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Now most of us know that fishing isn't the only thing that gets done on fishing trips. Tales need to be told and tales are so much better with the aid of a drink, so with them they brought bottles of their favorite fortified wine to be drunk in generous quantities, before discarding the bottles around the shack. It was called "Conto Wine" and it is from these bottles that the beach, springs, and campgrounds have taken their name.

**Carpel Pythons** (*Morelia spilota sub. in-briata*) are common on the coast. They are greenish brown with black lined yellow blotches and often exceed 2m in length. They have teeth but are not poisonous, killing prey by

It was back in the 1940's when a group of fishermen exploring the area found a beautiful white beach overhung by towering cliffs with a fresh water spring at the base. What a paradise it must have been, after fighting their way in without the aid of a road, to find such a beautiful place must have seemed like a dream. They built themselves a small tin shack and sat down to fish.

## WILDLIFE IN THE PARK

**Brushtail Possums** (*Trichosurus vulpecula*) are regular visitors to campsites. These possums have adapted to live with humans. Feeding possums can affect their health, sometimes resulting in their deaths. Please keep all foods secure in tents and cars.

**Splendid Wrens** (*Melurus splendens*)

are the small bright blue birds found in the dense shrubs and lower branches.

They live in family groups, sharing the duties of gathering food and tending to young. The males are blue while the females are grey.

When enjoying the National Park please read and understand the various warning signs throughout the Park and please be aware of:

- **Cliff Risk Areas:** In many parts of the National Park there are large cliffs and unstable ground. Please stay on marked paths and stay clear of cliff edges and overhangs.

- **Swimming Risks:** The ocean can be very unpredictable, even on calm days strong rips and undertows can form. There are also often large swells and King waves on this coast. Please keep away from slippery rocks and never let inexperienced swimmers or children swim unsupervised.

The Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park contains many natural features that can be hazardous to visitors.

### For Your Safety

**Red Tailed Cockatoos** (*Calyptorhynchus magnificus*) are the rarest of the black cockatoos you will see in the treetops. They have a large black crest on the head and are almost entirely black except for the red feathers on the underside of the tail.

## CAMPING FEES

\$6/Adult per night  
\$2/child per night

## NATIONAL PARK ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are required to enter the National Park. These are in addition to your camping fees.

Day Pass: \$9 per vehicle  
\$3 Seniors/Concession  
\$3 Motor bikes  
\$3.30 per bus passenger

Annual Local Pass: \$17 /vehicle  
Holiday Pass: (4wks)  
\$22.50/vehicle  
All Parks Pass \$51/vehicle  
Gold Star Pass \$73/vehicle

**Thank you for visiting  
Contos and the Leeuwin  
Naturaliste National Park**

## CONTO HISTORY

The coastline between the southwest capes is a rough and, at times, inhospitable place. Huge waves pound the shores and gale force winds whip along the coast. Yet, for all of its fury the area can also be a peaceful place, ideal for camping, relaxing and exploring.

## CONTO CAMP GROUND

Welcome to Conto camp ground in the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park.

The National Park is 120kms long, covers 19700ha and is home to various natural features and attractions such as Karri forest, caves and spectacular coastline.

The Department of CALM are currently giving Conto Camp ground a facelift and minor upgrade as you have probably noticed.

The objective is to provide visitors with a safe and enjoyable experience in the natural environment.

Please help us provide you with this experience by following campground rules in this brochure.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation during this upgrade period and thank you for camping at Contos.

Please enjoy your National Park.

## CAMPERS CODE – CONTO CAMP GROUND

Please observe the following regulations for camping in Conto and any National Park campsite.

1. Fees are payable to Ranger or Office reception before setting up camp.
2. Dogs, cats and domestic pets are not permitted in National Parks.
3. Keep your campsite clean and tidy at all times.
4. Camp fires:
  - Permitted in fireplaces provided only.
  - Fireplaces are for cooking only, not bonfires.
  - Please DO NOT scavenge wood from the bush.
  - Non-combustibles must not be thrown into fireplaces.
  - Some fireplaces need to be shared with neighbours.
  - No wood fires between 10am-6pm over the summer months. No wood fires during total fire ban.
  - Extinguish fires before going to bed please respect other campers! All noise is to be kept to a minimum after 9pm. Radios and stereos off at 9pm. Generators on between 11am and 3pm only.
  - 6. Alcohol is not permitted in the campground.
  - 7. Please vacate campsite by 11am on day of departure.
  - 8. If you have a problem or complaint please let the caretaker/Rangers know.
  - 9. Confine vehicles to defined parking areas and reduce speeds in camping areas to walking pace (max of 10km/h).
  - 10. For emergencies only ring 000.

# CONTO CAMPGROUND AND COASTAL CAR PARKS

