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NATURAL HERITAGE

*Self-Guided
Interpretive Trail*



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*Delve into South
Australia's unique
biodiversity and
discover a hidden
landscape of rare
native and exotic
vegetation.*



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The landscape that existed prior to European settlement, before the establishment of dwellings and before it was farmed, was remarkably different.

This diverse environment once supported a population of native mammals, birds and reptiles that would even amaze most present-day Adelaideans.



The Adelaide Plains have changed dramatically since the arrival of the first European settlers in South Australia. What was once a picturesque mosaic of grasslands and grassy woodlands has almost been lost to urban development. Despite extensive clearing, a few isolated patches remain.

Like the Adelaide Plains, West Terrace Cemetery's landscape has varied during its history, evolving and changing. Today, the cemetery provides a refuge for more than 20 rare and endangered flora, from the obvious to the almost invisible. Collectively this native vegetation offers a snapshot of the plant communities once common in this part of Adelaide.



The cemetery is also home to many exotic species, reflecting cemetery planting practices and fashions over time—mainly cypresses, pines, elms, olives and palms. Thousands of heritage bulbs also sit beneath the ground and produce a colourful display during winter and spring.

The Natural Heritage interpretive trail will introduce you to a diverse selection of trees, shrubs, climbers, ground covers and grasses that continue to flourish in these fertile soils. These plants, both native and exotic, contribute to the cultural identity and unique character of the cemetery. Some even have special meanings.



Natural Heritage interpretive trail

Duration: 60 minutes

Distance: 1.2 kilometre loop-walk

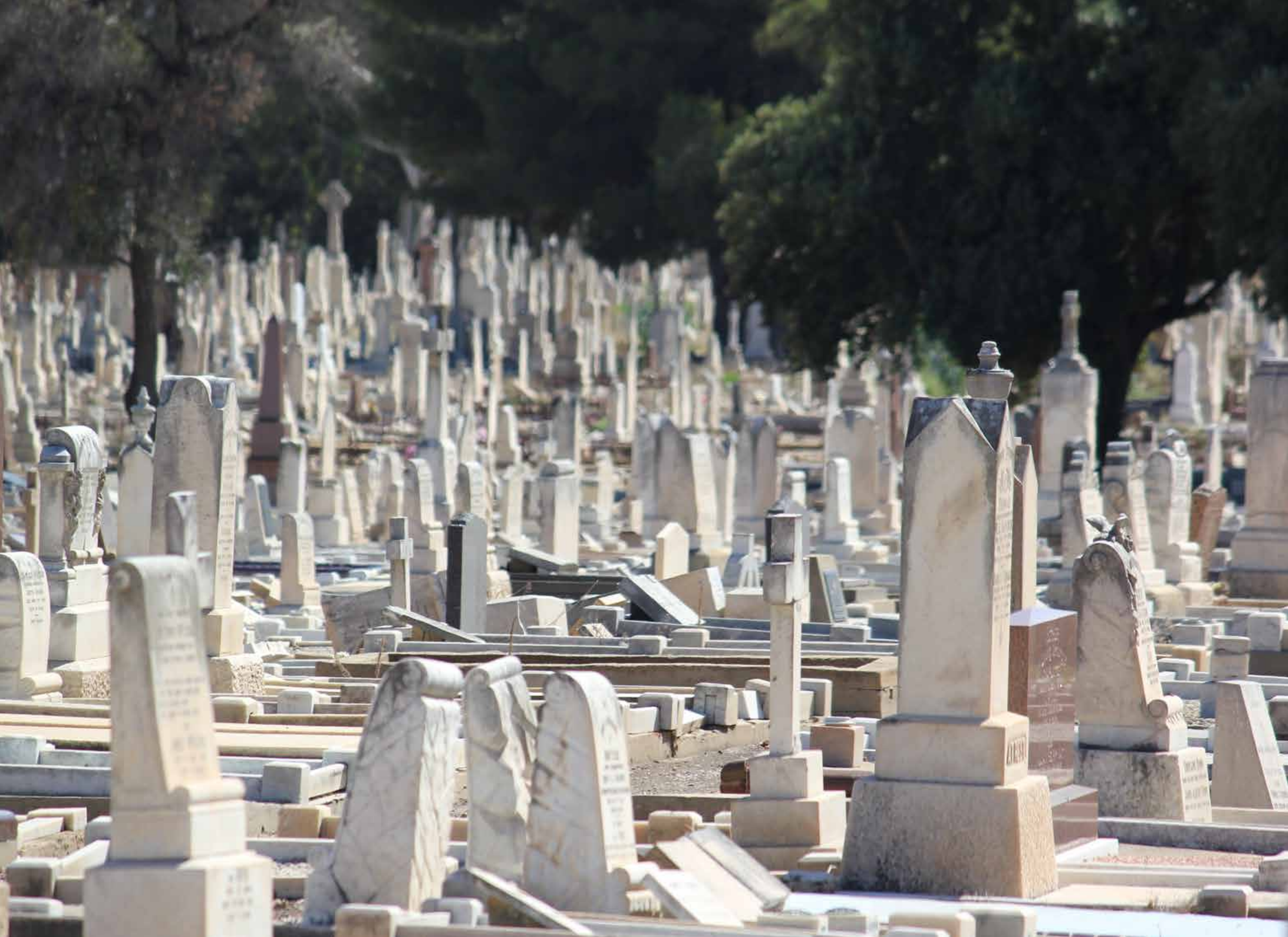
Level: Easy

Natural Heritage delves into the hidden world of flora, from rare native plant species to exotic plantings. Discover their unique uses, the fauna they support and the symbolism attached to them.

There are 10 points of interest on this self-guided loop-walk; each is marked with an interpretive panel.

Start your journey just inside the main entrance at stop one, opposite the old curators house

The map and green way-finding markers will help guide you through the cemetery.



Tread lightly

West Terrace Cemetery is an operating cemetery with burials regularly taking place. Please respect the privacy of those visiting graves of their loved ones and keep a respectful distance from funeral proceedings. Stay on the defined paths and roadways and do not walk over unmarked graves, lean or stand on monuments, and avoid disturbing vegetation.

Dress for the conditions, wear sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen, and carry sufficient water.

West Terrace Cemetery is recognised as a valuable seed bank for the reintroduction of rare and endangered indigenous vegetation to the Adelaide Plains.



-  North
-  Burial Grounds
-  Facilities
-  Memorial Gardens
-  Navigational Pole
-  Interpretive Marker
-  1.2km Loop Walk

South Tee

Gilbert St

Sturt St

Wright St

1. West Terrace Cemetery

Main entrance

2. A grove among the graves

Quandong (*Santalum accuminatum*)

3. Spring symbolism

Freesias (*Freesia* species)

Daffodils (*Narcissus* species)

Peruvian Lilies (*Alstroemeria* species)

Look closer: Like the remnant native species, exotic plantings are also protected under the cemetery's State Heritage listing.

4. Woodlands

Old folk of the woodlands

Mallee Box (*Eucalyptus porosa*)

Hidden jewels of the woodlands

Native Oxalis (*Oxalis perennans*)

Wingless Blue-bush (*Maireana enchylaenoides*)

Australian Bindweed (*Convolvulus* species)

Look closer: Eucalypt leaves will often have small white round domes on the leaves made from the sugar secretions of psyllids. The hard substance was eaten by many Aboriginal groups.

5. Splashes of yellow

Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*)

Umbrella Bush (*Acacia ligulata*)

Gold-Dust Wattle (*Acacia acinacea*)

Look closer: Wattle has graced Australia's Coat of Arms for more than 100 years and in 1988 the Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) was officially gazetted as Australia's national floral emblem.

6. Natural character

Aleppo Pine (*Pinus halepensis*)

South Australian Blue Gum

(*Eucalyptus leucoxylon*)

Norfolk Island Hibiscus (*Langunaria patersonii*)

7. A graceful stand

Native Apricot (*Pittoporum angustifolium*)

8. An ancient symbol

Mediterranean Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*)

9. Branches of heritage

Olive (*Olea europaea*)

Look closer: The story of George William Francis can be discovered on the Heritage Highlights interpretive trail.

10. Giving new life

Black-anther Flax-lily (*Dianella revoluta*)

Native Lilac (*Hardenbergia violacea*)

Wattle (*Acacia* species)

Look closer: Edwin Ashby was fascinated by Australian native flora; he specialised in its cultivation, collecting numerous plants from the bush throughout Australia. Speaking and writing often on the subject, he introduced many Australians to their unique flora. He is buried here in the Quaker section

Look closer: Plants and flowers are one of the most common symbols found on grave stones. They convey love, grief, happiness and other emotions. These symbolic connections of plants and flowers with emotion are crosscultural, and have served as symbols of remembrance ever since memorialisation of the dead began. During the 1800s, the use of floral symbolism became so popular that almost every known flower had a symbolic gesture attached to it. Listed below are some symbolic references to common plants and flowers.

Acacia:	Immortality of the soul
Bellflower:	Gratitude
Cypress Tree:	Death, sorrow, eternal life
Daffodil:	Death of youth, desire, art, grace, beauty, deep regard
Daisy:	Innocence, gentleness, purity of thought
Fern:	Sincerity, humility
Flower:	Brevity of earthly existence, sorrow
Flower (broken):	Premature death
Honeysuckle:	Bonds of love and resurrection
Ivy:	Abiding memory, fidelity, loyalty, immortality, and bonding
Laurel:	Victory, triumph, glory
Lily:	Purity, chastity and virginity

Marigold:	Grief and despair
Mistletoe:	Protection, veneration and healing power
Morning Glory:	Beginning of a new life
Olive:	Peace and security
Palm:	Spiritual victory over death, reward of the righteous, peace
Pansy:	Thought
Poppy:	Consolation, eternal sleep
Rose:	Innocence and paradise
Rosemary:	Remembrance
Sunflower:	Gratitude and affectionate remembrance, brightness
Thistle:	Remembrance
Wheat:	Richness, resurrection
Willow:	Mourning
Yew:	Sorrow, sadness

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