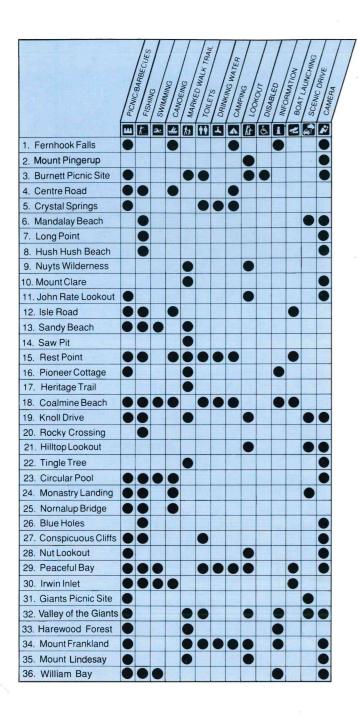
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REMEMBER

BE CAREFUL: Your enjoyment and safety in natural environments is our concern, but your responsibility.

BE CLEAN: Put your litter in bins or, better still, take it with you. Bury organic waste at least 30 cm deep and at least 100 m from water sources, picnic areas or campsites where toilets are not provided.

BE COOL: Don't light fires except in BBQs provided. Bring your own portable gas stove.

STAY ON THE ROAD: Normal road rules apply. Stay on the best formed roads in national parks and forest areas. For your own safety, don't travel on logging roads.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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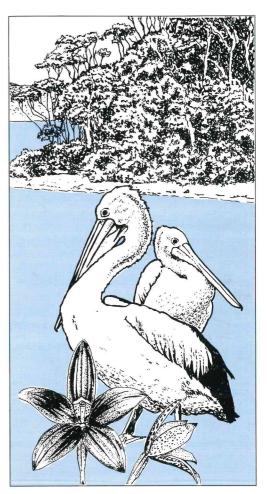
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WALPOLE NORNALUP

National Park





WALPOLE NATIONAL PARKS AND FORESTS

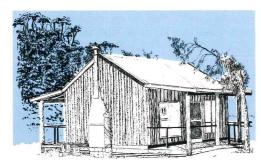
Deep rivers, majestic karri and unique tingle trees. Waterfalls, wildflowers and an unspoilt coastline. These are some of the features of the forests near Walpole.

Walpole–Nornalup National Park covers some 18 000 hectares, surrounding the Walpole and Nornalup inlets on the south coast of Western Australia. The Frankland and Deep Rivers drain the forested hinterland, emptying through the national park into the broad and sheltered waters of the inlets. Information shelters on site tell you more about the national park and surrounding forest areas.

In spring, between September and November, the forest wildflowers are at their best. Summer, from December to February, is warm and relatively dry. Less than 10 per cent of the annual rainfall occurs during these months. Be careful with fires.

Even in summer, nights may be cool, so take warm clothes. Wet weather gear is essential in winter and spring.

National parks, State forest, 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 region, call in at one of our offices for more information on WA's natural environment and attractions.



Pioneer Cottage Information Centre

THINGS TO DO



PICNICKING

Find a tranquil spot in the forest for a picnic and a stroll. Picnic areas have basic facilities such as barbecues and tables (see grid).

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CAMPING

Camping areas have basic facilities such as toilets, fireplaces and tables (see grid). A fee is charged for camping in national parks and this will be collected by the ranger. There are two sites in the Walpole District where vehicle-based camping is provided: Fernhook Falls and Crystal Springs. In State forest areas, where there are no facilities, you may camp for a maximum of three nights. Take your rubbish out with you and bury organic waste at least 30 cm deep and at least 100 m from water. Leave no trace of your stay.



CANOEING

Canoeing is best done in spring, when water levels in the rivers are high enough for easy passage and the weather is warming up.



Mt Frankland

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BUSHWALKING

Bushwalking is excellent during spring and early summer. There are superb walks through rain forest, along riverbanks, up granite monadnocks and along the coast. Wear sturdy shoes or boots, take plenty of water to drink and be sure to tell someone where you are going and when you intend to be back. Walks vary from long distance hikes through wild country to short strolls. Brochures about interesting walks are available from CALM offices.



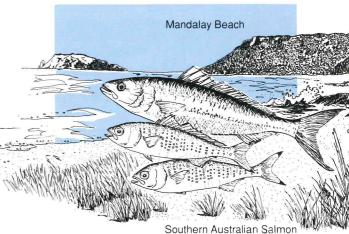
FISHING

Normal fishing regulations apply in national parks and State forest. Coastal fishing is excellent all year round. For information on access and coastal hazards in national parks, contact the appropriate ranger. (See map for locations of boat ramps.)



MARRON

These delicious freshwater crustaceans are common throughout the region, but they are not as easy to catch as they once were. A licence is required to fish for marron. There is a closed season, a legal minimum size and a bag limit. Contact the Fisheries Department for further details.



Australian Herring

PLACES TO SEE

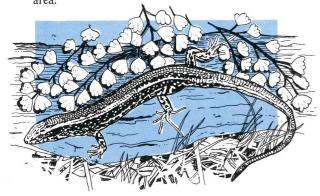
Take in the VALLEY OF THE GIANTS. A 400 m walktrail winds through this rare forest of red tingle trees. Signs and an information shelter tell you more about the tingle forest.

MOUNT FRANKLAND offers sweeping views of the surrounding karri, tingle and jarrah forests. A walktrail leads around the base of the mount and through karri forest before branching off to climb the steep path to the top of this granite monadnock. Exceptionally good for viewing forest wildflowers during late spring.

WALPOLE-NORNALUP NATIONAL PARK features pristine tingle forests, spectacular coastal scenery, the Frankland and Deep Rivers, Walpole and Nornalup inlets and the Nuyts Wilderness Area.

NUYTS WILDERNESS offers you the chance to enjoy the beauty of a truly wild environment. Situated in the most rugged part of the national park, the wilderness area includes high rock-capped hills, coastal dunes, a deep forested gorge and a spectacular rugged coastline, all of which are home to a wide variety of animal and plant communities, including many species of orchid.

Access is by a small footbridge, which crosses the Deep River near Tinglewood Lodge. A book is provided for walkers to register their entry and exit. Please leave no trace of your visit. Vehicles, pets and fires are not permitted in the wilderness area.



SCENIC DRIVES

See a giant tingle tree, travel through big karri and take a climb to the top of the world. Stop beside a waterfall and have a picnic. Smell a wildflower and watch a rufous treecreeper.

There are many scenic drives near Walpole for you to enjoy. Here is our pick of them:

Beardmore Rd - Mt Frankland - Nth Walpole Rd. Thousands of wildflowers on the flats, magnificent Fernhook Falls cascading over a granite bar, shady karri forest, panoramic views from Mt Frankland and farm landscape into Walpole.

Bridge Rd - Dingo Flat Rd - Valley of the Giants. The wide Frankland River, deep valleys, karri forest and the enormous tingle trees of the Valley of the Giants.

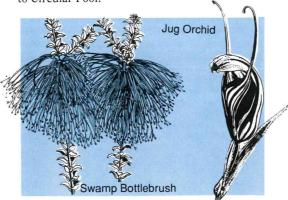
Nut Rd - Ficifolia Rd - Conspicuous Beach Rd. Unique red flowering gum and views of the coastline.

Coalmine Beach - Knoll Drive.

Views over the inlets, karri forest down to the water's edge, fishing spots, wildflowers on the flats and for those tough enough, swimming.

Hill Top - Circular Pool.

Great views of Nornalup Inlet from Hilltop Rd. Drive through magnificent tingle and karri forest to a giant hollow tingle growing among pristine sheoak forest, then on through the blackboy flats to Circular Pool.



PASSING THROUGH?

Walpole has special places everywhere. A half-day's sightseeing can only brush the surface.

Below is a suggested route for people passing through the area who have limited time, but want a quick introduction to the treasures of Walpole (please reverse the order if travelling from Manjimup to Denmark and/or Albany).

Coming from Albany and/or Williams Bay National Park:

- Turn at Bow Bridge Valley of the Giants Rd Tingle, karri forest
- Conspicuous Beach Rd Southern Ocean, beach
- Pioneer Cottage (Walpole townsite) History, local information
- Knoll Drive (Coalmine Beach) *Inlets and karri*
- Mt Frankland (North Walpole Rd) Farms, forests and views
- Fernhook Falls (Beardmore Rd) River valley
- Turn at SW Highway-Beardmore Road junction and continue along highway to Shannon National Park

Perhaps a quick trip today will inspire you to start planning a return visit tomorrow.

For those with more time to explore this place of inlets, rivers, oceans and forests, use the scenic drives section and the map and grid for recreational facilities and activities to help plan your travels. Perhaps you can organise your time to explore the coast on one day and the forests, wilderness or historic sites on the next.

Maybe all you need is a day at the beach, a vigorous bushwalk or doing what most locals do in their spare time — fishing.

