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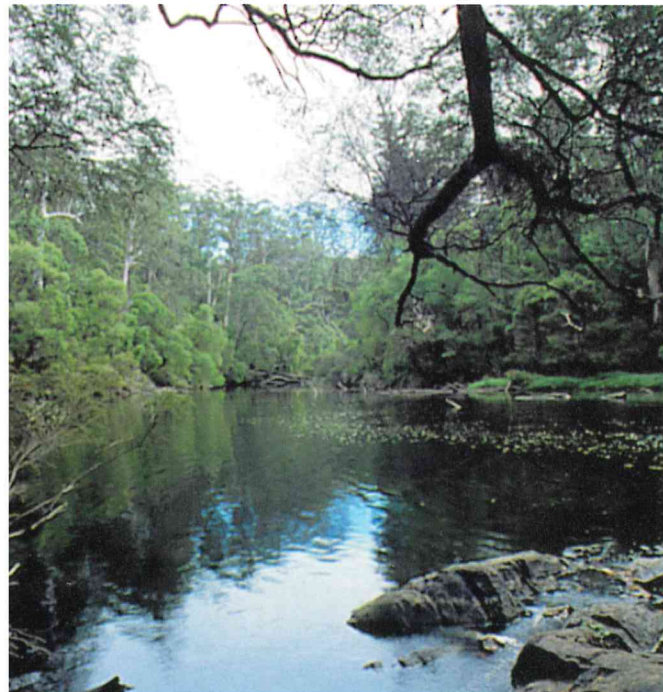
Warren National Park

Warren National Park protects magnificent virgin karri forest along the valley of the Warren River. The one-way Heartbreak Trail follows the river, sometimes level with the water and sometimes high above it. The steep track was built by hand to clear a path down to the river for the fire fighters, its name reflecting the hardship of the job. Often slippery, Heartbreak Trail is not recommended for towing caravans or trailers.

The rapids of Heartbreak Crossing and the Warren Lookout, high above the river, are good stopping places along the trail, and there are excellent camping sites for those looking for a longer stay.

Warren National Park also has the Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree, one of the three fire lookout trees open to the public in the Pemberton area. It was pegged in 1988 as part of Australia's bicentennial celebrations. (You can also climb the Gloucester Tree in Gloucester National Park and the Diamond Tree, south of Manjimup on the South Western Highway.)

Another tree in the Park is named after Marianne North, the English artist whose 1880 painting of the misshapen karri now hangs in a gallery at the Kew Royal Botanic Gardens. A copy of the original painting can be seen in the Pemberton Visitor Centre.



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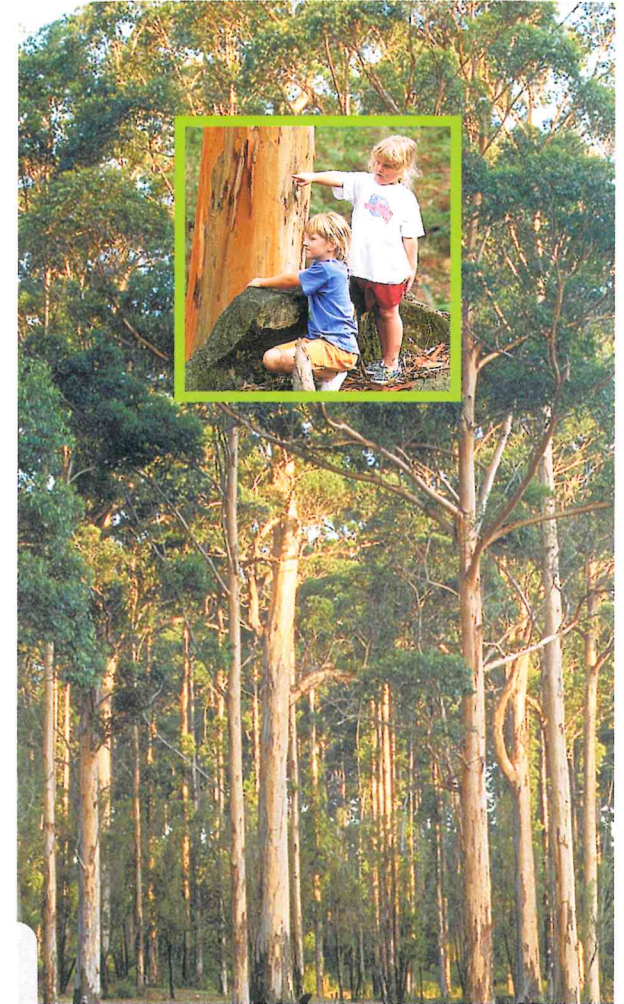
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Karri Forest Explorer



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Karri Forest Explorer Drive

The Karri Forest Explorer Drive winds through some of the south-west's most magnificent karri forest.

Explore it at your own pace - stop for a picnic at Big Brook Dam, climb 60 metres to the Gloucester Tree lookout, see Beedelup Falls from the suspension bridge, go bushwalking, or fishing, or just sit and take in nature. You'll find trailside information to guide you through the forest, including a series of tourist radio stops.

You can stop for a wine tasting, coffee or a gourmet meal; visit a gallery or craft centre or cast your rod for trout. Choose from the wide range of places to stay and give yourself longer to explore the 86-kilometre drive.

The Karri Forest Explorer starts just outside the historic timber town of Pemberton, but you can join it at several points along the way, depending on which way you're travelling, or where you're staying.

Karri (*Eucalyptus diversicolor*) grows up to 90 metres high, making it the tallest tree in Western Australia and one of the tallest in the world. (The Californian coast redwood is thought to be the tallest at more than 100 metres.)

The main belt of karri forest grows south from Nannup to Manjimup to the Frankland River, then east to Denmark and Torbay, near Albany.

Karri has a long, straight trunk with smooth bark that is shed each year. The outer bark changes colour as it matures, so the trunks are multi-coloured in shades of pink, orange, grey and white. Karri produces white flowers in spring.



Gloucester National Park

Best known for the Gloucester Tree lookout, this park is three kilometres south-east of Pemberton and a main attraction on the Karri Forest Explorer Drive. The 60-metre Gloucester Tree was chosen for a fire lookout in 1947, one of a network of lookouts built in the karri forest between 1937 and 1952.

The Gloucester Tree was named after the then Governor-General of Australia, His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, who was visiting Pemberton as the lookout was being built. Today, visitors can climb 60 metres to see one of the most spectacular views of the karri forest.

Several walk trails start from the Gloucester Tree and there's also The Cascades at the southern end of the park, where the Lefroy Brook flows over a series of small rocky shelves. A walk trail and foot bridges take you to the best viewing points.

Big Brook Forest

Big Brook is a young forest, regenerated after logging in the 1920s. By 1930, about 2000 hectares of karri had been clearfelled to produce logs for Pemberton Mill, when a spark from a steam locomotive started a wildfire. The remaining karri dropped their seed on the ashbed from the fire and the seed germinated the following winter.

Big Brook was one of the first tourist destinations developed in the karri forest after the Second World War, and has grown in popularity ever since.

The forest is centred on the scenic Big Brook Dam, built in 1986 to increase the water supply to Pemberton and the local trout hatchery. Visitors can swim and fish in the dam (there's great trout and marron fishing in season) or picnic by the water's edge.

A sealed walk trail suitable for strollers and wheelchairs follows the shores of the dam. Other attractions include an arboretum with trees from around the world and boardwalks through native Warren cedars and to a 300-year-old giant Karri.



Beedelup National Park

Beedelup National Park surrounds the Beedelup Brook, a name thought to have come from the Nyoongar Aboriginal word *beedja*, meaning sleep.

The park includes dense karri forest, mixed with marri and jarrah, with several beautiful stands of pure marri. Its main attraction is the Beedelup Falls, which drop for 100 metres over a series of steep granite rocks. The falls are in full flow during winter and spring and can be viewed year-round along a walk trail and from two bridges.

An hour-long walk trail leaves from the falls to Karri Valley Resort and back.



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