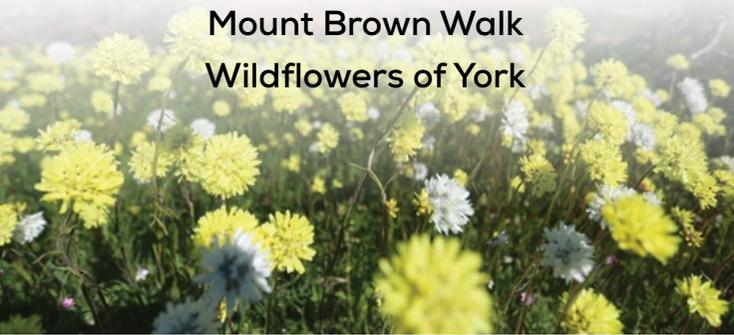


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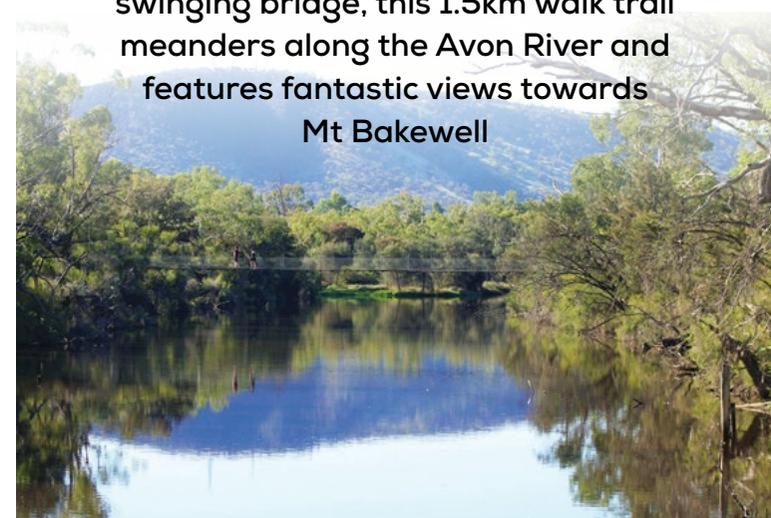
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# Avon River Walk

*A great walk central to York CBD the whole family will enjoy.*

Commencing at the historic swinging bridge, this 1.5km walk trail meanders along the Avon River and features fantastic views towards Mt Bakewell



*Before you head out, have you considered:*

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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We acknowledge the Ballardong Noongar People as the Traditional Custodians of this land.





Parking is located at Avon Park, which is also the start of the walk trail. Toilets, BBQ facilities and playground areas are all within close proximity to the Trail starting point.

Walk towards the northern end of Avon Park and you will notice the Trail Head which includes information regarding the flora and fauna that can be found in the area. From this point there are two options that can be taken. One is across the suspension bridge onto **Janet Millet Lane** which is the shorter of the two walks and is approx. 700m return.

The second is from the trail head walking north to follow the rivers edge and returning along Avon Terrace. This walk is approx. 1.5km return. Whichever walk you choose, a trip across the **suspension bridge** is a must.

York's original swinging bridge was first opened in 1888 after petitioning from residents for a footbridge. In 1896 the bridge was lengthened and moved to its current position. Older York residents recall memories of crossing the bridge to attend Sunday school with their precious two shillings tied to a hanky in fear of losing it to the waters below! The bridge has been rebuilt many times due to damage from flood waters, however its historic charm remains.



## Avon Walk Trail

Following the rivers edge along the **Avon Walk Trail** the birdlife is abundant with three species of Duck common on the Avon. Australian Wood Ducks are most likely seen on land, grazing and resting, only when disturbed will they take to the water. Grey Teal and Pacific Black are more aquatic and spend much of their day dozing on the water.

In early years, York children learnt to boat and swim in the Avon river and remains of the diving board can still be seen high up in a gum tree on the east bank. Local, Norm Reynolds held swimming lessons here from 1936 until the new **Town Swimming Pool** was built in the 1960's.

Nineteenth century tradesmen set up shops along the banks of the river and the remnants of this interpretive signage can be seen along the river walk trail.

Continue along until you reach River street and take a left turn here and another left and the end of the road to head back in the direction of York CBD. Follow the footpath for approx. 700m and to your left you see the **Sandalwood Yards** (opposite the Police Station and worth a visit). Local potter in residence and Sandalwood Yards open Sat 1pm-5pm and Sun 11am-5pm. Tipperary School is also worth a look while your there.

**Faversham House** can also be viewed on the hill behind the Sandalwood Yards. Established by the Monger family in 1840 and set on 5 acres of parkland gardens and vineyards, this historic homestead features weddings, accommodation and lawn parties for the discerning.

Continue south 350 metres, turning left at Christies Retreat to return to the Avon Park start point.

## Janet Millet Lane

Heading across the Suspension Bridge you will arrive on Janet Millet Drive. Janet Millet, migrated from England, with her husband clergyman Rev Edward Millet. Janet wrote the Australian Parsonage, a detailed depiction of life in York in the 1860-70's.

To your left you will see the **Holy Trinity Church**. The Holy Trinity Church was built in 1854 and consecrated in 1858. The tower and other additions were built between 1893 and 1907.



Effects of the Meckering earthquake of 1968 necessitated the partial dismantling of the tower. Additions include the Juniper Windows, the Benedicte altar panels, the ring of eight bells and the tower was restored to its former height in 1988.

The Avon Valley Guild of Change Ringers still conduct regular bell ringer opportunities for visitors and members and the church boast a beautiful pipe organ.



Following the river in a southerly direction will lead you past the **Croquet Club**, opened in 1909 and still frequented by many local members to this day. It is one of only two inland croquet clubs in WA. Directly ahead you will see the remnants of the original **Lawn Tennis Club**. Both the Croquet Club and Tennis Courts were established on the old Craig orchard. Two remaining magnificent vines, nearing their centenary are among the oldest vines east of the ranges and can still be viewed on this site.

Continue your journey west past the Croquet Club heading along Glebe St bridge which will return you to Avon Park.

