

Kaurna Park Wetlands

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Tucked away amongst homes, shops and businesses is the vibrant natural oasis of the Kaurna Park wetlands. Located off Waterloo Corner Road, most of the wetlands are obscured from public view by a berm around the perimeter of the site. This mound was created from the earth that was excavated to form the water channels and ponds of the wetland and is designed to contain a once in 100 year flood. Once inside, you will find yourself immersed in the beauty of the location and surrounded by towering gum trees, lush vegetation and meandering waters.

Explore Kaurna Park...

Family friendly
Recreation

Great for walking and bike riding
Car parking available

Formerly floodplains of Adams Creek, the land was once used for light farming. The 48 hectares of land was acquired by the City of Salisbury in the early 1990s with extensive landscaping undertaken to recreate a primary creek system and a series of intermediate channels with a total length of about six kilometres.

The primary purpose of the creek system is to control stormwater flows. Water enters the wetlands through a channel on the northern side of the park and flows through the creek system to the southwest corner, from where it is drawn down via 2 wells. The park has been designed to create an environment of shallow billabongs rather than deeper water bodies.

The Kaurna Park wetlands feature the Tappa Wodliparri Trail (Indigenous Interpretive Trail). Wodliparri being the Kaurna name for the Milky Way, or a wetland in the night sky.

Follow this 2km winding trail across many boardwalks that lead you across a series of channels and through an array of native flora. The trail was established to provide a unique opportunity to interpret aspects of the Kaurna people's culture and increase awareness of the Kaurna culture and heritage in the broader community.

When visiting the wetlands you will notice some deeper pools and waterways containing yabbies and tortoises, all of which were important food sources for the Kaurna people. They hunted mammals that were common in the wetlands such as, bandicoots and wallabies. All of these smaller mammals are now extinct in the wetlands. The rushes and hedges that grow in the wetlands were important food sources and were also used to make baskets, mats, nets, strings and bags.

A perimeter clay and gravel track, which is predominantly flat and wide featuring the occasional park bench, offers a great opportunity to bring the family for a walk, run or ride.

Car parking and access is readily available from Waterloo Corner Road, Burton, opposite the Springbank Plaza Shopping Centre. There are also pedestrian entrances at the corner of Helps and Waterloo Corner Roads, and on the northern side of the park.

Please note the closest toilets are located opposite in Springbank Plaza Shopping Centre.

