Walking Trails

There are two defined walking trails within "The Pines" Conservation Reserve - one of 1.6km and a shorter one of approximately 800 metres.

In order to observe the natural and man-made heritage, it is suggested to allow approximately one hour for the longer walk and half an hour for the shorter walk.

Some of the interesting things you will notice include...

- Ground covers
- Trees
- Shrubs
- Herbaceous Species
- Birds
- Animals
- Reptiles
- Reservoir

Getting to ‘The Pines’

‘The Pines’ Conservation Reserve is located 7 kms (approx) from Kapunda on the road to Tarlee/Clare – Clare Road. Proceed to the intersection of South Tce and Clare Rd. Turn left onto Clare Road. ‘The Pines’ car park is on the right hand side of Clare Road at the intersection of Clare Road and Apsley Road.

Thank you for helping us preserve this park for your future enjoyment and the enjoyment of others.

‘The Pines’, Clare Road, Kapunda, South Australia

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CONSERVATION RESERVE

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Incorporating ‘Taylor’s Run’ Walking Trails

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The Pines Conservation Reserve

Is so named, because of the Forestry Plantation on this site in the 1880's. The last harvesting of these pine trees occurred in 1931. Two rows were left standing. 'The Pines' also incorporates the former 'Taylor's Run' Reservoir which supplied water to the town by gravitational flow from 1879 to 1957.

The Pines Reserve was part of the Forestry Reserve (1882 - 1923) and the site of much of the town's early social activity. The intention of the Forestry Board was to create a section within the reserve and around the reservoir that was picturesque - a setting that locals could enjoy. They did - and many picnics and other town festivities that included the usual frivolities of fun, games and gatherings were all enjoyed here for many years.

Amenities included a tennis court, three stone chimneys with open fires (which equated to crude BBQ's) and two 'long-drop' toilets.

A Picnic at the Pines: circa 1917

After the trees were harvested and lifestyles slowly changed, the area gradually became neglected. However, thanks to the help of dedicated locals, the reserve now features walking trails where one can enjoy the sight of delicate wildflowers and hear the tranquil hiss of the wind through the many gum trees that populate the area. It is still a beautiful setting to enjoy a quiet picnic.

Points of Interest

1. Turncock House
This building (which has recently been restored) was built at the same time as the reservoir (1879) in order to house the turncock (a large, wheel operated tap) that would control the flow of water from the reservoir into the town.

2. Water Tower
This is where the water was drawn from the reservoir. A tunnel, approximately 80 metres in length, runs under the southern bank of the reservoir from the turncock house to the water tower on the eastern edge of the reservoir. The purpose of the tunnel was to enable workers to carry out repairs and maintenance on the water pipe.

3. Foundations of Workmen's Huts
Three sets of cement slabs show the size and location of huts.

4. Waterworks Caretaker's Cottage
Once the residence of the Waterworks Manager whose responsibility it was to control the flow of water from the reservoir to the town. This is now a private residence.

Picnic Tables
There are two recently installed picnic table settings to enable families to enjoy fun. Please take your unwanted food wrappings away with you. The installation of an eco-toilet is planned for the near future.