HERITAGE PUB WALK



Parkerville Tavern

2.5km loop

Adapted from the Parkerville Heritage Walk by Rob Borsje



1. PARKERVILLE TAVERN

Established in 1902, the 'Railway Hotel' was its first name then the 'Parkerville Hotel' until 1978 after which it became the 'Tavern'. There are many interesting tales that could be told about it.



2. ONE OF THE ORIGINAL RAILWAY STATION ACCESS TRACKS.

Opposite the tavern, across Brookside Reserve and over the bridge spanning Jane Brook is one of the original railway station access tracks. Cross over the bridge to follow the track, to the next stopping place, the site of the Parkerville Railway Station.



3. SITE OF THE PARKERVILLE RAILWAY STATION.

The railway station once stood at the top of the access track. All that remains today is a mound of earth. Closed in 1966 (replaced by the standard gauge line through the Avon Valley) this once important line is now a reserve.



4. PARKERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

To get to the school, turn left at the top of the access track, then turn right and walk past the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail Map. You will see a bitumen path leading up to Riley Road. Follow the path all the way up. The old school is across the road, on the corner of Riley Road and Dura Road. This is Parkerville's second school. Established in 1911, after much agitation from the residents, the school operated until 1962, when the modern school (southward) was built. It had only two classrooms.



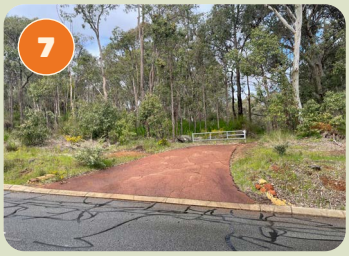
5. PARKERVILLE HALL.

Walk in an Easterly direction along Riley Road towards the next stopping place, Parkerville Hall. Exercise caution – there is no footpath on this section of the walk. Built in 1922 using local labour & funds the hall passed from the Parkerville Progress Assoc to the Shire in 1960. It is still in use today. The car-park used to be a tennis court.



6. EARLY WORKING-MEN'S COTTAGES.

Cross Byfield Road, and continue along Riley Road to the next point of interest, the early working-men's cottages. Again, exercise caution as there is no footpath. The houses in this area were all built soon after 1902 when the 1/4 acre lots were first released by the Govt. Most still survive today and have been well looked after.



7. CONTINUE ALONG RILEY ROAD

Walk in an Easterly direction, continuing to exercise caution as there is no footpath. At the corner of Kintore and Riley roads, enter the old Quarry land. In summer, wear good walking shoes and beware of reptiles.



8. PARKERVILLE QUARRY.

You are now on the site of the old Parkerville Quarry. The quarry operated from 1895 up to the 1920s but they became increasingly uneconomic. A spur line to the nearby railway was used and horse-drawn carts were pulled on tracks, most are still visible. After having a look around the quarry reserve, cross back over Riley Road, and head along one of the gravel access paths that lead on to the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail.



9. RAILWAY RESERVES HERITAGE TRAIL.

Cross the road and walk along the small bush path until you reach The Heritage Trail, then turn left.



10. PARKERVILLE GENERAL STORE.

Turn right at Byfield Road and walk along the footpath to Parkerville General Store. Established in 1901, the building had originally been on the railway reserve. The land was purchased in 1901 and the building has stood there ever since. The living quarters is now a restaurant space. Currently empty.



11. ORIGINAL WORKINGMEN'S COTTAGES.

Continue along Byfield Road until you come to the crossing, cross over the road, and on your left you will see the original working men's cottages. The houses on the south side of Owen and west of Byfield Rds are the oldest cottages in the area. This area was taken up in 1902/3 and the corner house was in the Savell family until 1933. Ahead of you, you will see the Parkerville Tavern and the end of the walk.

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