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Facilities

In Walpole there is the fully licensed Walpole Hotel-Motel (telephone 098 401023) with 30 motel units and normal motel facilities and the unlicensed Seagull Autel-Motel Guest House (telephone 098 401041) with 11 self-contained units or rooms and meals by arrangement.

Coalmine Beach Caravan Park is within the national park on the north shore of Nornalup Inlet and has accommodation for 20 caravans and 10 tents. It is managed by the Ranger-in-Charge of the national park (telephone 098-401026) and is situated among shady Peppermint trees which make it one of the most attractive caravan parks in the State. Close by are picnic areas, a beach with a designated swimming area, a boat launching ramp, a jetty and a small yacht club.

Rest Point Caravan Park and Tourist Resort is on the western shore of Walpole Inlet and has accommodation for up to 80 caravans and tents. There are also 6 flats and 5 cottages. There is a boat ramp and a jetty. Bicycles and canoes are for hire (telephone 098 401032).

Jesmond Dene Lodge near the Frankland River at Nornalup has 6 rooms and a Restaurant. There are also 4 cottages with 4 beds and a house with 5 beds (telephone 011 — request Nornalup 7).

Accommodation and occasional lunches are also available at the uniquely styled Tinglewood Lodge, overlooking Deep River and the hills and forests of Nuyts Block. The Lodge has 6 motel units and 8 rooms (telephone 098 401035).

At Peaceful Bay there is a caravan park which accommodates 20 caravans and 10 tents. There are also numerous holiday huts (telephone 098 408060).

The demand for accommodation is very seasonal with most pressure during the Christmas and Easter School holiday periods and least during the cool Winter months.

Boating

Scenic boat trips along the Frankland River may be made by arrangement (Tel: 011 request Nornalup 4). Guided sightseeing or fishing trips by four wheel drive vehicle may be arranged with South Coast Safari Tours (Tel: 098 408069).

There are boat ramps at Rest Point, Coalmine Beach, Nornalup and Peaceful Bay. The ramp at Rest Point can take deeper draft boats, but the other ramps are suitable only for boats of very shallow draft. There is a public jetty south of Walpole Townsite and other jetties are at Rest point, Coalmine Beach and Nornalup. There are also small private jetties at Tinglewood, Walpole and Nornalup. A channel in Walpole Inlet has been dredged and beacons between the south-west corner of Walpole Townsite to Rest Point, to a depth of 1.5 m and a width of 14 m. Some dredging has also been done in the Frankland River and at the mouth of Deep River. Owing to the shallowness of the water and to prevent damage to the banks of the channel between the two inlets there is a speed limit of 8 knots. All the provisions of the Navigable Waters Regulations apply in these waters.

National Parks are established —

- to preserve fine scenery, flora, fauna and other natural features and
- to enable people now and in the future to appreciate and to enjoy those natural features in such ways as will not damage them, and will not spoil the enjoyment of them by other people.

PLEASE take particular note of the following points that apply to ALL NATIONAL PARKS in Western Australia.

- 1 Fire should be confined to the use of portable stoves or the barbecues provided. Open fires are dangerous. Always keep an eye on any fire or stove when it is alight.
- 2 All vehicles are required to remain on approved tracks, as shown on this brochure, or indicated by directional signs. All vehicles in the park are required to be licensed and to comply with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act.
- 3 All native plants and wildlife are protected, and therefore no firearms or domestic animals are permitted in the park, so please, no dogs.

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The Walpole-Nornalup national park (18,116 ha) is situated on the South Coast 121 km west of Albany and 117 km south-east of Manjimup and is reached along the South Western Highway and South Coast Highway, National Route 1. This is one of Western Australia's oldest national parks, the first part being established in 1910, added to considerably in 1924 and reaching its present size in 1978. The park consists of areas of Karri and Tingle high forest, through which flow the Frankland and Deep Rivers. It also contains fine coastal scenery extending 40 km from Irwin Inlet in the east to near Clifly Head in the west and includes the waters of Walpole and Nornalup Inlets. Note should be taken of the submerged rocks, marked on the map, in these waters.

The hottest months are January and February, but temperatures are rarely so high as to detract from the pleasures of walking. The nights, even in summer, are cool and in winter the nights are cold. Most of the rainfall occurs during the mid winter months, but light drizzle can be experienced at any time during the summer.

A National Park is a place where all can get away from the pressures of modern living and relax in the peace of natural areas. For those who want to enjoy the completely natural unspoilt environment, there is the Nuyts Wilderness Area where access is only on foot and vehicles are prohibited.

Please do not damage the natural state of the park or spoil the enjoyment for other visitors.

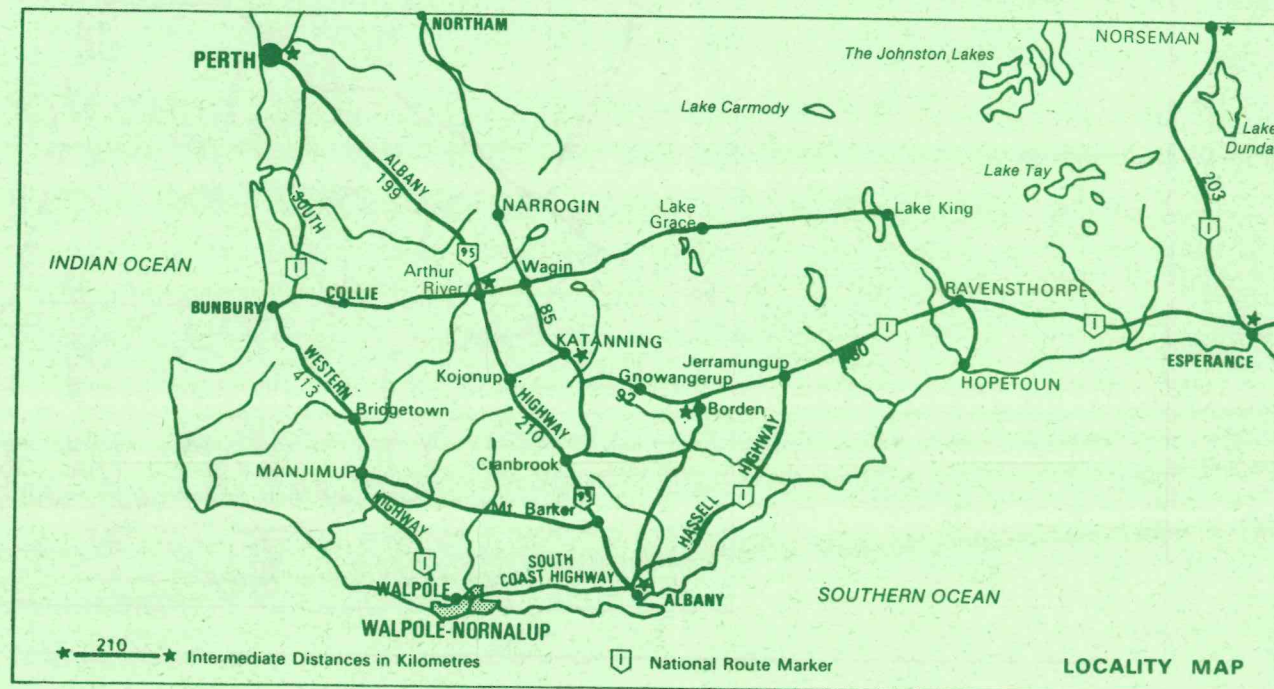
Attractions

Karri and Tingle forests cover the Lower Frankland and Tinglewood Blocks, and the Frankland and Deep Rivers wind between the fairly steep hills, some of which are capped with granite tops. A network of roads and tracks with lookouts and parking areas provides access to this magnificent forest scenery with its abundant birdlife. Picnic facilities are provided at particularly attractive spots. The main lookouts are at Hilltop Road in the Lower Frankland Block, John Rate Lookout on the south side of the Highway in Tinglewood Block, and Mt. Clare also in Tinglewood Block, the top of which is reached easily by footpath and provides fine views across Deep River to the hills of Nuyts and Mandalay areas. The visitor is easily able to appreciate how most of the south coast looked before the area was cleared for farming and logged for timber.

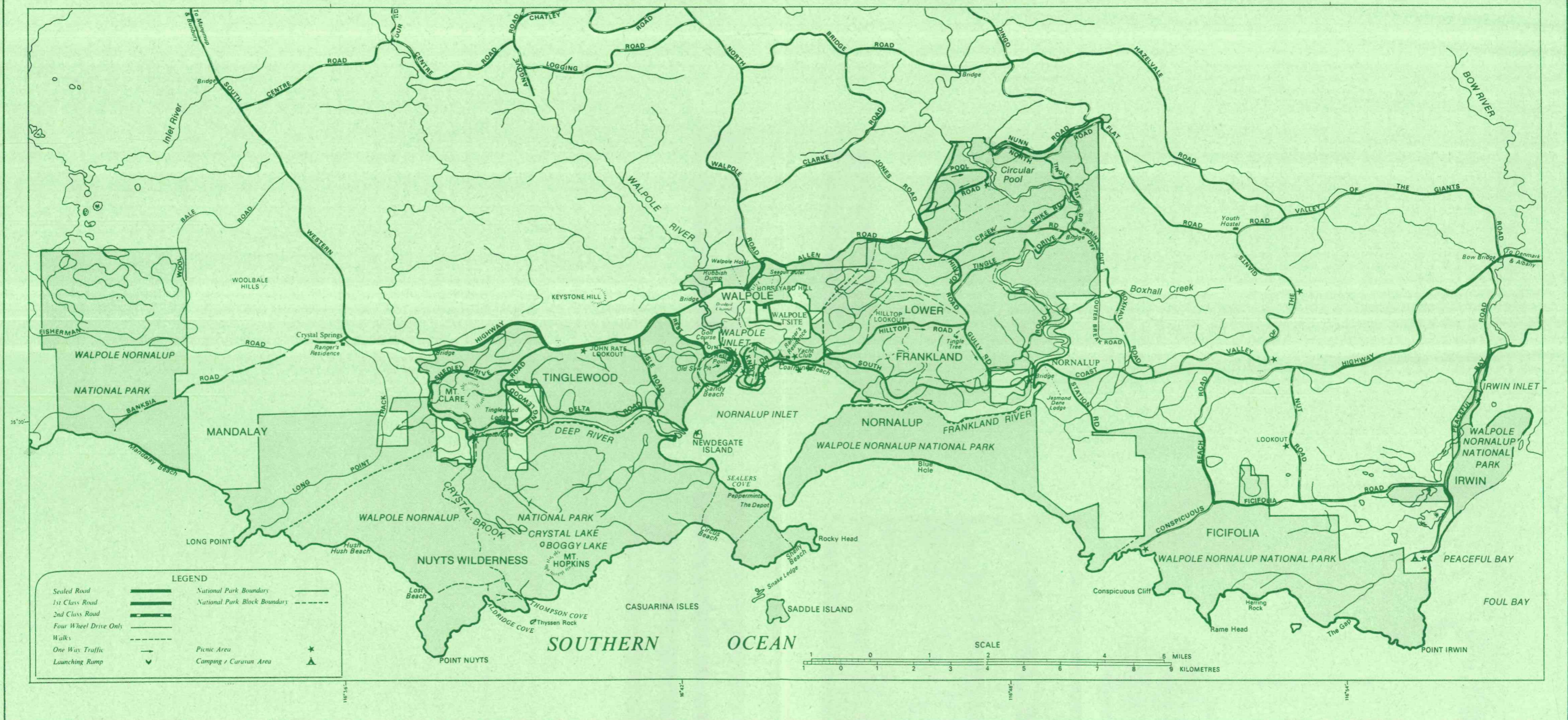
Along the coastal regions of the park are very extensive sand dune systems, parts of which are moving but mostly they are stabilised. Between the sand dune systems are areas of high hills and spectacular coastline. The nature of the country makes vehicle access difficult but roads have been provided to Conspicuous Cliff, Peaceful Bay and Mandalay Beach. Tracks suitable only for four-wheel drive vehicles extend along the coast westward from Peaceful Bay and south from Crystal Springs, providing limited vehicle access to coastal fishing spots. Fishing from rocks is also possible at several easily accessible areas including Rest Point and The Knoll. Fishing from small boats in the inlets is also a popular family activity.

The sand dune systems of Mandalay, south of Crystal Springs, and Nornalup, south of Nornalup Inlet and Frankland River, and the rugged hilly area of the Nuyts Block, south of Deep River, are particularly suited for hiking.

The Ficifolia Block which lies between Irwin Inlet and the Nornalup Block has complex and very interesting flora and is notable for the presence of Red Flowering Gum, (*Eucalyptus ficifolia*) on low ridges of sand.



WALPOLE-NORNALUP NATIONAL PARK



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Sealed Road	—————
1st Class Road	===== ===== =====
2nd Class Road	===== =====
Four Wheel Drive Only	-----
Walks	-----
One Way Traffic	→
Launching Ramp	▼
National Park Boundaries	—————
National Park Block Boundary	-----
Picnic Area	★
Camping / Caravan Area	▲

