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Lane Poole Reserve Guide

Lane Poole Reserve is a key conservation area for the Murray River Valley in the Perth Hills. Covering nearly 55,000ha, it is the largest reserve in the northern jarrah forest, ranging from steeply forested valley slopes and rock-rimmed pools of the Murray River near the Darling Scarp to the more open, undulating jarrah and wandoo woodlands further east. The reserve is named after C.E. Lane-Poole, the State's first Conservator of Forests and a devoted conservationist.

The reserve protects about 500 species of native plants, which provide important habitat for threatened fauna species such as the quokka, woylie, chuditch and western ring-tailed possum. You may glimpse Baudin's and Carnaby's cockatoos feeding high up in the forest canopy.

Only 100km from Perth, the reserve is a popular destination offering a wide range of nature-based recreational activities and visitor facilities based around the Murray River. The Murray is the longest permanent river in the jarrah forest and one of the few major rivers in the Darling Plateau remaining undammed for water supply. During summer, the river provides a tranquil setting for swimming, canoeing and fishing. As water levels rise after winter rains, the river swells providing small rapids ideal for white water rafting.

Historical remnants of past timber harvesting can be seen along several railway track formations throughout the reserve and at Nanga Mill, once the site of a timber mill and town destroyed in the Dwellingup fires of 1961 and now a popular campground.

Park entry fees apply

Park entry fees apply, which contribute to the management of the park, protection of the environment and development and maintenance of visitor services and facilities.

Entry fees are separate to camping fees. If you intend to camp in the park, you will pay the entry fee for the day you arrive only and then a camping fee per person per night for the duration of your stay. When camping you may leave and re-enter the park as many times as you like without paying another entry fee.

If you own a park pass you do not need to pay entry fees, park pass info can be found at parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au.

Camping

Lane Poole Reserve is very popular for camping with many different camping areas available. Camping fees apply at all sites.

Camping for smaller family groups or individuals is available at Baden Powell, Charlies Flat, Tonys Bend, Yarragil, Chuditch and Stringers sites. These must be booked online at parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au 24hrs or more in advance. Nanga Mill and Nanga Townsite are suitable for larger groups and cannot be booked in advance — they operate on a first-come, first-served basis. Nanga Brook is ideal for caravans and camper trailers and must be booked online. All campgrounds have pit toilets, picnic tables and bins. Fire pits are provided at most camp sites but firewood is not supplied. Chuditch campground is a campfire-free area but has a camp kitchen with gas barbeques. Baden Powell also has camp kitchens. Gas barbeques are available for use at Dwaarlindjirraap and Nanga Brook.

Generators are only permitted from 8am to 9pm.

Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a leash at all times. Please clean up after your dog.

Camping is permitted in designated areas only.

Universal access

Lane Poole Reserve provides wheelchair access to certain camping areas.

For more detailed information on access, please visit the Access WA website at accesswa.com.au.

How to get there

The reserve is approximately 100km south of Perth, just south of Dwellingup. Travel time from Perth is about 2 hours.

What to do

- Bushwalking, cycling and other trails (see information below)
- Picnicking
- Wildlife observation – 32 species of mammal, 123 species of bird, 42 species of reptile, 16 species of amphibian and six species of native fish have been recorded within the reserve
- Photography
- Camping
- Swimming
- Canoeing / kayaking
- High ropes course

Walk trails

Island Pool Walk Trail starts from the top car park at Island Pool and is a one-hour loop walk through scenic jarrah forest with numerous grass trees.

The King Jarrah Trail is 18km long, you will need to allow six hours to walk this picturesque circuit through the forest, from Nanga Mill.

The Bibbulmun Track winds through Lane Poole Reserve offering numerous options for day walks. Bibbulmun Track maps are available for purchase at the Parks and Wildlife Dwellingup office or the Dwellingup Visitor Centre.

The Chuditch Trail is a shared-use trail for walking and cycling that connects Nanga Mill and Chuditch. Along the way, enjoy forest views and stands of *Xanthorrhoea preissii*, more commonly known as grass trees.

Nanga Brook Walk Trail is 4km return and follows the Nanga Brook through Nanga Mill and Nanga Townsite

Four-wheel driving

See separate guides for details.

Horse riding

The Les Couzins Bridle Trail traverses part of the reserve.

Cycle trails

Munda Bidli Trail.

Canoeing

See separate 'Canoeing the Murray' brochure for details.



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On-site information

Rangers, entry station and trailside signs.

Fire restrictions

Open wood fires cannot be lit during the prohibited burning period. Campers will need to use a gas cooker during this time. A Total Fire Ban may also apply on any day because of dangerous fire conditions. During this time, gas cookers are not permitted. Campers can use the camp kitchen facilities within Chuditch, Baden Powell or the gas barbecues at Nanga Brook campground and Dwaarlindjirraap day-use area to cook meals. Fires are not permitted under any circumstances during a Total Fire Ban.

Important note: The reserve may be closed at short notice due to fire risk or extreme weather conditions.

Visitors safety

- Check the weather forecast.
- Stay on tracks and paths.
- Camp only in designated camp sites.
- Drive safely on all roads according to road conditions.

Remember that your safety in natural areas is our concern but your responsibility.

Caring for the reserve

- Please do not feed the native animals, as it interferes with their natural ability to forage for food.
- The taking of flora and fauna is prohibited.
- Use soap, shampoos and detergents well away from water courses.
- Take your rubbish with you when you leave.
- Campfires only permitted in designated fire pits.
- Bring your own firewood.

Emergency contacts

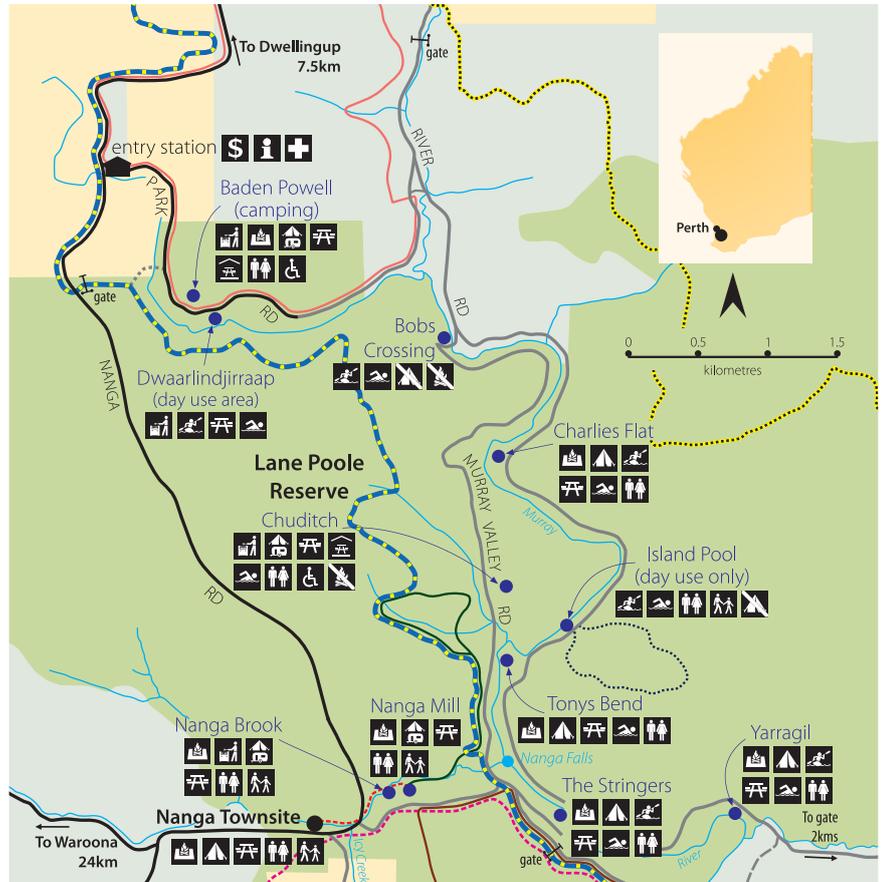
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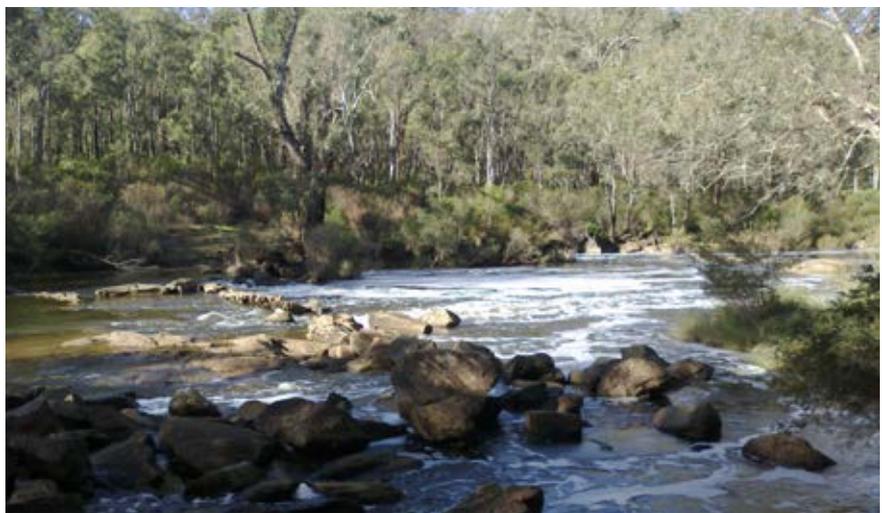
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