

Kings Park Volunteer Guides -Training Course 2026

Treasure Hunt – Questions

John Forrest successfully led several expeditions across the barren wastelands of Australia, however he had the bad luck to lose his way in Kings Park. While working out the route for a second road someone of the group called out, “I fear we are lost sir!” His reply was “Do not worry we’ll fetch up at The Butts shortly.” His party finally emerged near nightfall somewhere near Subiaco.

This activity is designed for you to become familiar with some lesser-known areas of Kings Park. Take a map and don’t do a John Forrest!

The first 3 questions can be answered in and around the May Drive Parkland.

1. Go to the café named after a cycad, and investigate what special provisions have been made for visitors with limited mobility riding vehicular chairs.
2. What is the name of the giant plant eating lizard close to the place where Vietnam veterans are remembered?
3. Where is the Windy Walk?
4. What fuel powers the cooking facilities near the Variety Pavilion? How much does it cost to use?
5. Find a Mia-Mia, and name the plant that leaves its sign on the ground under it.

6. Where could a time traveler from 1838 find a bronze map of Perth they would recognise?

7. Name the nearby calming place.

8. How many banksia species prostrate themselves in the mosaic of the garden bearing their generic name?

9. What do the sculptures by Coral Lowry and Holly Story symbolise?

10. Hunt down and record the location of:
Ceiba speciosa – Silk Floss Tree
Quercus ilex – Holy or Holm Oak
Eucalyptus diversicolour – Karri
Chenonetta jubata – Wood duck

11. Conduct a census on all *Adansonia gregorii* in the park. (Hint: remember also the first Surveyor General).

12. How many species of acacia fruits are carved into the Acacia Steps? Name the acacias in order from the bottom of the steps.

- 13.** From the VIC how long does it take to walk the Marri Walk to the Ivey Watson Playground? (Assume you are a young mother with a pusher meeting a friend).

On your journey, locate a plaque for an iconic soldier who fell at Gallipoli during WW 1.

- 14.** Why does Rio Tinto Naturescape exist?

What is Kulunga Katitjin?

- 15.** The DNA Tower has a low surrounding wall. What do the coloured stones represent?
- 16.** Go to the Firefighters' Memorial Grove. Finish this quote "When you gather here, pause to observe"
- 17.** Go to a place of Variety and find the playground. What insects are represented in the artworks?

Name the sculptural artist.

18. Locate a memorial to some nurses. Name the tragedy, island and the sole survivor (Hint: Look in May Circle).

19. Where is Wanju Marr and what is it?

20. What is at the bottom of the steps which form part of a memorial for a battle of WWII? (Hint: PNG). Who were some of the first people to use this natural feature?

21. Where is the sculpture in remembrance of the person who pioneered the Guide Dog Movement in Australia. What is his name? What breed is the dog?

22. Go to the intersection of Saw Avenue and May Drive. Name the memorials for the following: the forgotten war, in memory of prisoners of war, a battle in Greece, an eternal flame and a field gun.