



Gilwell Park Bushwalking

Boundary Walk – 6km (approx.)

Make your way down to Forest Hut from your campsite. From here, turn right onto Forest Path and continue along forest Path. You will pass the Low ropes course as you meander through the messmate trees. As you get towards the end of the Low ropes area, you have toilets on your right-hand side as you walk in an easterly direction. With Gate 6 in view, continue your walk to the main road caution shall be taken while crossing the road into the Eastern side of Gilwell Park.

Walking up Swallowfield to Gate 8, your course direction changes to the Southern direction through Gate 8 onto Rubicon Circuit. At the top of the little incline on your right is the Archery hollow. A little bit further up from the Archery Hollow, a good place to have a short rest break on the oval. Have your group sit down and not talk (This may be a struggle). See what they can hear and observe around them.

Continue the way Rubicon Circuit you will come across EMD (Edgar Derrick) Center and Cleve Cole Cottage. You can also read more about Cleve Cole in the Eastern Historical walk. As you approach Cleve Cole, you will veer right up towards Goanna Drive approx. 50m up your veer left onto Banksia Drive.

As you walk, keep an eye out for butterflies, small honey-eater birds, and other pollinators, especially when the Banksia flowers are out. You are approaching a white shipping container on your left and a grey building on your right. This will be the home of your Mt Bike activity center. Banksia Drive bends around to the right, heading down towards Gate 9. On the way, you pass another toilet block and start the Gauntlet activity. As you continue your journey towards Gate 9, this area has sugar gilders. At Gate 9, you need to cross the main road once again. Caution is to be taken while crossing. Your adventure continues through Gate 4, and you will turn left, walking past the Environment Center and Office through the main car park towards Kookaburra Drive. One of Gilwell's three chapels on site is on the south edge of the car park. As you ramble along Kookaburra Drive, keep your eye out for the flora & fauna of the park, the likes of kookaburras, Crimson and Eastern Rosellas, Superb Fairywren and many more birds. Some of our Flora consists of the Fringe Lily, Rosie hyacinth, Pink Heath, and many eucalyptus plants.

You have almost completed your expedition as you meander along the track continuing along Kookaburra Drive, passing A & B camping areas. To your left is the Shepard Creek East Branch wandering down the hill from the main car park, past B camping area approximately halfway between Forest Hut, Clark Creek and Shepard's East Branch meet and is called the meeting of the waters. You can visit this when you take the Nature Walk.

Well, congratulations, you have Forest Hut in sight. Only a short walk now, and you have completed the walk around Gilwell Park.