

# Cycling

## Ride around the Rivers



### Ride 1 - Causeway (Perth side) to Narrows Bridge

Commence your ride at the Causeway car park on Riverside Drive, where it is free to park on weekends. Keeping the river to your left, ride west along the shared path.

Continue past Plain Street and Victoria Avenue lights. Ride through a shady grove of date palms and proceed past the historic West Australian Rowing Club.

Turn left onto the pathway at Barrack Street and follow it around past the ferry offices. Watch out for pedestrians, especially when a ferry has just docked.

Rejoin the shared path on your left and continue west on a gentle slope to the Narrows Bridge underpass.

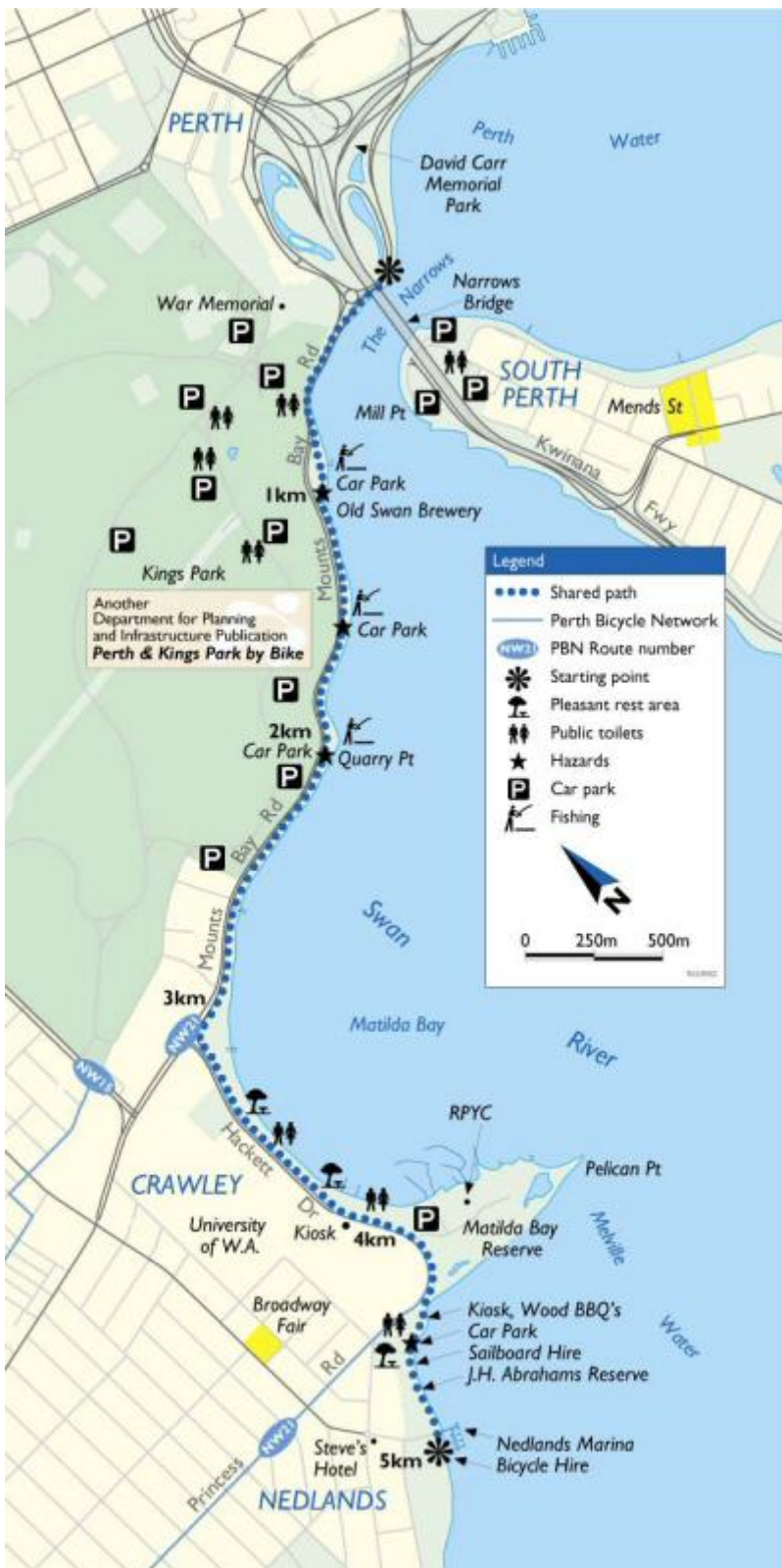
This section gives you excellent views of the South Perth foreshore and the section of the Swan River known as Perth Water.

**Note: The following directions apply if you wish to gain access to the Narrows Bridge:**

Proceed towards the bridge until you arrive at a tunnel on your right. This tunnel will take you under Riverside Drive.

Cycle through the tunnel and take the shared path on your left which winds through a botanical garden. There are public toilets in the gardens and shaded lawn areas if you need a short rest.

Continue on through a second tunnel and up to a slight rise onto the Narrows Bridge shared path. Enjoy the scenic views of Perth and Kings Park that the bridge has to offer, or continue on to the South Perth foreshore.



## Ride 2 - Narrows Bridge (Perth) to Nedlands

Proceed south on the shared path under the Narrows Bridge.

Continue along the river foreshore until you reach the Old Swan Brewery. This is a popular fishing spot so care must be taken to avoid traffic in the car park and people fishing.

You then join the shared path that follows Mounts Bay Road around to the University of Western Australia. This path also continues through two other car parks, which again are popular with people fishing.

Cycle past the University and the picturesque Matilda Bay. This is a well-known prawning area and offers excellent views of the city. It is also a very popular picnic spot, particularly on weekends.

Follow the cycleway past Royal Perth Yacht Club stopping at the lookout in the Pelican Point Conservation Area.

Continue around Pelican Point until you reach a very popular windsurfing spot. Again, take care when riding through the car park.

Follow the cycleway along the foreshore past J.H. Abrahams Reserve and arrive at Nedlands Marina for a drink at Jo Jo's Restaurant or Steve's Hotel. This would be a good start/finish point.





## Ride 3 - Nedlands to Mosman Park

Proceed along the shared path running between the river and the Esplanade. This takes you past the Nedlands Yacht Club, Gallop House and the Perth Flying Squadron and continues on past Tawarri Restaurant for about 400 metres. Here the path ends and you must carry your bike up the stairs to Birdwood Parade. There is a cycle path on the right side of the road before you reach Tawarri Restaurant, if you would prefer not to carry your bike.

Turn left into Birdwood Parade and follow the road as it becomes Jutland Parade. This is where some of WA's most expensive houses are located. The road curves right and becomes Victoria Avenue – which has bicycle lanes on both sides (part-time peak hour lanes only). On the left is the Old Claremont Museum (open weekends). After a small, sharp bend in the road you come to Christchurch Grammar School.

At the Stirling Highway lights turn left onto the shared path. Cycle up a steady slope before turning left at Corry Lynn Road.

Continue along then turn right into Brae Road and ride for about 100 metres then turn left into Cliff Way.

Take another left at the T-junction into Richardson Avenue and continue downhill where the road becomes Bindaring Parade.

After approximately 200 metres a sharp and dangerous sweep to the right will start you on a very steep, but picturesque, run down to the Esplanade. Care should be taken on this steep descent.

You are now in Peppermint Grove and on your left is the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

Proceed around a small roundabout and continue to follow the river past Keane's Point until you reach the Mosmans Tea Rooms – an ideal start/finish point.



## Ride 4 - Mosman Park to Fremantle

Continue up Johnson Parade and commence the steepest climb of the ride. About halfway up the hill turn left at the shared path that runs through a park and past a car park with sweeping views of the Swan River.

Follow the path onto Owston Street and continue until you reach Wellington Street.

Turn left and head back towards the river, passing Chidley Point Golf Course on your right. The road then starts to descend rapidly so take care.

Turn right into Bateman Street and immediately left into Caporn Street, where you will find a lookout providing views of Blackwall Reach.

From the lookout turn right into Riverside Drive and then left into Downey Drive, proceeding until you reach a T-junction. Make a right turn into McCabe Street and continue along to the tennis courts on the left.

Turn left onto the shared path down to the river and follow the cliff edge into North Fremantle. The shared path joins Rule Street which you follow until you reach John Street. At the end of Johannah Street (a nice picnic spot) take the shared path under and onto Stirling Bridge.

After the bridge turn right onto a path leading down to Riverside Road and turn right (east) on the shared path that follows the river.

**Note:**

If you wish to go into Fremantle, turn left on Riverside Road and follow the shared path past the Rottneest Ferry Jetties (refer Fremantle Bike map).





## Ride 5 - Fremantle to Point Walter

Proceed east on the shared path following Riverside Road and cycle under the Stirling Bridge. This is a very scenic part of the route with numerous pleasant resting spots. Points of interest are the Bicentennial Falls, Leeuwin Army Barracks, Swan River Yacht Club and Aquarama Marina.

Continue on the path up a short climb and around to the left as it follows Jerrat Drive. Proceed slowly and carefully along this section as there are a number of driveways that cut across the cycle path. This path takes you past East Fremantle Tennis Club on the right and East Fremantle Yacht Club on your left. The shared path ends at the Petra Street T-junction.

Make a right turn then an immediate left turn into Angove Lane. Here you have two choices: you can either make a left turn into Durham Crescent and walk your bike down the steps to the river front or continue along the shared path which takes you through a small park to Phipps Street.

Turn left and proceed to the end of Phipps Street where you will meet up with a shared path that will take you down to Blackwall Reach Parade.

Continue along the shared path next to Blackwall Reach parade until you reach Blackwall Reach Reserve. Follow the winding path through this natural bushland which offers excellent river views, until you reach Point Walter Reserve.

The cycleway ends at Honour Avenue, with a car park immediately opposite. This is an ideal start/finish point and has a bicycle hire facility, kiosk and public toilets.

***"Cycling engages my senses, enhances my health, humanises my city and preserves our planet."***



## Ride 6 - Point Walter to Applecross

From Point Walter Reserve continue along the shared path by-passing the car park and connecting up with the path next to Carroll Drive. Alternatively, you can continue down hill to the Point Walter Jetty through the car park and grassed area and on to Burke Drive. Be aware of cars and pedestrians if you take this route.

Proceed along Burke Drive until just opposite Carroll Drive where you will see a shared path to your left. Follow this path around the river through Attadale Reserve. After Attadale Reserve you will pass Troy Park on your left and then venture past Alfred Cove Nature Reserve. This is a great spot for catching a glimpse of our native fauna.

The path continues past the Atwell Gallery and Tompkins Park on the right. There are public toilets attached to the cricket club. On summer weekends you may like to stop and watch a suburban grade game of cricket.

Follow the cycleway to between Melville Beach Road and the river as it passes Lucky Bay. This is a very popular spot for sailboarding.

Turn right at Dee Road and then take the first turn left into Fraser Road. Continue up the hill past the old Majestic Hotel site and then commence a very steep descent until you reach a T-junction fronting Jeff Joseph Reserve, which is an ideal start/finish point.

### Note:

For an interesting detour, turn left onto the shared path at Jeff Joseph Reserve and follow it around the front of the old Majestic Hotel site until you reach a wooden boardwalk. This continues around Point Dundas and provides some scenic views of the Swan River.





## Ride 7 - Applecross to the Narrows Bridge

From Jeff Joseph Reserve follow the shared path around Waylen Bay to Pt Heathcote, a lookout with panoramic views. Continue past the South of Perth Yacht Club and the Raffles Hotel, onto the footpath of Canning Bridge.

After crossing the bridge you are on the shared path which runs between the freeway and the river. A good rest point is at the Como Beach Jetty.

The path continues along the freeway foreshore past Milyu Nature Reserve to Mill Point. This is a very popular spot for water skiing and para-sailing. The cycleway passes under the Narrows Bridge and on to a shared path that follows the river to the Causeway (Ride 8).

*"Whenever I see a kid trying to master riding I envy that freedom."*

### Note:

The following directions apply if you wish to go over the Narrows Bridge to the Perth side of the river. Follow the shared path up and on to the Narrows Bridge. The path meanders through beautiful parkland before taking you under two underpasses and back onto the Riverside shared path. Follow this back to the Causeway car park (Ride 1).



## Ride 8 - Narrows Bridge (South Perth side) to the Causeway

Proceed under the Narrows Bridge and follow the path around to the right where it joins the path leading onto the bridge. Directly in front of you is the historic Old Mill, which is open to the public.

Turn left, onto the clearly signposted shared path to the Causeway. From this point it is a 5 kilometre ride to the Causeway. Keeping the river on your left, cycle past the Mends Street Jetty. Enjoy the lovely gardens and restful grassed areas. Continue on through Sir James Mitchell Park enjoying the panoramic view of Perth on your left.

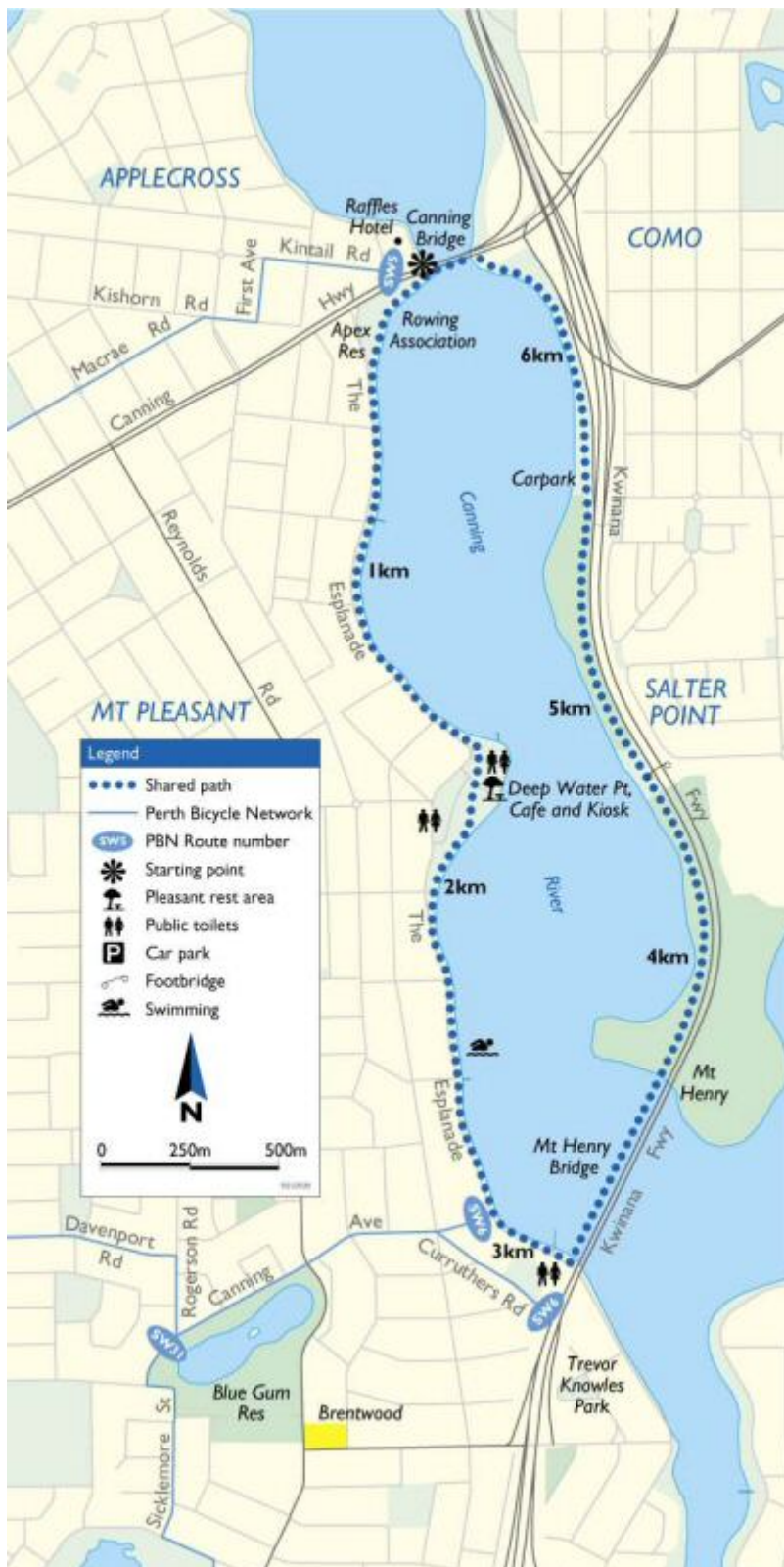
The next location as you head east on the path is the Coode Street ferry terminal and surf cat hire facility. Carefully cross over Coode Street and rejoin the shared path\*.

Continue on over to Ellam Street. The path follows on from Ellam Street and takes you past McCallum Park, which has a car park, children's playground and public toilets.

At the end of McCallum Park the path splits into two directions. The path leading straight ahead takes you under the Causeway and on to the Burswood Island Casino complex. The other runs off to the right and will take you up a small rise onto the Causeway shared path. You should take the path to the right if you are returning to the car park on Riverside Drive where "Ride 1" and "Ride 12" commence. Once over the bridge it is only a short ride to the car park.

\* Alternatively, you can cycle along the shared path that follows Coode Street, heading south towards Mill Point Road. Turn right at Mill Point Road, and follow the path until you reach South Perth Esplanade. Here, you will need to cross over the Esplanade to the shared path on the river side of South Perth Esplanade.





## Ride 9 - Canning Bridge to Mt Henry Bridge and return

From the Raffles Hotel follow the shared path under Canning Bridge and continue past the Rowing Association on your left. This is a very pleasant ride with much of the path being shaded by native trees.

Continue along the path until you reach Deep Water Point. This is a very popular water skiing area and is very busy on most weekends. Slow down and take care to avoid cars and pedestrians. The Esplanade is a hive of activity with its swimming and skiing areas, a jetty, playground and the attractive Point Cafe. There are toilet, shower and telephone facilities in this area as well.

Just before the Mt Henry Bridge the path winds its way through a large grove of trees. The turns are quite sharp, so it is best to ride slowly, while looking out for oncoming cyclists.

At Mt Henry Bridge, turn right, crossing the Esplanade and follow the shared path up on to the bridge. From here you have excellent views of the Canning River up to Canning Bridge, with Kings Park and Perth city as a picturesque backdrop.

At the end of the bridge, turn left on to the shared path. This is a very flat and easy ride. Look out for the abundance of native Christmas trees with their yellow flowers during late Spring/Summer. There are a number of rest spots along the way where you can cool your feet in the river.

Approximately three-quarters of the way along the path there is a limestone car park which intersects the cycleway. The surface of this car park is a bit rough, so you may want to get off your bike and walk it across.

Follow the shared path up to and under Canning Bridge and follow it around to the right as it takes you up onto the bridge and across to the start/finish point.



## Ride 10 - Mt Henry Bridge to Riverton Bridge

Continue along the shared path under Mt Henry Bridge for approximately 250 metres. The path joins and continues along The Esplanade.

Turn left onto The Esplanade and follow it around to the right as it becomes Pulo Road. Continue down to Leach Highway traffic lights and turn left into the shared path cycleway.

Proceed along the path past Bateman Yagan Park turning left at the Webb Street intersection.

Turn left again on to the shared path which follows Bull Creek Road. Continue down this path to Riverton Drive West. This is an extremely pleasant ride. The flat shared path winds its way through numerous groves of native trees and there are plenty of pleasant rest areas along the ride. This is a very popular ride on weekends and holidays, particularly with families. Looking out onto the river you will see the remains of the 'convict fence', constructed by convicts in 1866. You will notice that the majority of the opposite bank is undeveloped land – this adds to the scenic appeal of the ride.

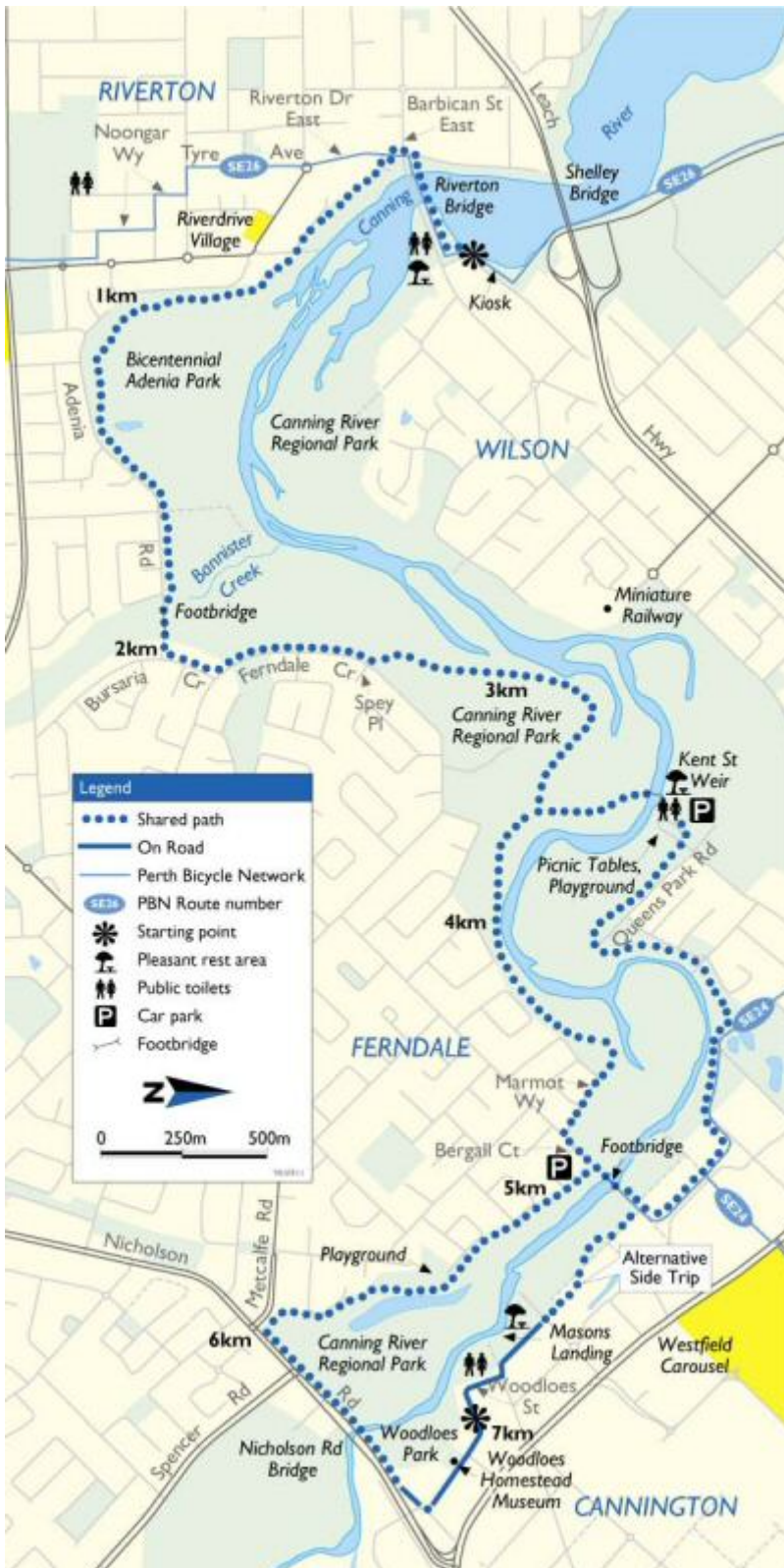
The dual use cycleway comes to an end at Park Beach Close. This is a good start/finish point. From here you can see Shelley Bridge approximately 150 metres away.

Ride along Park Beach Close towards Shelley Bridge and follow the shared path under the Bridge to Riverton Drive East, then ride 200m to Riverton Bridge – a good start/finish point.

### Notes:

- This is a very scenic route and paths are quite windy. Please take care and cycle at a controlled pace on these paths.
- An alternative route from Mt Henry Bridge to Leach Highway is to follow the shared path leading from the bridge to Beamish Avenue, crossing Cranford Avenue into Shaw Close and turning left into Pulo Road which veers right to Leach Highway.





## Ride 11 - Riverton Bridge to Woodloe's Homestead

From Riverton Bridge proceed left into Riverton Drive East and continue along until you reach Adenia Road. The path along Adenia Road is compacted limestone and is not very suitable to cycling. You may wish to cycle on Adenia Road until the path starts again. Care should be taken when riding over the metal ramps that cover reticulation pipes crossing the path.

At the end of the path turn left into Adenia Road and continue over the footbridge turning left into Bursaria Crescent and left again into Ferndale Crescent. Follow the road again turning left onto the shared path opposite Spey Place. The path winds through the river flats and intersects with several paths. The major paths turn left and right.

**The left path leads to the Kent Street Weir Footbridge.** Here there is a pleasant picnic area, with some tables, a playground, toilets and ample parking.

**The right path proceeds alongside the west side of the river bank.** This section provides many pleasant rest spots and it is a popular site for canoeing. Follow the path turning left into Marmot Way and rejoining it again at Willcock Street.

Turn right before the footbridge and continue along until you again turn left onto Bergall Court for 150 metres before rejoining the path. The ride now passes through some lovely shady groves of willow, paperbark and rivergums.

Turn left into Eastfield Court and left again back onto the path which continues over Nicholson Road Bridge to Woodloe's Homestead. This is an excellent start/finish point. A further 300m onwards is the pleasant Mason's Landing, with wood bbqs, toilets and play area on the banks of the river.

**"When I proved to my dad I could ride a two-wheeler, my life changed. The neighbourhood immediately expanded."**





## Ride 12 - Causeway (Perth side) to Garvey Park

\* If you prefer, you can turn left before the Goongoongup Bridge, and ride up a steady incline, which loops up and around to the cycle path along Goongoongup Bridge. Turn right at the end of the bridge and continue along the cycle path towards Burswood Island Resort. This is a good finish point.

\*\* If you wish to take a different route from Garratt Road Bridge, continue along the shared path that follows Grandstand Road (runs parallel to Garratt Road Bridge), once you have crossed over Garratt Road Bridge. Turn right, at Harold Street, and the cycle path will lead you to a set of lights at Resolution Drive. The path ends for a few metres, and you may wish to walk your bike to where the path re-commences on the left. The shared path continues along Stoneham Street and runs parallel to Great Eastern Highway. You will pass the Sandringham Hotel on your left. Continue cycling along this path, and you will eventually cycle through the majestic gardens of Burswood Island Resort. This is a good start/finish spot.

From the Causeway follow the shared path past Trinity College and along the river bank. From here you have an excellent view of the Burswood Island Resort on the opposite bank.

Continue along the path and turn right onto the wooden bridge that passes over the East Perth inlet.

Continue in the same direction and turn right at the first crossroad called Brown Street. At the end of Brown Street, cycle past the carpark towards the river, and turn left into the cycle path\*.





Continue along this path, passing under the Goongoongup Bridge, until you reach Summers Street. Here the shared path ends so turn left into Summers Street and take the first right turn at Joel Terrace.

Follow Joel Terrace around to the right then turn right into Mitchell Street and left into Ellesmere Road, passing Mercy Hospital on your right.

Take the first right into Thirlmere Road and follow it around to the left up to Guildford Road. Turn right. By law it is required that you walk rather than ride your bicycle on the footpath alongside Guildford Road to Third Avenue East.

Turn right here and either (1) ride down to and descend a set of stairs/ramp to a carpark on Bardon Park, then along Bardon Place until you reach Fourth Avenue East; OR (2) proceed along Third Avenue past the stairs along Riverslea Avenue until you reach Fourth Avenue East.

Turn right here and proceed down a fairly steep descent past Bardon Park until you get to the East Street T-junction.

Continue straight ahead on to the shared path that runs through the Maylands Foreshore (Berringa Reserve) Rehabilitation Area.

At the end of the path turn right into Swan Bank Road then left into Clarkson Road. Follow the shared path around to the left onto Hardey Road and continue on to the path that runs to the left of historic Tranby House. This path will take you along the river bank past a block of units and turns left onto Swan View Terrace.

Turn right and follow Swan View Terrace to where it meets with Kelvin Street. To your right is a shared path that takes you all the way to Garratt Road Bridge, which is a good start/finish\*\*.

Pass under Garratt Road Bridge, then cross over the bridge, turn left, and follow the path along the river past Ascot Water Playground. If you wish, stop here for a well earned rest and play. Then continue along the shared path over a boardwalk amongst the rushes to Garvey Park. Please note that toilets here are only open on weekends.