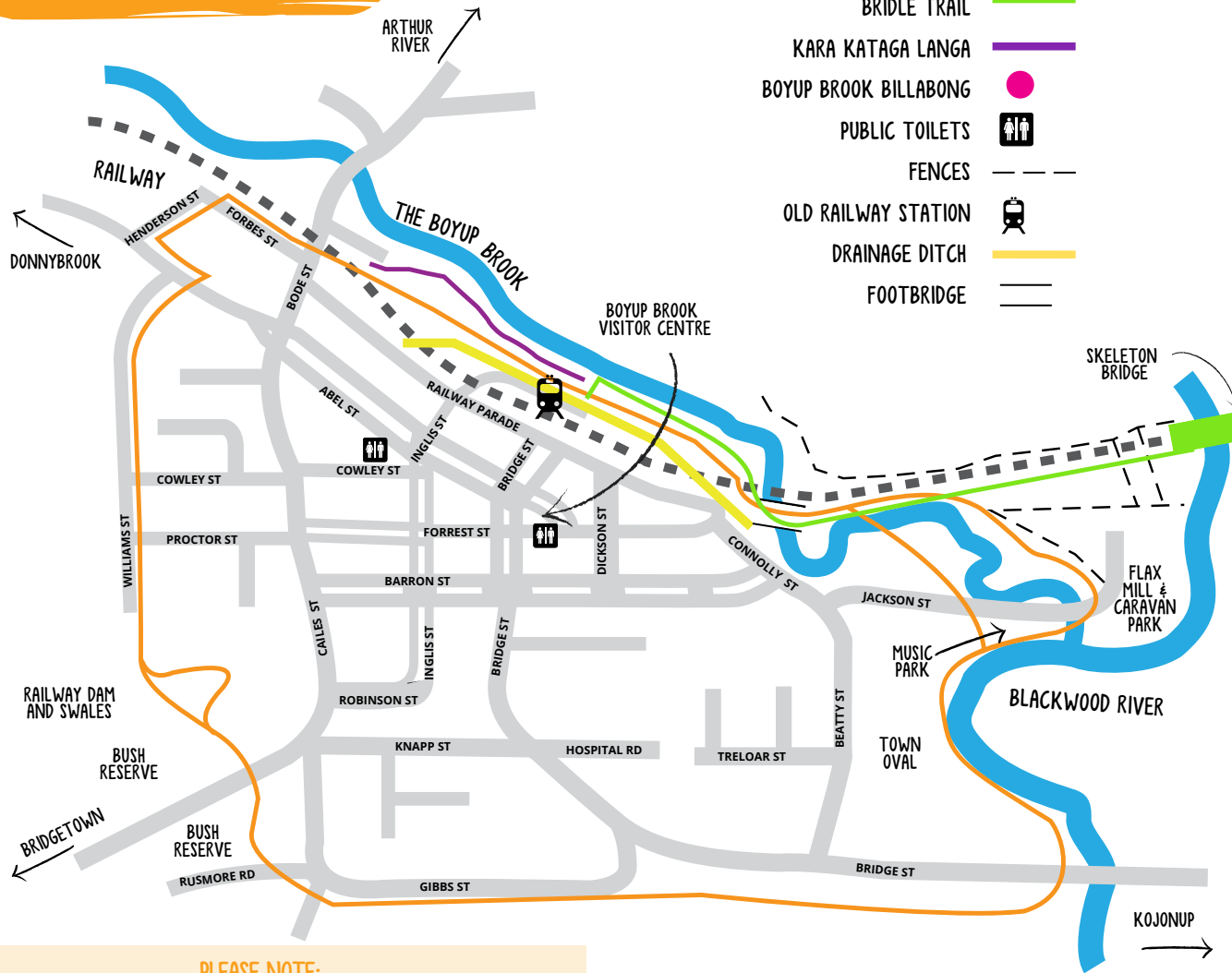


TOWN WALK TRAILS

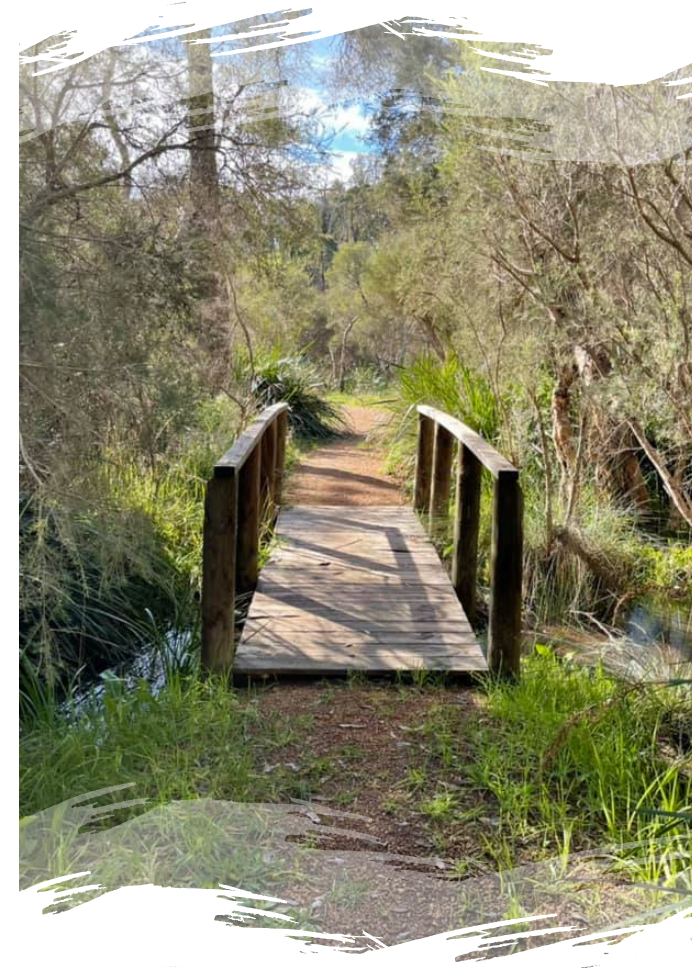


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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Town Walk Trails

BOYUP BROOK



PLEASE NOTE:

- Stay on the constructed pathways.
- Do not leave any litter behind.
- All trails may be shared by walkers and bicyclists
- Horse riders are asked to refrain from using the Bush Blocks and the Blackwood River Bank, for conservation and preservation reasons.
- NO motorised vehicle is permitted on ANY of the trails.
- Dogs should be kept on a lead and deposits removed. The Music Park and town oval are designated dog-exercise areas.



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BICENTENNIAL WALK TRAIL

Length – 6km (1½ hours)

Traversing the town boundary, the walk trail is accessible from several points. It passes through bush reserves (abundant with wildflowers in season) and along the banks of the Blackwood River and the Boyup Brook where (behind the railway station) a detour can be made into the Boyup Brook Billabong picnic area for a pleasant interlude.

Opportunities to picnic by the Blackwood River are found in the Lion's Park and the Music Park. Seven sitting places are provided for R&R along the route. Of special interest is 390 metres of 100 year old Swales (drains designed to blend into the landscape) which fill the 'turkey nest' style dam with all walls fully concreted. Water is gravitated and was for the use of the railways but now enhances catchment for two town dams.

THE HERITAGE TRAIL



This Trail has its own brochure which identifies 24 sites around the town, providing details on the first business which was operated at that location. Each place is identified with a small plinth with an engraved plaque upon it. A copy of the brochure can be collected from the Visitor Information Centre, which endeavours to be open from 10.00am till 4.00pm each day but as the office is manned entirely by volunteers it can sometimes be closed for want of an available body.

3 Map & Information Boards around town will also assist you to find the trails



BRIDLE TRAIL TO 'SKELETON BRIDGE'

Length – 5km return (walking time – 1 ¼ hours)

This multi-use (horse/cycle/walk) trail starts behind the old railway station near the beginning of the trail to the 'Boyup Brook Billabong' and shares the path with the Bicentennial Walk Trail along the Brook till it reaches the Flax Mill paddocks. Taking the left fork to travel past the paddocks & historical buildings (on the right), trekkers will continue along the disused railway line to 'Skeleton Bridge' over the Blackwood River. The impressive structure, opened on the 21 May 1912 and closed 3rd June 1982, has an 80 metre span and a 12 metre drop from its centre point.

After passing the Flaxmill precinct, the path becomes a wide, open trail affording panoramic views of farmland and the River flood plain.

The gazebo and table at the bridge provide shelter and an opportunity to picnic before returning. Leave no litter please. A scale model of the bridge, constructed by Robert Jameison, is displayed in the museum room at the Flaxmill.

Ph 9765 1200 in office hours.

Access and a shorter walk can be taken by starting from the big machinery storage shed at the end of the entrance-drive into the Flax Mill and Caravan Park. Look to your left and signage in the paddock will indicate the direction to the Bridle Trail. Please leave all shut gates shut behind you. Turning to the right at the 'T' will send you towards the Blackwood River and 'Skeleton' Bridge.

The name 'Skeleton Bridge' is a local one & conjecture is that the reference is to the open sleeper pattern. Alternatively, it is referred to as 'Skelly' and 'Skellows' Bridge by some residents.



KURA KARTAGA LANGA RESERVE

**(Long Ago Memories Nature Reserve)
Boyup Brook Billabong and Trail
Length 750m**

Kura Kartaga Langa meaning 'Place of Special Memories' was the name given to this nature reserve by the Nyungar people who grew up around Boyup Brook. The trails are single-file bush tracks and suitable footwear and trousers are recommended, especially in summer. Behind the old Railway Buildings, across the footbridge, a short trail leads into a tranquil rock pool, which is the Boyup Brook Billabong.

Much work has been carried out to restore this part of the Boyup Brook to its original vegetation. Some of the feral plants can be recognised as fruit, garden or vegetable in origin. Before WWII, immigrant men who came to Boyup Brook built simple dwellings here before sending for their families. Some were lucky enough to have loved ones arrive before the war stopped travel but others didn't. These families developed amazingly productive private vegetable gardens, which they shared generously.

Leading to the west from the access path to the Billabong and following the banks of the Brook, is the Kura Kartaga Langa walk trail which is quite short, not extending further than Bode Road (the Boyup Brook / Arthur River Road) and taking no more than 15 minutes from beginning to end.

At the junction of the two paths is a picnic table where, if you wait for a while and if you are very lucky, MAY bring sightings of small bird life such as robin red breasts and blue wrens. As a restful place to be, with a feeling of solitude, despite its close proximity to town, it presents an agreeable site to enjoy light refreshments, but please take your litter with you.