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REMEMBER

- ❖ **Be Cool:** As forest firewood is scarce, please bring your own and light it only in fireplaces provided. Do not fell any standing trees - dead or alive. Always clear leaf litter and fallen branches three metres away from your fire and **never** leave it unattended. Make sure the fire is completely extinguished with sand and water before you leave.

On days of very high or extreme fire risk **NO FIRES** are allowed - check with the nearest CALM office if you are unsure.

- ❖ **Be Careful:** Your enjoyment and safety in the natural environment is our concern, but your responsibility. In an emergency contact:

- the Pinjarra Hospital (09) 531 1444
- the Dwellingup CALM Office (09) 538 1078
- the Dwellingup Police (09) 538 1057
- the Pinjarra Police (09) 535 1166

- ❖ **Be Wise:** Leave the natural environment as you find it, for all to enjoy. Please do not pick wildflowers or disturb native fauna.

- ❖ **Be Clean:** Put your litter in bins or take it with you.

- ❖ **Protect Wildlife:** No firearms are permitted in the reserve and forests. To keep or move wildlife you need a permit.

- ❖ **Stop the Rot:** Follow signs and stay on major, well maintained roads and tracks for your own safety and to restrict the spread of the dieback fungus.

- ❖ **Pets:** Please keep pets on a leash at all times.

FURTHER INFORMATION

CALM officers are always glad to help you. Do not hesitate to contact them if you need information or assistance.

Dwellingup District Office
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State Headquarters
50 Hayman Road
Como WA 6152
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Swan Regional Office
3044 Albany Highway
Kelmscott WA 6111
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Information is also available from the Dwellingup Tourist Centre and Museum in Marinup Street, Dwellingup.



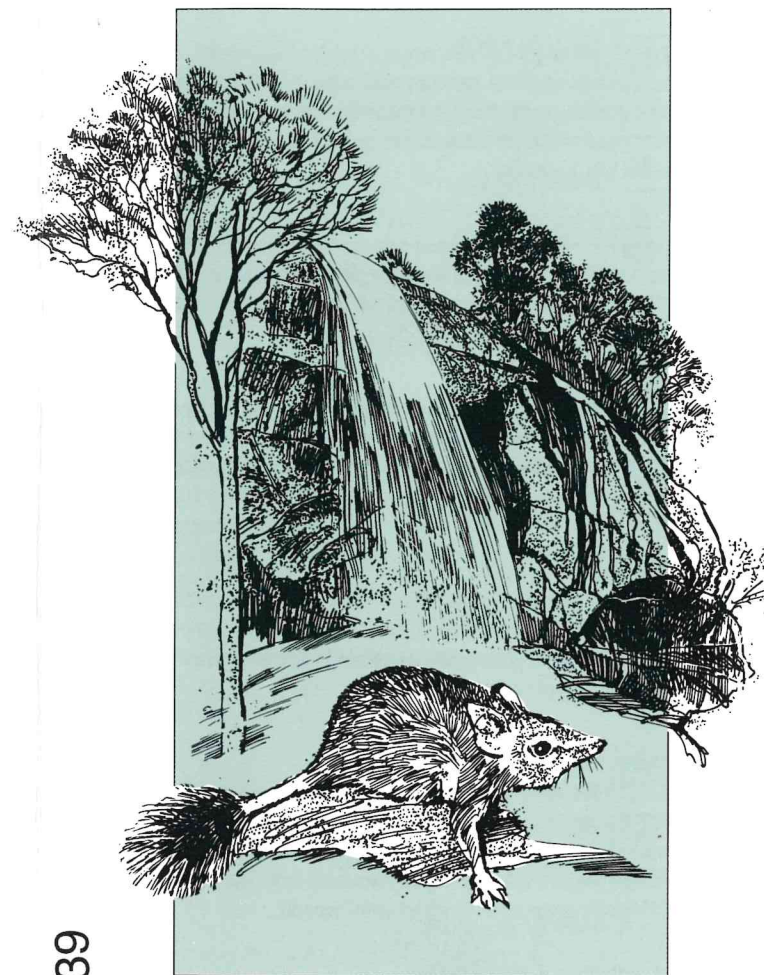
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DWELLINGUP

Tranquil river streams, swelling to fast-moving rapids in winter, fill the Murray River valley - the last of the major valleys in the northern jarrah forest not to be flooded for water supply. Paperbark thickets and ribbons of flooded gum woodlands fringe the river. Away from the river, the changing topography supports a diverse array of plants of the northern jarrah forest. Something is in flower for most of the year; eucalypts in summer, wattles in winter and wildflowers in spring. There is also a wealth of animal life that you will see and hear as you walk through the forest.

National parks, State forests, nature reserves and wildlife throughout the State are managed for the people of WA by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM). While in the area drop into one of our offices or stop a CALM officer for more information on WA's natural environment.

LANE POOLE RESERVE

Lane Poole Reserve was declared in 1984 to protect the conservation and recreation values of the northern jarrah forest and the Murray River - the longest permanent river in the jarrah forest. The reserve contains forest uplands, steeply dissected valley slopes, rocky pools and open, undulating jarrah and wandoo woodlands. It is 54 000 hectares in size and named after C E Lane Poole, the State's first Conservator of Forests and a devoted conservationist.

It is only 100 kilometres from Perth and is a favoured recreation area. Existing visitor pressure is such that conservation and recreation values can only be retained through sound planning and responsible and effective management. A management plan produced by CALM to ensure all its values are preserved can be purchased from most CALM offices or viewed at the Dwellingup CALM office.

THINGS TO DO

PICNICKING

There are many quiet places to have a picnic in the forest. Some (see grid) have basic facilities such as barbecues and tables. Please leave a site the way you would want to find it.

CAMPING

Vehicle-based camping is only allowed at designated sites (see grid), most of which provide toilets and barbecue facilities. Fresh drinking water is only available at Nanga Mill. Camping fees will be collected at all sites. If sites are full, contact the Dwellingup District Office on (09) 538 1078 for advice on possible alternatives. Sites cannot be booked.

As a joint project with Morley Senior High School CALM has developed a bush camp in the Murray Valley, at Icy Creek. It is available to approved groups and programs for a modest fee. Enquiries can be directed to the Youth Education Officer at Morley Senior High School, phone (09) 276 5766.

CANOEING

Canoeing is best in spring when water levels are high enough for easy passage, wildflowers are out and the weather is warming up. Always use one of the many canoe launch sites (see grid) to keep bank erosion to a minimum. Canoeing brochures are available from the Department for Sport and Recreation, or CALM offices.

BUSHWALKING

The best time to explore the bush is in spring and early summer, when days are cool and dry and wildflowers proliferate. The Bibbulmun Track is WA's longest walking trail (650 km) and has two circuits near Dwellingup (see map) that wind through the jarrah forest. Another trail, the King Jarrah Track, is 18 kilometres long; half of it is along the edge of the Murray River and the other half is through the banksias, jarrah and marri. A majestic jarrah is a highlight of the walk.

SWIMMING

The Murray River offers great opportunities for swimming (see grid). Be careful of snags and underwater obstructions.

RECREATIONAL FISHING

The Murray River, and some of its permanent tributaries, are home to WA's delicious freshwater crayfish - marron, as well as rainbow trout, redfin perch and cobbler.

Closed seasons, bag limits and minimum legal sizes help protect stocks from over-fishing so the available catch can be shared between the thousands of fishers who target these species.

You must have a fishing licence, issued by the Fisheries Department, if you wish to fish for these species. Licences are available from any Australia Post office, or the Fisheries Department. The Dwellingup Post Office is open from 9.00 to 11.00 am on Saturday mornings.



Call the Fisheries Department on (09) 220 5333 for further information.

MARRINUP TOUR

This is a unique 16 kilometre vehicle and walk tour through some of the features of the local forest (between 3 and 4 on map). You will visit WA's only Prisoner of War camp, inspect bauxite mining and rehabilitation work, learn about dieback and see the natural beauty of the Marrinup and Oakley Brook Catchments. Ask at the CALM Dwellingup District Office for a guidebook to the tour.



1 GOLD MINE MILL

Known locally as the site of North Dandalup's last gold rush. Mine shafts and diggings can still be found in the undergrowth surrounding the picnic area, where chunks of quartz quarried by the miners are strewn over the ground. No gold was found. Good views to Mandurah.

2 WHITTAKER'S SCARP MILL

This old millsite, five km from North Dandalup on Whittaker Road provides an open area suitable for group and club camping. A small creek runs through the middle of the area.

3 OAKLEY DAM

Originally built in 1939 to provide water for the steam locomotives at Pinjarra, Oakley Dam lies on the western edge of the Darling Scarp. The dam overlooks the Alcoa Alumina Refinery, and gives a panoramic view of the coastal plain. There is a barbecue area and lookout at the dam site.

4 THE OLD MARRINUP TOWNSITE

Another millsite razed by the 1961 wildfires, it is now a grassy, open area nestled in the forest on the banks of the Marrinup creek. A good spot for picnics and group camping. A 4.5 km return walk to an old P.O.W. camp leaves from here.

5 SOUTH DANDALUP DAM

South Dandalup Dam supplies domestic water to Perth, and has the largest capacity in the Water Authority system. A picnic area with barbecues, a lookout and a walk track near the dam wall are provided and maintained by the Water Authority.

6 DWELLINGUP

A major forest town in the northern jarrah forest, Dwellingup was first established in the latter years of the nineteenth century as timber milling town. Nearly all the original buildings were destroyed in a fierce bushfire which swept through the area in 1961, leaving only the hotel and its outhouses unscathed.

7 SCARP LOOKOUT

A shaded parking area, tables and barbecues are set on the edge of the Darling Scarp. From the lookout the forested slopes of the scarp descend to the coastal plain, and the farming country beyond.

8 SCARP POOL

Scarp Pool is a popular picnic and swimming area designed for day use only. A parking area near several barbecues and tables is located on the hillside overlooking the Murray River. Walk tracks lead down to the swimming hole, and a canoe launching area is provided near the lower car park. The roads leading to the pool are steep and should be negotiated with care.

9 BADEN POWELL

Baden Powell is divided into two sections, one for camping and one for day use only. There are tables and barbecues in the shade, on the river bank overlooking a deep pool. Steps down the steep banks have been provided for swimmers. The camping area is situated in the pines adjacent to the day use area.

10 CHARLIE'S FLAT

Individual car-bays are provided on a one-way access road. Next to each bay is a tent site, barbecue and table, surrounded by vegetation, and secluded from other sties. The tent sites are shaded by tall trees and shrubs, and those on the eastern side overlook the steep banks of the Murray River. Toilets are provided near the access road.

11 ISLAND POOL

Island Pool is a day use area. Parking spots in the shade overlook the river, and the pool is perfect for swimming. Barbecues and tables are sited on the left-hand side of the road, with an attractive view over the pool. A marked walk trail leads up the hill to a scenic lookout.

12 TONY'S BEND

Tony's Bend is a camp site designed for individual tents. Bays are provided on a one-way road, each with its own tent site, fireplace and table.

13 NANGA MILL

Nanga Mill was once the site of a jarrah sawmill burnt down in the 1961 bushfires. The remains of the log standing platform and the workers' houses can still be seen. Toilets, fireplaces and tables are located beneath tall pines and there is plenty of dead wood in the surrounding forest for cooking fires. Nanga Brook flows down into the Murray River. Not far from the campsites and on the southern side is an adventure playground and short trail through the forest.

14 YARRAGIL

A small campsite overlooking the Murray River, shaded by tall trees, and ideal for launching canoes.

15 NANGA TOWNSITE

Nanga townsite is half a kilometre west of Nanga Mill. The area is open and grassed for the most part, with clumps of young marri and jarrah shading parts of the area. The site is recommended for group camping. Fireplaces, tables and toilets are provided. A forest walk trail leaves the campsite and meanders up through the jarrah forest for two kilometres until it joins Nanga Road.

16 THE STRINGERS

Barbecues and tables are situated in shaded areas near the parking bays, and toilets are provided on site. A series of broad steps leads 25 metres down the steep slopes of the river banks to a canoe launching pad. A trail leads along the river bank to various swimming holes.

