

# Whites Road Wetlands



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The Whites Road Wetland are located in the suburb of Globe Derby Park. It is situated on the Adelaide Plains and is adjacent to the Little Para River, flowing through the estuary before it enters the Barker Inlet of the Gulf of St Vincent. The area was once part of an intertidal area, which means the area was above water at low tide and under water at high tide. Levy banks now prevent seawater ingress.

The Whites Road Wetland, constructed in the 1990's, is approximately 10 hectares in size featuring three constructed ponds of varying sizes. The primary function of the wetlands is to provide flood protection for the landowners at Globe Derby and provide stormwater disposal for the contributing catchment, east of Port Wakefield Road. Other functions include the creation of a natural habitat to attract wildlife back to the area and improve stormwater quality prior to discharge to the Little Para River.

Salisbury where the captured and cleansed storm water (known as Salisbury Water) is stored underground in the natural Aquifer and pumped to community users in the summer months.

Another feature of the City of Salisbury is the Little Para Trail which is a 14km trail and follows the Little Para River. Pedestrians, cyclists and pets on leashes are all welcome to use the trail. The Little Para Trail passes through a number of reserves including: Carisbrook, Harry Bowey Reserve, Happy Home Reserve and travels right past the Whites Road Wetlands. The Little Para Trail finishes at Swan Alley Wetlands, Globe Derby and then connects to the Dry Creek River Trail.

For further details on the Little Para River Trail and Dry Creek Trail in Salisbury, please visit the City of Salisbury website [www.salisbury.sa.gov.au](http://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au)

## *Globe Derby's treasure...*

A haven of native bird life

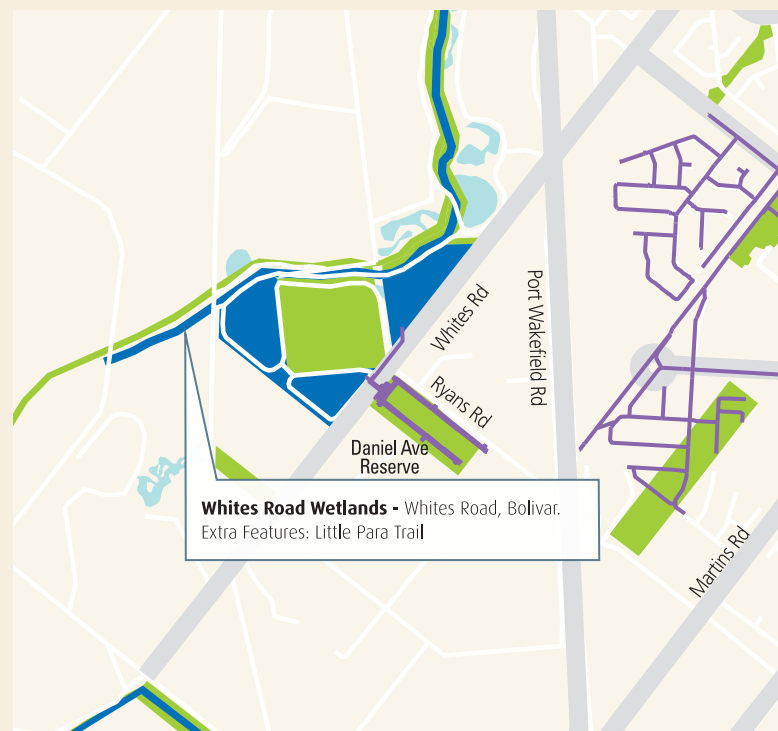
Cycle or walk the Little Para or Dry Creek Trail

Bird watcher and photographers paradise

Picturesque ponds and waterways

The ponds are surrounded by River Red Gums and other vegetation. These wetlands are a haven for many birds including common species such as the White-faced Heron and the Australian Reed Warbler to the less common species including the Glossy Ibis and Wood Sandpiper. While these wetlands are predominantly inaccessible to the public many bird watchers many bird watchers and photographers will be spotted at the wetlands waiting for their chance to view and photograph these birds.

Also located opposite the wetlands is the Daniel Avenue pumping station. This station is one of the locations throughout the City of



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