



GOLDEN PIPELINE TRAIL PLAN AND VISITOR ACCESS PROGRAMME

The Golden Pipeline Visitor Access Programme is an integral component of the Golden Pipeline Project, a staged approach by the National Trust of Australia (WA) to the conservation, management and interpretation of the original Goldfields Water Supply Scheme.

The emphasis of the trail is to offer opportunities for as wide a group of people as possible to access and share in the fascinating history and culture of the pipeline. Developing a 'Golden Pipeline Trail' will aid significantly in giving a structure to this visitation, and in delivering all of the remarkable and rich interpretation associated with not only the original scheme but the many associated geographical and historical features along the way.

In the tradition of all other significant long trails, this 'conduit' would link often widely separated communities along the way, drawing them together in a common objective, to their considerable mutual benefit. It would build on a fertile field of community support for long trails, benefiting from the experience gained through the recent redevelopment of the Bibbulmun Track. But most importantly, it would provide a framework, a spine, on which to develop a broad and far-reaching program of visitor access.



The Goldfields Pipeline crosses the Avon River in Northam en route to Kalgoorlie.

The 'trail' concept is to be the core, or spine, of a fully integrated Visitor Access Programme, encouraging and facilitating educational, inspirational and enjoyable interaction with the restored pipeline. It is known that a number of primary 'sites' exist along the route, being the original pumping stations and ancillary pipeline facilities.

These and many others historic European and Aboriginal artefacts and natural features between Perth, Mundaring and Kalgoorlie form the foundations of the Visitor Access Programme, offering detailed insights into the history and culture associated with each individual location. Already, interpretive plans have been drawn up for these sites, and all have somewhat different themes, encouraging visitors to see them all, knowing that each will offer a different and yet rewarding experience.

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