

Parks of the Perth Hills

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Avon Valley National Park

Park Guide

Park Facts

Where is it?	80km north-east of Perth via Toodyay Road.
Park Hours:	8.00am to 5.00pm
Traveling time:	1hr from Perth.
Fees:	Entry fees apply. Camping fees apply.
What to do:	Bushwalking, picnicking, wildlife observation, photography, bush camping (by arrangement with the park ranger).
Facilities:	Wood barbecues, toilets, water, shaded picnic area.
Best Seasons:	Autumn, winter, spring.
On-site information:	Rangers, information shelter, trailside signs, Park Notes.
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The Avon Valley National Park is an almost 4800 hectare reserve which lies on the transition between the jarrah forest of the south, and the drier north country. The upland in the park is forested with jarrah, marri and powderbark, and the valleys with wandoo. The Avon River, named Gulguler by the Nyoongar people of the Darling Range, is fringed with flooded gum. It runs through the centre of the park and becomes a turbulent flood in winter, rushing down to join the Swan River in Walyunga National Park. Avon Valley National Park was declared in 1970.

In the early days, the area was known for the hide-out of Joseph Bolitho Johns (alias Moondyne Joe), WA's most infamous bush ranger, whose exploits began after his first escape from the Toodyay lockup in 1861. His cave and corral were located in the north of what is now the park, but have been all but destroyed by successive bushfires.



Facilities

Picnic areas are at Bald Hill, Drummond's, Valley and Homestead Campsites. Bald Hill is located near the end of Governor's Drive and provides views over the valley and park. Drummond's is about 1km back from Bald Hill along a short turn-off.

There are some picnic facilities and basic camping sites. The small amount of development means much of the park has wilderness qualities. The best time to visit is in the cooler months of late Autumn, Winter and Spring.

Caring for Avon Valley National Park



Be Careful: Your safety in natural environments is our concern, but your responsibility. A major railway line follows the Avon River in the park. Extreme care should be taken when crossing this busy line.

Be Clean: Put your litter in bins, or better still take it home with you.

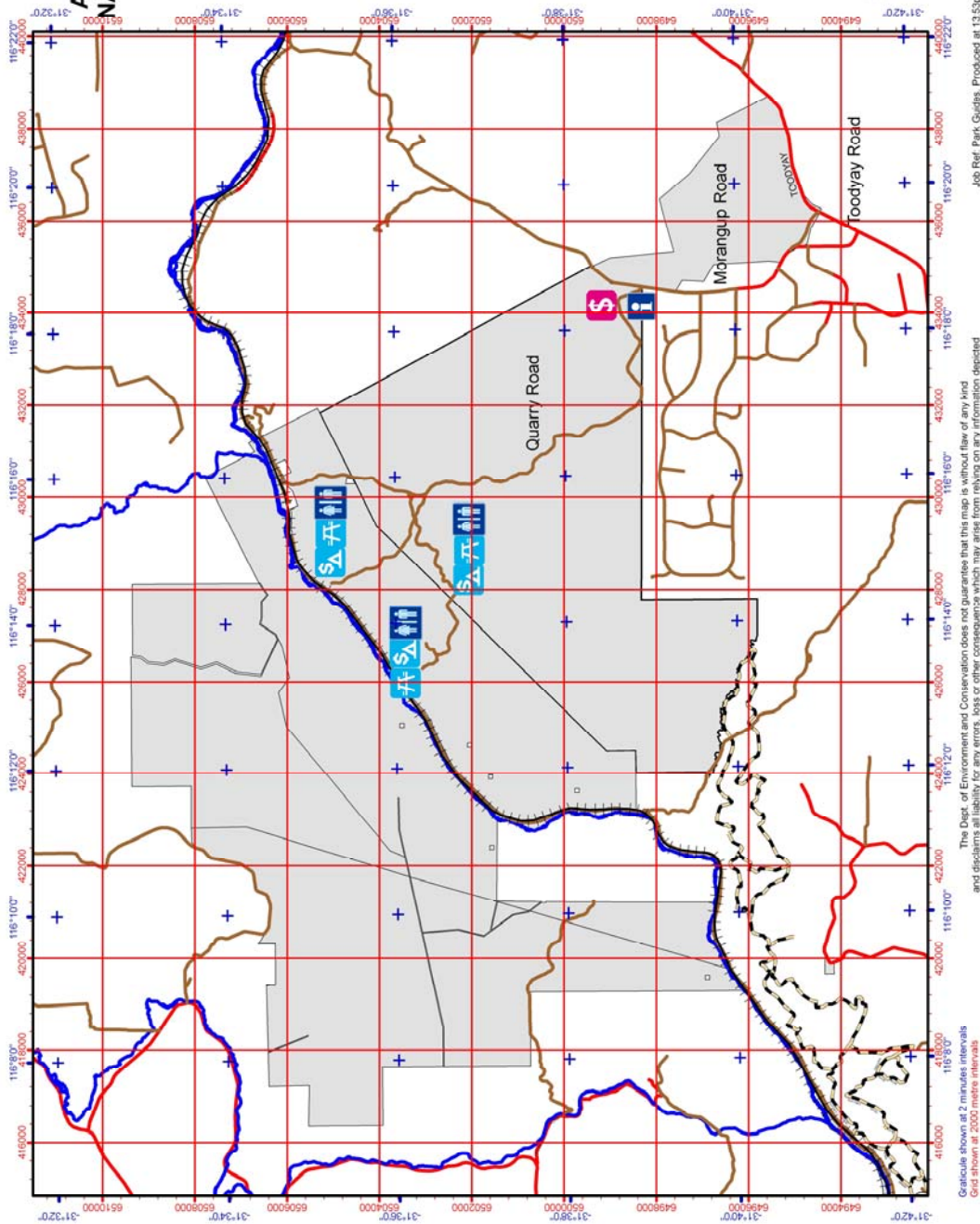
Be Cool: Because of the fire risk, no fires are permitted in the park between November and April. Please use the barbecues provided, or bring your own portable gas stove if you wish to barbecue at other times of the year. There is no camping in Avon Valley National Park during summer.

Be Prepared: Carry drinking water at all times.

Protect Animals and Plants: Dogs, cats and firearms are not permitted in national parks.

Stay on the Road: Stay on the road at all times. Watch out for oncoming vehicles on the narrow roads.

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Further Information



National Park Rangers are always pleased to help you make your visit more enjoyable and informative. Do not hesitate to contact them if you need information or assistance.

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Safety is our concern, but your responsibility. Have fun and stay safe.

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