

TERRIFIC WALK TRAILS

GERALDTON
TAKE A FRESH LOOK



Walk trails are such a fantastic way to explore your surrounds. Check out some of the best on offer locally.

GERALDTON - WEST END (2KM)

Start the West End Trail outside the Mid West Port Authority building on Francis Street and follow the markers. Much of the early development of Geraldton took place within 500 metres of the start of this trail. The trail looks at the history of the people who came to Champion Bay. Several World War II military command posts were in the West End. Learn how after the war the West End went through a dramatic change as the harbour expanded and the fishing industry developed.

 **Start: 298 Marine Tce, Geraldton**

GERALDTON - MARINE TCE (2KM)

The Marine Terrace Trail begins on the Geraldton Foreshore outside Dome Cafe. Follow the markers to discover fine examples of Victorian, Federation and Art Deco buildings on this walk. Marine Terrace has long been the commerce centre of town. Through the ages, for whatever reason people came to Geraldton, they would undoubtedly end up on Marine Terrace. Discover the life and times of some of them from the mid-1800s as you journey along the trail.

 **Start: 31 Foreshore Dr, Geraldton**

GERALDTON - WATERFRONT (4KM)

The trail starts on the Geraldton Foreshore outside Dome Cafe. Follow the markers and enjoy a journey through time with a walk through some of the City's earliest streets and buildings. See how Champion Bay evolved into a busy port; and how the town of 4,000 people transformed during World War II to accommodate 40,000 military personnel.

 **Start: 31 Foreshore Dr, Geraldton**

GERALDTON - BLUFF POINT (2KM)

The trail starts in Rundle Park at St Georges Beach, just off Kempton Street. Follow the markers to the site of the Bluff Point Lighthouse, which was officially lit on 23 October 1876 and the first Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage is on this trail. The Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage remains today. You can also visit the area where the Bluff Point Railway Junction connected the Perth to Geraldton line with the Northampton line in 1886. Bluff Point was considered to be on the outskirts of town and a school, churches and shops were built for the local community.

 **Start: Kempton St, Bluff Point**

GERALDTON - VICTORIA HOSPITAL (650M)

This trail starts outside the Bill Sewell Complex on the corner of Chapman Road and Bayly Street. Follow the markers on a path back through time; nearly always catering for those in the medical or penal system, the buildings have a unique history being at first a convict depot, a hospital and then a prison. Now known as the Bill Sewell Complex was vested in the National Trust (WA) in 2009.

 **Start: 84 Chapman Rd, Geraldton**





GREENOUGH RIVER NATURE WALK (17KM)

The Greenough River meets the sea (often blocked by a sandbar) at Cape Burney, 10km south of Geraldton. The river meanders through a mix of rich wheat farms, remnant bushland, coastal vegetation and dunes. This day walk includes all this variety, plus numerous wildflowers in spring. The dune and riverbank areas are havens for small birds such as wrens and honeyeaters. Pelicans, egrets, ducks and cormorants are often seen feeding in the river and estuary areas.

The walk from the mouth of the River to Rudd's Gully is about 3.5km. If you fancy a dip in the river after your long walk, Devlin Pool is just a short walk past the gully.

If doing the whole loop, allow plenty of time for its 17km length. Spring is a good time to do this walk. In summer wear a hat, take lots of water, your bathers and a picnic. Mountain bikes are permitted but be warned it's a sandy track used by 4WDs.

 **Start: Greenough River Rd, Greenough**

CHAPMAN RIVER REGIONAL PARK NATURE TRAIL (9.8KM)

In the heart of Geraldton lays a place of significant value. Chapman River with its native flowering plants, birds, reptiles and wildlife framed by sweeping vistas from the Moresby Ranges across to the Indian Ocean. Walk or cycle around the 9.8km trail around the estuarine salt marsh where it is easy to forget you are in a city.

If you are a mountain bike enthusiast this is a local favourite for a quick lap or three of undulating cross country mountain biking. You'll also discover a skills park and pump track dirt jumps. This trail is dual direction please, check the web page for more information.

 **Start: Spalding Park, Chapman Rd**

MULLEWA TOWN HERITAGE (1.1KM)

Discover some interesting facts about Mullewa's history from days gone by.

 **Start: Gray St, Mullewa**

MULLEWA WILDFLOWER WALK (2.8KM)

This trail explores the various species of wildflowers in our region and begins opposite the Mullewa Caravan Park. Beginning at the Mullewa Town Hall and ending at the Church and Museum designed and built by Monsignor John Hawes. Along the way learn more about this remarkable man and his life.

 **Start: Lovers Lane, Mullewa**

MULLEWA BUSHLAND TRAIL (2.37KM)

One of the best for views and wildflowers is this 2.4km loop, Mullewa Bushland Trail. It starts and finishes at the Mullewa Scenic Lookout. The winding loop takes you along an, at times rocky, but not too steep hike with some small caves in rocky outcrops. Interpretative signage explains the Indigenous culture of the area. When winter rains are good, the spring wildflowers are absolutely sensational.

 **Start: Mullewa Scenic Lookout**

