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## Serpentine National Park

The scenic features of Serpentine National Park together with its close proximity to Perth have attracted visitors for almost 100 years. The Serpentine River passes through the landscape with the steep slopes of the river valley and resistant granite outcrops giving rise to the unique feature of the park – the Serpentine Falls.

### Opening times

The Falls are open between 8.30am and 5pm daily. **Please note** that the park may be closed at short notice due to fire risk or other emergency situations.

Over the busy summer period, visitation to the Falls may reach capacity. Recreational facilities will be closed once visitor capacity is reached. Apart from those visitors already in the park, people will not be allowed to enter, either by vehicle or foot. It is recommended that you arrive prior to 10am on weekends during summer.

**Above** Red-tailed black cockatoos. Photo – Doug Coughran  
**Below left** Common Donkey Orchid. **Below right** Picnic area, Serpentine Falls.

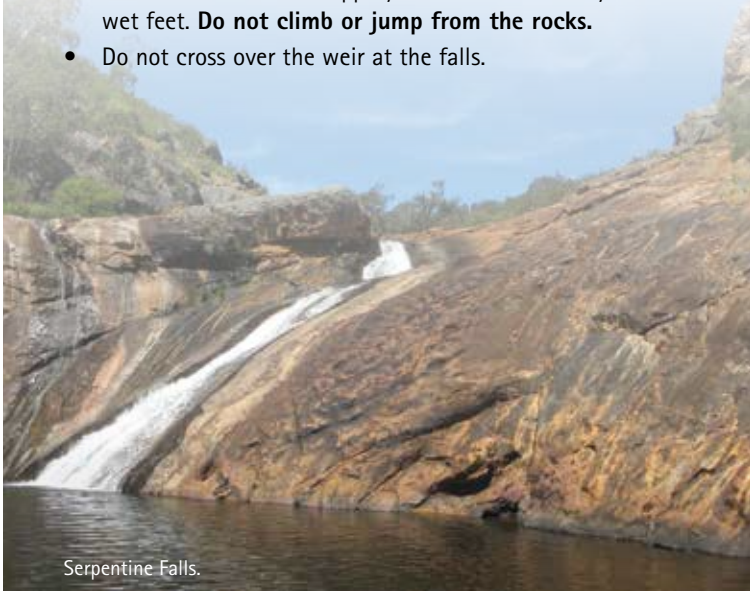


### Staying safe at the falls

The Serpentine Falls are a spectacular feature of the park. Unfortunately, over the years, there have been a number of fatalities and injuries at this unique site. For your safety:



- Glass, alcohol, eskies, coolers, food, flotation devices and chairs are prohibited at the falls. Please enjoy your lunch in the picnic area.
- Swimming is not recommended. The water has varying depths, submerged hazards and is untreated.
- Rocks at the falls are slippery when wet or when you have wet feet. **Do not climb or jump from the rocks.**
- Do not cross over the weir at the falls.



Serpentine Falls.

### Picnics

Fires are not allowed in the park at any time. All barbeques in the park are free. Please follow the instructions carefully and remember to reignite as required.

### Caring for the kangaroos

Western grey kangaroos are frequent visitors to the picnic area. Please remember that the kangaroos are wild animals and should be enjoyed from a distance. **Please do not feed the kangaroos.** Their diet consists of vegetation such as grass and native plant shoots and they can become very ill from eating unsuitable food. Rangers may issue infringements to people who feed kangaroos.



**Above** Staceys Loop. **Above right** Western grey kangaroo.

### Caring for Serpentine National Park

#### Protect our environment

- Please do not feed any native animals or birds.
- Dogs are not permitted in the park.
- Picking wildflowers is prohibited.
- Leave the natural area as you find it, for all to enjoy.



#### Be clean

- Take your rubbish with you or put it in the bins provided.
- Remember, cigarette butts are litter too.

#### Be cool

- Fires and camping are not permitted anywhere in the park.

### More information

#### Serpentine National Park

Falls Road, Serpentine  
Ph: (08) 9525 2128

#### Department of Parks and Wildlife

Perth Hills District  
275 Allen Road  
Mundaring WA 6073  
Ph: (09) 9290 6100

[dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://dpaw.wa.gov.au)

Police: 13 14 44

In the event of an emergency, call: 000  
The nearest emergency hospital is located in Armadale.

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Front cover Kittys Gorge.

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### Visitor guide



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Kittys Gorge Trail.

## Walking in the park

There are a range of walks to explore the park. Choose a walk that suits your ability and fitness level. **Remember: the gate closes at 5pm.** Be mindful of time constraints prior to commencing your walk so your vehicle is not locked in the park.

### Trails summary



#### Staceys Loop

**Class 3 (Moderate difficulty ~ 1.9km loop)**  
– allow 1 hour

This loop trail winds through beautiful jarrah forest and over several bridges that cross Goorlong Brook. The trail starts at the carpark opposite the cemetery on Atkins Street in Jarrahdale. You may encounter short steep sections, steps and slippery surfaces.



#### Baldwins Bluff

**Class 4 (Moderate difficulty ~ 6km return)**  
– allow 3 hours

This walk has excellent panoramic views of the coastal plain at the summit. The trail starts in the Serpentine Falls picnic area carpark.

**Caution:** This trail contains long steep sections and unstable or slippery surfaces.



#### Kittys Gorge Trail

**Class 4 (Moderate difficulty ~ 14km return or 7km one-way)** – allow 5 hours for the return walk. Do not attempt the return walk after 12pm as you will have insufficient time to return to your car before the gate closure time of 5pm.

This trail follows the Gooralong Brook and Serpentine River. Along the way discover impressive granite chasms and boulders and the brook's many waterfalls. The trail can be accessed at Serpentine Falls or from Jarrahdale at the carpark opposite the cemetery on Atkins Street. The trail can be walked in both directions and to avoid a return walk, you might wish to organise a car shuffle. It is easier to walk from Jarrahdale to Serpentine Falls as the majority of the trail travels downhill in this direction.

**Caution:** This trail contains some steep sections, steps and unstable or slippery surfaces. A good level of fitness is required.

### Walking safely

- Take 3-4 litres of water per person.
- Wear sturdy footwear, a hat and sunscreen.
- Tell someone responsible where you are going and let them know when you return.
- Bushwalking is not recommended in hot or other extreme weather conditions due to the risk of bushfires or winter storms.
- Loose and uneven surfaces may be encountered when walking within the park.

Remember that your safety in the natural environment is our concern but your responsibility.

