

Cycle Rides

All routes:

- Use York's quiet country roads, or riverside paths with a stony or earthen surface.
- Are Easy and suitable for most leisure or mountain bikes, most fitness levels and family use.
- Take special care when crossing the main Northam-York Rd.
- Can also be walked but some sections have no footpaths, or only earthen verges.
- Riverside routes are shared use paths; frequent encounters are likely with other cyclists, walkers and runners. Cyclists should give way to users on foot.
- On roads, most rules applying to car drivers also apply to cyclists.
- Find out more about many of these sites on Wikipedia.

Before you head out, have you considered:

- A helmet - legally necessary for cycling
- Suitable footwear
- Water bottle
- Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen)
- A mobile phone
- Letting someone know where you are going

Please dispose of rubbish in bins provided or take your rubbish with you.

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MAP KEY

- AVON RIVER TRAIL
- The West Side Story
- Total distance 3.4km**
- Shorter routes: cut through to Avon Terrace at several points including
 - Ford St. loop 0.7km
 - River St. loop 1.7km

- 1 Points of Interest
- Picnic Area
- BBQ Area
- Public Toilets
- Play Equipment
- Grade 3 Walk

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Ngala Kaaditj Ballardong Noongar Moort Keyen Kaadak Nidja Boodja
We acknowledge the Ballardong Noongar People as the Traditional Custodians of the land in this area.

York Trails



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Avon River Trail The West Side Story

A wander along the west bank of the Avon River.

J. MOSLEY,
AERATED WATER,
CORDIAL, & VINEGAR
Manufacturer,
- YORK, - W.A. -

8 GOVERNMENT WELL SITE
(c.1877)
The well was in this area, exact location unknown. In early 1878, a newspaper report said: "...there is a great traffic to and from it all the day through, and altogether it is a blessing in the absence of rain..."

6 MOSLEY'S CORDIAL FACTORY SITE (1901-1907)
James Mosley operated a cordial and pickle factory, producing 'Swallow' Brand Aerated Waters. The bottles were stoppered with a round glass ball, eagerly collected by small children as 'marbles'.



9 AMOS BRADSHAW'S WHEELWRIGHTS SITE (c.1880s)
Ex-convict Amos Bradshaw established a flourishing business on this site, which ran until at least 1916. He made coffins as well as horse drawn vehicles and offered a funeral service with a horse-drawn hearse 'available at the shortest notice'.



10 BRICKWORKS SITE (c.1917)
Run by Mr. A. Slocombe throughout the 1920's. Mrs. Slocombe's claim to fame was newspaper advertisements that quoted her praising 'Doans Backache Kidney Pills'. Did she get the backache from lifting bricks, we wonder?



11 SANDALWOOD YARDS (c.1850s)
Here, J.H. Monger ran a thriving trade in sandalwood, a fragrant timber known as 'the poor man's moneybox' during the nineteenth century. Only the stable block now remains, along with the relocated Tipperary schoolhouse and York Society's Archives Centre.



12 YORK HOTEL'S BILLIARD ROOM (c.1884)
Private home, please respect the privacy of owners
On this site, Joseph Monger built a replica of Faversham House owned by his brother John Henry Monger Jnr., supposedly just to irritate him. All that remains now is the stone-built billiard room.



Between Monger's Store and the Sandalwood yards look left for a great view of:

13 FAVERSHAM HOUSE (c.1840-1868 WITH LATER EXTENSIONS)
John Henry Monger built his home with the assistance of convict labour. Extended by successive generations of the Monger family and used as a convalescent hospital for servicemen during WW2.



14 RSL GARDENS (EST. 2008)
Memorial rose garden, created by the York Branch of the RSL to commemorate those who served in two World Wars. Lest We Forget.



15 MONGER'S STORE (1879)
Now missing its once-grand façade, it's hard to imagine the flourishing store opened by John Henry Monger. This area became known as 'Monger's Town', as his 'empire' extended to the nearby Sandalwood Yards.

Turn back down Christie Retreat to return to the Suspension Bridge.



1 SUSPENSION BRIDGE
(1988, REPLACING ORIGINAL 1888 AND LATER REPLACEMENTS)
Warning: Unstable surface - it swings! Cyclists dismount.
This links the West Side Story Trail with the Heron's Highway Trail on the east bank.

Save that adventure for later and proceed down the west bank.



2 PEACOCK'S FORGE SITE (c.1900)
The forge run by the Peacock brothers was well positioned to take advantage of passing trade in repairs of horse-drawn vehicles and shoeing horses.

5 MCKAY'S TANNERY (1888-1905)
Ronald McKay ran a flourishing Tannery near here. As well as cattle and sheep hides, kangaroo, possum and many other types of skins were processed into leather for saddlery, footwear and fancy leathers goods.



3 BILYA - THE AVON RIVER
 Site of Noongar significance
Bilya means bellybutton - the umbilical cord, the source of life. For thousands of years a rich source of food and water for the Ballardong people.



4 STEWARTS' BRICKYARD SITE (c.1890s)
Andrew Stewart, builder, established a brickworks on the land between Avon Terrace and the river.

YORK TANNERY.
NOTICE.
Hides, Skins.

THE undersigned is now giving the highest Market Prices for good salted Hides, Skins, and Woil Cash on Delivery.



7 MILE POOL CORROBOREE SITE
 Site of Noongar significance
Corroborees (important social and spiritual gatherings) were held in this area beside the deep 'Mile Pool' - a highly significant place for the Ballardong Noongar people.

Turn left to emerge on Avon Terrace. You'll see quaint nineteenth century cottages on your route back, which was a thriving industrial area over one hundred years ago.