## Lesmurdie Falls Valley Loop Trail



Starting from the Lesmurdie Falls Bottom Carpark at the end of Palm Terrace, Forrestfield, this walk takes you on a circuit within Lesmurdie Falls National Park via the Valley Loop Trail. One of the lesser-used trails in the Lesmurdie Falls area, the Valley Loop Trail is a short 3km circuit taking in parts of the Shoulder Trail, Falls Trail and Foot of the Falls Trail. From the trailhead interpretative sign, the hike initially follows the Foot of the Falls Trail for about 50m before reaching the first directional sign, a large orange post signalling the direction and distance of each trail. For the Valley Loop walk, walkers turn left and make their way across Lesmurdie Brook, starting the ascent up the side of the valley on a steep, narrow and rocky trail. From the top of the valley, there are spectacular views over the Swan Coastal Plain and out to the city, and you can expect to see a sea of colour in spring when the wildflowers are blooming. The trail continues along the northern section of the Valley Loop Trail before descending towards Lesmurdie Brook. Later on, you'll head along Lesmurdie Brook and arrive at the viewpoint, with the help of the pink markers and concrete steps. The second lookout is a little further down and provides breathtaking views of the Swan Coastal Plain and Perth skyline. Take a moment to sit and admire the views with the sounds of the water gushing below before continuing the descent back to the car park along the southern section of the Valley Loop Trail. Lesmurdie Falls is the largest and most impressive of all the waterfalls in Perth. Being able to explore the falls from the top and the base plus admire it from anywhere in the valley makes the Valley Loop Trail one of Perth's best familyfriendly walking trails. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Class 3 of 6
Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

| Quality of track | Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6) |
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| Gradient | Short steep hills (3/6) |
| Signage | Clearly signposted (2/6) |
| Infrastructure | Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6) |
| Experience Required | Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6) |
| Weather | Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6) |

Getting to the start: From Tonkin Highway, 4

- Turn on to Welshpool Road East, 8 then drive for 1.2 km
- Keep left and drive for another 1.7 km
- Turn right onto Palm Terrace and drive for another 590 m
- Keep right onto Palm Terrace and drive for another 45 m




Getting started: From the Lesmurdie Falls Bottom Carpark at the end of Palm Terrace, Forrestfield, head past the slanted trailhead interpretative sign and follow the trail veering left towards the creek. Align with the creek(to your left), then head along the track for about 95 metres. Once you reach the first directional sign, turn left and cross over Lesmurdie Brook Creek, then follow the Valley Loop Trail ahead to continue the Lesmurdie Falls Valley Loop Trail(clockwise).


After another 85 m continue straight.

After another 50 m continue straight.

## Start.

After another 25 m turn left.

After another 75 m veer right.
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After another 55 m continue straight.


After another 40 m veer left.


Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to The Shoulder viewpoint, providing a nice view of the falls along with panoramic views over the surrounding area.


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After another 45 m continue straight.


After another 8 m come to the "The Shoulder" (on your right).


After another 8 m come to the end.


Turn around and retrace your steps back the 115 m to the main route.


Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 530 m waypoint.
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After another 15 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)


After another 115 m continue straight.

Start of an alternate access route: An alternate access point from/to Falls Road, where there is a car

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After another $\overline{3} \overline{\mathrm{~m}}$ pass the toilet ( $\overline{3} \overline{\mathrm{o}} \mathrm{m}$ on your left).


## Turn right.

After another 30 m come to the end.


After another 60 m veer right.


After another 55 m come to the "Head of the Falls" ( 15 m on your right).

## Continue straight.

Then head down the earthen steps (about 45 m long)
Then come to the viewpoint ( 6 m on your right).

After another 30 m head down the earthen steps (about 20 m long)

After another 55 m head down the surface|gravel steps (about 20 m long)

Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to the Foot of the Falls viewpoint, providing you better views of the waterfall from below.
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 140 m to the main route.

Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 2.3 km waypoint.


After another 105 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)


After another 85 m continue straight.


After another 75 m continue straight.


