



Frenchman Bay Heritage Trail Summary

A world-class Heritage Trail at Frenchman Bay would add to the concentration of tourism attractions on Torndirrup Peninsula. Its appeal to tourists would lay not only in the panoramic scenery but also in the rich and largely unknown history of the location. Access would be free and open to visitors of all ages.

The Trail would run along the escarpment between the existing stairs at the western and eastern ends of the beach. The stairs lead from the escarpment to the beach, forming a circular route. The section of the Trail on the escarpment would be constructed with a stabilised limestone base and the beach itself would constitute the lower section of the Trail.

Stairs would descend from the Trail at the top of the escarpment to a viewing platform overlooking Vancouver Dam that would be restored.

The project's overall objective is to commemorate, preserve and share with visitors the rich heritage of this historic section of Frenchman Bay. In addition to the construction of the path, the intention is to provide two sheltered areas to view the expanse of Whalers Beach, plus classy interpretive signage that would explain the cultural and historical significance of the location. The signage would describe:

- stories of the Noongar people and their early contact with Europeans;
- the critical importance of the freshwater springs to Vancouver, Flinders, Baudin and the other navigators who followed;
- the Vancouver Dam, still in existence, that was so important to the early 'Albanians';
- the quarantine station on Mistaken Island;
- the Norwegian Whaling Station of which so little remains;
- the wrecks on the beach;
- the colourful history of the islands seen from the escarpment;
- the work of the early botanists, and the visit of Charles Darwin and
- other events, places and persons of interest.

FRENCHMAN BAY HERITAGE TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Submission Form

You are invited to make comment on the Frenchman Bay Heritage Trail Feasibility Study proposed by the Frenchman Bay Association, and with assistance by the City of Albany. Public Comment: 5 August - 30 August 2019.

We welcome your feedback!

- Ways to submit your comments:
- put in comments box
 - mail to: PO Box 484, Albany, 6330
 - email to: staff@albany.wa.gov.au

Please mark email or postal submissions: Frenchman Bay Trail Feasibility Study Public Comment.

SUBMISSION ON FRENCHMAN BAY HERITAGE TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

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SUBMISSION:

The Frenchman Bay Association seeks your views on the proposed Frenchman Bay Heritage Trail Feasibility Study, and along with the assistance from the City of Albany, would like to hear your comments prior to further consideration.

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Information gathered from the community will be collated and a report submitted to Council.

For more information contact:
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"Two way communications designed to obtain public feedback about ideas on rationale, alternatives and proposals to inform decision making."

