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Enter the Wetlands from either:

Christison Avenue where it's a 5 minute walk to the southern pond; or park at the end of *Phoenix Avenue* (past Lakeside Railway) from where it's a short walk to the central pond and the Torii.

Allow half an hour if exploring all the paths. There is a link from the Riesling Trail at York Road, through Melrose park to the Wetlands.

- ◆ *Easier disabled access from end of Phoenix Avenue*
- ◆ *Undulating surface* ◆ *All dogs to be on a lead*



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Lions Club of Clare District

Clare Lions are working with the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council on a joint venture to maintain the long-term health of a very beautiful and valuable asset within the Clare Valley.



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It takes about 20 minutes to walk around the Wetlands, a flat easy walk. There are two picnic shelters. Take time to stop at the Bird Hide. Then wander along the pathway past the golf course to the Model Engineers and Lake Inchiquin. If you would like to go a little further there is a pathway through Melrose Park which links to the Riesling Trail. There is a map at the entrance to the Wetlands showing the pathways linking the Wetlands to Melrose Park and the Riesling Trail. This map is also at the head of the Riesling Trail at Lennon Street and at the eastern end of Melrose Park.



The Japanese Torii

A joint venture by the Yoshinaga friendship group, Bizen City Council and the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council to celebrate the success of the longstanding twinning arrangement.

The wide variety of native flora and year-round water provides a safe haven for numerous birds. Plant species have been selected to meet the different feeding habits of birds, such as nectar feeders and insect eaters, while the structure of the large number of plants provides a variety of safe habitats. Many bird species have already established themselves at the Gleeson Wetlands and as plants mature, it is anticipated these numbers will grow. A recently constructed bird hide (below) is an excellent place to sit and watch the bird life.



Bird Life

Since 2014, members of the **Lions Club of Clare District Green Team** have worked together with Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council and local contractors to develop the natural beauty of the Gleeson Wetlands. This has included extensive planting of more than 4,000 native seedlings, spot spraying and spreading mulch for weed control. Working bees are held and community volunteers are always welcome to join in.

This project has already attracted a great deal of community support including local schoolchildren who have enjoyed planting seedlings and spreading mulch.

The Wetlands are popular with locals and visitors whether they are a bird or plant enthusiast or looking for a pleasant outing.



Pair of Australian wood ducks



White Faced Heron