

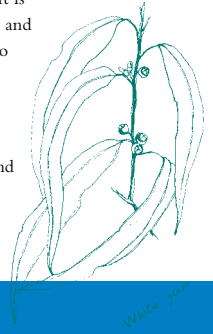
Heading north...

# Hardings Falls Forest Reserve

Hardings is not only famous for its scenic river but also the incredible diversity of plant life. To get there follow the 'MS' and 'MG' road north until you see the signposted turnoff. It takes approximately one hour to drive to Hardings from here. From Hardings you can follow the road through to Fingal or return to Tasman Highway via the 'O' road.

The picnic area is situated amongst the dry eucalypt forest. From the picnic area a short walk winds through a spectacular stand of dry forest dominated by eucalypts, Oyster Bay pines and banksias to a lookout. It is a steep walk from here down to the Swan River so wear sturdy shoes and take care. Rocky platforms along the river bed provide a great place to relax and observe the tranquil series of cascades.

Most of the unusual plant species at Hardings grow along the Swan River. Shrubs and herbs, capable of withstanding harsh conditions, emerge from the rock crevices. Hakeas, grevillas and tea trees are found along the rivers edge as are two threatened plants - Apsley heath (*Epacris apseyensis*) and a yellow flowered bush pea (*Pultenea selaginoides*).



Winter pea

