- 10. On Stewart Street, walk south towards the main shopping precinct. Built in 1913, the <u>Post Office</u> has played an essential role in the development of the shire, by allowing residents to keep in touch with the wider world.
- 11. Further along is the Commercial Bank (Westpac), which was built in 1910 -1911. Residents had a battle to induce banking institutions to open branches in the town, but in 1909, both the Commercial and National Banks advertised their branches open.
- 12. Cross over Jackson Street, you will come to the Commercial Hotel, which was originally built in 1908 by FW Gustav Liebe. He also built His Majesty's Theatre in Hay Street, Perth and The Peninsular Hotel in Maylands. Pressed tin ceilings, jarrah fittings, fireplaces and staircases recall the grandeur of the first plans.
- 13. Further along is the National Bank, whose façade appears to be original, with its neat symmetry and decoration adding an element of Edwardian style. It was built in 1909.
- 14. Turn around and walk back to Jackson Street. Take a right turn and walk up to Cottrell Street and turn left. The Country Women's Association (CWA)

  Hall, on the left is built from locally made cement bricks and was opened in 1940. It was built as a result of community fund raising and is still in use today.
- 15. Further along is the Dowerin Museum, which was built in 1915 by Mr Eugene O'Shaughnessy. The building features pressed metal walls and ceilings throughout. Behind the cottage is a reconstructed saddlery and shed.

NOTE: To view inside the museum, please call in at the Shire Council offices first, which are situated only 50 metres south of the museum.

16. If you were to turn around and walk back along Cottrell Street, crossing Jackson Street, you will arrive back at Centenary Park.

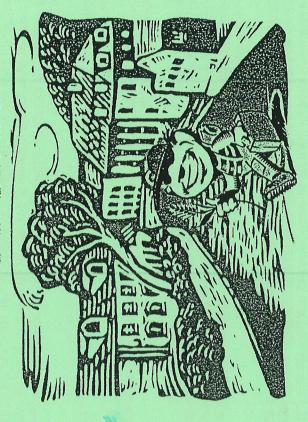
NATURE WALKS: From the Tourism Information Bay at the entrance to the Townsite, the Tin Dog Creek Walking/ Cycling Trail begins.

For more information on this trail, pick up a brochure.

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- 1. Starting from Centenary Park, cross over Goldfields Road to the Police Station on the intersection of Stacy Street, which is the ORIGINAL TOWN HALL SITE. The ORIGINAL POWER HOUSE SITE now forms part of the caravan park. Across from the police station is ORIGINAL POLICE STATION SITE.
- 2. Walk up Stacy Street and turn left into East Street. The Masonic Hall was one of the last halls built during the 1920's and was opened in 1929, which was a decade of expansion for Freemasonry in W.A. The hall's furnishings are original and some would be called 'antiques'.
- 3. Turn right onto Goldfields Road. The Uniting Church was built in 1924. It reflects the fact that Methodism closely followed the development of the Wheatbelt. A new porch, vestry and hall were built in the 1950's. The first church in the area, built at Dowerin (Darren) Lakes in 1908 was Methodist.
- 4. Continue up Goldfields Road. St Barnabas Anglican Church, on the left-hand side was built in 1939 for the Catholic Church, but used by the Anglican community after 1967. It has a steeply pitched roof and is constructed from locally produced cement bricks.
- 5. Walk past the church and turn left into Hilda Street. Continue down the street and turn left into Memorial Avenue. In September 1939, the <a href="Exhibition">Exhibition</a> street and turn left into Memorial Avenue. In September 1939, the <a href="Exhibition">Exhibition</a> the Hall was first used for the Dowerin Show, where various people exhibited their skills flowers, food, garden vegetables and preserves, as well as needlework, were judged in the hall.
- Take a walk through the recreation grounds and/or continue down Memorial Avenue.
- 7. Continuing down Memorial Avenue, on the corner of Dudley Street is the ORIGINAL HOSPITAL SITE.
- 8. On the corner of East Street and Memorial Avenue is Anderson Hall (formerly St Barnabas), which was opened on the 6 June, 1909. The building was constructed by the Northam Back Blocks Mission out of weatherboard, and most probably pre-cut in Northam and carted or railed to Dowerin. It is now forms part of the local district school.
- 9. Continue on down Memorial Avenue. On the corner of Stewart Street and Memorial Avenue is the original <u>Dowerin Road Board Office</u>. It was built in 1924 and it was used for the next 44 years. Dowerin split from Goomalling, and the first Dowerin Road's Board elections were held on 10 April, 1912.

