



## LUKE PEN RIVER WALK

## DESCRIPTION

The Luke Pen Walk trail, located along the Kalgan River, is a beautiful meandering walk trail, closely following the river.

The walk provides constantly changing views of the river, along with a mixture of vineyards, green pastures with grazing cattle and eucalypt bushland. A calm day sees the river like a mirror and provides amazing photography opportunities.

A shady walk for a hot day with opportunities to see the abundant wildlife that inhabits the river environment including pelicans, ducks and cormorants. While thornbills and both the Splendid and Red-winged Fairy-wrens can be seen in bush beside the river.

There is a car park at each end and at Riverview Road for a one-way walk and car shuffle. An alternative is to leave a canoe at the old Upper Kalgan Bridge walk up the river and paddle back.

If walking south to north (upstream) to access the start point from the Town Square travel up York Street and proceed straight through the roundabout at the top on to Lockyer Avenue. Travel down Lockyer Avenue away from Albany and on to Ulster Road, which turns into Lower King Road and then Nanarup Road. Turn left immediately after the Lower Kalgan Bridge on Nanarup Road into East Bank Road. Travel down East Bank Road for 1.2km and turn left. Follow the road alongside the river for approximately 3km to car park at the end of the road.

Grade:	Three (3)
Distance:	12km return
Gradient:	Gentle hills
Quality of path:	Formed track, some obstacles
Signs:	Sign posted
Experience:	Some bushwalking experience
	recommended
Time:	3-4 hours
Steps:	Occasional steps

Dogs allowed on leash, please pickup after your dog. Toilet at East Bank Road end. No Refreshments

## WALK NOTES (SOUTH TO NORTH)

- 1. Start at the interpretive sign and sculpture located near the car park. A detailed map and local information is displayed here.
- 2. Complete the walk by following the formed walk trail, which meanders along the riverside. There are several short steep sections of track with steps.
- 3. Take time to appreciate the bird shaped shelter about 120m into the walk.
- 4. Take the opportunity to walk down on to the rocks at many locations for great photo opportunities (be careful of rocks when wet).
- 5. Numerous footbridges are provided for safe crossing across creeks and wet areas.
- 6. DO NOT deviate to the right onto tracks or old roads. These all lead to private property.
- 7. The information sign at Riverview Road is 3.8km.
- 8. The river narrows here and there are several small islands.
- 9. Out of sight behind the first island are the remains of old aboriginal fish traps.
- 10. Near the turn around point there is a large river pool just before the road bridge. A popular swimming and picnic place.
- 11. Fishing is also popular in many locations along the river.
- 12. The steps to the right lead up to the car park for one-way walkers.
- 13. After a short rest retrace your steps to the start.



