

About Ellis Brook Valley

Ellis Brook Valley is part of the Banyowla Regional Park. The name (pronounced banyow-la), recognises Banyowla a Nyoongar elder at the time of colonial settlement. The history of Banyowla's people is linked with the name of Captain TT Ellis, recognised by the naming of Ellis Brook, which runs through the Valley. Ellis, the Superintendent of Mounted Police, died from injuries sustained in the infamous Pinjarra massacre of 1834, in which Banyowla's people were involved.

Ellis Brook Valley is renowned for the richness of its flora and fauna:

- 550 species of flowering plant
- 116 species of birds
- 9 species of frogs
- 8 species of native animals

Ellis Brook flows seasonally from about June to October, depending on rainfall.

The best time for wildflowers is from August to October, but a visit at any time of the year will reward the keen observer.

Ellis Brook Valley is managed by the City of Gosnells, supported by the Friends of Ellis Brook Valley.

Facilities

Parking is provided at Honeyeater Hollow and in the Valley Head car park near the start of the Sixty Foot Falls trail. All facilities at Honeyeater Hollow are universally accessible and include:

- Covered gas barbecue areas with tables and seating
- Universally accessible toilets
- Stabilised earth paths
- Interpretive signage and maps

There is no drinking water supply in the Valley. Please ensure that you have sufficient drinking water, especially if you are planning to enjoy the walk trails. No rubbish bins are provided. Lighting fires in Ellis Brook Valley is prohibited at all times.

Opening times

The Valley is open to the public free of charge from 8am to 5pm every day, but will be closed on days of very high or extreme fire danger.

To get there

From Tonkin Highway turn east into Gosnells Road East. Turn right into Pitt Road. Turn right into Hayward Road. Turn left into Quarry Road. Turn left into Rushton Road. Proceed for 1km to Honeyeater Hollow and

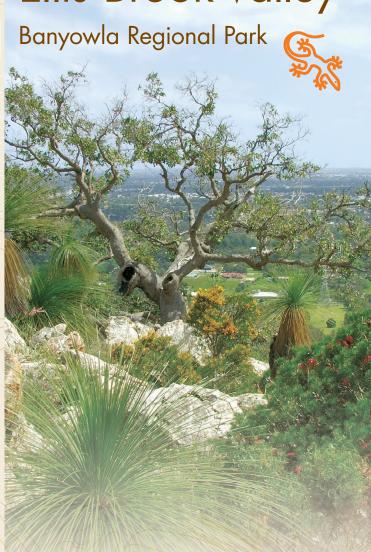
a further 1km to the Valley Head car park.

For further information contact City of Gosnells on 9397 3000.

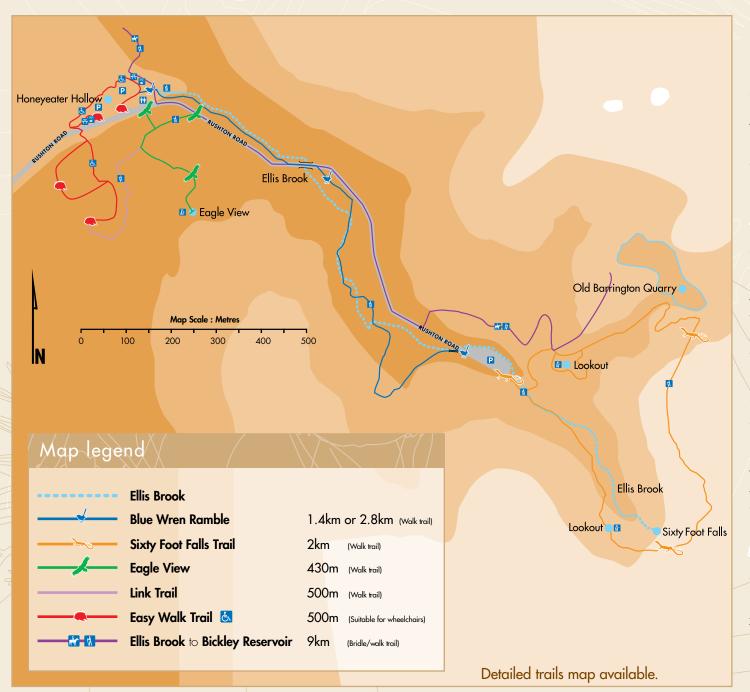
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Walk trails



Sixty Foot Falls Trail (difficult)

Start/finish: Valley Head car park.

2km loop trail. Length:

This walk climbs to the top of the spectacular Sixty Foot Falls, affording magnificent views of the City and the Valley along the way, before descending past the old Barrington Quarry where old workings provide a window into the geology of the area.



Blue Wren Ramble Trail (easy)

Start/finish: Honeyeater Hollow or Valley Head

car park.

1.4km single journey or 2.8km return. Length:

This walk follows Ellis Brook. It passes through Wandoo Woodland, a prime nesting and feeding area for birds. Dense thickets along the banks of the Brook provide a cool, shaded walk. Return is by retracing the trail.



Eagle View Trail (moderate)

Start/finish: Honeyeater Hollow picnic area

(opposite toilet block).

Length: 430m return.

This trail ascends a ridge of rich Heathland with views across the Swan Coastal Plain and to neighbouring valleys. The resident mob of kangaroos is a highlight for the lucky visitor.



Easy Walk Trail (easy)



Start/finish: Honeyeater Hollow picnic area car park.

500m loop trail. Length:

An easy return loop through Wandoo Woodland. The stabilised earth path is suitable for wheelchairs. Keep an eye out for echidnas!

Please enjoy and help protect our natural heritage.