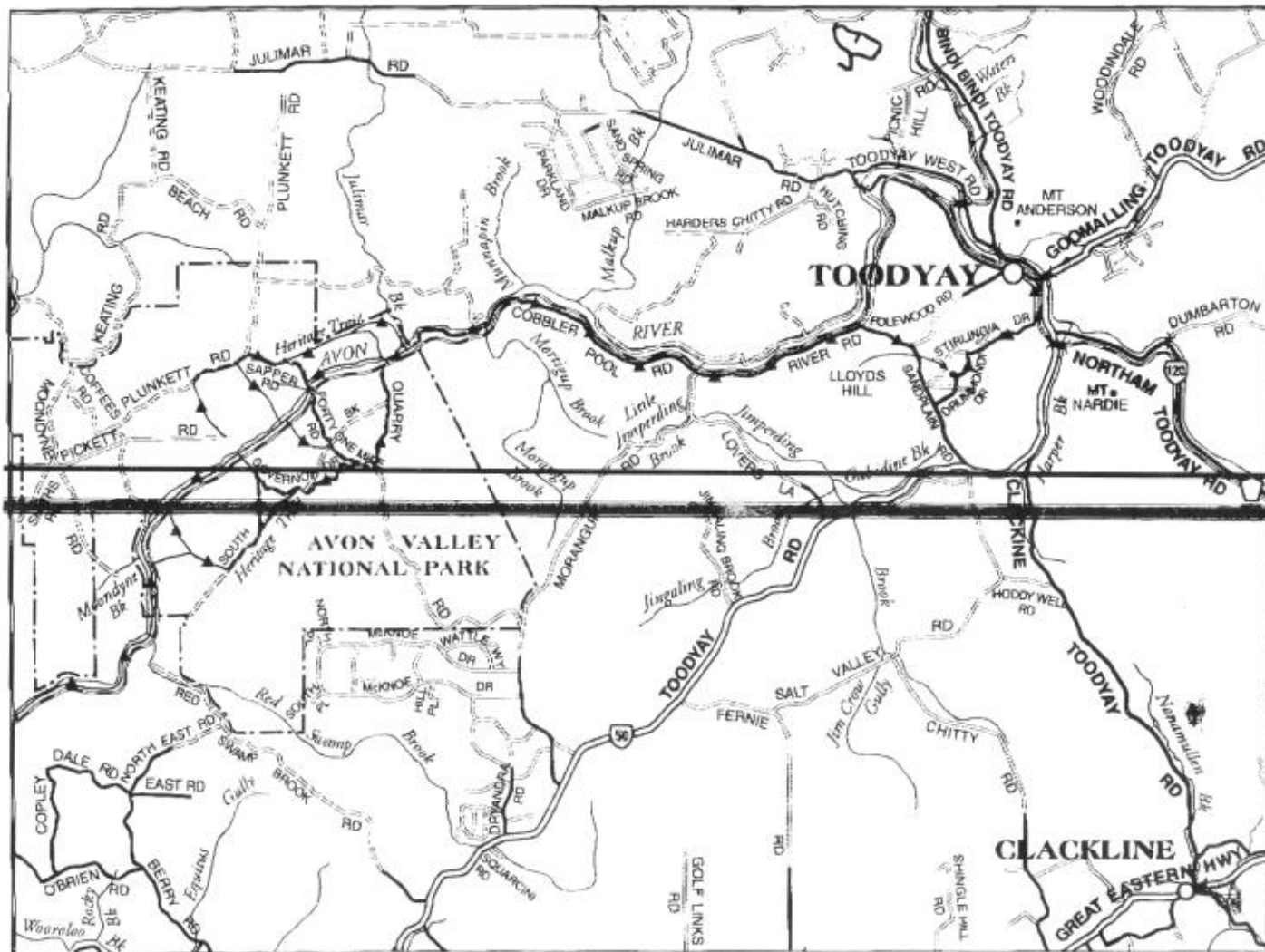


# AVON VALLEY SURVEY HERITAGE TRAILS

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OF 19th CENTURY SURVEYOR/EXPLORER

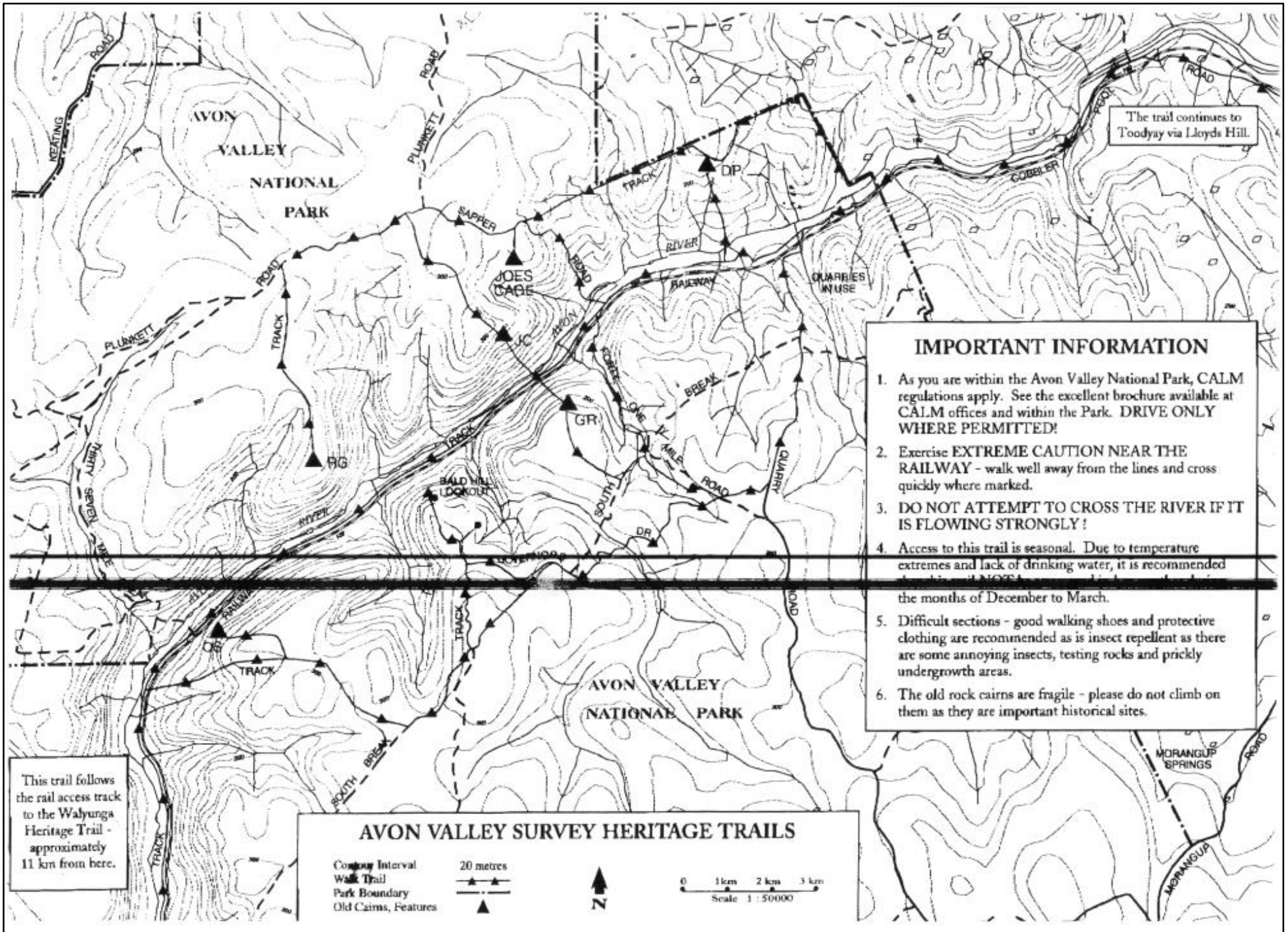
LORD JOHN FORREST



John Forrest was born near Bunbury in 1847 and educated both there and at Bishop Hale's School at the Cloisters in Perth. At age 16 he was articled to Surveyor Tom Carey and at age 18 began his career as a Government Surveyor and Explorer. Forrest surveyed roads and land grants in the growing colony until 1869 when he was placed in charge of an expedition to search for the long lost Leichardt Expedition. His expertise, knowledge and understanding of bush craft and aborigines made him a natural choice to lead two further expeditions across inland WA - in 1870 and 1874. After this he led a surveying team to complete extensive Triangulation surveys in the Murchison (1876), Swan and Avon Valley (1877-78) and Pilbara (1878).

At the age of 30 he was appointed Surveyor General (1883) and soon became interested in the political system of the day. Forrest later held the office of Premier and Treasurer of WA (10 years), and became Treasurer of the new Federation of Australian states after 1901 in five Federal cabinets. His many other achievements and life history are fully documented in "Forrest 1847-1918" Volume 1 by F. K. Crowley.

This trail acknowledges Forrest's efforts to complete the 1877-78 survey by showing you the difficult terrain which had to be overcome and the rock cairns he placed at sites GR, JC, DP, RW, OS, RG as part of the survey.



The trail continues to Toodyay via Lloyds Hill.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

1. As you are within the Avon Valley National Park, CALM regulations apply. See the excellent brochure available at CALM offices and within the Park. **DRIVE ONLY WHERE PERMITTED!**
2. Exercise **EXTREME CAUTION NEAR THE RAILWAY** - walk well away from the lines and cross quickly where marked.
3. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE RIVER IF IT IS FLOWING STRONGLY!**
4. Access to this trail is seasonal. Due to temperature extremes and lack of drinking water, it is recommended to visit in **NOT** the months of December to March.
5. Difficult sections - good walking shoes and protective clothing are recommended as is insect repellent as there are some annoying insects, testing rocks and prickly undergrowth areas.
6. The old rock cairns are fragile - please do not climb on them as they are important historical sites.

This trail follows the rail access track to the Walyunga Heritage Trail - approximately 11 km from here.

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Old Cairns, Features	▲

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