## Herdsman Lake Loop

1 h 30 min to 2 h 30 min

Starting from the Popeye Lake Car park off Jon Sanders Drive, Osborne Park, this walk takes you on a circuit around the perimeter of Herdsman Lake. Perth's northern suburbs are filled with various wetland areas that make for great walks, and Herdsman Lake is one of the best. The trail showcases great flora and fauna as well as lovely views over the lake. On the eastern side of the lake, two bird hides are in place for you to quietly observe the birdlife close up. There are various facilities dotted around the lake, including picnic areas, playgrounds, and the iconic Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre, which organises different wildlife activities. Take a quick detour near the Wildlife Centre and include the impressive Olive Seymour Boardwalk on your circuit, which will take you right into the heart of the swamp, through a thick grove of paperbark trees. The trail is a mixture of paved paths and limestone tracks and is suitable for walkers, cyclists, prams and wheelchairs. There are no toilet facilities or water filling stations around the lake, so be sure to bring drinking water. 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.


## Before you start any journey ensure you;

- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills \& knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures \& fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies \& call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

## Share






Getting started: From the Popeye Lake Carpark off Jon Sanders Drive, Osborne Park, head towards the playground at the far end of the carpark, then head along the walking path, keeping the playground to your right and the lake to your left. After passing a sheltered informative display, follow the path ahead to continue the Herdsman Lake Loop(counterclockwise).


After another 305 m continue straight.


After another 90 m turn left.

Start of an optional side trip: This side trip wil take you to a viewpoint closer to the centre of the lake. There is a seat for you to sit on and savor the views as well.


After another $\overline{2} \overline{1} \mathrm{~m}$ turn right.


After another 15 m come to the end.

A viewpoint.

About 30 m past the end is a seat.

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 230 m to the main route.Back at the main route turn sharp left and follow on from the 490 m waypoint.

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After another 380 m pass the artwork ( 65 m on your right).


After another 250 m continue straight.


Then cross the bridge (about 20 m long)


After another 90 m continue straight.

After another 25 m continue straight.


After another 120 m veer left.

There is a playground.

Start of an alternate access route: An alternate access point from/to Lakeside Road, Herdsman.


After another 185 m pass the playground (on your left).
After another 195 m continue straight.


Then cross the bridge (about 15 m long)


After another 110 m continue straight.


After another 75 m come to the viewpoint ( 9 m on your left).
After another 170 m come to the viewpoint.


After another 70 m veer left.

After another 210 m continue straight.


After another 155 m come to the viewpoint (75 $m$ on your left).


After another 450 m come to the viewpoint ( 50 $m$ on your left).

Continue straight.
After another 100 m continue straight.


After another 300 m pass the playground ( 50 m on your right).

After another 85 m continue straight.


After another 60 m veer left.


After another 810 m come to the end.

