in the park and at the campgrounds before lighting a fire.

Total Fire Bans are declared on days when fires will be difficult to control due to dangerous fire conditions.

What can't I do on a Total Fire Ban day?

Use anything with an exposed flame. This includes citronella candles, mosquito coils and any cooking device with an exposed flame, including portable gas stoves. Campers will need to cook their meals at the camp kitchen facilities at Chuditch or Baden Powell, or the gas barbeques located at Nanga Brook or Dwaarlindjirraap. No ground fires.

Can I use a generator on a Total Fire Ban day?

No.

What if a Vehicle Movement Ban is in place?

Vehicles must stay on the main public access roads and in designated car parks.

Lane Poole Reserve may be closed at short notice due to fire risk or other emergency conditions such as severe weather warnings.



For times when campfires are permitted:

Bring your own firewood, which can be purchased in Dwellingup. Do not remove wood from the surrounding bush. It provides important habitat for animals.

- Light fires in rings provided only.
- Attend to your fires at all times.
- No ground fires.

Keeping your dog safe

Dogs are allowed in the recreation area of Lane Poole Reserve but must be kept on a leash at all times. The department conducts baiting with 1080 poison as part of its *Western Shield* animal conservation program in Lane Poole Reserve. This includes the King Jarrah Walk Trail, the Captain Fawcett Track, the Bibbulmun Track and the Munda Biddi Trail. 1080 poison is lethal to dogs and it is recommended that dogs are not taken outside of designated campgrounds or the recreation area.

Staying safe on the river

The river is a natural water body and water quality is not guaranteed.

Swimming and canoeing on the Murray River is a popular activity. For your safety:

- Supervise children at all times.
- Beware of submerged hazards – objects under the water can be difficult to spot.
- Do not dive or jump into the river from platforms, banks or trees.
- Do not use rope swings.
- Heavy rains can increase water levels and speed. Always plan to canoe according to your skill and ability.
- The river is a natural water body and water quality is not guaranteed.





Rafting on the Murray River.

Canoeing

All sections of the Murray River are suitable for canoeing. Conditions on some sections of the river will vary according to the season. Protective safety equipment is recommended, as well as letting someone know where you plan to go canoeing. Always use a canoe launch site to keep bank erosion to a minimum – there are many to choose from.

Caution: The river flows fast and levels can rise rapidly after rain. Objects under the water can be difficult to spot and may become hazardous. It is not advisable to canoe over Bob's Crossing or the Water Spout at Dwaarlindjirraap. Disembark in clear flat water before reaching these areas.

Fishing

The Murray River has long been popular with recreational fishers. It is home to many species including marron, rainbow trout, redfin perch and cobbler. You must have a fishing licence, issued by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, if you wish to fish in the river. Restrictions help protect fish stocks and include closed seasons, bag limits and minimum legal sizes. Visit dpird.wa.gov.au for more information.

Four-wheel driving

The 40km Captain Fawcett Track winds through jarrah forest along a network of timber tramways, steam train tracks and trestle bridges. It starts at Dawn Creek Road and finishes at the Harvey-Quindanning Road. From there, drivers can continue east to Quindanning Inn or west to Harvey. The track is seasonally closed in winter.

Mountain bike trails

Mountain bike trails are located in the Murray Valley Trails area (see map). Trails cater for beginner, intermediate and advanced riders. Remember to choose a trail to suit your skill level and fitness level.



Typically flowing open trails on firm terrain with gentle gradients. Surface may be uneven, loose or muddy at times. Riders may encounter small rollable obstacles and technical trail features. Recommended for beginner mountain bikers.



Typically narrow trail with loose, soft, rocky or slippery sections and hills with short steep sections. Riders will encounter obstacles and technical trail features. Recommended for intermediate riders with some technical mountain biking experience.



Trails with variable surfaces and/or steep gradients. Riders will encounter large obstacles and technical trail features. Recommended for experienced riders with good technical skill levels.



Walking

Safety

- Carry and drink 3–4 litres of water per person.
- Wear sturdy footwear, a hat and sunscreen.
- Tell someone responsible where you are going and let them know when you return.
- Bushwalking is not recommended in hot or other extreme weather conditions due to the risk of bushfires and the damaging impact of winter storms.
- Watch your step, loose and uneven surfaces may be encountered.

Walk trails

Several peaceful trails wind their way through the reserve offering a range of walks of varying difficulty and distance, from easy to challenging, from 2km to 18km.

Parks and Wildlife Service walk trails are assigned a 'Class' to indicate degree of difficulty. Check signs at the start of walks for classification information.

The walk trail classes range from Class 1 (universal access), which is suitable for wheelchairs, to Class 5, which requires walkers to be fit, experienced and suitably equipped. The walk trails in this brochure range from Class 3 to Class 4.



Class 1 Well-defined walk trail with a firm, even surface with no steep sections or steps. It is suitable for all levels of experience and fitness.



Class 2 Easy, well-defined walk trail with a firm surface. You may encounter gentle hill sections and occasional steps. It is suitable for all levels of experience and fitness but may present difficulties for people with mobility impairments.



Class 3 Moderate walk trail with clear directional signage. You may encounter minor natural hazards such as short, steep sections; steps; shallow water crossings; and unstable or slippery surfaces. A good level of fitness is recommended.



Class 4 Trails are in relatively undisturbed environments and are often rough with few if any modifications. Expect loose and slippery surfaces with some steep sections. A moderate to high level of fitness is required. You need to be prepared and self-reliant.



Nanga Brook Walk Trail

Class 3, 4km return, 1.5 hours

This moderate walk trail connects Nanga Mill and Nanga Townsite along the picturesque Nanga Brook. The trail can be accessed at either end. Expect some steps and short steep sections.



Chuditch Walk Trail

Class 3, 7km loop, 2.5 hours

This trail connects Nanga Brook and Chuditch campgrounds. Along the way, enjoy forest views and strands of *Xanthorrhoea preissii*, more commonly known as grass trees. The trail offers a loop trail option along the way. The trail can be accessed at Nanga Brook and Chuditch.

Island Pool Walk Trail

Class 3, 2km loop, 1 hour (no trail marker)

This short loop at Island Pool features magnificent views of the Murray River Valley. Expect steps and short steep sections.



King Jarrah Walk

Class 4, 18km loop, 6 hours

A moderately strenuous walk through the scenic Murray River Valley. Enjoy the jarrah forest with river views along the way. The highlight of the walk is the 'King Jarrah', a 250-year-old jarrah tree. Expect some steep sections.

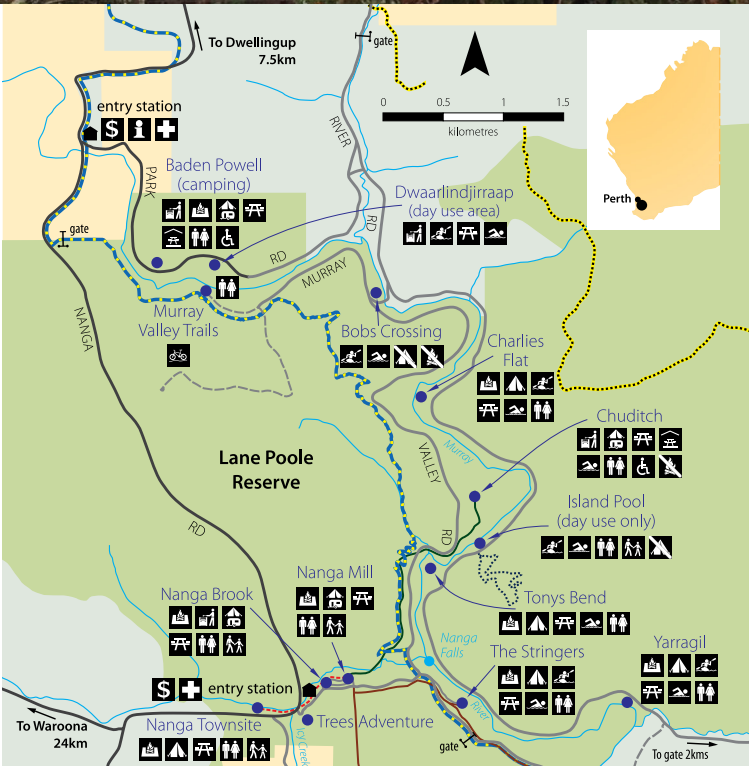


Trees Adventure Park

Located near the Nanga campgrounds, the park has tree-top rope courses, suspension bridges and flying foxes. Booking is required and entry fees apply. For details go to treesadventure.com.au



Trees Adventure Park.



Legend

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| Sealed road | Chuditch Walk Trail | Canoe launch area | Sheltered picnic area |
| Unsealed road | Island Pool Walk Trail | Entry fee | Swimming |
| Track | King Jarrah Walk | Fireplace | Toilets |
| Lane Poole Reserve | Nanga Brook Walk Trail | First aid | Universal access |
| State forest | Barbecue (gas) | Information | Walk trail |
| Bibbulmun Track | Camping | Mountain biking | No camping |
| Munda Biddi Trail | Camping & caravan area | Picnic area | No fires |

Caring for the reserve and your safety

Plan ahead and prepare – your safety is our concern but your responsibility.

Travel and camp on durable surfaces – camping is only permitted in designated campsites.

Dispose of waste properly – please place all of your rubbish in the bins provided. Please do not empty your campervan waste into the toilets. Use the toilet disposal facility at Nanga Brook.

Leave what you find – rocks, plants, wood and other natural objects are important habitat to native animals and birds.

Minimise campfire impacts – fires are only permitted in fire rings. Do not take wood from the surrounding forest.

Respect wildlife – do not disturb animals or plants. Please do not feed animals or birds.

Be considerate of your hosts and other visitors – please keep noise to a minimum and ensure your activities don't spoil the enjoyment of others. Excessive noise and antisocial behaviour will not be tolerated.



Camping at Stringers, Lane Poole.

Enjoyed your visit?

Are you planning to come back? Do you visit national parks often? An extended Park Pass may be the answer. An Annual Local Park Pass gives 12 months unlimited entry to a park or group of parks in your local area. A Lane Poole Reserve Annual Local Park Pass gives you unlimited visits to Serpentine National Park too. An Annual All Parks Pass provides unlimited entry to all national parks throughout the State. Please ask a ranger or visit shop.dbca.wa.gov.au for more information.

Emergency contacts

Police: 131 444

Emergency: 000

Nearest emergency hospital: Mandurah

For park alerts visit alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au

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