

# FOXES LAIR

*harmless bobtail skink eating  
Kickbush berries*

## NATURE RESERVE ON NARROGIN'S DOORSTEP

If you enjoy the iconic birds and wildlife at Dryandra woodland, take the 30km drive down to Foxes Lair for our great winter/spring wildflowers and interesting walk trails

Foxes Lair is a 68 hectare nature reserve right on the edge of the town of Narrogin. Whether you are an avid bush walker, bird watcher, or wildflower enthusiast, or love native animals, trees, photography, natural rock formations, or history, you'll find them all at Foxes Lair.

The landscape in Foxes Lair is very diverse, ranging from gravelly uplands and breakaways to large granite boulders and cool valleys. The three picnic areas and five walking trails enable you to explore them and their special wildflowers and wildlife.

By far the busiest time of the year is wildflower season (starting late July depending on rainfall) and running through to November.

Dogs on a leash are welcome but please pick up after them and take your rubbish away as there are no bins at picnic areas. There is a dog free run area in bush ("The Commonage") on the eastern edge of Foxes Lair.



You can enjoy many trails with a mountain bike, but please remember that you are sharing them with walkers. [See Foxes Lair website for a cycle track diagram.](#)

[FB group Foxes Lair Nature Reserve](#) has daily updates about locations of rare wildflowers with maps and photos, and secret tips, so be sure to check it out, join, and add to the discussion

### TIP FOR SIGHTSEEING

Check out the [ecotourist guide](#) on website [www.foxeslair.org](http://www.foxeslair.org) to make the most of your visit at any month. Also look for pink tape that marks a special flower.



picnic and listen to the birds. On hot still evenings you can take a packaged dinner and watch the moon rise while bats fly overhead.

From here cars drive on the left exit road over the hill to the **Claypit picnic area**. Larger vehicles need to take the right exit road to Williams Road, turn left, and left again down the track opposite the cemetery. The Claypit picnic area is the starting point for the Claypit Walk has two picnic table. The twin 'dams' that contain water in winter/spring attract birds and kangaroos as well as families with children. Please supervise young children at all times.

Be sure to look for orchids and other beautiful wildflowers in surrounding areas.

The Claypit is also a good base for family cycle riders with safe fire access roads through the gate to the south.

The **Arboretum picnic area** is located in beautiful granitic sheoak country overlooking the arboretum. This is another favoured family picnic spot. Kids enjoy climbing the Morning Tea Rock (with parental supervision), playing amongst the rocks, the bush cubby and bush swing, looking for spent bullets at the historic rifle range bank on the Granite Walk and riding their bike on flat trail near the tables.

The [Narrogin Arboretum](#) has over 60 species of eucalypts that shows the diversity of this unique Australian plant. As you wander through the arboretum using the identification guide, you will see the huge variation in colour, shape, texture and size of plants, bark, leaves, flowers and fruit



Breakaway Walk



Granite walk



Banksia Walk

The 400 metre **Breakaway Walk** is a gentle stroll through lateritic gravelly soils to a large breakaway with a view of the Narrogin valley. Parrot bush is very common underneath the Marri and wandoo, and brown mallet trees line the breakaway slope

The 800 metre **Valley Walk** leads down to a shady sheoak valley below the Breakaway Walk with orchids and other flowers that persist longer than in other walks. Stairs and steep slope.

The 2.1km **Banksia Walk** features gravelly upland soils with marri- jarrah- wandoo woodland and proteaceous shrubs containing great diversity of winter/spring wildflowers.

The 1.2km **Granite Walk** is popular with kids. From the rock and bush swing at the Arboretum picnic area, it leads to the old rifle range bank where kids can fossick for spent bullets. The trail then wanders through hilly York gum -wandoo- sheoak woodland with large granite rock outcrops

The 1.8km **Claypit Walk** traverses a range of landscapes and vegetation not found elsewhere in Foxes Lair. Keep an eye out for Red Leschenaultia. There are some steep slopes with stairs up breakaways and a glimpse of Narrogin town.