Western Australia

Boodja Gnarning Walk
Living off the land

A self-guided walk that explores Australia's oldest living culture first-hand. Discover traditional foods, tools, medicines and shelter of the Nyoongar people from the south-west of Western Australia.

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Welcome to Nyoongar country, an area including Perth that is bounded by the south-west coast of Western Australia and extends from Geraldton in the north to Esperance on the south coast.

There are many tribes within Nyoongar country, many of whom visited the Moora Katta (Kings Park) area at various times of the year: a place of ceremony, celebration and good hunting. Today Mooro Katta is a place of gatherings, celebration and learning for all Western Australians. It is a sanctuary and a place of rare and natural beauty.

The Boodja Gnarning Walk offers a unique experience that highlights the diverse methods of survival used by Nyoongar people to live off the land in the south-west of Western Australia.

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There are over 12 dialect groups throughout Nyoongar country.

That many Perth suburbs are named after Nyoongar words? Balcatta, Gwelup, Innaloo, Karrinyup, Mundaring, Yanchep...just to name a few!

The area near the Pioneer Women's Memorial was a women's-only precinct as it was where they traditionally gave birth.

The Belga has over 101 different uses including tools, glue, spears and food.

The entire Walk is in three parts: it separates into two at the end of the Lotterywest Federation Walkway (*). You can then choose to do the Women’s and/or Men’s sections. Both these tracks lead you back, through the Botanic Garden to the end, near Forrest Carpark.

Signs are dotted throughout the Botanic Garden, along the paths, highlighting traditional Nyoongar uses of native plants and places of significance.

**Plant Legend**

1. Mungitch, Banksia, Torchlight tree
2. Nyoongar, Six Seasons
3. Moonah, Rottnest Island Tea Tree, Melaleuca lanceolata
4. Belga, Grass Tree, Xanthorrhoea preissii
5. Kondil, Sheoak, Allocasuarina fraseriana and Karri, Eucalyptus diversicolor
6. Marri, Medicine Tree, Corymbia calophylla

The walk separates into male and female tracks:

**Maarm Track - Men’s Long Walk**

10. Djiridji, Zamia, Macrozamia fraseri
11. Yonga Warnginy, Kangaroo Story
12. Ularae, Sandalwood, Santalum spicatum
13. Macocarpa, Eucalyptus macrocarpa
14. Wandoo, Eucalyptus wandoo
15. Koolah, Native Plum, Podocarpus drouyianus
16. Moodja, Christmas Tree, Nuytsia floribunda
17. Winnja, Wattle, Acacia
18. Boyun, Woolly Bush, Adenanthos sericeus

**Yorgra Track - Women’s Short Walk**

7. Beedawong, Meeting Place
8. Kerbein, Coastal Sword Sedge, Lepidosperma gladiatum
9. Yorgra, (Women’s) Business sign

The walks join back into one single track:

19. Bibool, Paperbark, Melaleuca rhamphophylla
20. Belga, Grass Tree, Xanthorrhoea preissii
21. Tuart, Scar Tree, Eucalyptus gomphocephala
22. Jarrah, Eucalyptus marginata
23. Wonnil, Peppermint Tree, Agonis flexuosa