



List of Nature Trails in the Bathurst LGA, Completed or in Preparation.

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Objectives of the Nature Trail Program

Enable the significant understandings in ecology, flora and fauna, land degradation, First Nation understandings and Wiradjuri Culture, the environmental impacts of European settlement since 1815, deep time, geology and geomorphology, relevant infrastructures, and more, held by knowledgeable members of GB and other individuals and groups.

The preparation of each trail takes about six weeks of work by the various authors to complete. Each trail will enable participants to better understand the Natural History of the Bathurst LGA.

Each trail is/or will be complemented by access to a range of various online apps and information that will enable those with digital skills to be richly rewarded and will also link to the developing Greening Bathurst website.

Presently, three trails have been completed and are available to the general public on Bathurst Regional Council's website.

We hope that all the tours listed on the following page will be completed by mid-2025 or earlier.

These trails, which will complement other significant achievements of GB over the last decade, will help fill a substantial gap by allowing citizens and visitors to better understand their shared Natural History. This understanding is achieved by distilling scientific knowledge built up by various authors and advisers over the last 50 years.

The working names of the trails listed are likely to change to be more inviting.

Nature Trails - Driving and or Walking

Nature Trail 1 - Driving Trail (Completed): Published on the Bathurst Regional Council's website but may need updating due to recent roadworks in the Vittoria area.

Nature Trail 2 - Driving Trail (Completed): Published on the Bathurst Regional Council's website.

Nature Trail 3 - Driving Trail (Completed): Published on the Bathurst Regional Council's website.

Nature Trail 4 - Driving & Walking Trail (nearing completion): Northern Winburndale.

Nature Trail 5 - Mainly Driving with Some Walking (nearing completion): Wattle Flat Heritage Lands.

Nature Trail 6 - Driving & Walking Trail (nearing completion): Eskdale Fire Trail. This trail has potential as a camping trail.

Nature Trail 7 - Walking Trail (at the preliminary planning stage): Winburndale West.

Nature Trail 8 - Walking Trail (at the preliminary planning stage): Winburndale Central.

Nature Trail 9 - Driving Trail (nearing completion): Tree communities in the Bathurst LGA.

Nature Trail 10 - Driving Trail (nearing completion): Colonial Artist, John Lewin's paintings and the Bathurst environment in 1815.

Nature Trail 11 - Walking Trail (at the preliminary planning stage): Eusdale Nature Reserve. If viable, this will be a walking trail.

Nature Trail 12 - Walking Trail (at the preliminary planning stage): Wombool Nature Reserve,

Nature Trail 13 Walking Trail (at the preliminary planning stage): Copperhania Nature Reserve. If viable, this will be a walking trail.

Nature Trail 14: The ecology of your backyard with the help of Ultraviolet light and bioluminescent detectors will blow your mind!