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ARBOR DAY

National parks are very special places set aside for nature conservation and the enjoyment of visitors. The Government is creating 30 new national parks in the jarrah, marri, karri and tingle forests of the south-west of Western Australia.

They include four new parks that will link up with three existing parks to form the Walpole Wilderness Area. This area will include a diverse range of forest ecosystems including soaring karri trees that can reach more than 85 metres in height, rocky outcrops, swamps and heathlands that provide habitat for an amazing array of other native plants and native animals.

In the west, it will border the D'Entrecasteaux National Park creating a conservation reserve network extending over almost half-a-million hectares across the south-coast between Augusta and Denmark.

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Mt Frankland National Park, part of the proposed Walpole Wilderness Area.
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Motorbike frog

Western pygmy possum

A DAY OF TREES