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"It was the most unbelievable time.

I have rediscovered the bush again"

Event Participant, WA



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Feel the Spirit of Australia's South West

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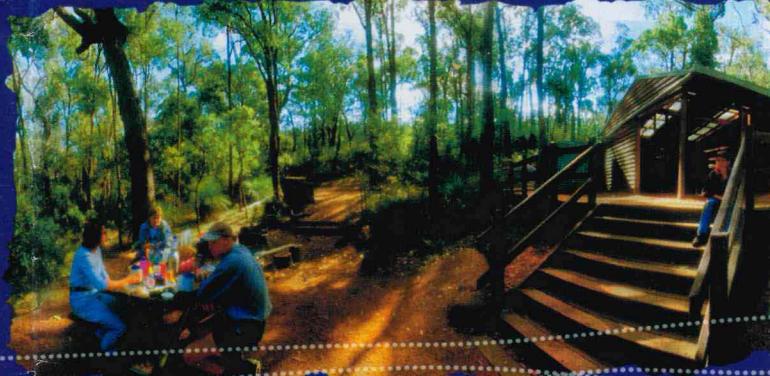


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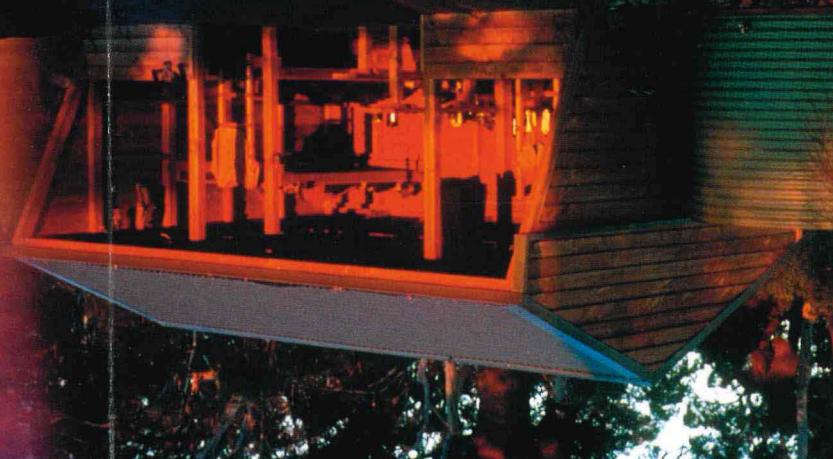
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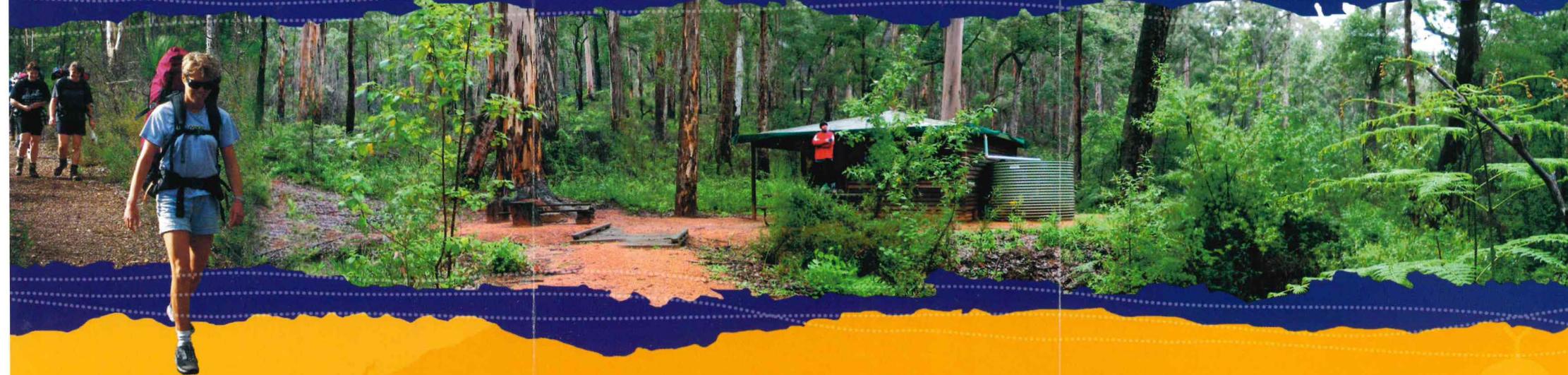


HISTORY

Opened in 1998, Western Australia's award-winning, world-class 1000km walk trail stretches from Perth Hills to Albany through seven rural communities and traversing the most beautiful natural areas of Australia's South West.

HOW TO EXPERIENCE WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S WORLD-CLASS WALK TRACK

The Bibbulmun Track caters for everyone and every experience - from a gentle stroll to an 8 week adventure. You can make it more of a wilderness experience by camping out, you can join a guided group, or you can do it in comfort using the varied accommodation in the towns along the way.



Starting from the Northern Terminus in Kalamunda, the Bibbulmun Track passes through jarrah forest continuing south over giant granite boulders, rolling hills and along river valleys; passing huge ancient karri and tingle trees; and eventually winding along the wild south coast.

First conceived in the 1970's, this innovative Track has survived many changes, governments, users and care-takers but its driving force has remained the same - to encourage people to 'go bush' and discover the natural wonders of Australia's South West.

As you walk on the Track you may well become attuned to the spirit of the Bibbulmun Nyoongar people who journeyed on foot over long distances to care for and to celebrate their land.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation is an incorporated not-for-profit community-based organisation established to provide support for the Department of Conservation and Land Management in the management, maintenance and marketing of the Bibbulmun Track to ensure that it remains a "long distance walk trail of international significance and quality".

WHAT WE DO

- Encourage community participation, ownership and education
- Develop opportunities for tourism, employment and training
- Advocate the protection of natural and historical heritage values of the Track
- Attract funds and other resources
- Promote the Track as accessible to all

THE INDEPENDENT WAY

Self-guided walking and camping with a backpack is a satisfying and inexpensive way to experience the Track. The campsites along the route are in delightful locations not more than a day's walk apart. Each offer a 3-sided timber sleeping shelter, picnic table, water tank, tent sites and toilet. Some campsites also have fireplaces but the use of fuel stoves is encouraged.

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation sells maps and Guide Books and offers a comprehensive trip planning advice service (by email or in person) for members, as well as many discounts and a popular newsletter. The Foundation offers equipment hire (tents, backpacks, sleeping bags, stoves and 'epirb' emergency devices) and also runs courses on camp cooking and navigation.

EASY DAY WALKS

'On the Trail of the Red-tail' is a series of self-guided day walk kits in protective map holders for six locations along the Track. Whilst walking you can look out for one of WA's most spectacular birds and help scientists to ensure its long term protection. Kits include day walk itineraries ('out and back' or 'one way' using local transport providers), map, cockatoo brochure, colour postcard and bird sighting report card. (A list of short and multi-day walk suggestions can also be found in the Track Guide Books.)

WALKING WITH OTHERS

If you'd like some company or need a little more confidence you can join a guided walk from The Foundation's award-winning **Calendar of Events**. Catering for all ages and fitness levels, the events range from day walks to weekend retreats, kids events and week-long treks.

MAPS AND MERCHANDISE

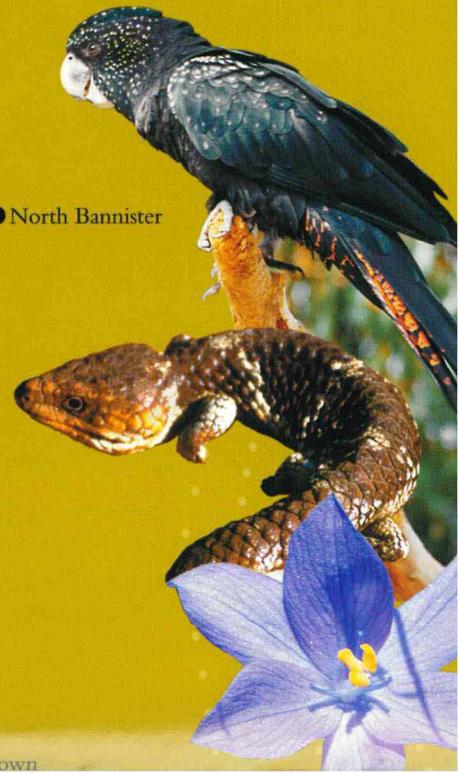
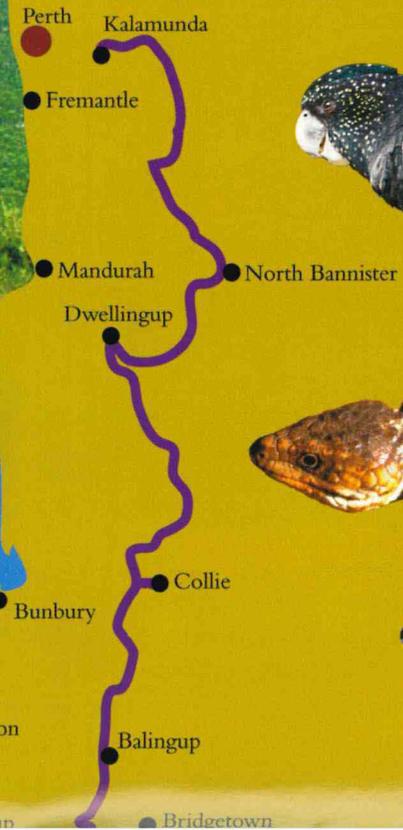
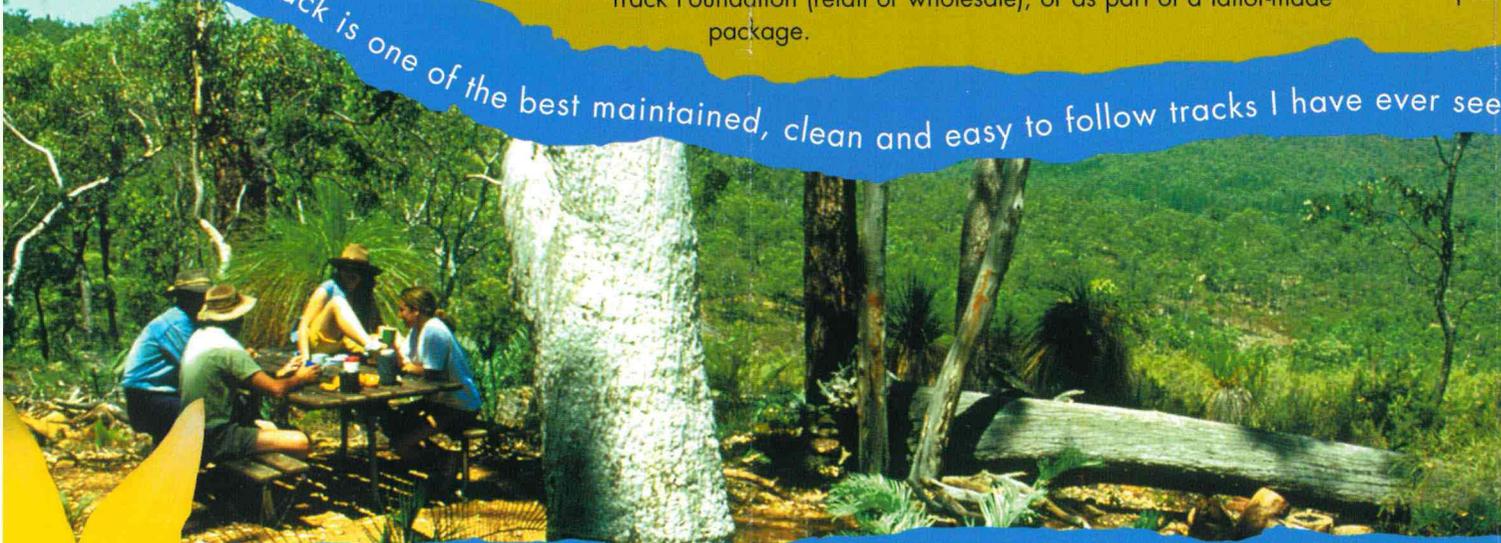
A wide range of merchandise including special day packs, water bottles, clothing, maps and Guide Books are available from retail outlets, or from the Bibbulmun Track Foundation (retail or wholesale), or as part of a tailor-made package.

COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE

Bibbulmun Walking Breaks (2002 winner of Gourmet Traveller's 'Jaguar Award for Excellence'), give you the chance to walk independently at your own pace but return to the comforts of hot showers, home-cooking and a soft bed. Based around rural towns along the Track, each with their own unique flavour, the minimum 2 day/2 night packages include a choice of accommodation (from budget to B&B or self-catering), all food, walk transfers, map, and directional notes for a selection of day-walk options. Packages can be tailor-made to cater for a short getaway or a holiday of up to three weeks.

The Bibbulmun Track Accommodation, Tours and Services Guide provides all the information needed for do-it-yourself holidays along the Track. It is packed with a wide range of places to stay, food outlets, attractions, transport and tour ideas.

"The Track is one of the best maintained, clean and easy to follow tracks I have ever seen" walker from Stirlingshire, Scotland



BIBBULMUN FOR SCHOOLS

For educational groups we offer training workshops for teachers, an education manual, achievement certificates, school visits and help with planning and managing Track excursions. Packages can also be tailor-made for national and international educational groups.

CORPORATE BIBBULMUN

Corporate Bibbulmun programs have been specially designed to assist organisations of all types and sizes in key areas such as building team spirit and communication, personal challenge, group social interaction and physical and mental well-being.

