

ADVENTURE TRAIL

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Terrific trees of Werribee Park

Head on an adventure and discover the terrific trees planted by the Chirnside family over 100 years ago in the Formal Gardens of Werribee Park. This adventure will start and finish outside the Mansion. Before you set off, get to know the Junior Ranger Way.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Find out about the park and what fun activities you can do there.

Check the weather and make sure you have the right clothes and footwear with you.

Take plenty of food, water and sun protection.

KEEP OUR PARKS WILD

Respect animals' homes by leaving logs and rocks as you find them.

Never walk up to wildlife. It might become frightened and try to protect itself.

Animals are healthiest eating their natural foods.

LEAVE NO TRACE

The best souvenirs of your adventure are your memories.

Respect any evidence of the past that you find. Parks protect our history.

Keep yourself safe and protect the park by staying on tracks.



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Bunya Bunya Pine

This amazing coastal Queenslander grows cones as big as footballs. Listen cautiously for any crashing sounds above as you feel its spikey leaves.



Ombu Tree

This sprawling tree has spongy wood and stores the water it needs in its trunk. Imagine carrying all the water you need for a day. Would you carry the weight on your arms, legs or on your body?



Lemon-scented Gum

As you walk towards the base of this big yellow gum tree pick up a fallen leaf from the grass. Crush it in your hands and take a big sniff. What do the leaves smell like? Stand next to the tree and place your hand on the trunk. How would you describe the texture of the bark?



African Holly

Elephants love to eat African Holly leaves. Imagine you have a long trunk and reach out to touch the leaves. Remember not to pick any!



Bhutan Cypress

Listen to this tree rustles in the breeze. This is the sound you would hear in the Himalayas, where this tree is originally from.



Moreton Bay Fig

Named after Moreton Bay in Queensland, this tree has smooth oval leaves. Compare the top and bottom surface of the leaf. How are they different?



Swamp White Oak

Feel the soil beneath the ball room branches of the Swamp White Oak. This tree needs damp boggy areas. Can you see any water close by?

Measure how tall Werribee Park's trees are

Measuring trees is fun and easy. Follow these quick steps to measure any tree in Werribee Park!

1. Stand close to your tree with your back turned
2. Bend over to see the tree between your legs
3. Can you see the top of the tree? If not, shuffle further away until you can
4. The distance you finally stand from the tree is about the same as it's height!

