

Port of Echuca and Victoria Park Bushland

A half-day walk from Echuca's Port area through Victoria Park bushland and back alongside the Murray River is always interesting. There are billabongs and the fenced Murray Pines Sandhill area to explore. Red gums line the Murray, Black Box predominates on the clay flats and Murray Pine is the dominant tree of the sandhills. The shrub with fine leaves which grows along the river banks is Cherry Ballart (*Exocarpus*) and it is semi-parasitic on the eucalypts. Silver Wattle is common on the sandhill and Golddust Wattle is scattered over the clay flats. Much of the grass is native. Obtain a map of Victoria Park from the Visitor Information Centre so that you can explore this area without getting lost. The walk could start and end at the Port of Echuca. You may prefer to jog or ride a bicycle around the "Scenic Drive". Another interesting short walk is to follow the Campaspe River downstream from near Echuca Cemetery to its confluence with the Murray. When the rivers are low, the remains of an old weir may be seen in the Campaspe. Darters and other waterbirds are frequent visitors to this section of river. The track continues to Wharparilla Drive but you may prefer to retrace your steps back to your starting point. Along a half day to complete this walk