

City of Salisbury

Little Para River Trails



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landscapes*



Trail Information

Little Para River Trail

The City of Salisbury began acquiring land in the 1960's for the purpose of providing open space for public use. As a result of this the Little Para River and surrounding parklands with trails network now exists. The Little Para Trail traverses 14km's from the hilly escarpments in the east, to Barker Inlet in the west. Trail users can experience diverse areas of remnant eucalyptus woodlands, grasslands, samphire and mangroves.

Cultural

The first people of the Salisbury area were the Kurna people. Many occupational and sacred sites still exist around the Salisbury area. The name 'Little Para River' is derived from 'Pari', the Kurna word for water. The river passes through a landscape that has seen the Kurna people living in partnership with the land; to the orchards, pastures and rural settlements of European settlement in the mid-19th Century, leading to today's continuing development of suburban housing. The river trail provides an attractive place for all to enjoy Salisbury's natural open spaces.

Historical

The Little Para River played a central part in the founding of Salisbury as it provided a reliable water source and fertile soils for a burgeoning citrus and almond industry. Many families developed successful orchards along the banks of the river with some orchard trees still evident. A number of these historical homesteads are still resided in along the river's corridor. For more information drop into the Len Beadell Library, John Street, Salisbury.

Biodiversity

The watercourse and adjacent parklands support significant stands of River Red Gums, SA Blue Gums and Mallee Box. The City of Salisbury is engaging in measures to re-establish the Indigenous grassland habitats along the Little Para River. The river is a major watercourse in the northern area and an important biodiversity corridor between the foothills and the coastal regions. Throughout the year, the Little Para River provides refuge for a number of bird, mammal and reptile species.

Parks & Reserves

Upper Little Para Reserve

Tall River Red Gums can be found along the watercourse with a number of trees containing hollows that provide valuable habitat for birds, possums and bats. This reserve is one of the richest in Salisbury for fauna; it is possible to see Echidnas, Western Grey Kangaroos and the vulnerable Flinders Ranges Worm Lizard.

Carisbrooke & Harry Bowey Reserves

Carisbrooke Reserve was acquired by Leslie William Francis Jenkins in 1898, who named it Carisbrooke Orangery and established an extensive citrus orchard. Harry Bowey Reserve was named after a former long serving Councillor and Mayor of Salisbury. Both are now major picnic destinations, with rolling lawns, shady trees and generous play spaces for all to enjoy.

Pitman Park

Named after Ann Pitman, one of the original settlers of the Salisbury district, Ann married John Harvey, who founded Salisbury in 1854. The Harvey family orchard once occupied land that now houses Pitman Park, Parabanks Shopping Centre, Council Chambers and the cinema complex. The development of the reserve began in the late 1970's and features a memorial rose garden and picturesque waterfall available for public use.

Happy Home Reserve

The Happy Home homestead and hotel were once an overnight stop for bullock trains driving harvests and ore to Adelaide and Port Adelaide. The reserve was purchased by Council in 1963. Development of the swimming centre began thereafter to be officially opened in 1966. Recently redeveloped within the reserve, Salisbury Recreation Precinct provides a wide range of activities for all ages.

Swan Alley and Whites Road Wetlands

Large numbers of birds visit the wetlands to feed and breed. Dozens of native species are known to nest in the wetlands. Lizards, snakes, frogs and fish are commonly heard and seen too. The wetlands are important habitats for flora and fauna and as such should be respected by visitors. Take only photographs, leave only memories.

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SHARE THE TRAIL, RESPECT ALL USERS

Pedestrians, cyclists and pets on leashes are all welcome to use the trails. Please allow space for all users. This trail covers terrain that is isolated and obscured from public view. For your personal safety, be aware of your surroundings. In case of emergency dial 000 for police, ambulance or fire.

UPPER LITTLE PARA



HILLBANK

SALISBURY HEIGHTS

CARISBROOKE PARK



SALISBURY PARK

HARRY BOWEY RESERVE



JENKINS RESERVE



PIONEER PARK



PITMAN PARK



SALISBURY

HAPPY HOME RESERVE



STROWAN PARK/MYALL RESERVE



SALISBURY DOWNS

LITTLE PARA LINEAR PARK (LOWER)



PARALOWIE

HAUSLER RESERVE



PARAFIELD GARDENS

WALPOLE WETLANDS



WHITES ROAD WETLANDS



SWAN ALLEY



TO DRY CREEK

-  TRAIL
-  DRINKING FOUNTAIN
-  PLAYGROUND
-  SEATING
-  PUBLIC TOILETS
-  DOG PARK
-  TENNIS COURTS
- SWIMMING POOL
- GOLF COURSE

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