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# BUSHWALKS WALPOLE DISTRICT



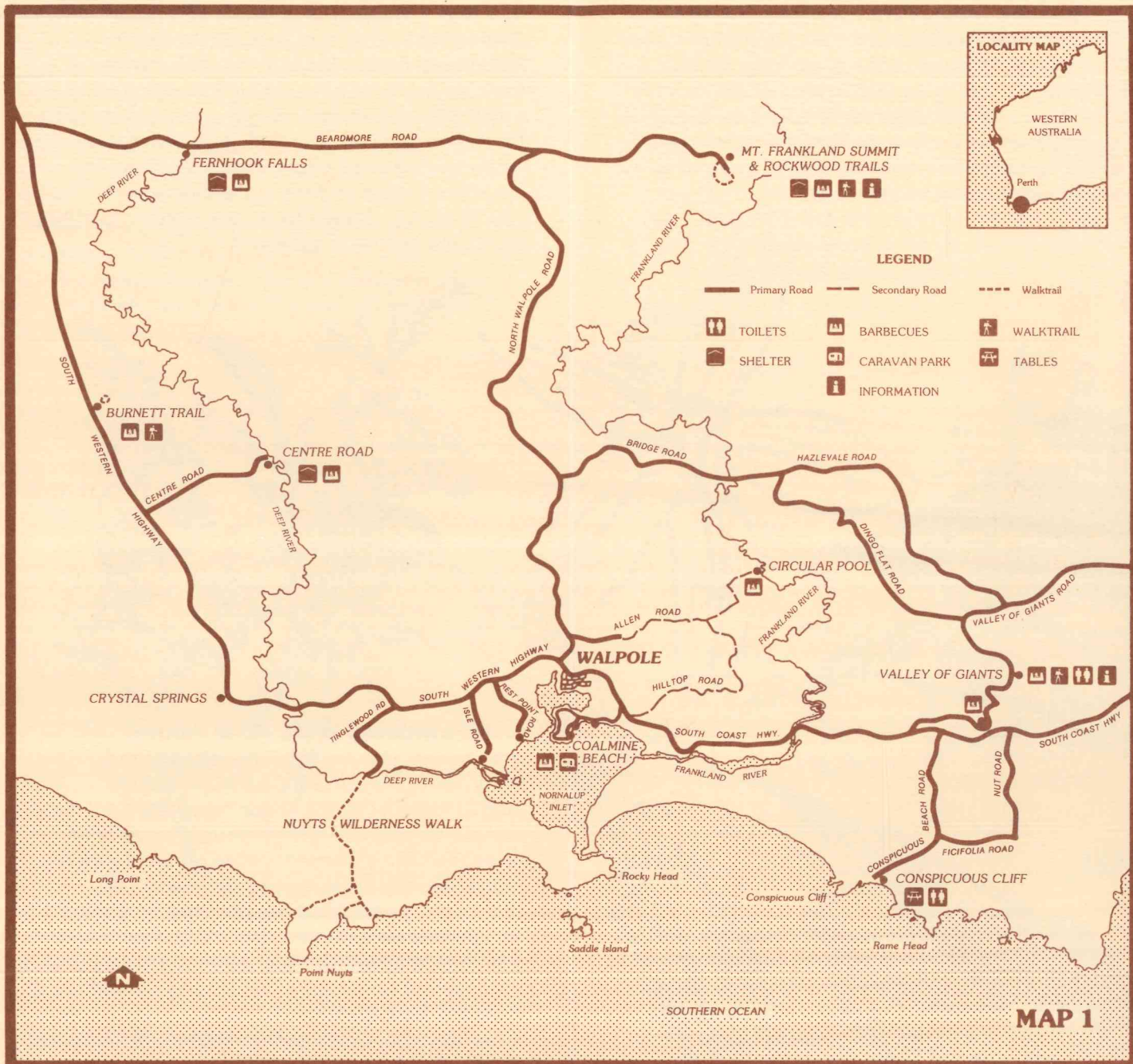
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### LEGEND

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|  | Primary Road |  | Secondary Road |  | Walktrail |
|  | TOILETS      |  | BARBECUES      |  | WALKTRAIL |
|  | SHELTER      |  | CARAVAN PARK   |  | TABLES    |
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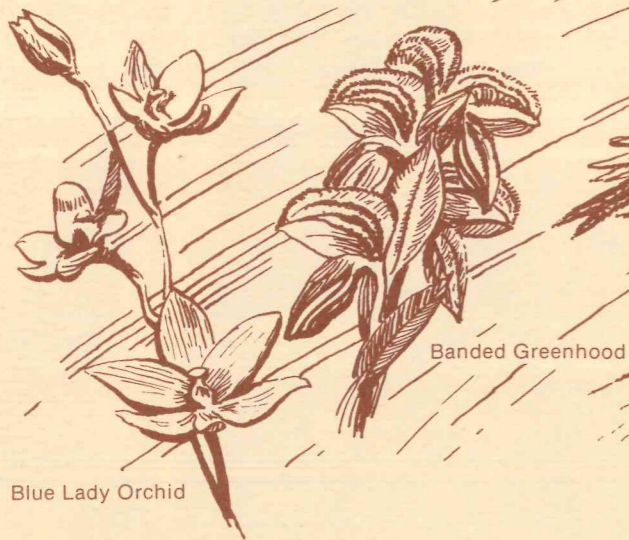
MAP 1



## Welcome to the Forest

The Walpole district is probably best known for its giant tingle trees — but the area has much more to offer than just this. The rugged coastline, the almost always flowering flats, the rivers, and the huge granite outcrops combine to make this district one of the most beautiful and interesting in the south west.

The trails offered to the visitor are routed through a range of landscape types, but the walker should be encouraged to take map and compass in hand and explore some of the areas alone. A lot of surprises await.



Blue Lady Orchid

Banded Greenhood

### 1. Valley of the Giants (400m)

This short walk trail loop is signposted at various points along the way to help the visitor better appreciate the forest. The most dominant features are the huge hollow butted red tingles which can shelter whole families during downpours. In spring the wildflowers — in particular the white crowea, fill the air with their scent and because of the density of the bush, the many birds are heard at all times of the year.

### 2. Mt Frankland

Two very different walk trails have been constructed at this site.

#### a. Mt Frankland Summit (1km)

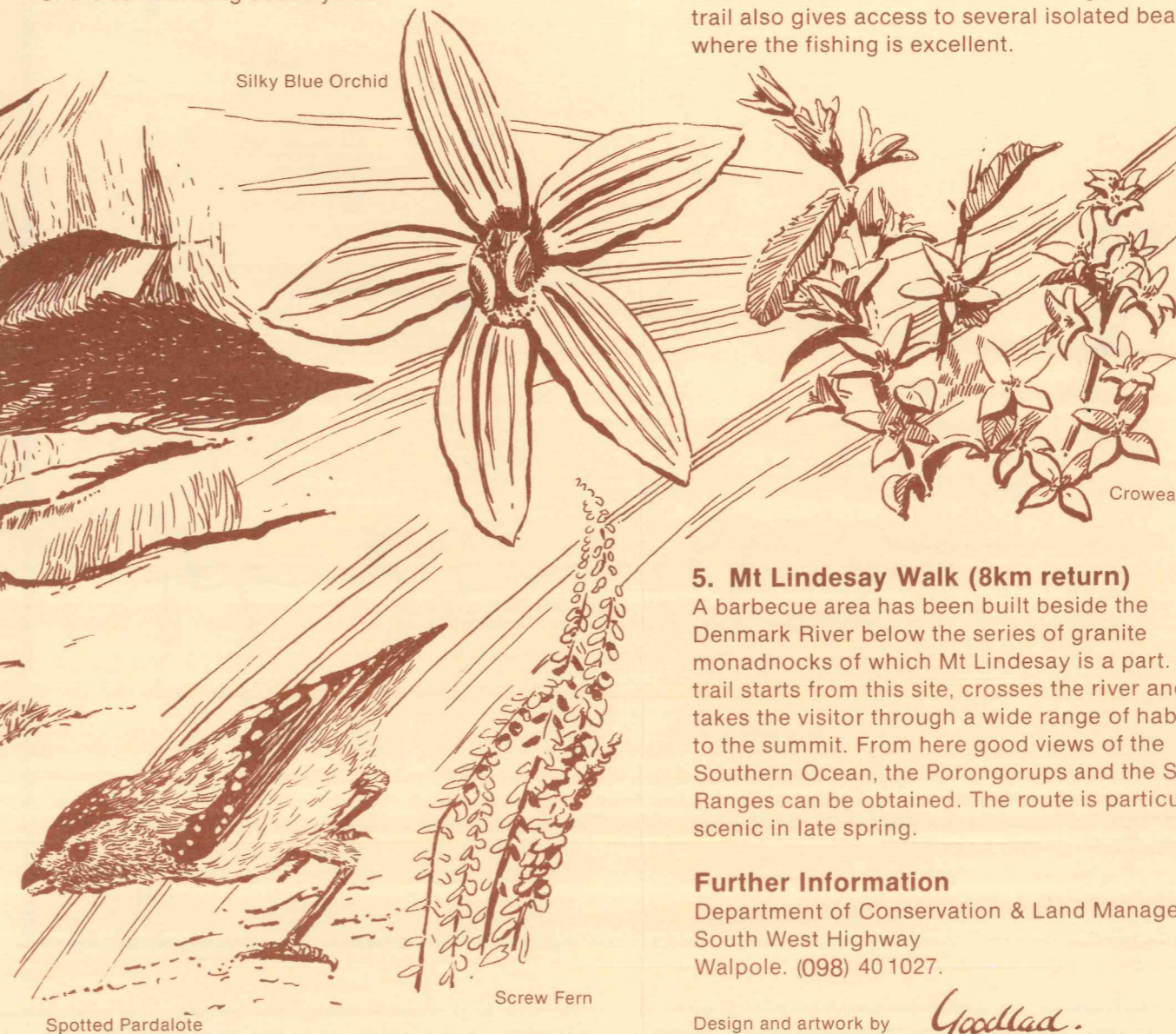
As the name suggests, this trail starts from the picnic area and winds its way to the top of the granite dome. Some concrete steps have been constructed and a steel ladder erected to help with the ascent. Panoramic views from the top ensure that the climb is well worthwhile.

#### b. Rockwood Trail (1.5km loop)

The trail loops around the base of the granite dome providing the walker with a variety of feature views along the way. Other features include walking under rock overhangs sometimes dripping with water and populated with ferns and mosses. It is probably the most beautiful trail in the Walpole District and a must for visitors who are reasonably fit.

### 3. Burnett Trail (1km loop)

This trail head is at Burnett picnic site just off the South-west Highway, north of Walpole. It was constructed mainly so that visitors could view the profusion of wildflowers that bloom here during spring. Another feature, halfway along the trail, is a small granite outcrop which provides good views of the surrounding countryside.



Silky Blue Orchid

Gannet

Mount Frankland

Spotted Pardalote

Screw Fern

Crowea

### 4. Nuyts Wilderness Walk (7km one way)

This trail winds its way through the Nuyts Wilderness area in Walpole-Nornalup National Park. Its many features include the contrasting areas of karri and yate, Boggy and Crystal Lakes, the many varieties of orchids and Mt Hopkins. The latter provides beautiful views of Walpole, the Southern Ocean and the surrounding park. The trail also gives access to several isolated beaches where the fishing is excellent.

### 5. Mt Lindesay Walk (8km return)

A barbecue area has been built beside the Denmark River below the series of granite monadnocks of which Mt Lindesay is a part. The trail starts from this site, crosses the river and takes the visitor through a wide range of habitats to the summit. From here good views of the Southern Ocean, the Porongorups and the Stirling Ranges can be obtained. The route is particularly scenic in late spring.

#### Further Information

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