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Recreation Directory

















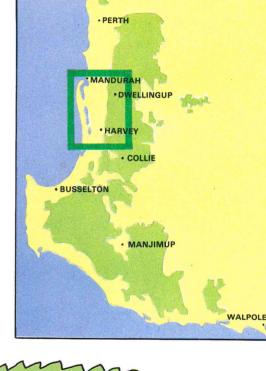


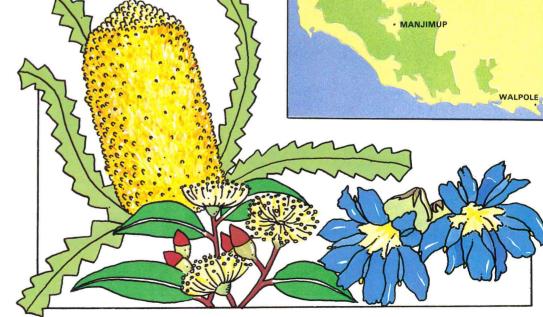




THE NORTHERN

JARRAH FOREST





Introduction

Welcome to the Northern Jarrah Forest.

This Recreation Directory has been produced to help you enjoy our State forests, and the opportunities they offer for escaping from the pressures of everyday living.

You will find many places in the forest where you can relax and pursue a variety of activities. Whether you come to fish for the delicious marron, our native freshwater crayfish; to match wits with the wily trout and redfin perch; to capture on film the beauties of our native plant and animal life; or just to wander through the bush, absorb a little of its quiet, and see how complex and beautiful a structure the web of life in the forest really is — there is a place here for you.

This Directory offers a map and a guidebook, which contain a summary of the facilities available, and a list of activities to pursue in many of the favourite picnic and camping spots of the Northern Jarrah Forest.

Please remember while you are in the forest that our society is dependent for its continued survival on a healthy forest that can provide fresh water, timber, recreation opportunities, and many other valuable resources in perpetuity. Our great-grandchildren have as much right to a healthy environment as we do.

A large-scale map of the Murray Valley near Dwellingup, including the recently dedicated Northern Jarrah Forest Reserve, provides a guide to some of the beautiful spots along the Murray River.

Here you will find some areas designated for camping, and some designed for day-use only. Each year thousands of people visit this area, and in recent years the pressure on the environment has increased enormously. In the most heavily used areas many of the smaller plants have been destroyed, and the soil compacted so hard that new vegetation cannot grow. This process, combined with erosion, has caused many once beautiful spots to become down-trodden dustbowls. Please do not camp in day-use areas, they have been separated from camp sites to prevent their destruction, and to preserve their beauty for you, and for future generations.

A large scale map of the picnic and camping facilities along the Harvey River is also provided. In this area are a number of dams, all regularly stocked with trout.

Activities other than fishing are also encouraged in specified places: on Waroona Dam and Logue Brook Dam you may launch boats, waterski, sail, or canoe. You may also swim in many of the rivers.

Please abide by the guidelines presented in this Directory and enjoy your stay in the Northern Jarrah Forest.

Using the Directory

Each recreation area on the map has a list of facilities, shown by symbols, next to it. See the list of symbols on the back of the map for their interpretation.

An index of place names and a grid reference system is provided. Signs displayed at the sites also indicate the facilities available.

The Recreation Guidebook, which accompanies this Directory, gives more detailed information on camping and touring in these areas.

Information

Further information on recreation areas and activities is available from Forests Department Divisional Offices, Local Tourist Bureaux, or other places marked with the symbol on the map.

Forests Department of Western Australia

Como: 50 Hayman Road.

Ph: (09) 367 6333.

Dwellingup: Banksiadale Road.

Ph: (095) 38 1078. Harvey: 64 Weir Road. Ph: (097) 29 1505.

Tourist Bureaux

Mandurah: 5 Pinjarra Road.

Ph: (095) 35 1155.

Pinjarra: 28 George Street.

Ph: (095) 31 1438. Harvey: Young Street. Ph: (097) 29 1122.

Vehicles and Parking

Only roadworthy, registered vehicles or motorbikes may use forest roads and tracks. Drivers must be licensed. Please use the parking areas provided, they are there to protect the forest environment for the future.

Camping

Five types of camping area are currently available in the Northern Jarrah Forest, and regulations vary according to who controls the land.

- 1 Shire caravan parks and camps: See the local tourist bureau for more information on these.
- 2 Group camping areas: These are sites, located in State forest, designed for two or more tents. They present an opportunity for communal camping, and are provided with fireplaces, tables, and nearby toilet facilities.



3 Car based camp sites: Situated in State forest, a single car bay is provided next to a fireplace, table and tent site. These sites have been designed as secluded, attractive areas in which to pitch your tent, with nearby toilet facilities. Please leave them as clean, or cleaner than you found them.

Camping continued

- 4 Bush camping: If no formed camp site is available you may camp in State forest, providing that you meet the requirements of the Bush Fires Act, or those of local authorities. Always take away what you brought with you, including empty cans, bottles, etc. In general, camping is not permitted in water catchment areas (see the Recreation Guidebook, Part 4). If in doubt whether you may camp or not, ask at one of the Information Centres shown on the map.
- 5 Camping on private property: The owner's permission must be obtained.

Guidelines for camping in State forest are presented in the Recreation Guidebook, Part 1.

Camping and touring in National Parks is controlled by the National Parks Authority, Hackett Drive, Nedlands.

Ph: (09) 386 8811 for information. Camping in Nature Reserves is not normally allowed, but a permit may be obtained for special purposes. Contact the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife for information. Ph: (09) 325 5988.

Bush Walking

Scenic walk tracks, of various lengths, are provided at a number of sites along the Murray River Valley.



The Bibbulmun long distance walking track also runs through this area. Remember to wear comfortable clothing, and comfortable, strong shoes. Take a hat, something to drink, and tell somebody where you are going and when you expect to be back. For further information see the Recreation Guidebook, and "Guide to the Bibbulmun Bushwalking Track", available from Forests Department offices.

Canoeing

Canoeing is permitted on most rivers, and several dams. Canoeing guides for a number of streams in Western Australia are available from the Department for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Perry Lakes Stadium, P.O. Box 66, Wembley, 6014. Telephone: (09) 387 4000.



See Canoeing Guide No. 3: Murray River, Coolup Bridge to South Yunderup; and Canoeing Guide No. 4: Murray River, Nanga Bridge to Scarp Pool.

Fresh Water Fishing

Fishing is permitted in most areas, except those designated as drinking water catchments, or those closed during the trout breeding season. A licence is necessary and for an annual fee of \$6, may be obtained from Department of Fisheries and Wildlife offices at:

Perth: 108 Adelaide Terrace.

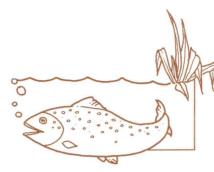
Ph: (09) 325 5988. Mandurah: 15 Leslie Street.

Ph: (095) 35 1240. Bunbury: Stirling Street. Ph: (097) 21 2598.

Rainbow trout are stocked annually in most of the dams, and are known to breed in several of the streams that flow into the Murray River. Waroona Dam and Stirling Dam both regularly produce fish of

1 kilo and up (see the Recreation

Guidebook, Part 4).



Redfin perch are present in many of the dams and rivers, and provide fine sport on spinners and worms, not to mention excellent eating.

Marron are common in nearly all waters of the region, and may be caught in scoop nets or hand-held drop nets.

There are bag limits, minimum sizes, and a closed season for all these species. There are substantial fines for fishing without a licence, taking undersize fish and taking fish out of season. Full details of all regulations are available from the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife in a booklet: "Recreational Fishing: A guide to the rules".

Fires

Bushfires are a perennial danger in Western Australian forests, particularly during the dry summer months. Every year dozens of bushfires are started, many by sheer carelessness. Think of the people who live with this threat, and help prevent bushfires.



- Please use fireplaces, when they are provided.
- If no fireplace exists, build a stone ring or dig a shallow pit, to contain the embers.
- Clear all leaf litter, dead branches, and anything else that may burn, for at least 3 metres around the fire. (This also applies to portable stoves.)
- Do not leave the fire unattended at any time while it is burning.
- Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving.
- Use soil and water to extinguish the embers, and bury the ashes.
 Never light fires in a pine

plantation, except in fireplaces provided.

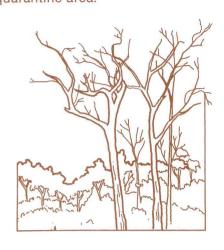
On certain days during the year the fire risk is extremely high, and cooking or camp fires are not permitted. Local radio stations broadcast fire risk warnings but please check with Shire authorities, the Tourist Bureau, or the nearest Forests Department office for advice on the fire situation before entering the forest.

Jarrah Dieback

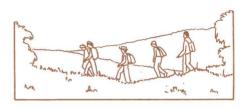
As you drive through the forest you may notice some tracks closed off with signs saying "Dieback Quarantine Area: No Entry". These areas are shaded red on the map. Much of the jarrah forest in Western Australia has been infected by a soil-borne fungus which attacks the root system of jarrah trees, and many of the smaller species such as banksia, blackboys, and zamia palms. This fungus, Phytophthora cinnamomi, spreads fairly slowly on its own, but its spores may be carried in the soil that adheres to a vehicle's tyres, mudguards, and underbody. When this happens, the fungus spreads rapidly and large areas of previously healthy forest may become infected. Eventually, the diseased plants die and their species will probably never grow again on infected soil. Jarrah is one of these species and it is the responsibility of all visitors to forest areas not to spread dieback any further. There is no 'cure' for

dieback at present and for our great grandchildren's sake we cannot risk exposing further areas of healthy forest to the ravages of this disease.

The quarantine areas have been closed to vehicles to prevent dieback being carried into or spread through them. They are areas of largely uninfected forest. You may enter on foot to look at the forest, or walk through it but you must not take cars, motorbikes, horses, or any form of wheeled transport past the boundaries of the quarantine area.



From time to time, the Forests
Department does grant permits for
vehicles to enter quarantine areas
for special purposes. These vehicles
are thoroughly cleaned or treated
with fungicide before entering the
forest to prevent any chance of
spreading the disease. Permits are
not issued for recreation purposes.



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