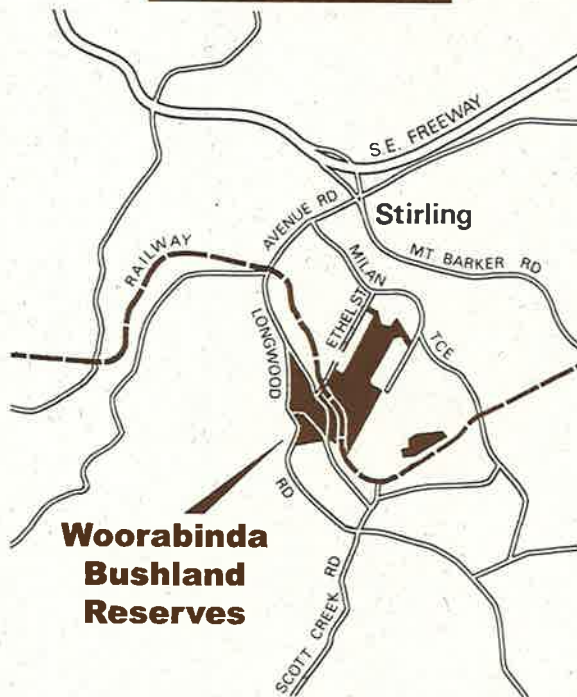


HOW TO GET THERE



Woorabinda Bushland Reserves

ACCESS POINTS

- 1 Look for sign: STIRLING PARK.
- 2 Walk-thru gate. Sign: STIRLING PARK,
- 3 Main entrance to Woorabinda through gate.
- 4 Footpath extends from Rossiter Road.
- 5 At end of Branch Road. Enter over stile beside gate. Steps down to footbridge over creek.
- 6 Sign: HENDER RESERVE. Ignore fire track to your left and follow main trail for 50 metres. Turn left. Turn right after 30 metres and continue to railway line and pedestrian crossing to Woorabinda.
- 7 Sign: WOORABINDA.
- 8 Steps down beside green marker post. Follow trail between property fences to Woorabinda.
- 9 Steps up beside green marker post. Follow trail between property fences to steps leading down to footbridge over creek.
- 10 Follow trail between property fences to steps leading up to fire track and Linwood Avenue. Footpath beside road leads to (7) above.
- 11 Steps off Madurta Avenue lead to trail through Madurta Reserve. Turn left to footbridge over creek. Follow steps up to Keroma Avenue.
- 12 Look for cutting beside post box immediately opposite Erica Avenue. Shortcut across railway line to Bogaduck Road and reserve access.

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A brief history

STIRLING PARK and WOORABINDA

From 1855 to about 1930 these areas were owned by the Halliday family, who farmed the Stirling Park ('Halliday's Gully') section as a market garden. In 1922, the S.A. Railways Department needed a reliable year-round source of fresh water for its steam locomotives at Aldgate Station. A portion of the land was purchased and a natural depression at the confluence of two streams was excavated to form a large dam. This became known as Woorabinda Lake. From 1960 to the mid 1990's Woorabinda was used as a camp site for disadvantaged children and families, and passed into public ownership in the 1970's. Recent years saw the build up of private development pressures. These were successfully resisted by local opposition and in 1995 the area was finally purchased by Stirling Council. Extensive tree planting by volunteers is gradually restoring the Park to a natural bush setting.

MADURTA RESERVE

Cattle used to graze the peaceful banks of Madurta Creek. In 1972 the area was subdivided with the proviso that a public open space be set aside. Thus Madurta Reserve was created. Since 1983 local residents have carried out tree planting and ensured the Reserve remains in the hands of the community as a viable natural open space. Easements connecting the Reserve to the main park are now developed as walkways.

HENDER RESERVE

Some of the district's largest stringybark eucalypts can be found in Hender Reserve. Originally proclaimed in 1879 as a large public reserve, the area is now only a fraction of its former size. Although separated from Woorabinda by a railway line, the area is integral to the reserves, and features extensive natural vegetation and a variety of interesting birdlife. Southern Brown Bandicoots and other native fauna also live in the Reserve.

NOTES

- Dogs are only allowed in the reserves on leash, under effective control, and on paths. Dog faeces must be removed from the reserves and disposed of properly. Bins and bags are provided at the main entrances.
- Council prohibits unauthorised activities in the Reserves such as camping, trail bike and mountain bike riding, swimming, diving, boating and fishing. Open fires are not permitted. Horses are not permitted.
- Woorabinda lake is a popular nesting area for waterfowl. Please keep to the trails and stay clear of the reed beds.
- No authorised public access exists within railway easements, except at designated crossing points.



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