




# TATURA

## CUSSEN PARK WALK

Cussen Park is a bushland style park encompassing 33 ha of wetlands, woodlands and open space on the outskirts of the town of Tatura. It is host to an array of wildlife, birdlife and mammals. It provides ample opportunity for walking and bird watching with well made paths and bird hides.

**Start / Finish:** Carpark at the information board located on Ross Street, Tatura.

**Distance:** Variety of short walks can be undertaken. Follow the path outlined on the map for a 2.3km walk and shorter walks are available.

**Surface / Access:** Gravel walkways. Terrain is flat with slight undulations to the bird hides and the observation deck. Due to the walkways all being gravel, this walk is not considered to be completely accessible. 

### Points of Interest:

- The Park has been formed from the reclamation of wastelands by the Tatura community working closely with Council and Government Agencies. Used to biologically treat Tatura's urban stormwater, it prevents poor quality water being passed onto the wetlands and farms downstream.
- The wetlands area provides educational opportunities and passive recreation with a number of bird hides, an observation deck and an abundance of indigenous plants and animals.
- Approximately 100 bird species have been recorded in Cussen Park. Rare and threatened species are frequent visitors with the park being the only place you are likely to see many of these species in the Goulburn Valley. Many birds have travelled from as far away as Japan and Siberia before resting in Cussen Park.
- The park's other inhabitants include tortoises, lizards, snakes and frogs which are more likely to be heard than seen.

**Walk Note:** This walk provides access to geocaches.

**Hazards:** Care is required when utilising gravel tracks. Also be aware of magpies during breeding season and snakes during the warmer months.

