

# Protect the weir water catchment and yourself

Help protect and preserve the Mundaring Weir precinct, surrounding bushland and the water catchment by:

- · leaving pets at home
- staying on marked trail
- · following warning and directional signage
- using designated picnic areas and/or taking all rubbish with you.

### For your enjoyment we recommend you:

- · use sunscreen and wear a hat
- · be prepared for cold or inclement weather
- · wear appropriate footwear.

## **Emergencies**

Please note, depending on your carrier, mobile phones may not work in the precinct. A public phone is located at the Mundaring Weir Hotel (on the corner of Mundaring Weir Rd and Hall Rd).

The National Trust of Western Australia takes no responsibility for any injuries that occur while you are using these trails.

Plan your walk carefully. Seek advice if you are unsure and take responsibility for your actions. Your safety and wellbeing are our concern but your responsibility.



The Weir Walk and O'Connor Trail at Mundaring Weir are part of the National Trust's Golden Pipeline project.

#### Want to know more?

Visit No 1 Pump Station to learn a lot more about the people and the technology that built and drove the scheme.

See the National Trust website for opening hours: nationaltrust.org.au/no-1-pump-station.

Travel to the site of the water's destination, Kalgoorlie, along the Golden Pipeline heritage drive trail. You can plan your trip or explore the fascinating history of this nationally significant engineering feat on the Golden Pipeline website: goldenpipeline.com.au.

The Golden Pipeline is a National Trust of Western Australia initiative.

NATIONAL TRUST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Old Observatory

4 Havelock Street West Perth

PO Box 1162 West Perth WA 6872

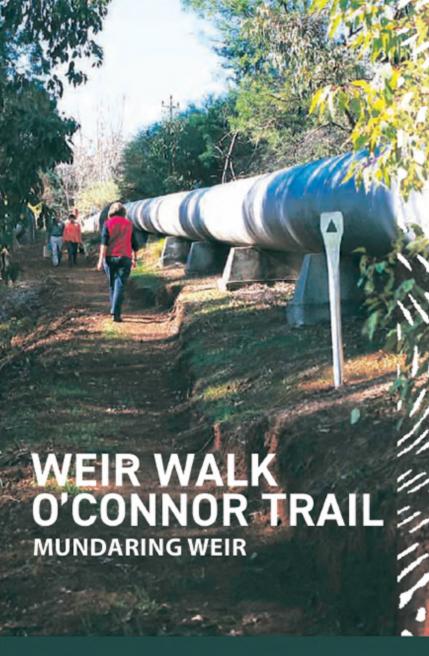
T (08) 9321 6088

E trust@ntwa.com.au W nationaltrust.org.au/wa











THE GOLDEN PIPELINE

# Weir Walk and O'Connor Trail

Weir Walk and O'Connor Trail are part of the Golden Pipeline project, which commemorates an incredible engineering feat that put Western Australia on the world map.

More than 100 years ago, thousands of fortune seekers flocked to the eastern goldfields hoping to make their fortunes – but water proved more precious than gold. Chief Engineer CY O'Connor oversaw the design of a scheme that would take water from the Darling Scarp to the dry interior more than 560 km away. Water captured here at Mundaring Weir was pumped through eight stations to reach the thirsty miners.



## A Trail of Discovery

Uncover the engineering features of this mighty scheme as you follow these two trails past the weir, the pipe itself and the first of the pump stations.

Then spend some time in the beautiful bush beside the weir, which protects the purity of the water destined for distant places.

Don't get lost. There are many paths and roads through the precinct. Use the map overleaf and follow the direction markers for the Weir Walk (yellow collar) and O'Connor Trail (green collar) to find your way. Read the information signs to learn more about this internationally famous water supply scheme.

### **Weir Walk**

Approximately one hour, loop trail 1.9 km Grade 2

### **TRAIL HEAD: No 1 Pump Station**

(but easy to pick up anywhere through the precinct)

The Weir Walk traverses the Mundaring Weir precinct revealing the fascinating history and remarkable engineering feats of the weir and other elements of the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme.

The trail takes you through the gardens and across the weir wall using existing paths and crossing lawn areas. A section of the original railway zigzag brings you alongside the pipeline itself, carrying water just beginning its long journey to the goldfields. Find out how long the water will take to arrive.

Discover more interesting information on the numerous signs along the route. Be prepared. There is a long flight of stairs, broken into several sections.

# Direction markers for the Weir Walk have yellow collars.

Combine your Weir Walk with the O'Connor Trail to make a figure of eight loop of 7.2 km (see map for details).





## O'Connor Trail

Approximately two and a half hours, loop trail 5.3 km Grade 2

#### TRAIL HEAD: Mundaring Weir Hall

The O'Connor Trail follows the historic rail formation to the former No 2 Pump Station (known as O'Connor), then returns to the hall through some delightful jarrah forest and a short section of the renowned Bibbulmun Track. The trail passes through the Perth Hills Discovery Centre and includes a lookout with fabulous views over the weir.

Find out more about where you might have lived if you were a stoker (someone who stoked the pump station's hungry boilers) or a greaser (someone who kept the engines greased and working smoothly). Would you have had an engineer as your next door neighbour?

# Direction markers for the O'Connor Trail have green collars.

Combine your Weir Walk with the O'Connor Trail to make a figure of eight loop of 7.2 km (see map for details).