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Journey further into the Place of Reflection and you will come across mysterious epiphytic ferns which grow on the trunks of trees. The staghorn ferns (*Platycerium bifurcatum*), and Coopers tree ferns (*Cyathea cooperi*) flourish in this cool and shady environment, creating the lush feel of the cool temperate forest regions of Eastern Australia.

Secluded seating pods and the intricate Marlee Pavilion invite you to rest and admire the views. All the timber in these structures has been recycled from the former Perry Lakes Stadium, continuing to serve the community well in its new location.

Things to do and find

- Read the entry sign to understand why the Place of Reflection was created in 2011.
- Follow the wording embedded in the footpath. Think about how each of these words applies to your life.
- Look at the delicate filigree screens – can you identify the Eucalypt species portrayed in the artwork?
- Spot the epiphytic staghorn ferns. How many can you see?
- Admire the collection of Eastern Australian banksias.
- Listen to the calls of the many varieties of birdlife. How many different birds can you hear?

Explore this and other special areas of the Western Australian Botanic Garden with us as we celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015. Look out for a new 'Anniversary Adventure' each month.

