

# Social Story™

A visit to the All Abilities Paddle Launch at  
Riverside Gardens Reserve





# What is a social story?

A Social Story™ uses storytelling to explain new experiences and environments, helpful for people feeling nervous about attending a new place or event.

- Read the social story two weeks before the visit.
- If reading to someone, help them understand key points.
- After the visit, re-read the social story to celebrate achievements.





This Social Story™ is designed to help people prepare for a visit to the All Abilities Paddle Launch at Riverside Gardens Reserve.





The All Abilities Paddle Launch facility is accessible by car. There is car parking, including two ACROD bays, accessed from Redcliffe Road.





There are pathways linking the carpark to the All Abilities Paddle Launch and the other facilities at the Reserve.





There is a pathway from the carpark down to the All Abilities Paddle Launch.





I can access the floating jetty  
without using the All Abilities Paddle  
Launch.





If I am going to use the All Abilities Paddle Launch, I will need to bring my own canoe or kayak and paddle.





There is a floating ramp and jetty.

The floating jetty has been designed to provide a smooth and stable experience.





I will bring someone with me to stay safe around the water.





It is important that I wear a life jacket to stay safe on the water.





I can use the slipway to position my kayak or canoe.

Then, I can pull it down next to the steps.

It's a good idea to use a piece of rope to pull the paddle craft.





If I need to, there are steps that I can use to sit on to transfer myself down into the paddle craft.

I can use the handles and rails for extra support.





There is a retractable bench seat that I can pull out to transfer onto.





After lowering into the paddle craft, I will retract the bench seat and use the grab rails to push out into the river.





There is a sign to show me how to use the All Abilities Paddle Launch facility.

There is a QR code to view a video demonstrating how to use the facility.

Here is the link to the video: [\[link\]](#)





There is an area where canoes and kayaks can be launched from the sand.





There is a general paddle launch area on the other side of the All Abilities area.

The All Abilities Paddle Launch facility can be used by everyone!





Fishing and crabbing are not permitted from the All Abilities Paddle Launch to maintain the facility in good condition for people who need it.

There are plenty of other spots in Mandurah where I can enjoy fishing and crabbing.

Here is a link to the Visit Mandurah website for the best fishing and crabbing spots in Mandurah: [\[link\]](#)





There are picnic tables and bench seats if I want to have a break.





There is a BBQ at Riverside Gardens Reserve if I want to have a BBQ lunch with friends and family.





There are toilet facilities including a wheelchair accessible toilet.





I might have fun going to the All Abilities Paddle Launch.



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