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THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Take time out to explore the unique sites and sounds of Yanchep National Park—nestled in 2842 hectares of tuart and banksia woodlands. Discover pristine wetlands, limestone caves, friendly koalas and the *olde worlde* charm of Tudor-style buildings.

INFORMATION

Let us help you plan your stay. Drop into the Visitor Centre or check your '*What's on Today*' leaflet for daily activities and coming events. The centre is open daily. Our friendly and informative staff are happy to assist you. *Park Notes* and other publications are also available.

PICNICKING

Picnic spots throughout the recreation area have free, push button gas or electric BBQs.

KOALAS

Koalas have been a major attraction at the park since 1938. They can be viewed from a walk-through enclosure, where a treetop habitat has been provided for these unique little Australians.

WETLANDS

Loch McNess is a scenic wetland of environmental significance. Rowboats are available for hire. A launch, operated for charity by Kiwanis International, makes tours of Loch McNess on most weekends and public holidays.

CAVE TOURS

Here and there, outcrops of limestone rise above the soil, hinting at the park's vast network of caves, potholes and underground streams. Guided tours of Crystal Cave are conducted daily.

GOLF

Spend a pleasant day out with the kangaroos as you drive, chip and putt around the 9-hole golf course. (No hire facilities, bring your own clubs.)

YANCHEP INN

Capture the essence of an old Tudor-style Inn with its open log fires, traditional dining room and picturesque views of Loch McNess.

GLOUCESTER LODGE MUSEUM

Yanchep was made a reserve in 1905 as a health and pleasure resort and for the protection of caves, fauna and flora. During the Depression of the 1930s, sustenance workers constructed roads and buildings, and dredged a channel around Loch McNess. Yanchep was made a National Park in 1969.

Visit Gloucester Lodge Museum to discover more about the park's history.

NATURE WALKS

Step out and explore the park by foot. A variety of trails, ranging from a one-kilometre stroll up to a 28-kilometre trek south to Lake Joondalup, designed to help you discover the features and diversity of the park. They are suitable for all ages and abilities. *Park Notes* and brochures on the various trails are available at the Visitor Centre.

The best times of the year for walking are autumn and spring, when the woodlands offer a profusion of colourful wildflowers.

Some of our most popular trails include:

- **BOOMERANG GORGE TRAIL:** A short walk that meanders along the base of a limestone gorge to a small pool.

  Distance: 1 km return

  Grade: Easy (Accessible by wheelchair)

- **YANJIDI TRAIL:** A circuit around the Loch McNess wetlands, exploring the paperbark and sedge ecosystem. Look out for tortoises and listen for the unusual sound of the musk duck.

  Distance: 2km

  Grade: Easy

- **GHOST HOUSE TRAIL:** Experience some of the park's best wilderness walking, with beautiful examples of tuart forest, stony outcrops and historical ruins.

  Distance: 10km (allow approx. 4 hours)

  Grade: Medium

  Note: For your safety, please register at the Visitor Centre before setting off along this trail.

- **YABEROO BUDJARA HERITAGE TRAIL:** From the shores of Loch McNess, south to Lake Joondalup, you can follow the old drovers cattle route of the last century. A brochure is available detailing the sections of the walk.

  Distance: Up to 28km in five stages

  Grade: Medium—suitable for people of moderate fitness

  Note: For your safety, please register at the Visitor Centre before setting off along this trail.

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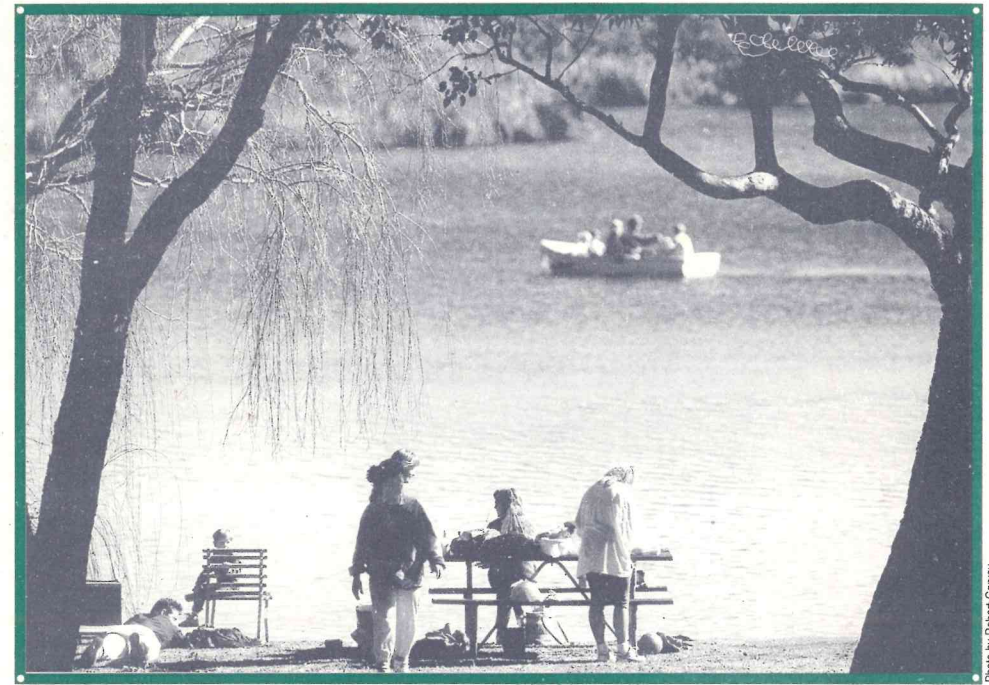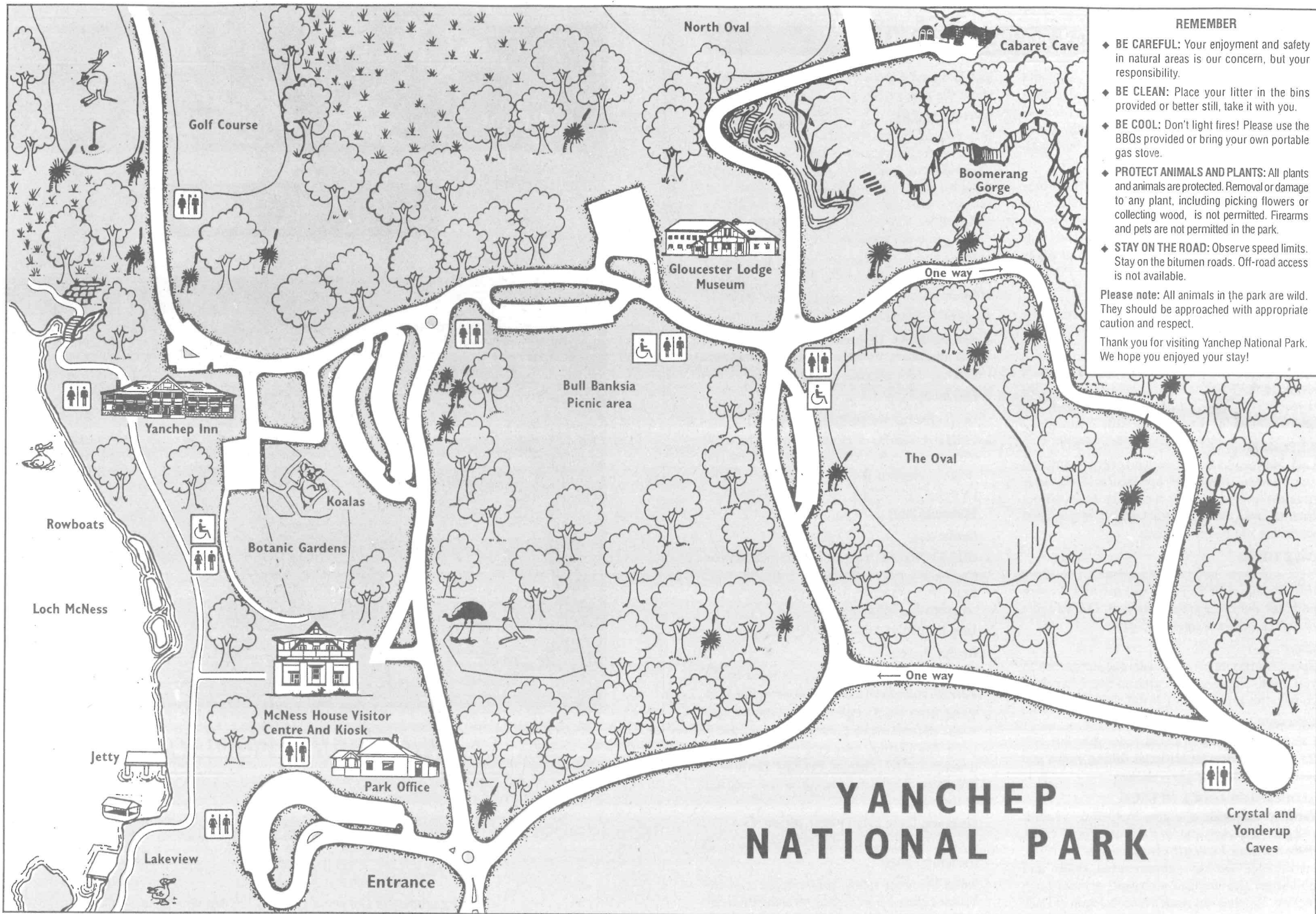## NATIONAL PARK
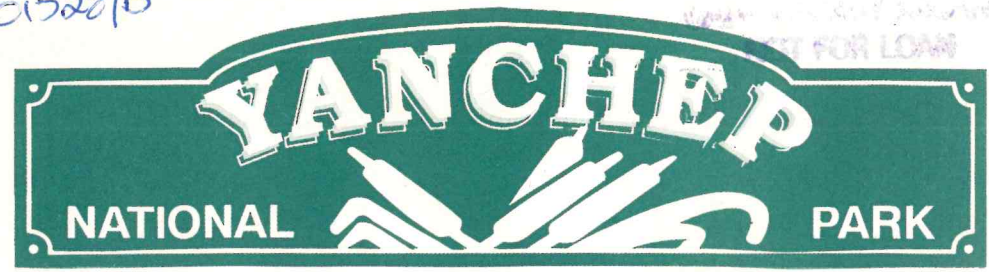
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Golf Course

North Oval

Cabaret Cave

Boomerang Gorge

One way →

Gloucester Lodge Museum

Yanchep Inn

Rowboats

Koalas

Botanic Gardens

Bull Banksia Picnic area

The Oval

Loch McNess

McNess House Visitor Centre And Kiosk

Park Office

← One way

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Lakeview

Entrance

Crystal and Yonderup Caves