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Calling all Squirrels

ONLY VALID UNTIL
30TH APRIL 1991*

AREAS MAY BE CLOSED IF IT RAINS
* see next page



*CALM offers special
privileges to smart people
who collect their 1/2 tonne limit
of wood from State Forests in summer
and autumn*



Department of Conservation and Land Management

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Smart people collect their firewood when it's dry and plentiful in summer and autumn and store it ready for winter. At that time it's also more comfortable to collect. The ground is not muddy, the days are warm and sunny and you won't get wet.

To manage the taking of firewood from State Forests and Timber Reserves more efficiently, the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) wants to encourage firewood gathering in summer and autumn. This means more firewood is available throughout the year and allows entry into sites in Disease Risk Areas which must remain closed in winter to protect them from jarrah dieback. These areas are now free of jarrah dieback.

This disastrous forest disease is a microscopic, soil borne fungus that needs water to survive. It is spread when soil is moved, usually on vehicle tyres. In summer when the soil is dry some sites in the forest that don't have the disease can be opened for firewood collection without the fear of spreading dieback into these areas. If however, rain falls in summer or autumn these sites will be closed. See Plan 3.



Always allow 3 days after rain, before you try to collect firewood in these areas.

If in doubt, telephone a CALM Office
(See back page)

Can I collect firewood?

Apart from private land, firewood can only be collected in State Forest or Timber Reserves managed by the Department of Conservation and Land management (CALM).

Firewood from the areas shown on the enclosed plans can only be collected for non-commercial reasons. **LOADS, THEREFORE, ARE RESTRICTED TO ONE 6' x 4' TRAILER (½ TONNE) PER FAMILY.**

Uncontrolled gathering of firewood can seriously damage the forest environment so precautions are necessary. Therefore, wood gathering is prohibited in National Parks, Nature Reserves, other conservation reserves and areas of State Forest declared Disease Risk Areas (unless shown on the accompanying plans). Entry into disease risk areas is illegal without a licence.

Where do I go?



To assist you, and manage the forest efficiently, CALM has set aside areas where you can collect wood. (See enclosed plans) All wood is scattered trimmings and will require cutting and collecting.

What timber is best?

All dry or seasoned wood produces approximately the same quantity of heat per tonne. The major differences between species is density of wood (and hence burning time), ability to burn freely, amount of ash, sparks, smoke and smell produced, and ease with which logs can be spilt.

The most common firewoods available near Perth are:

- Pinaster Pine** — readily available and burns well with moderate ash production. A fast drying and low density wood, easily split and used extensively for firewood.
- Marri** — medium to high density wood that burns freely. Medium amount of ash produced and is moderately easy to split.
- Wandoo** — high density wood that burns slowly. It produces low to medium amount of ash. It is moderately easy to split when 'green' but is difficult when it has dried out.
- Jarrah** — becoming scarce from long history of firewood use. It is medium to high density wood which burns reasonably freely. It produces some sparks, produces low to medium amount of ash and is moderately easy to split.

How much will collecting my own summer firewood cost?



In most of the areas shown on the plans, you can collect your limit of one 6' x 4' trailer load (1/2 tonne) for free.

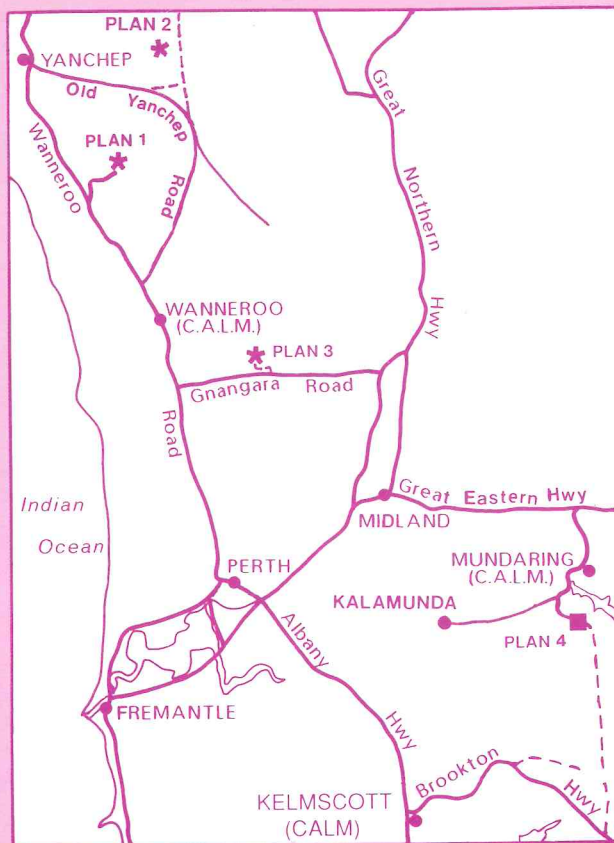
This limit is set so that everyone who needs firewood can have some of this limited resource.

Some areas may be in Disease Risk Areas (i.e. free of jarrah dieback) and require supervision by CALM staff. Other areas have firewood available after isolating it from timber thinning operations. Either way the cost of this work needs to be recouped and therefore, some areas will require a \$5.00 fee for each 6' x 4' trailer load. This is half the winter fee and payment may be made at:

Mundaring, Kelmscott, Jarrahdale or Como CALM offices.

The wood in these areas consists of felled trees that you will need to cut to size and carry to your trailer. A wheelbarrow will be handy. The wood here is also more in quantity and quality than the other areas.

LOCALITY MAP



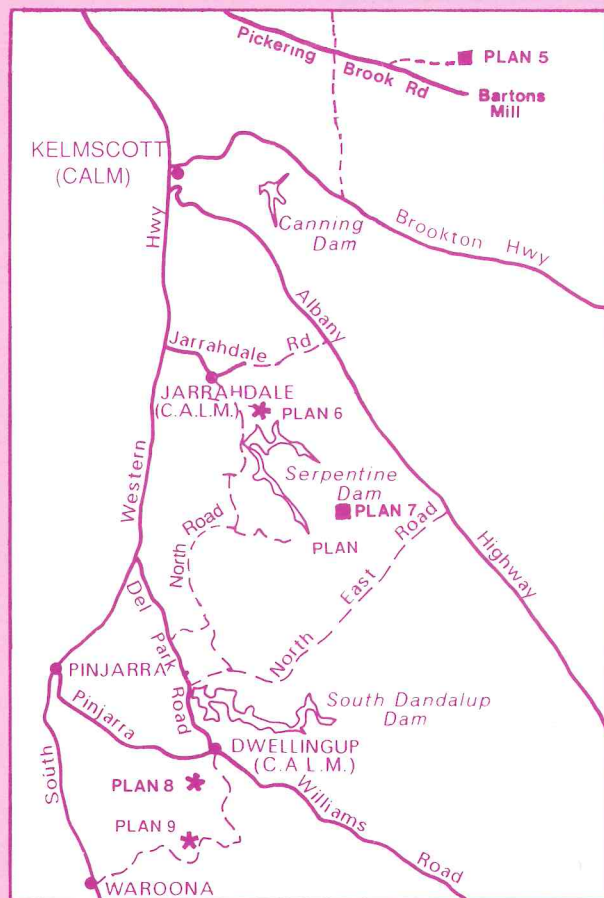
LEGEND

- Sealed Road
- Unsealed Road
- Public Firewood Area
- Public Firewood Area (fee payable)

Scale



LOCALITY MAP



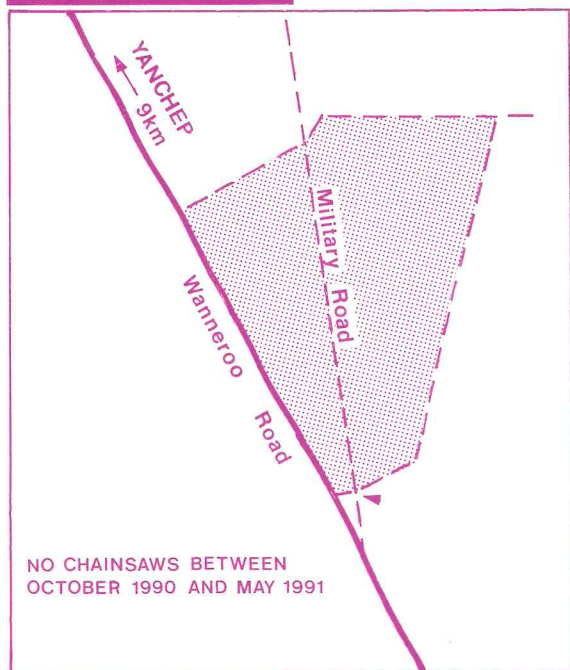
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1/2 TONNE LIMIT



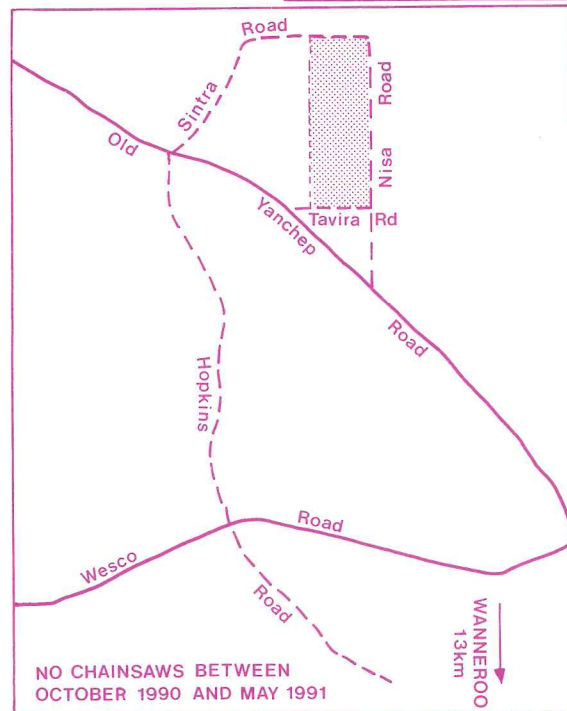
LEGEND

PLAN 1

- Sealed Road
- - - Unsealed Road
- Public Firewood Area (Pinewood)



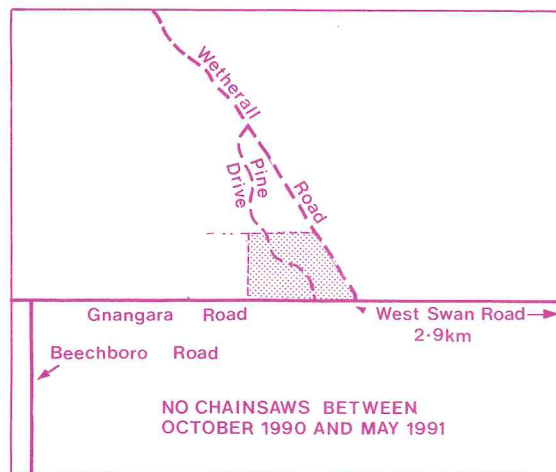
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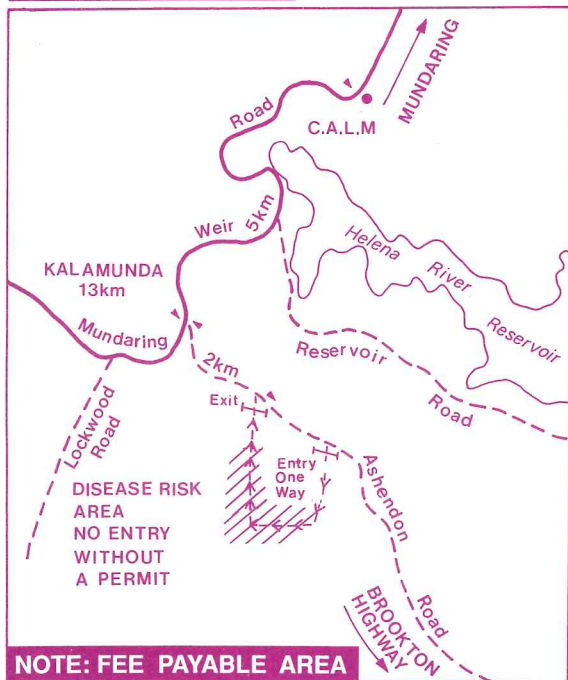
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- Sealed Road
- - - Unsealed Road
- Public Firewood Area (Pinewood)



PLAN 3

1/2 TONNE LIMIT



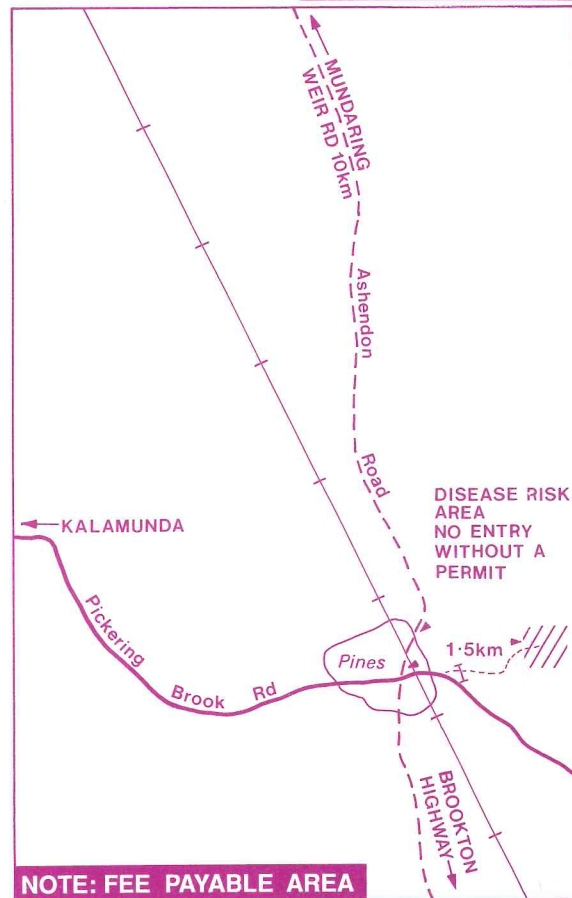
PLAN 4

LEGEND

- Sealed Road
- Unsealed Road
- Public Firewood Area
- Powerline



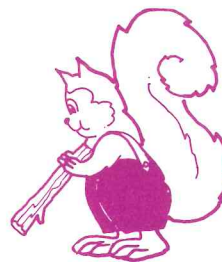
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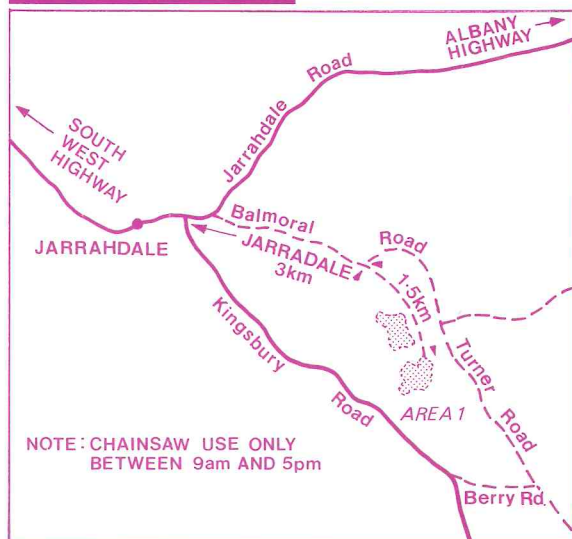
PLAN 5

LEGEND

- Sealed Road
- Unsealed Road
- Public Firewood Area



1/2 TONNE LIMIT



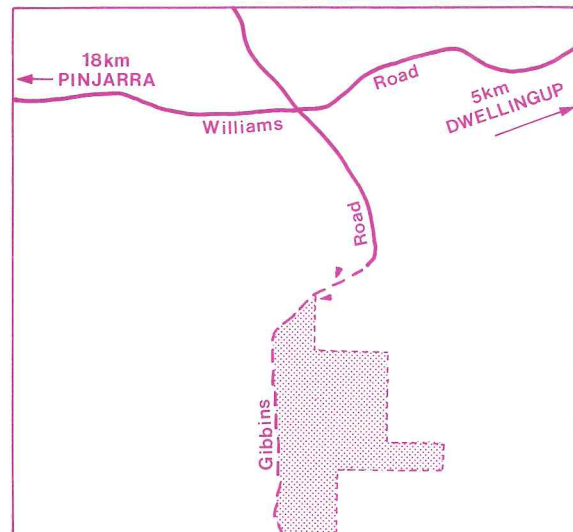
PLAN 6

LEGEND

- Sealed Road
- - - Unsealed Road
- Public Firewood Area



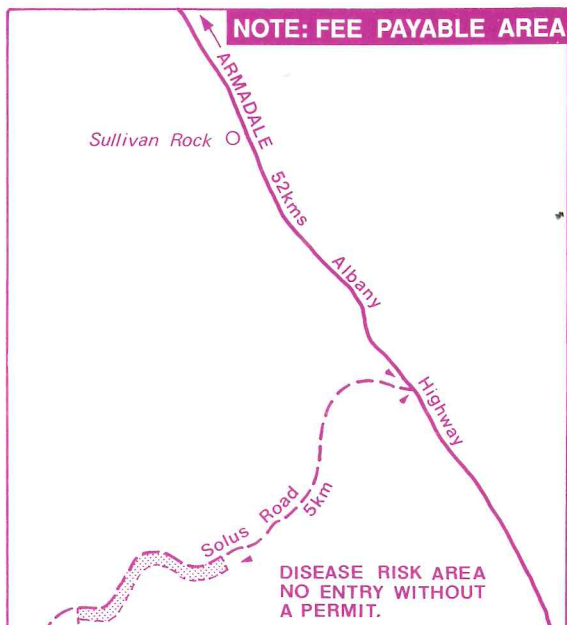
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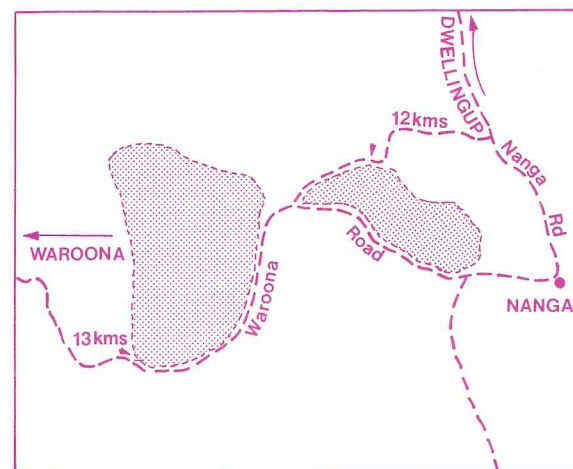
PLAN 8

LEGEND

- Sealed Road
- - - Unsealed Road
- Powerline
- Public Firewood Area



PLAN 7



PLAN 9

Remember

When you are in State Forests or Timber Reserves:



Only collect wood that is on the ground. Cutting standing trees is dangerous to yourself and adjacent vegetation and is illegal.



The limit is one 6' x 4' trailer load (1/2 tonne).



Firewood that you collect CANNOT BE SOLD. A special licence must be granted to sell firewood.



Keep your vehicles on graded roads (so that you won't spread dieback and damage vegetation). Take a wheelbarrow to move wood to your trailer or ute.

**Allow 3 days after rain
to access the site on plans 4 & 5**



It is illegal to have firearms in State Forest or Timber Reserves.



If you picnic please don't light fires on the ground and take your rubbish home with you.



Wildflowers are for all to enjoy so picking is illegal.



Some Shires have noise abatement regulations including prohibitions on the use of chainsaws on Sunday. Compliance with these regulations is your responsibility.

What do I need?



YOUR CHECKLIST

- ☐ SUNNY DAY
- ☐ PLANS
- ☐ FEE (if required)
- ☐ TRAILER
- ☐ WHEELBARROW
- ☐ CHAINSAW
- ☐ SAFE FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING
- ☐ RUBBISH BAG

Sometimes people destroy or remove Firewood Area location signs. If you find signs missing or destroyed please report it to the nearest CALM OFFICE and it will be replaced as soon as possible.

*Thank you for your co-operation
and*

Happy Squirreling

CALM offers you:



Free Firewood In Most Sites,
As Scattered Off-cuts



Half Price On Winter Licence Fee
i.e. \$5 per 6' X 4' Trailer Load (1/2
tonne) In Areas That Require a
Licence



Access To An Area That Is
Prohibited In Winter



Better Quality Wood



More Plentiful Wood,
And Therefore Easier To Get



Collecting Areas Close To Perth

NORTHERN FOREST REGION CALM OFFICES

	Telephone	Office Hours
KELMSCOTT 3044 Albany Hwy	390 5977	8.30 - 4 pm Mon - Fri 10.00 - 3pm Sat, Sun
WANNEROO 980 Wanneroo Rd	405 1222	8.30 - 4pm Mon - Fri
MUNDARING Mundaring Weir Rd	295 1955	8.30 - 4pm Mon - Fri
JARRAHDAL George St	525 5177	8.30 - 4pm Mon - Fri
DWELLINGUP Banksiadale Road	538 1078	8.30 - 4pm Mon - Fri



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