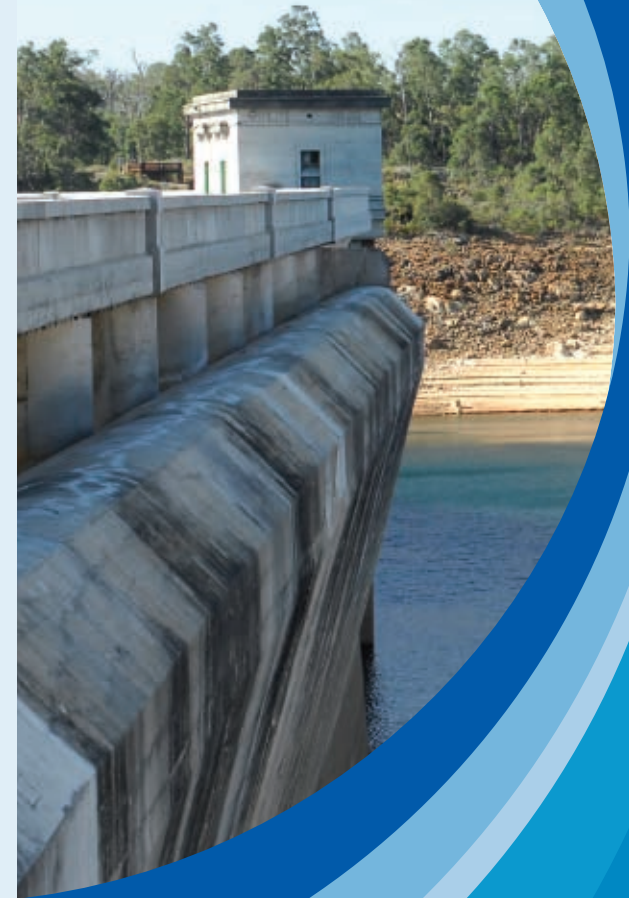


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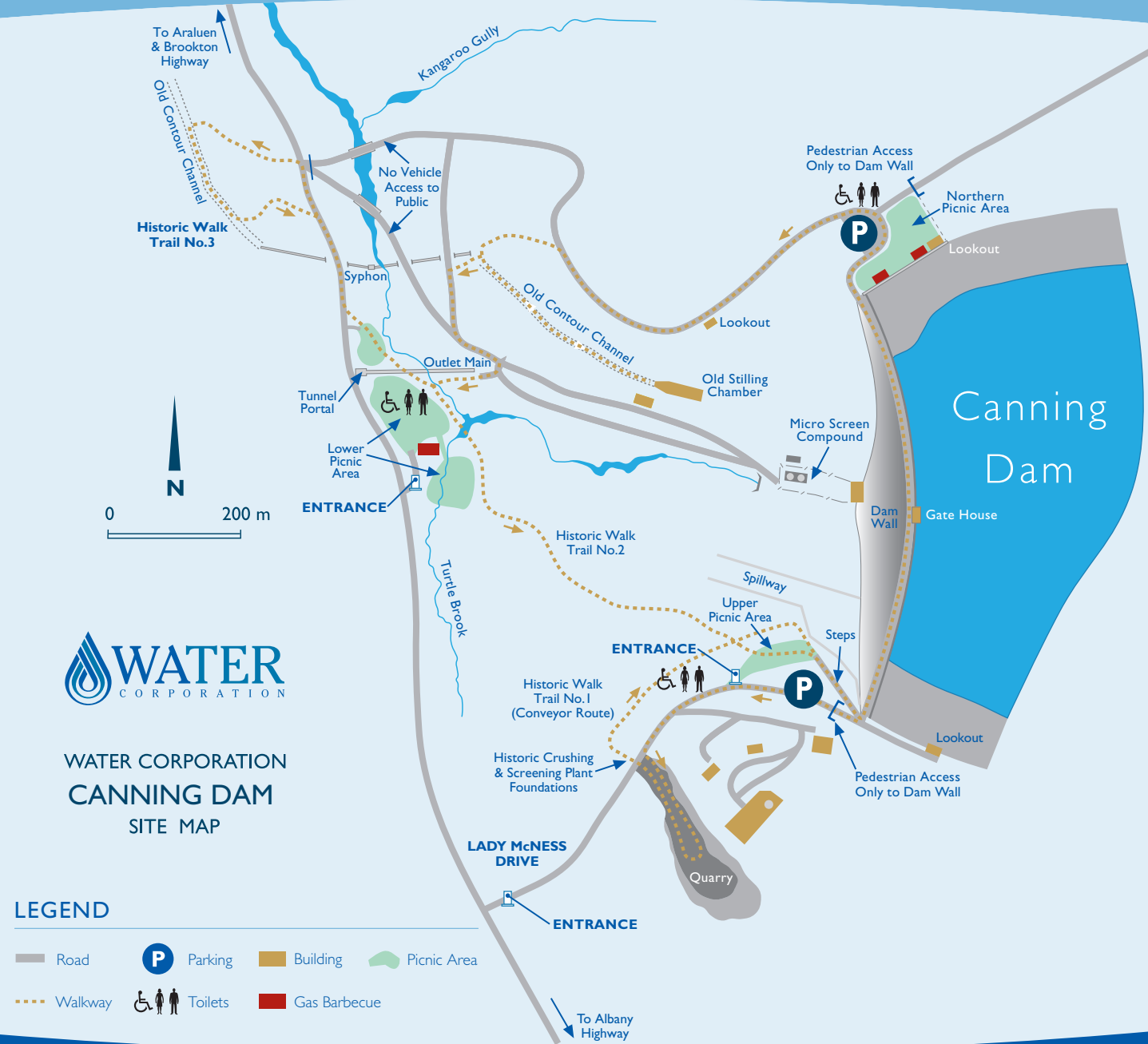


## WATER CORPORATION CANNING DAM SITE MAP

### LEGEND

- Road
- Parking
- Building
- Picnic Area
- Walkway
- Toilets
- Gas Barbecue

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### How to get there

From Perth City centre, take Albany Highway towards Armadale. Just beyond the suburb of Kelmscott, turn left at traffic lights onto Brookton Highway. Follow the highway to Roleystone, then turn right onto Croyden Road. Follow the signs directly to Canning Dam, around 9km further. The dam is approximately 33km from the City centre.

## Canning Dam

Situated on the Canning River, Canning Dam is one of Perth's most important reservoirs.

## History of the dam

The Canning River has supplied water to Perth since 1924 when a pipehead dam was built near Araluen, 6km downstream from the present Canning Dam.

Although the need for a major reservoir had been recognised for many years, it was not until the Great Depression of the 1930s that the project commenced. The construction of Canning Dam, which began in 1933, was the State's biggest public works project during that troubled decade. It was a vast undertaking for the period and provided desperately needed work for 500 men and a valuable boost for local industry. By the time of its completion and official opening in 1940, Canning Dam had cost more than 1.1 million pounds.

At the western end of the valley, downstream from the dam wall, the workforce lived in their own township, complete with a post office, general store, recreation hall and school house.

In 1951, the first of several major improvements was made to meet the demands of the growing city. A concrete lined channel was constructed to divert stream flow from the nearby Kangaroo Gully catchment.

In the 1970s, the Canning Tunnel was blasted through solid granite from Canning Dam to Roleystone to boost the water flow from the dam.



## Did you know...?

### Canning Dam – Concrete Construction

Reservoir capacity	90.5 million kilolitres
Surface area at full storage	607 hectares
Catchment area	730 square kilometres
Kangaroo Gully catchment	59 square kilometres
Reservoir length	11 kilometres
Maximum discharge capacity	650,000 kilolitres daily

## Other dams

Canning Dam is just one of the dams where the Water Corporation has provided facilities for your enjoyment.

Approximately half of Perth's water supply and most of the water distributed through the Goldfields and Agricultural System now comes from catchments in the Darling Range.

These supply water of very high quality at a low cost to the community.

## Have a great day out

### Barbeques and picnics

A day out at Canning Dam combines scenic beauty with an interesting flavour of Western Australian history.

You'll find plenty of picnic spots with free gas barbecues, drinking water and toilet facilities.

A creek flows through the lower picnic area making it a particularly attractive spot.

### Walking trails

Walking trails around the dam have been specially planned to take you past historic features such as the old contour channel and stilling chamber. The trails are well signposted and range from a short stroll to longer distances for the more energetic.

Other walks lead across the dam wall and to signposted lookouts. The area has abundant birdlife and early morning visitors may catch a glimpse of kangaroos in the surrounding bush.

## Your safety and the security of our water services

When visiting our sites please ensure your safety by staying on the signed and formed pathways, roads and recreational areas. Please be aware of uneven surfaces and walking hazards and take care when moving about the area.

## Please do:

- Follow and comply with all directional and informational signs.
- Always monitor the whereabouts of children as they explore the area.
- Report all safety hazards and suspicious behaviour by calling 13 13 75.

## Please do not:

- Climb on pipework or other operational infrastructure.
- Climb walls, fences or bridges.
- Deface safety and security signs.
- Trespass into signposted operational and 'No Entry' areas.
- Attempt to operate operational taps, valves or controls.
- Block emergency and operational access gates and roadways with vehicles.

## Further information

For more information about this and other dams in Western Australia call 13 13 85 or visit our website [www.watercorporation.com.au](http://www.watercorporation.com.au)

