## Kuljak Island Loop

Easy track

Starting from the Kuljak Island lower car park on Tidewater Way, Ascot, this walk takes you on a circuit around the edge of Kuljak Island. It is an artificial island home to a variety of native flora and fauna, and is surrounded by a number of smaller, also artificial islets. The longer one of the trails is a loop around the edge of the island, taking you past wetlands and swamps full of birdlife and stunning river views, partnered with seated rest areas to enjoy. The compacted pathway is perfect for walking, cycling or jogging. The island is easily accessed by a vehicle bridge onto the island. The first lower car park after the bridge is the best access point to the outer trail of the island. Although the trail is well compacted, there could be some muddy and washed out parts during heavy rains. Several picnic shelters are located across the island, but there are no toilets or barbecue facilities. The island is a wildlife sanctuary, so fishing is not permitted, and dogs must be kept on a leash. 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.


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| Class 2 of 6 |  |
| Clear and well formed track or trail |  |
| Quality of track | Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6) |
| Gradient | Flat, no steps (1/6) |
| Signage | Clearly signposted (1/6) |
| Infrastructure | Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6) |
| Experience Required | No experience required (1/6) |
| Weather | Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6) |

Getting to the start: From Graham Farmer Freeway, 8

- Turn on to then drive for 260 m
- Keep left and drive for another 2.6 km
- Turn left onto Stoneham Street, 55 and drive for another 325 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Resolution Drive and drive for another 200 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Resolution Drive and drive for another 135 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Tidewater Way and drive for another 75 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tidewater Way and drive for another 155 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Tidewater Way and drive for another 240 m
- Turn left and drive for another 30 m


## 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.


Getting started: From the Kuljak Island Lower Carpark on Tidewater Way, Ascot, head towards the small white gate. Head over/around the said gate and join the singular compacted trail ahead. Follow the trail as you keep the river to your left, and continue the Kuljak Island Loop(clockwise).

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Find the car park at the start.


After 15 m head through/around the gate.

After another 165 m pass the shelter (on your left).

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After another 55 m continue straight.


After another 280 m continue straight.

After another 70 m pass a seat ( 6 m on your left).


After another 155 m veer left.

After another 170 m find the "Kuljak Island clearing" ( 115 m on your right) In the centre of the island, there is a large, open grassy area perfect for family picnics, sports, kite flying or playing with your canine friends. You can access this area by using the wheelchair/pram-friendly paved paths all around.


After another 140 m veer left.

After another 170 m continue straight.

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After another 30 m turn right


After another 95 m find the "Kuljak Island norheastern walk bridge" ( 5 m on your right). On the northeast side of the island, there is a walk bridge that takes you back to the Ascot mainland. After crossing the bridge, a pathway leads to a beautiful jetty with seating looking towards the island and a couple of informative plaques about the local birdlife. A walk along the jetty takes you to Freshwater Park, where there is a water feature and a beautiful garden. From Freshwater Park, it's just a short walk back to the main vehicle bridge.

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After another 190 m continue straight.


After another 30 m cross the bridge (about 30 m long)

After another 50 m turn left


