

About The Cove's Environment

Samphire Cove Nature Reserve is an 'A' Class Nature Reserve and a wetland of international significance within the Peel-Yalgorup wetland system.

It is a Threatened Ecological Community due to the endangered samphire that grows here, and also due to the critically endangered Far Eastern Curlew (widjoonong) which is often seen feeding and putting on weight for the return journey to their breeding grounds in the Arctic Circle, in common with other migratory shorebirds.

The Cove's samphires are very important small, fleshy, orange and green plants that stabilise the shore and absorb nutrients that wash from the land into the estuary. They provide food and homes for many of the small creatures that are part of the food chain for birds, fish and crabs.

As an estuarine bushland, the reserve hosts at least 56 different species of flora: trees such as the marri, shrubs such as hakeas, and Mandurah's floral emblem *Templetonia retusa* (Cockies Tongue). Eighty species of birds have been identified in the reserve's mixture of waterway and bush. Birds such as the Eastern Osprey (yoondoordoo) are easy to recognise. Fauna in the reserve includes the Quenda (Southern Brown Bandicoot) and other nocturnal animals.

Welcome to the Far Eastern Curlew Trail



This 1.5 km trail wends its way through bushland and overlooks Mandurah's Peel Inlet. It has no steps or steep slopes, is open all year round and is suitable for people who use a wheelchair, those with limited mobility and people bringing strollers.

Taking binoculars on the trail will help you to identify birds on the waterway as seen from the bird hide, and to observe the nest boxes featured on the map. Binoculars will also assist in observing birds in flight or settled in shrubs and trees, and those that may be nesting in the habitat trees.

The Friends received a lot of support when establishing this trail. The microbat boxes in various trees and the paver art you will see on the ground along the trail are courtesy of the John Tonkin College Bushrangers. The bird and phascogale nest boxes are courtesy of the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, and the trail signs were supplied by Department of Parks and Wildlife – Mandurah Work Centre.

Before setting out, track users should check the weather forecast, wear suitable clothing including enclosed footwear, carry insect repellent, bring water and be sun-smart.

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The Far Eastern Curlew Trail



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NATURE RESERVE
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Friends of Samphire Cove Nature Reserve is a non-profit organisation and comprises a group of volunteers who work with the Department of Parks and Wildlife and other partners to manage and improve this unique 'A' Class Nature Reserve. The purpose of the vesting is the conservation of flora and fauna located on the shoreline of Mandurah's Peel Inlet.

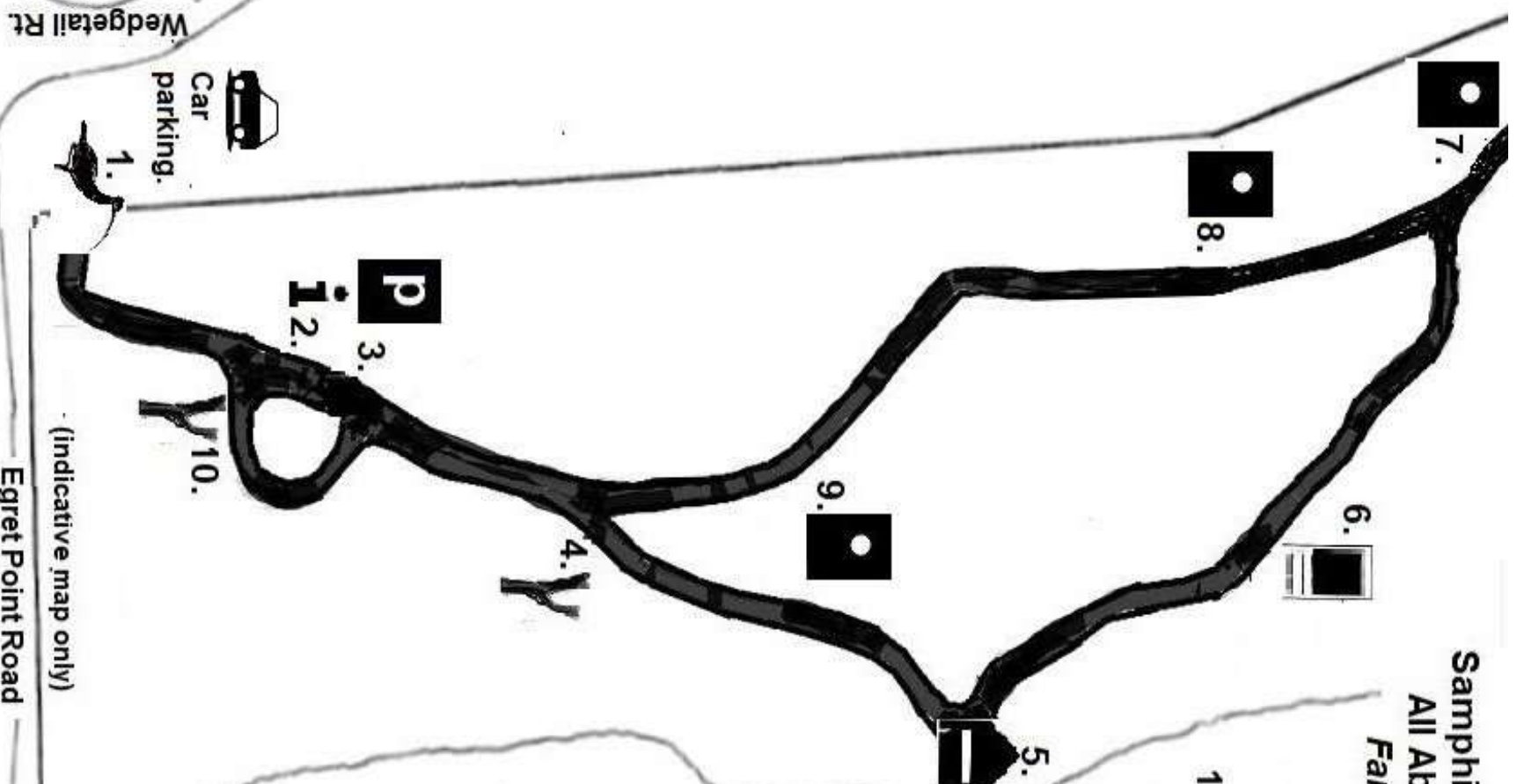
The reserve is located in Halls Head on the corner of Egret Point Road and Wedgetail Retreat.

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1.  Accessible entry.
2. Information Shelter with **i** sign boards and seats.
3.  Phascogale nest box in eucalyptus tree. Side and back entry holes.
4.  Habitat Tree for birds, and animals. Trail sign.
5.  Birdhide to see birds on water, wheelchair accessible, seating.
6.  Microbat roosting box up in tree to left of the trail sign.
7.  Red-capped Parrott nest box in tuart tree.
8.  Regent Parrott nest box in eucalyptus tree.
9.  Pardalote nest box in eucalyptus tree.
10.  Optional Habitat tree, birds often nest in hollows.



Nearest accessible toilet is 500 metres down Egret Point Road at Osprey Water's carpark. ACROD bay in carpark.



The Trail is 1.5 kms long and the path is 1.8 metres wide, with trail signs. A hard based limestone surface is regarded as easy to navigate as there are no steps or steep sections.