

YORK VISITOR CENTRE

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It is suggested that you wear suitable enclosed footwear for walking, and in summer - sunscreen, sunhat and carry water.

- A basic first aid kit could be worth carrying.
- A camera.
- A pedometer could be a handy measuring tool if you have one.

To enhance your enjoyment of this walk, the following pamphlets and booklets are available at moderate prices from the York Visitor Centre in the York Town Hall :

Booklet :

- Overview of York's History

Full colour Brochures:

- Bush Birds of the Shire of York
- Wildflowers of the Shire of York (Season late July to Oct).

GOLF LINKS RESERVE WALK

Approx 4km

PLEASE NOTE

**THAT YOU TAKE THIS BUSH WALK
ENTIRELY AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

The tracks that you will use on this walk are gravel fire breaks and maintenance tracks –

NOT DESIGNATED WALK TRAILS

“PLEASE TREAD GENTLY”



Drive to the York Golf Club.

Park your car in the open area near a former blue metal dump adjacent to the York Golf Clubhouse. Please respect Golf Club fairways and property.

Walk up the gravel road you have been driving on, it goes between two of the Golf Fairways. Notice the lovely stand of grass trees (Xanthorrhoea preissii on the left)

After about half a km you are coming into a reserve that was used as a gravel quarry for years. Explore the ironclad breakaway on the right. This stony ridge is about 100m to the top, from where you can see Mt. Bakewell (415 m high) and over the valley. Lots of the low shrubs are **POISON** plants with pretty orange and brown pea shaped flowers in the wild-flower season. So on no account pick the flowers or leaves or let the sap get onto your lips.

Trees in this grove are mostly Powder Bark (Eucalyptus accedens). You get a light fluff of powder if you rub your hand on the bark. Walk along a sort of mound of gravel to get the views. There are different acacia species here. They have various flowering times from late July to September. Return back down to the road.

Continue along, passing through some sheoaks (Allocasuarina huegeliana)

There is one specially large old redgum or Marri tree (Eucalyptus calophylla), with large gum nuts, at the edge of the road.

After about 1 km from your car, you will come to a Council locked gate.

You may walk through here but not drive .

At approx 116 m from the gate turn left along a rough gravel road. There are a lot of Dryandra species growing here, also several Hakea and various Acacia species. After about 375m you are on high ground with a lovely steep natural gully on your left and on your right there is a great example of direct seeding with a variety of local species planted to revegetate an abandoned gravel pit

Soon the track peters out, so return to the road and continue along it till the road forks. Right goes to a cess pit. Take the left fork. Around here you may see little diggings/scratching and claw marks. These are made by echidnas searching for ants.

Soon you will walk over a derelict cattle grid.

About 100 m further on the road forks, take the left fork, keeping to the high ground. The right track leads to a dead end at another gravel pit. Notice a good view of Mt. Bakewell to the distant right.

The white trunked mallee type gums on the left are Eucalyptus drummondii named after the early government botanist James Drummond who lived at Toodyay.

After a while the track deteriorates, but continue on till you see a locked farm gate from where you have pleasant views over farmland. Continue on along a single-file track. There are sometimes echidna diggings around here too. After approx 220 m you will see an interesting rocky ridge. Climb to the top from where you will enjoy sweeping views over farmland.

This could be a good place for a lunch break. Complete walking around the top of the ridge, looking down over a farm house and big tank, then on a barely discerned track, circle back to our single-file track, and then back to the locked farm gate.

Retrace your steps back to the locked council gate you walked through earlier, then continue down hill for about 1 km back to the golf clubhouse and your car.

We hope you have enjoyed your walk through some of the Avon Valley bushland in the Shire of York.

We would really appreciate it if you would give us some feedback on this bushland walk. Was the terrain too difficult? too long?.

Did you have enough information to show you the way? were directions clear enough? etc.



Eucalyptus accedens

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