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Park entrance fees

A fee is charged for your vehicle's daily entry into many of WA's major national parks. The money raised assists the local community to protect and maintain these parks for present and future generations.

National park passes

To conserve our environment and save you money, you may choose to purchase one of four National Park Passes. Passes range in price depending on the duration of your visit and the number of parks you visit. Each pass covers the cost of entry into national parks, but does not include camping fees and entrance into the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk.

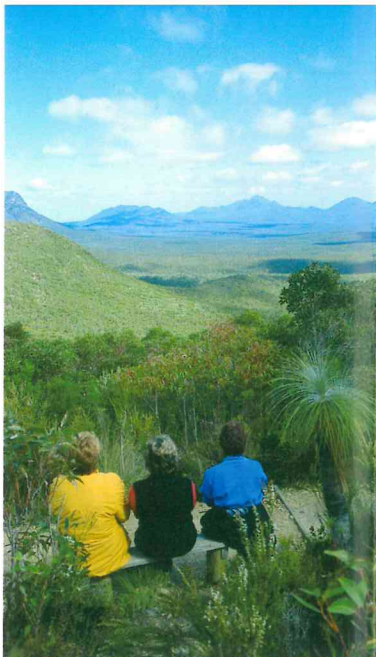
For more information on park passes, contact your participating visitor centres or the local Department of Conservation and Land Management offices (see Helpful Contacts on back of guide).

Camping

Camping in ecologically sensitive areas is a special experience restricted to designated sites. Some sites attract camping fees which are payable in addition to national park entrance fees. Parks with camping sites and the ones that collect fees are highlighted inside this brochure.

Legend

 Fishing	 Access to Bibblumun Track
 Swimming	 Four wheel drive access
 Swimming/snorkelling	 Bushwalking/backpacking
 Diving	 Bushwalking
 Canoeing	 Camping area
 Disabled access	 Caravan area
 Drinking water	 Information
 Other accommodation	 Telephone
 Picnic area	 Toilets
 Barbecue facilities	 Disabled facility toilets
	 World Heritage Area



Helpful contacts

For more information on parks and reserves visit www.naturebase.net

For tours, accommodation and other regional tourist attractions visit www.westernaustralia.net

Department of Conservation and Land Management

Collie office
(08) 9734 1988

Bunbury office
(08) 9725 4300

Busselton office
(08) 9752 1677

Pemberton office
(08) 9776 1207

Manjimup office
(08) 9771 7948

Walpole office
(08) 9840 1027

Albany office
(08) 9842 4500

Esperance office
(08) 9071 3733

Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk
(08) 9840 8200

Other

Main Roads Western Australia
Road Condition Report
Tel: 1800 013 314
Web: www.mrwa.wa.gov.au

Department of Conservation and Land Management's Customer Service Centre
17 Dick Perry Avenue KENSINGTON
Tel: (08) 9334 0333
Fax: (08) 9334 0498
Web: www.naturebase.net

Maps and guides

The Central Map Agency (DOLA)
1 Midland Square MIDLAND
Tel: (08) 9273 7075 or
(08) 9273 7209
Fax: (08) 9273 7205 or
(08) 9273 7656
E-mail: sales@dola.wa.gov.au
Web: www.dola.wa.gov.au

Friends of the Bibbulmun Track
(08) 9481 0551

Park passes and visitor information

Perth Visitor Centre
Forrest Place (cnr Wellington St) PERTH
Tel: 1300 361 351
Fax: (08) 9481 0190
Web: www.westernaustralia.net

Albany Tourist Bureau
08 9841 1088
lesley@albanytourist.com.au

Bunbury Visitor Centre
1300 656 202
welcome@bunbury.wa.gov.au

Collie Visitor Centre
08 9734 2051
ctb@collie.netserv.net.au

Denmark Visitor Centre
08 9848 2055
touristb@denmarkwa.net.au

Esperance Visitor Centre
08 9071 2330
visit.esperance@bigpond.com.au

Manjimup Visitor Centre
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Margaret River Visitor Centre
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Mount Barker Visitor Centre
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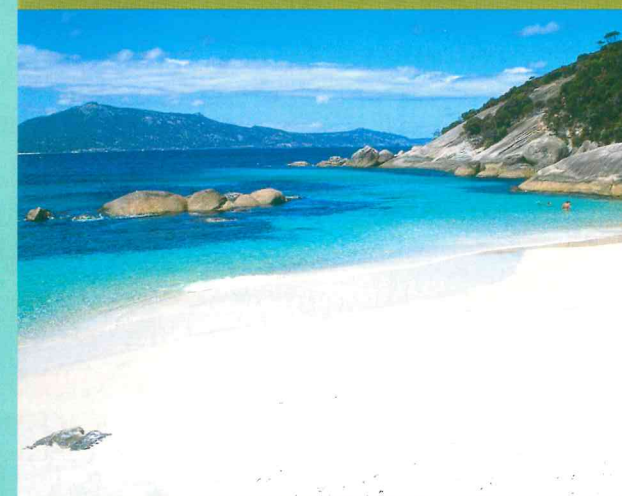
Northcliffe Visitor Centre
08 9776 7203

Pemberton Visitor Centre
1800 671 133
pemtour@karriweb.com.au

Ravensthorpe Visitor Centre
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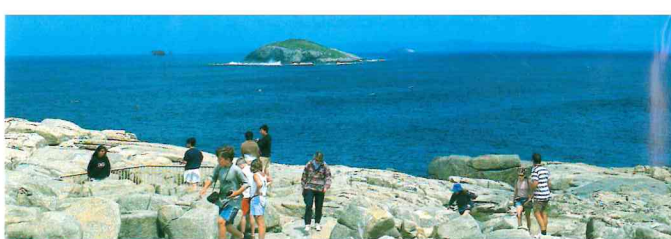
Walpole Visitor Centre
08 9840 1111
wnta@wn.com.au

A Visitor's Guide to Western Australia's SOUTHERN National Parks and Reserves



Also see the Visitor's Guides to Western Australia's
NORTHERN and CENTRAL National Parks and Reserves.

All tourism information **freecall 1300 361 351**



Welcome

If you're seeking adventure, scenery or solitude, discovering the natural wonders of WA can lead to some intensely rewarding experiences.

In the southern regions of WA, more than four million hectares of ecologically sensitive lands and waters are protected to conserve biodiversity so future visitors can share the quality of life we enjoy today.

From limestone ridges honeycombed by mysterious caves to majestic old-growth forests, from crystal clear rivers running through moist lush green valleys to awe-inspiring coastal cliffs—the southern regions of WA have some of Earth's most unique and contrasting ecosystems.

The abundant array of plants, native and migratory bird life, marine life, insects and animals that live in these natural areas provides the perfect ingredients for unforgettable and treasured memories.

The quality of your nature-based experience is enhanced with informed park staff and facilities designed to minimise your impact on the environment.

Explore chains of granite peaks, snorkel sheltered bays and coastal inlets, climb some of Australia's most impressive cliffs, or simply walk the extensive network of trails, including the popular Cape to Cape Track and the world famous 963-kilometre Bibbulmun Track.



A natural and cultural snapshot

The cool and mild climate of the region fosters some of the world's most spectacular flora and wildlife.

Relax with the enchanting sound of sea eagles, honeyeaters, finches and shearwaters while camping among the shady tall eucalypts overlooking the blue waters surrounding the Woody Island Nature Reserve.



Enjoy the comfort and safety of designated land-based lookouts as you scan the spectacular southern coastline for frolicking humpback and southern right whales during May to November.

Savour the perfume and bright colour of seasonal wildflowers as they dramatically transform the regions' unique landscapes during September to November.



For a different perspective of native flora, climbing some of the world's highest fire tree lookouts will provide rewarding views of surrounding old-growth forests. The Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk allows you to comfortably wander 40 metres above the ground through the majestic tingle and karri tree canopy.

If you prefer to keep your feet on the ground the Ellensbrook Homestead, nestled in a peppermint grove 600 metres from the ocean, provides an insightful look into the life of the first European settlers and Aboriginal heritage.

Using this guide

This guide is designed to help you decide what you want to do and learn, so your nature-based experience will have a meaningful purpose for you and for the people and places you visit.

Remember that these lands and waters have deep cultural significance for indigenous people and should be respected and treated as such.

Every year more than nine million visits are made to Western Australia's protected areas. Consequently, huge pressures are placed on the natural environment and supporting communities.

Travelling responsibly can reduce your impact and help to conserve the environment.

- Appreciate nature and refrain from feeding native animals and picking wildflowers. Pets and firearms are not permitted in WA's protected areas.
- Travel safely and help to prevent erosion. Stay on designated roads, tracks and paths. Your safety in natural areas is our concern, but your responsibility.
- Leave no rubbish or other traces of your visit. Using soap and detergent in rivers or streams can kill aquatic life and damage valuable ecosystems.
- Light fires only in designated fireplaces and, if possible, use your own portable gas or fuel stove.
- Check weather forecasts and road conditions. Take appropriate clothing, first aid supplies, car equipment, extra fuel, water, and always carry a map of the area.
- Respect the local community and ask permission before entering private lands.
- Choose responsible tour operators and guides who are aware of environmental impacts and who contribute to conservation efforts.

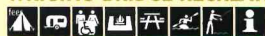


LESCHENAULT PENINSULA CONSERVATION PARK



LOCATION: 22 kilometres north of Bunbury, covering 1,071 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Mountain bike trail, tuart/peppermint woodland, diverse ocean and estuary ecosystems, 201 native plant species, bird watching.

WRIGHTS BRIDGE RECREATION SITE



LOCATION: 15 kilometres south-west of Balingup, covering 20 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Blackwood River, yarri/marri forest, seasonal wildflowers.

ST JOHNS BROOK CONSERVATION PARK



LOCATION: 300 kilometres south of Perth, covering 2,200 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Flora, abundant wildlife, St Johns Brook, historical and cultural remnants.

GOLDEN VALLEY TREE PARK



LOCATION: 260 kilometres south of Perth, covering 60 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Extensive arboretum of indigenous and exotic tree species.

HOFFMAN MILL RECREATION SITE



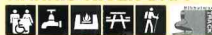
LOCATION: 28 kilometres north-east of Harvey, covering 20 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Summer camp only, stream, jarrah forest, historical remnants.

SUE'S BRIDGE



LOCATION: 33 kilometres south-east of Margaret River, covering 6 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Blackwood River, forest, seasonal wildflowers, wildlife.

HARRIS RIVER DAM



LOCATION: 10 kilometres north of Collie, covering 3,600 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Scenic day use area, bird watching, sections of Bibbulmun Track.

WELLINGTON NATIONAL PARK



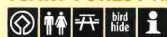
LOCATION: 20 kilometres west of Collie, covering 17,500 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Wellington Dam and Potters Gorge, close to Honeymoon Pool, jarrah/marri forest, river scenery.

LEEWIN NATURALISTE NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 260 kilometres south of Perth, covering 19,700 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Coastal cliffs, long beaches, sheltered bays, caves, Cape to Cape walk track, seasonal wildflowers, tall karri forests, Contos camp ground, historic Ellensbrook House.

TUART FOREST NATIONAL PARK



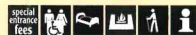
LOCATION: 220 kilometres south of Perth, covering 3,000 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Tuart forests, wildlife, and bird life.

BIG BROOK DAM



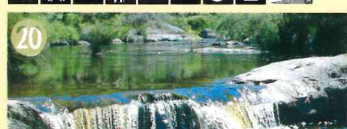
LOCATION: five kilometres north of Pemberton, covering 100 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Dam, karri forest, bird life, seasonal wildflowers, wheelchair/stroller accessible walk trail.

PERUP FOREST



LOCATION: 56 kilometres east of Manjimup, covering 50,000 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Nocturnal wildlife. Overnight stays by prior arrangement.

GLOUCESTER NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: three kilometres east of Pemberton, covering 874 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Lefroy Brook, Cascading Brook, karri forest, Gloucester Tree, seasonal wildflowers, bird life, streams and gullies.

WARREN NATIONAL PARK



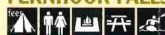
LOCATION: 10 kilometres south-west of Pemberton, covering 2,980 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Old growth karri forest, seasonal wildflowers, bird life, gullies and streams, Warren River.

BEEDULUP NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 15 kilometres west of Pemberton, covering 1,590 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Old growth forest, Beedelup Falls, seasonal wildflowers, bird life, moist gullies.

FERNHOOK FALLS



LOCATION: 38 kilometres north-west of Walpole, covering 10 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Cabins, jarrah/karri forest, frothing river (June, July, August).

WALPOLE-NORNALUP NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: surrounds Walpole, covering 22,000 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Wild coastline, tingle forest, coastal heath, rivers, beaches, inlets, home of the red flowering gum.

TREE TOP WALK, VALLEY OF GIANTS



LOCATION: 18 kilometres east of Walpole.
ATTRACTIONS: Tree Top Walk, Ancient Empire Ground Walk, tingle forest.

WILLIAM BAY NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 14 kilometres west of Denmark, covering 1,800 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Scenic coastline, beaches.

STIRLING RANGE NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 80 kilometres north of Albany, covering 115,920 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Rugged peaks, Bluff Knoll (1,095 metres high), stark cliff faces, ecological islands of vegetation.

PORONGURUP NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 24 kilometres east of Mt Barker, covering 2,621 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Lane Poole Falls, mountain bike trails, jarrah/karri/marri forest, bird life and wildlife.

TWO PEOPLE'S BAY NATURE RESERVE



LOCATION: 35 kilometres east of Albany, covering 4,744 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Scenic granite massifs, coastal bays, wildlife, heritage trails.

WEST CAPE HOWE NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 30 kilometres west of Albany, covering 3,517 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Rugged coastline, hang gliding, Shelley Beach.

WAYCHINICUP NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 65 kilometres east of Albany, covering 3,982 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Unspoilt inlet, boulder-strewn headlands, deep gullies, and wildlife.

TORNDIRUP NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 10 kilometres south of Albany, covering 3,906 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Rugged granite coastline with spectacular views.

STOKES NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 80 kilometres west of Esperance, covering 10,667 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Seasonal wildflowers, waterbirds, European settlement history, pristine coastline, sandy bays and estuary.

FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 12 kilometres west of Hopetown, covering 320,000 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Spongolite gorges, world biosphere reserve, endemic plant species.

CAPE ARID NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 120 kilometres east of Esperance, covering 279,415 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Sweeping beaches, sandy bays, rocky headlands, low granite hills, seasonal wildflowers, wilderness, seasonal whales, bird life.

CAPE LE GRAND NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 50 kilometres east of Esperance, covering 32,100 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Rocky headlands, granite peaks, seasonal wildflowers, sandy beaches and bays.

EUCLA NATIONAL PARK



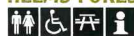
LOCATION: 730 kilometres east of Norseman, covering 3,340 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Bunda Bluff, sea cliffs, Great Australian Bight, Delisser Sandhills.

FRANK HANN NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 40 kilometres east of Lake King, covering 67,550 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Seasonal wildflowers.

HELMS FORESTRY RESERVE



LOCATION: 18 kilometres north of Esperance, covering 3,748 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Helms Arboretum, annual Arborfest, seasonal wildflowers, guided spring tours.

WOODY ISLAND NATURE RESERVE



LOCATION: 15 kilometres south of Esperance, covering 195 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Recherche Archipelago, nature lovers' delight, tall eucalypts, abundant bird life, seagrass, coral, Shearwater Bay.

PEAK CHARLES NATIONAL PARK

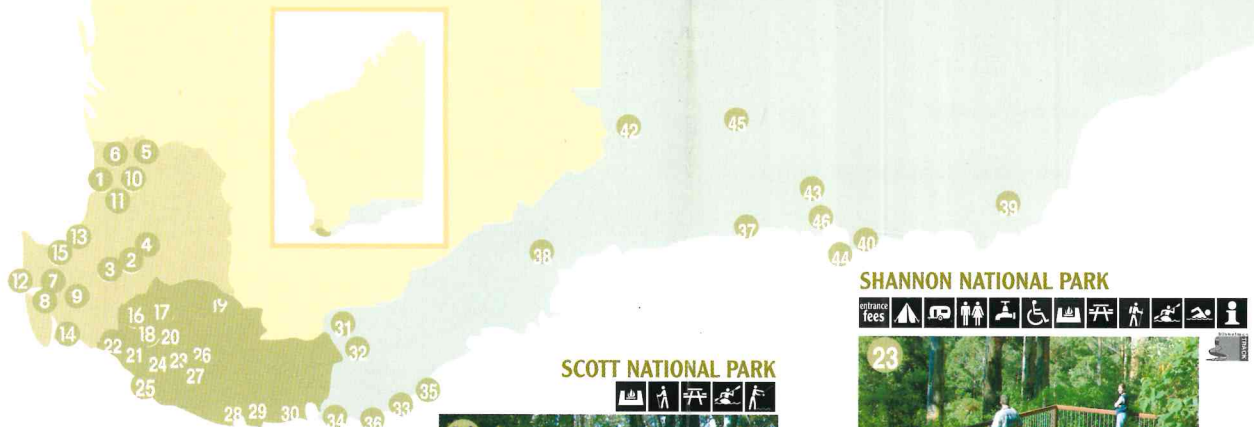


LOCATION: 120 kilometres north-west of Esperance, covering 39,959 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Ancient towering granite peaks, dry sand plain heaths, salt lake systems, seasonal wildflowers, bird life.

ESPERANCE LAKES NATURE RESERVES



LOCATION: 2 kilometres north of Esperance, covering 3,384 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Internationally important wetlands, coastal scenery, abundant bird life, 17 varieties of migratory waterbirds.



LOGUE BROOK DAM



LOCATION: 16 kilometres north-west of Harvey, covering 3,780 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Lake Brockman, jarrah forest, water-skiing, trout fishing.

CANEBAKE POOL



LOCATION: 22 kilometres east of Margaret River, covering 4 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Peaceful forest setting, Margaret River, mountain bike trails.

WARNER GLEN RECREATION AREA



LOCATION: 26 kilometres south of Margaret River, covering 4 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Blackwood River, Chapman Brook, Chapman Pool, boating, river pool, forests, seasonal wildflowers.

SCOTT NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: four kilometres east of Augusta, covering 3,300 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Blackwood River, wildlife, boat access only.

VASSE-WONNERUP WETLANDS



LOCATION: three kilometres east of Busselton, covering 1,000 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Internationally important wetlands, migratory and non-migratory bird life.

ONE TREE BRIDGE CONSERVATION PARK



LOCATION: 21 kilometres west of Manjimup, covering 650 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Old growth karri forest, Donnelly River.

DIAMOND TREE STATE FOREST



LOCATION: 10 kilometres south of Manjimup, covering 10 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Tree fire tower lookout, open for public to climb.

SHANNON NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 55 kilometres south-east of Pemberton, covering 52,600 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Old growth forest drive tour, popular camp sites, Shannon River, historical town site, bird life, seasonal wildflowers.

BOORARA CONSERVATION PARK



LOCATION: 15 kilometres south-east of Northcliffe, covering 616 hectares
ATTRACTIONS: Lane Poole Falls, mountain bike trails, jarrah/karri/marri forest, bird life and wildlife.

D'ENTRECASTEAUX NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 30 kilometres south of Northcliffe, covering 119,690 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Wild coastline, varied forest types, limestone cliffs, pristine beaches, 4WD tracks.

MT FRANKLAND NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 28 kilometres north of Walpole, covering 31,000 hectares.
ATTRACTIONS: Granite peaks, karri forest, lookout, walk trails.