



Masons Mill

Kattamorda Heritage Trail traverses forest and farm along the top of the Darling Range between Mundaring and Bickley Reservoir, taking you to sites significant in history, both natural and cultural.

Trailside plaques identify spots of special interest; a brochure is available from the CALM office at Mundaring, Mundaring Weir Road, (09) 295 1955.

In 1864 Benjamin Mason established a timber station just north of here. About 100 men, mostly convicts and ticket-of-leave men, worked here as pit sawyers, teamsters, wheelwrights, blacksmiths and cooks.

The forest then contained tall, large-girthed trees with wide spreading crowns. A visitor to Masons Station in the 1860s wrote that the giant trees, 12 to 15 feet (3.6 to 4.5m) in circumference with straight trunks rising 60 feet (18.2m) to the first limb, were so close together that it was almost impossible to fell one without hitting another. The stumps of some of these giants and the pits over which they were sawn can still be seen throughout the surrounding forest. The remaining stumps have survived the ravages of bush fires, termites and fungus for almost 125 years.

