

Rottnest Island IVV Permanent Trails: 6-10km (rated 1B-2B) (Wadjemup Bidi)

Information extracted from <http://trails.wa.com.au/trails/networks/wadjemup-bidi-rottnest-island#> and <https://www.rottnestisland.com/see-and-do/natural-attractions/wadjemup-walk-trail> - where you can download Fact Sheets for each section of the trail and get lots more information about your visit to Rottnest Island (or go to the Visitor's Centre when you arrive).

Rottnest Island is an A Class Nature Reserve, and is located just 19 kilometres off the coast of Fremantle. Transfers across to Rottnest Island can be booked through one of the two ferry operators. Rottnest Island ferry companies provide transfers to the island from Perth City, North Fremantle (Rous Head), Fremantle (Victoria Quay) and Hillarys Boat Harbour in Perth's north. Rottnest ferries take approximately 25 minutes from Fremantle, 45 minutes from Hillarys Boat Harbour, or 90 minutes from Perth's Barrack Street Jetty. Accommodation is available on the island if you wish to stay overnight.

Rottnest Island's famous marsupial, the Quokka, can be seen around the Island particularly in the mid to late afternoon. During the autumn and winter months (March to August) young joeys may be seen peeking from their mother's pouch and by spring (September to November) they are hopping around. Don't feed or touch the quokkas – on the spot fines apply!

Please note:

By downloading this document you acknowledge that you participate entirely at your own risk. Where possible, road crossings are at designated pedestrian crossing or traffic lights. At times parts of routes will be closed for maintenance and other reasons. Detours may or may not be offered. Walkers are advised to exercise caution and commonsense when participating in any walking activity. Motor vehicles, cyclists, other pedestrians, wildlife, weather conditions and uneven surfaces may all present risks to walkers, and care needs to be exercised at all times. The trails may include terrain which may be unsuitable or dangerous for certain persons. Before undertaking any walk, you are responsible for first satisfying yourself as to the suitability of the walk.

If using an accompanying GPX file, note that the data is derived from a hand-held GPS unit and is therefore NOT accurate enough for navigation, but will provide assistance to walkers to choose the correct path.

Be prepared - these walks travel to remote areas of the island on trails that may be difficult in places. Check the link above to get more in depth information before you visit.

- Minimum 2 litres of water per person per day
- Sturdy shoes
- Sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and insect repellent
- Binoculars and camera (optional)
- Snacks and/or lunch depending on length of trail
- Clothes to suit the activity and potential weather conditions including a water/windproof jacket
- First Aid kit
- Island map – walk fact sheet

The 5 sections of the 45km Wadjemup Bidi are:

- **Gabbi Karniny Bidi - Discover the Salt Lakes (9.7km/ loop approx. 3-4hrs):** Starting from Thomson Bay Settlement and heading west out of Digby Drive, this section meanders through the lake systems including a magical stroll along the Lakes Boardwalk which provides the façade of “walking on water”.
Note: the GPX file provided is for this walk.
- **Ngank Yira Bidi - Uncover Bickley Battery (9.4km/ one way approx. 3-4hrs):** Completed in December 2013, this section traverses the south east corner of the Island - Thomson Bay to Oliver Hill. Approximately 9.4km in distance, you'll explore the remnants of Coastal Defence systems installed during WWII.
- **Wardan Nara Bidi - Relax on Salmon Bay (10km/ one way approx. 3-4hrs):** Walk along the coast of Salmon Bay and then cross through to the middle of the Island to explore the WWII guns and tunnels. Take in panoramic views from Wadjemup Lighthouse and then continue west to the world-class surf break at Strickland Bay. Learn a bit more about Rottnest Island's surfing history by watching a short documentary accessed by scanning the QR code located on the informative sign or inside the surfing hut at this location.
- **Karlinyah Bidi - Experience the Northern Beaches (5.9km/ one way approx. 2-3hrs):** Beautiful long sandy beaches and calm swimming lagoons within the reef; there will be a favourite spot for everyone. Enjoy the excitement of rugged sections of trail, but be aware of seasonal access in high seas.
- **Ngank Wen Bidi - Explore West End (7.6km/ loop approx. 3-4hrs):** The western end of the Island is a marine wildlife haven! New Zealand fur seals can be seen from the viewing platform at Cathedral Rocks and the West End boardwalk is a great place to spot dolphins, and the seasonal migration of humpback whales! The loop circumnavigates the entire West End, guiding you along some of the most remote trail on the Island. The views from the south coast span back to the mainland and all the way to Garden Island. Along the north coast you will encounter bays that may well become your new favourite Rottnest bay! You will not be disappointed.



This map just gives a basic overview of the walk routes. Each route is shown in more detail in on the accompanying fact sheet.