

SWAN VALLEY FAMILY FUN TRAILS



The GREAT VALLEY RALLY

INSTRUCTION AND CLUE TRAVEL PACK

Hi there!

My name's Stirling and I'm a Black Swan. I was named after Captain James Stirling the first ever Governor of WA. I'm here to help you explore the Swan Valley just like Captain Stirling did in 1827. Except today we'll be exploring by car rather than boat. It's a bit quicker that way and we get to see a whole lot more!

So get your engines ready! The Clue Sheet will show you where you need to go. There's also a mystery to solve. **Look out for me along the way - I'll have clues for you!**



STIRLING
SWAN

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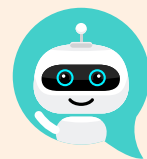


A RALLY IS KIND OF LIKE A TREASURE HUNT IN A CAR. IN THIS RALLY YOU WILL START AND END AT THE SWAN VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THE JOURNEY IS GOING TO TAKE YOU IN BETWEEN UNTIL YOU READ THE CLUE SHEET.

IT'S A REAL ADVENTURE!

TO COMPLETE THE RALLY, YOU WILL NEED:

- ☐ The Great Valley Rally Instruction and Clue Travel Pack
- ☐ Pen or pencil
- ☐ Road directory or mobile phone (not essential)
- ☐ Something to lean on
- ☐ The Swan Valley map
- ☐ Your thinking caps!



The Great Valley Rally Instruction and Clue Travel Pack and the Swan Valley map are available from the Swan Valley Visitor Centre or you can download both from swanvalley.com.au

You can do the Great Valley Rally on your phone! Scan this QR code with the camera on your phone, then type TRAILS to get started.



what you need to know...

ESTIMATED TIME
TO COMPLETE
3 Hours

Make a
day of it!



First you need to check-in at the information desk at the Swan Valley Visitor Centre to collect your free Swan Valley Map and the Clue Sheet if you haven't already downloaded copies from the web.

The tricky directions on the Clue Sheet will help you find your way around in conjunction with the Swan Valley Map.

As you drive along look out for 'landmarks' so you know you are on track and read out what I say in the speech bubbles along the way. I'll tell you all sorts of cool stuff that'll make your trip more interesting.

Along the way you will discover checkpoints. Each checkpoint has a picture like this:



On my picture are some letters. Copy the letters on the back page to reveal Stirling's secret message.

They won't make much sense at first but once you've visited every check point and have all the letters down in the right order, they will spell out a mystery riddle!

You have to go to the checkpoints in the right order to solve the mystery!

When you have reached the last checkpoint and solved the secret message, take this sheet into the Visitor Centre to collect your winner's certificate and a great prize!

Plan your day



The City of Swan has some great family picnic destinations. Why not get a group of families together to do the Rally and afterwards meet up for a group picnic!

Here are some of my favourite places:

- Fish Market Reserve (Guildford map)
- Stirling Square (Guildford map, toilets)
- Maali Bridge Park (Swan Valley map)
- Lilac Hill Park (Swan Valley map)
- All Saints Church (Swan Valley map)
- Whiteman Park (Swan Valley map, toilets)

There are lots of stops along the way where children have the opportunity to get out, search for answers for the Clue Sheet and stretch their legs. Many of the stopping spots are very picturesque so bring your camera along too!

TOP TIPS!

- The Great Valley Rally can be done every day of the year. Please note - the Visitor Centre closes at 4pm for you to collect your prize.
- It's not a race! You can take as much time as you need to complete. If you don't finish it today, you can always come back and finish on another day. Remember, all families who have a go at completing the Great Valley Rally will be awarded a winner's certificate.
- Public toilets are located at the Visitor Centre and at a couple of the Rally stops where indicated on the Clue Sheets, or refer to the Swan Valley map for locations.
- Dogs on leads are welcome.
- Bring some sun cream and insect repellent (just in case).



STARTING POINT

Swan Valley Visitor Centre

GOOD LUCK!

Start your engines!

YOU'RE OFF AND RUNNING!



CLUE 1

Turn right out of the carpark, then left at the roundabout onto the street named after the bird which is the official state emblem of WA. When you get to the street that is the name of a past queen of England, turn right. Keep going until you reach a picnic spot on the river. Just as well it doesn't smell as fishy as its name suggests! **At the limestone entrance, stop and look for me.** Copy the letters onto the back of the instruction sheet.

WHAT COLOUR IS THE FROG?



LOOK FOR ME IN THE PLAYGROUND

CLUE 2

Jump back into the car. Retrace your steps until you get back to the roundabout closest to the Visitor Centre. Drive straight ahead. Look out for the Rose and Crown hotel on your right - built in 1841, it's the oldest pub in WA! Veer left at the roundabout where you will see the Padbury General Store, named after the first Mayor of Guildford. Keep driving straight ahead until you pass Guildford Grammar School chapel on your left. Go through two sets of traffic lights then turn left at the first avenue that you see. Follow the directions to Woodbridge. **At the entrance fence, stop and look for me.** Copy the letters onto the back of the instruction sheet.

HOW MANY POSTS CAN YOU COUNT ON THE LOWER VERANDAH?

Woodbridge in England was the birthplace of Captain Stirling's wife Ellen. The Woodbridge here was built for Charles Harper in 1885.

The house is over 100 years old. It was one of the first, and the grandest of the large houses built in and around Guildford after the opening of the Fremantle to Guildford Railway in the early 1880s.

Charles Harper was once owner of the West Australian newspaper.



CLUE 3

Time to move on! Retrace your steps to get back onto Great Eastern Highway and turn left. Look out for a BP Service Station on your left. Turn left here at the traffic lights onto a road that is the same as a famous singer your mum and dad might know of.

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CLUE 4

Drive straight ahead and turn left at the next set of traffic lights. You should be on Great Northern Highway. Continue on the highway, passing Midland Brick on your left. Keep driving until you get to a place on your right that shares its name with a sound you can make with your mouth by blowing air through your lips. This is Western Australia's oldest

C _ _ _ _ _ company. **At the entrance stop and look for me on a limestone wall.** Copy the letters onto the back of the instruction sheet.



CLUE 5

Time for everyone to get back into the car! Turn right onto Great Northern Highway and drive north past a nutty place before you turn left at the vineyard where 'Ella Sits' (hint: look on your Swan Valley map at H9). Keep going until you reach a picnic spot on the river. When you can see the footbridge over the river and a car park, stop the car and **look for me on the back of a stripey sign**. Copy the letters onto the back of the instruction sheet.

HOW MANY BBQS CAN YOU SEE HERE?

CLUE 6

Let's get moving! Trace your steps back to the Great Northern Highway and turn left. Drive past the BP service station and turn right at the first avenue you see starting with a 'C'. (hint: think 'grown-up church').

Cross over the railway lines and soon you should see white horse fences on both sides of the road, a railway line on the right and a fire station quite a long way after that. Keep going. Nearly there! Keep following the main road and when you see a gravel car park on your left, pull over and **look for me by the welcome sign**. Copy the letters onto the back of the instruction sheet, then, if conditions allow, follow the narrow entry road right down to the river.

WHAT DO YOU THINK CAUSES THE 'RAPIDS'?

The Noongyars believe that the Darling Scarp represents the body of the Waugal. According to Aboriginal dreamtime stories, the Swan Valley was created by the Waugal who travelled from the hills to the ocean leaving traces of its journey behind in the form of the Swan River.



CLUE 7

Okay everyone – back in the car! Your next stop is not far away. Retrace your steps back to Great Northern Highway. See if you can follow the railway track on your left. You should be able to see it almost all the way back to the highway! Turn right onto the Great Northern Highway.

Who will be the first person to spot the primary school? What suburb do you think you might be in? Turn left on the first street you see after crossing a bridge. Head south along West Swan Road and when you cross the next bridge over Ellen's Brook (named after Captain Stirling's wife Ellen) you will nearly be there. Turn left at the roundabout onto a street named after a boys name. When you get to the entrance stop the car and **look for me on the nearest power pole**. Copy the letters onto the back of the Information Sheet. Find the grave stone of Vernon Keane.

WHAT YEAR DID HE DIE?

All Saints is the oldest church in Western Australia. The first church service was held here in 1841. This spot on the Swan River is really special for another reason. It is where Captain James Stirling of the HMS Success camped during March 1827. It is the furthest point reached during his exploration of the Swan River. Behind the church you will discover a pathway where you can look down to the riverbank and see for yourself what Captain Stirling saw all those years ago. Imagine what it was like to be him!



This place is very, very old! Look up at the hill on the other side of the river. The granite surface rocks that you see are about 3.5 billion years old. That's 3,500 million years old! Scientists think that the planet earth was made 4.2 billion years ago so these rocks are pretty old. This hill is part of the Darling Ranges. A long, long time ago, these ranges were much bigger than the hills you see today—they were as high as the Himalayas where the tallest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, can be found!

Find out more about the geology of the area when you get back home by looking up information about the Yilgarn Block on the Internet.



CLUE 8

You guessed it, time to get back in the car. The next stop is for the bravest people in the family!

Turn left onto West Swan Road. Keep going until you see a road that contains the word 'Hen', and turn right.

Drive a bit slower than 70km/h if you can. Look out the left window. Slow down when you see the yellow horse sign on the left, slower still when you see some palm trees in a front garden— you need to start counting the house numbers now. Keep an eye out for number 97 on the left.


Once you've found it drive extra slowly and look to your right. When you spy a driveway leading to a yellow sand carpark on your right, pull in and **look for me on the meter box**. Copy the letters onto the back of the Information Sheet.

CLUE 9

Right! Let's get moving again. You are doing really well and are nearly at the end of the Rally! Re-trace your steps back to West Swan Road and turn right. Before you get to the next set of traffic lights you will see my favourite food company on the right. Keep your eyes open and see if you can guess what it is. (Hint: It's a big blue-grey building whose title contains a girl's name starting with 'M'. Willy Wonka and Freddo Frog would like to meet there for lunch I'm sure!) Drive through a set of traffic lights. Start to slow down when you see some grass playing fields.

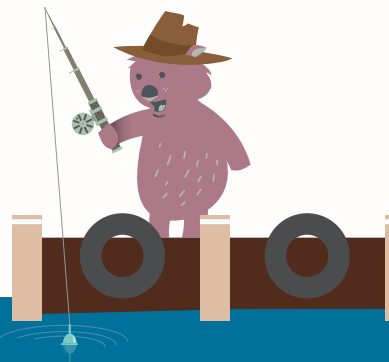
Look for this road sign... **50** ...slow down!

Just before the bridge is a driveway on your right. **Drive down to the river, park and look for me. I am under the bridge. X marks the spot!** Copy the letters onto the back of the Information Sheet.



At the other end of the car park is the WA Reptile Park. Western Australia has a number of poisonous snakes including the Dugite, Brown snake and Tiger snake.

Tiger snakes are usually around a metre long, and have striped markings (hence the name 'Tiger' snake). This is not always the case however, as the markings can change due to the seasons and the age of the snake. Tiger snakes possess a potent neurotoxin and rank among the deadliest snakes in the world.



In the early 1800s there were no roads or railway lines. They hadn't been built yet, so the easiest way to travel was by boat along the Swan River. The Swan River was Perth's first major highway—only for boats instead of cars! Look across the river. See the wood beams at the edge of the river bank? That spot is called Moulton's Landing and it was a vital stop for barges and river craft in the early days of the Swan River Colony. Named after Abraham Moulton, one of Guildford's original merchants, the wharf fell into disuse in the 1880s after the Fremantle–York railway was built.

CLUE 10



Well done everyone! Get back onto West Swan Road and turn right to cross over the bridge. You are now heading back to the place where your journey began. Go straight through the roundabout and look for this sign.

Turn left into the carpark, go to the old colonial gaol and read the interpretive sign.

HOW MANY CELLS WERE DEMOLISHED IN 1917?

Outside the gaol, look around for me. Copy the final lot of jumbled letter clues onto the back of the instruction sheet to solve the final mystery riddle.

THE LAST ONE!



At one time this gaol housed Western Australia's best known bushranger, Moondyne Joe, who was caught at Houghton Wine Cellars (now Nikola Estate) on the outskirts of town. The Visitor Centre used to be a courthouse. It was built in 1867 with the help of convict labour.



The GREAT VALLEY RALLY

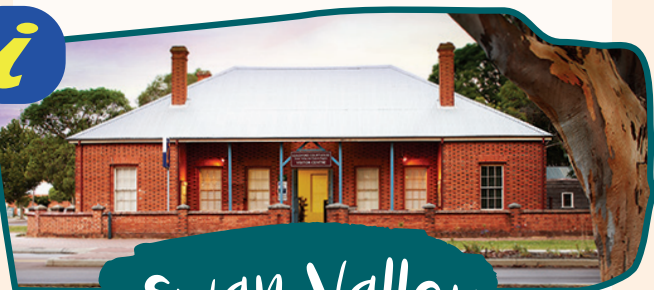
WOO HOO!
YOU MADE IT TO THE
FINISH LINE!



Stirling's Secret Message

GET YOUR WINNER'S CERTIFICATE!

MAKE YOUR WAY INSIDE THE
SWAN VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE
TO RECEIVE YOUR GREAT VALLEY
RALLY CERTIFICATE!



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Evaluation Questions

How did you find out about the Great Valley Rally?

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