

# Kalamunda, Bickley, Pickering Brook

## Self-Drive Tourism Map

**12. Pickering Brook Heritage Park:** Local heritage museum, housed in former Barton's Mill church and a prisoner's cell block. Open by appointment: phone Beverley Guimelli 0418923970. Pickering Brook Primary School stands adjacent, dating from 1916. Turn left into Carinyah Rd (13).

**14. Pickering Brook Timber Mill:** Last operating mill in area. Return to Pickering Brook Road, turn left.

**15. Repatriation Road:** Optional detour. Attractive valley scenery along Piesse Brook back into Paterson/Pickering Brook Roads.

**16. Former Pickering Brook railway junction:** Near golf course, site of former Pickering Brook railway junction and spur lines to Karagullen and Canning Mills. Main line carrying timber and fruit ran back through Kalamunda, to Perth.

**17. Former general store/information board:** Across road from old railway junction, remnants of 1900s general store, settlers' cottages.

**18. Road junction:** Pickering Brook/Canning Road junction. General store/ PO, fuel. Proceed along Canning Road, turn left at Mason Mill Road (19) and left into road leading to Victoria Dam.

**19, 20, Mason Mill and Victoria Dam Roads:** Surrounding the Victoria Dam turnoff from Mason Mill Road, is site of first timber mill in area, Mason Mill, established 1865. At its peak, settlement employed 100 men and families.

**21, 23, Victoria Dam:** Victoria Dam entrance gate/car park (22) and information boards. Gate open weekdays 8:00am-5:00pm, closed weekends when dam access is via walk trail from car park. Second car park (23) open weekdays only. Dam access via walk trail. Dam was Perth's first permanent surface fresh water supply, completed 1891 (rebuilt and re-opened 1991).

Remnants of timber (horse-drawn) tramway down Bickley Brook to Canning River where timber was taken to Fremantle. Wildflowers in season.

**22. Infant's grave:** Grave of infant born 1876 to Richard and Mary Weston (built by Richard, a miller, carpenter and wheelwright). Return to Mason Mill Road, turn left proceed to Canning Road (24), turn left.

**24, 25, 26, Canning Road:** Pass Welshpool Road (25) near top of which is Crystal Cavern gemstone museum and eucalypt plantation, established 1970s. Carmel Road (26), entry to Bickley Valley and boutique wineries/cafes.

**27, 28, Former Chinese market garden:** North of Canning/Pomeroy Road roundabout (27), on right, former Chinese market garden (28) once fed by natural spring.

**29, 30, Orangedale:** Turn left at Orangedale Road (29), left at Wallis Road (30) to site of former orange orchard (Orangedale). Established 1880s by Wallis family after whom locality of Walliston is named. Return to Canning Rd, turn left.

**31, 32, Grove Road, King Jarrah tree:** Turn right at Grove Road (31). On corner Grove/Dianella roads (32), remains of large, old King Jarrah tree. Return to Canning Road, turn right.

**33. Kalamunda Agricultural and Lesser Halls:** Heritage buildings. Agricultural Hall, first brick building in area (1896). Now includes Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre.

**34. Darling Range Road Board:** Board founded 1897, building erected 1904. Road Board became Shire of Kalamunda, 1978. Building used as police station, now a cafe.

**35. Kalamunda town centre - Haynes Street and surrounds:** Cafes, malls, shopping centre, fuel and toilets.

**1. Kalamunda Township/ Zig Zag Cultural Centre:** Starting point. 50 Railway Road, Kalamunda. Left turn at roundabout (2).

**2. Bibbulmun Track Terminus/ Railway Heritage Walk:** Bibbulmun Track northern terminus, a world-renowned walk track of 970 km to Albany. Across road to south, Kalamunda Railway Heritage Trail. Both track and walks sites have information boards. Proceed along Mundaring Weir Road. Turn left, Jorgensen Park sign (3).

**3. Mundaring Weir Road, Jorgensen Park:** Mundaring Weir Road developed late 1930s, following a previous track. In 1895, Jacob Schmitt established a family estate, Hoch Heim ('High Place'). In 1928, 65 acres sold, creating Kalamunda's first golf club; now site of Jorgensen Park and Kalamunda Community Learning Centre.

Return to Mundaring Weir Road, turn left. Roadsides feature granite and dolerite rock outcrops, and deep-weathered lateritic soils. Wildflowers in season. Valley views on left across Piesse Brook and former orchards, to Kalamunda and Beelu National Parks. Right turn into Aldersyde Road (4).

**4. Bickley Valley:** Start of picturesque Bickley Valley, drained by Piesse Brook. Valley was location of government settlement scheme to repatriate soldiers after World War I. Valley was location of 5000 acre scheme. Stream an important source of farm water and fertile soils. Along the valley, remains of old buildings and exotic vegetation (some now pests).

Subsequent land uses: tourist accommodation, horse agistment, orchards, vineyards and specialised horticultural crops. Annual Bickley Harvest Festival held in early May. At T-junction, turn left into Walnut Road (5).

**5. Walnut Road:** Valley vistas, continuation of lifestyle holdings, orchards, vineyards, native forest, granite and dolerite rock outcrops.

**6. Korung National Park:** Vegetation includes jarrah, marri, grass trees, bull banksia. Wildflowers in season.

**7. Perth Observatory:** Relocated here from city centre to escape light pollution in 1966. Heritage listed, 2005. Night and day tours. Observatory sits on second highest point (380 m) in Kalamunda Shire and has highest annual average rainfall for Perth metropolitan region. Return to Paterson Road, turn left (8).

**8. Paterson Road:** Pass through Korung National Park, previously logged area. Note tree stumps, large, burnt-out jarrah trees which provide important habitats for native fauna.

**9. Orchard area:** Uses modern tree management methods (trellising, vase pruning) which aid mechanical harvesting, increase size and quality of fruits, and reduce risk of disease. Grown are stone fruits, apples, pears and citrus. *Inset map* gives directions Paterson Road to Pickering Brook Road. Turn right at junction (10).

**10. Pickering Brook Road/Carilla:** Once Perth's prime orchard area (established 1890s). Failed WWI soldier settlement scheme farms, many taken over by Italian settlers 1920/30s. At confluence of Piesse Brook tributaries is former town-site of Carilla ('running water'), created 1920s; re-named Pickering Brook, 1952.

**11. Old Pine trees:** Large old pine trees and former site of Carilla PO/store/telephone exchange.

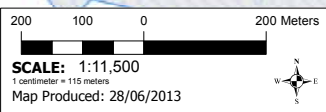
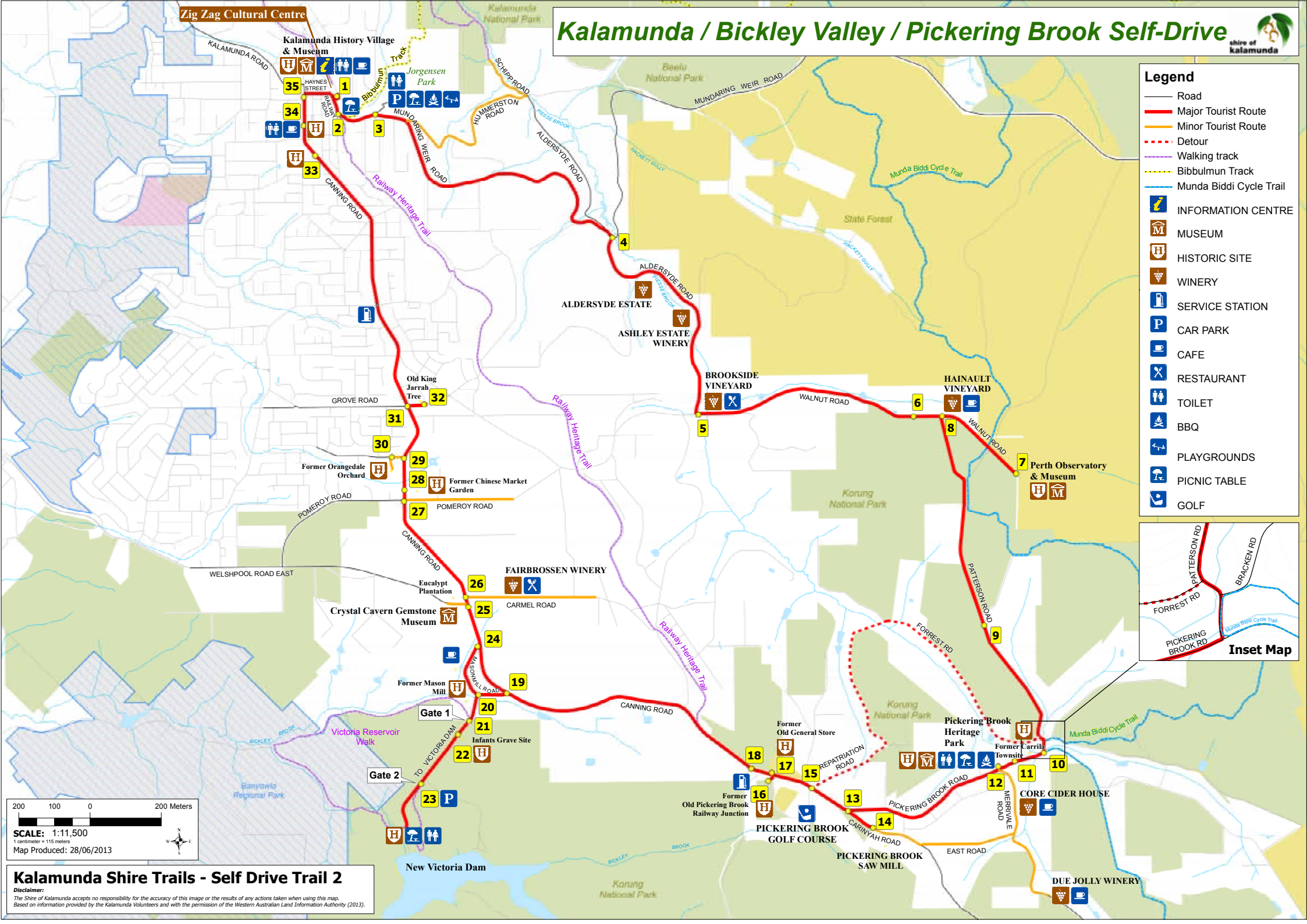
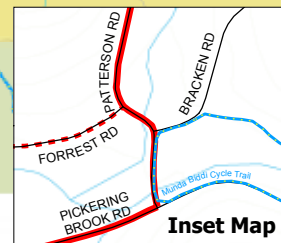


# Kalamunda / Bickley Valley / Pickering Brook Self-Drive



## Legend

- Road
- Major Tourist Route
- Minor Tourist Route
- Detour
- Walking track
- Bibbulmun Track
- Munda Biddi Cycle Trail
- INFORMATION CENTRE
- MUSEUM
- HISTORIC SITE
- WINERY
- SERVICE STATION
- CAR PARK
- CAFE
- RESTAURANT
- TOILET
- BBQ
- PLAYGROUNDS
- PICNIC TABLE
- GOLF



**Kalamunda Shire Trails - Self Drive Trail 2**  
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