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## REMEMBER

**BE CAREFUL:** Your safety and enjoyment in national parks and forests is our concern and your responsibility.

**BE CLEAN:** Put your litter in bins, or better still, take it with you.

**STAY COOL:** Don't light fires, except in fireplaces provided. Bring your own portable gas stove.

**PROTECT ANIMALS AND PLANTS:**

No firearms or pets please.

**STAY ON THE ROAD:** Follow the signs and stay on approved roads. Normal road rules apply.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

National park rangers and forest officers are always glad to help make your visit more enjoyable and informative. Do not hesitate to contact them if you need information or assistance.

Contact numbers for the appropriate regional offices are listed on the grid.

For brochures write to:



**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
AND LAND MANAGEMENT**

P.O. Box 104  
COMO, W.A. 6152

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S**

# NATIONAL PARKS AND FORESTS



**RECREATION GUIDE**



# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

**WATER:** Most creeks and rivers in Western Australia are dry during summer months. Always carry your own drinking water. If you do have to use water from the few permanent water points, it should be boiled before use.

**FIREARMS:** No offensive weapons are allowed in forests or national parks.

**FLORA AND FAUNA:** Native plants and animals are protected. Pets are not permitted in national parks.

**VEHICLES:** All vehicles and motorbikes used in national parks or the forest must be registered for use on public roads and roadworthy. Keep to authorised roads and designated four-wheel drive tracks.

**RUBBISH:** Place all litter in bins provided. If there are no bins, operate on the principle of taking out what you take in. Bury organic waste at least 30cm deep.

**FIRES:** BUSH FIRES ARE A REAL DANGER, particularly during the dry summer months. Always take your own portable gas stove if possible. If not:

- Always use the fireplaces provided. In national parks open fires are not permitted.
- In State forest, if no fireplace exists, build a stone ring, or dig a shallow pit to contain the embers.



- Clear all leaf litter, dead branches and anything else that may burn, for at least three metres around the fire. (This also applies to portable stoves).
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving. Use soil and water to extinguish the embers, and bury the ashes.

On some days, usually between December and March, the fire forecast is "very high" or "extreme". A total fire ban exists on these days. Local radio stations broadcast fire risk warnings, but please check with Shire authorities, the tourist bureau, or the nearest office of the Department of Conservation and Land Management for advice on the fire situation.

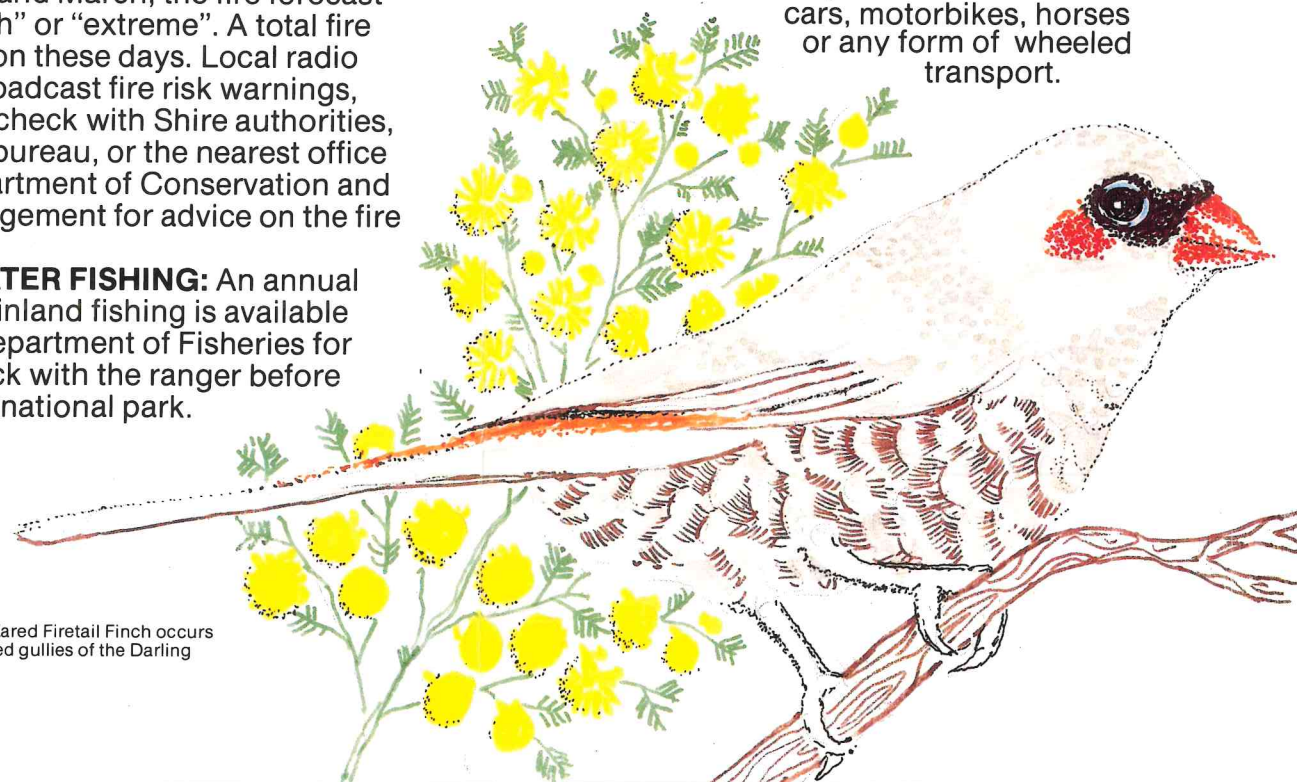
**FRESH WATER FISHING:** An annual licence for inland fishing is available from the Department of Fisheries for \$6.00. Check with the ranger before fishing in a national park.

## DIEBACK

Some forest and woodland has been infected by a soil-borne fungus which attacks the root systems of trees and smaller species such as banksia, black-boys and zamia palms.

This fungus, *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, may be carried in the soil that sticks to a vehicle's tyres, mudguards and underbody. When this happens, the fungus spreads into previously healthy areas. Eventually, the diseased plants die. It is the responsibility of all visitors in forests and national parks not to spread dieback any further.

Areas in some national parks and State forest have been closed to vehicles to prevent dieback being carried into or spread any further. You may enter these areas on foot but you must not take in cars, motorbikes, horses or any form of wheeled transport.



The secretive Red Eared Firetail Finch occurs naturally in vegetated gullies of the Darling Range.

## SIGNS

The Department of Conservation and Land Management uses these symbols on signs, and in pamphlets, to show you where to go and what to do.

- ACCOMMODATION
- BARBECUES AND TABLES
- BUSH WALK
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- DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT
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- INFORMATION
- MEALS
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- POST OFFICE
- SHELTER
- SWIMMING
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- TOILETS
- WATER (Drinking)



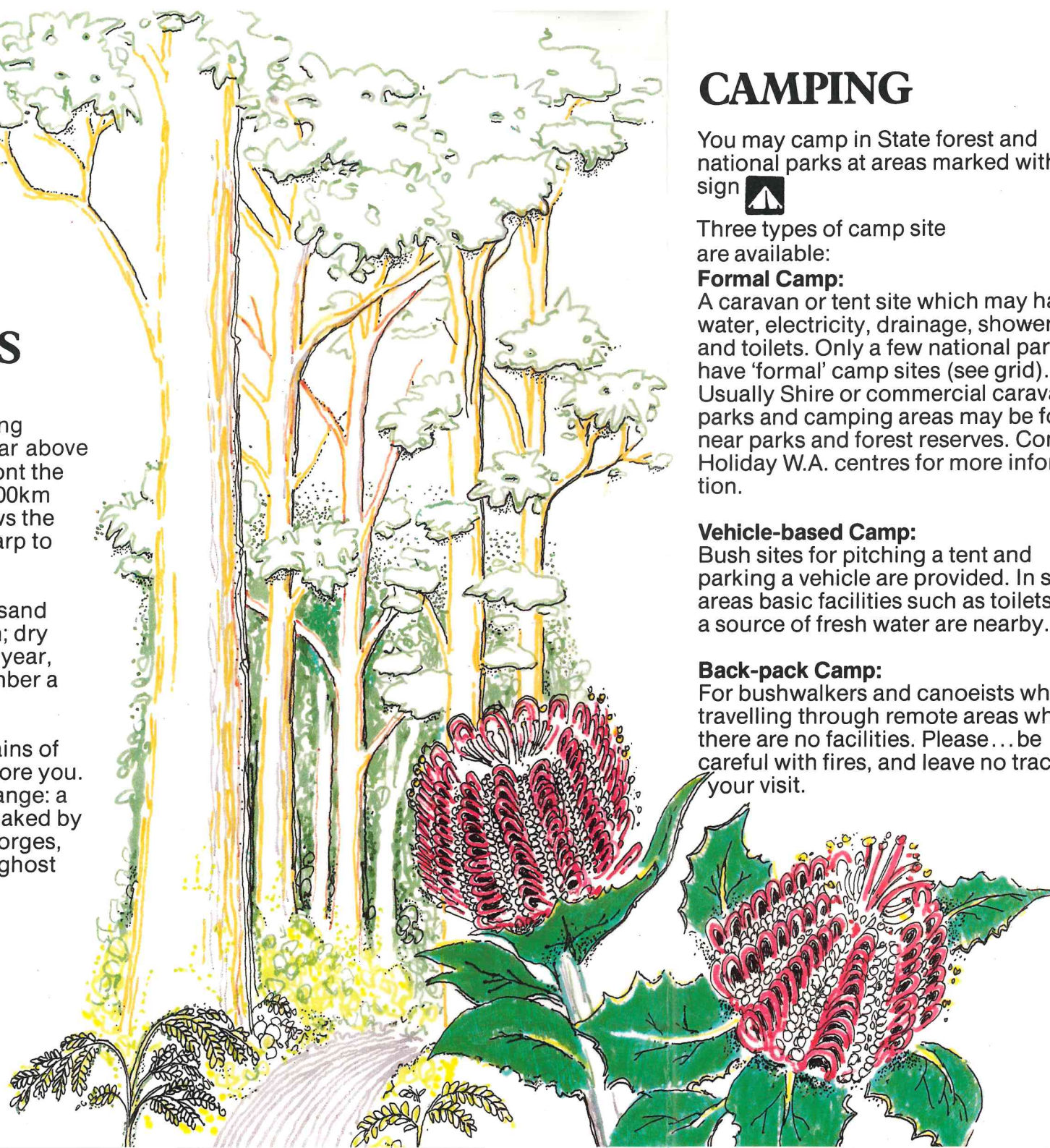
# WESTERN AUSTRALIA IS A LAND OF CONTRASTS

In the cool South-West, towering forests of native hardwoods rear above deep rivers; pristine beaches front the cold southern ocean; and the 300km sweep of the jarrah forest follows the ancient spine of the Darling Scarp to Perth.

North of the capital the coastal sand plain stretches out to Geraldton; dry and featureless for much of the year, but between August and November a sea of wildflowers.

North again: the endless red plains of W.A.'s heartland stretch out before you. The North-West is stark and strange: a land of jasperlite and iron ore, baked by the fierce summer heat. Deep gorges, silver beaches that run forever, ghost gums and dust-devils . . .

With care and thoughtfulness Western Australia's forests will remain some of the most beautiful in the world.



## CAMPING

You may camp in State forest and national parks at areas marked with the sign 

Three types of camp site are available:

### Formal Camp:

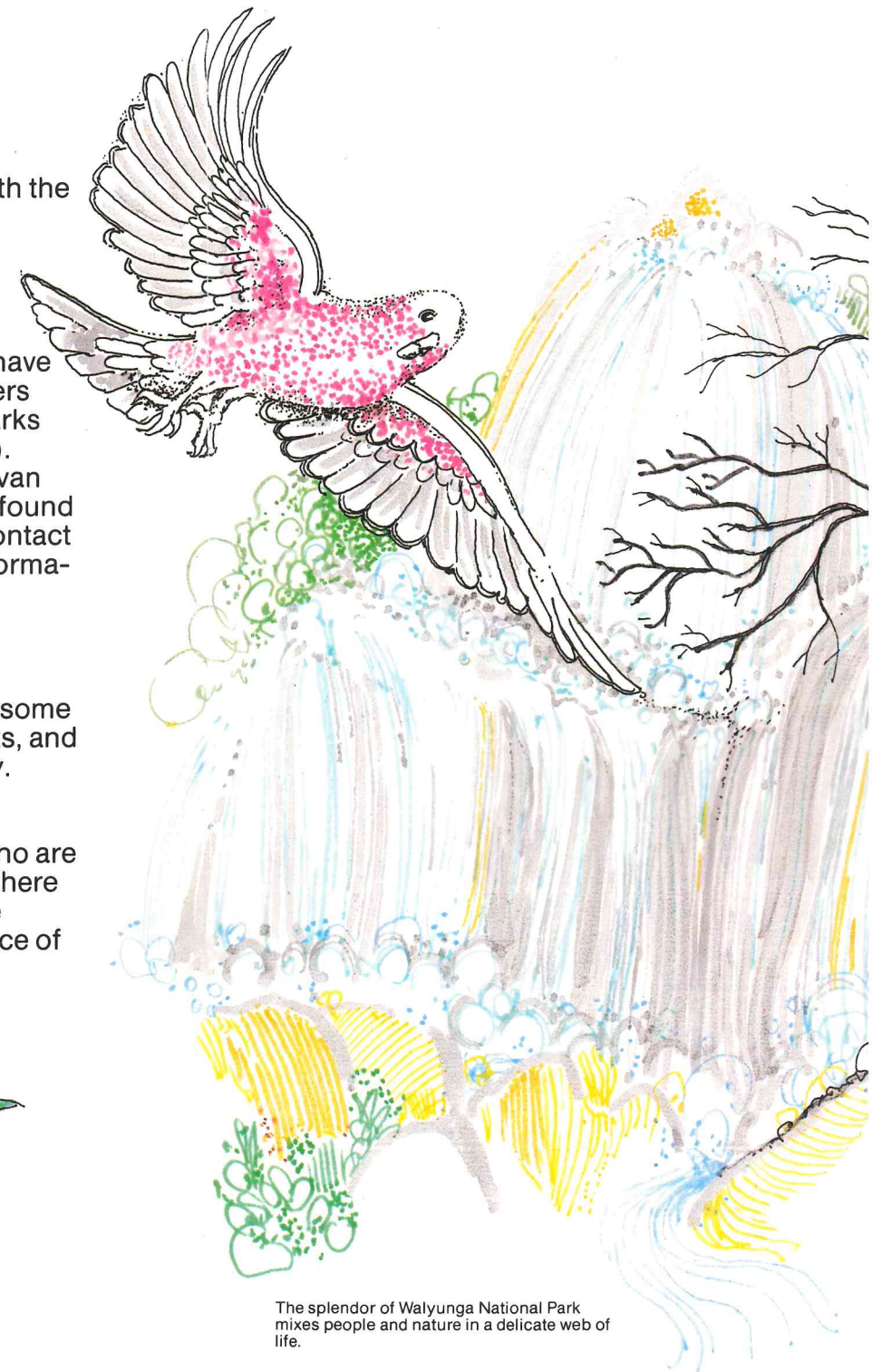
A caravan or tent site which may have water, electricity, drainage, showers and toilets. Only a few national parks have 'formal' camp sites (see grid). Usually Shire or commercial caravan parks and camping areas may be found near parks and forest reserves. Contact Holiday W.A. centres for more information.

### Vehicle-based Camp:

Bush sites for pitching a tent and parking a vehicle are provided. In some areas basic facilities such as toilets, and a source of fresh water are nearby.


### Back-pack Camp:

For bushwalkers and canoeists who are travelling through remote areas where there are no facilities. Please . . . be careful with fires, and leave no trace of your visit.



The splendor of Walyunga National Park mixes people and nature in a delicate web of life.





In some circumstances the ranger may ask you to move camp after seven nights. This helps prevent overcrowding, or wear and tear on the environment.

## FEES

Entry and camping fees are charged for some national parks and forests.

## DAY USE AREAS

Areas not marked with the camping sign are intended for day visitors only. PLEASE... Do not camp in day-use areas.



The alarming expanded frill of the Frilled Lizard deters most enemies in it's North West Habitat.



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Brilliant carpets of everlastings create a sea of colour in our harsh hinterlands.





NATIONAL PARKS AND FORESTS		<div><div>DISTANCE FROM PERTH (Approx. kms)</div><div>MAP</div><div>REFERENCE</div><div>CAMPING</div><div>CARAVAN SITE</div><div>DRINKING WATER</div><div>BARBECUES</div><div>ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED</div><div>TOILETS</div><div>CANOEING</div><div>FISHING</div><div>SWIMMING</div></div>												MAIN FEATURES	CALM OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Alexander Morrison	NP	260	1	B6										Wildflowers in Spring	see Watheroo
Avon Valley	NP	80	2	3										Woodland, River Valleys	* (096) 26 2540
Badgingarra	NP	200	1	B7										Wildflowers in Spring	see Nambung
Beedelup	NP	340	2	15										Karri Forest, Waterfall	see Warren or Pemberton
Blackwood River		342	2	36										Jarrah Forest, River Valley	Nannup (097) 56 1101
Boorabbin	NP	450	1	C7										Sandplain, Shrubland	Kalgoorlie (090) 21 2095
Boranup Forest		306	2	35										Karri Forest	Busselton (097) 52 1677
Brockman	NP	340	2	16										Karri Forest	see Warren or Pemberton
Cape Arid	NP	820	1	D8										Coastal Scenery	* (090) 75 0055
Cape Le Grand	NP	640	1	D8										Coastal Scenery & Beaches	* (090) 75 9022
Cape Range	NP	1260	1	A4										Coral Reef, Inland Gorges	* Exmouth (099) 49 1428
Collie River		190	2	33										River Valley, Jarrah & Marri Forest	Bunbury (097) 25 3800
Collier Range	NP	960	1	B5										Spinifex Highground	Karratha (091) 86 8258
D'Entrecasteaux	NP	380	2	14										Wetlands, Forests, Coastal Dunes	see Pemberton (097) 76 1042
Drover's Cave	NP	258	1	A7										Caves	see Nambung
Dryandra		195	2	30										Numbats, Wandoo Woodland	Narrogin (098) 81 1113
Drysdale River	NP	3060	1	E1										Isolated Woodland Wilderness	Kununurra (091) 68 1211
Dwellingup		97	2	29										Jarrah Forest, Rivers, Scarp	Dwellingup (095) 38 1078
Eucla	NP	1430	1	E7										Mallee, Sandhills, Limestone Cliffs	Albany (098) 41 7133
Fitzgerald River	NP	410	1	C8										Coastal Scenery, River Gorges, Mountains	* (098) 35 5043
Frank Hann	NP	520	1	C7										Inland Sandplain, Heath, Flora	Albany (098) 41 7133
Geikie Gorge	NP	2680	1	D2										Ancient River Gorge	* Fitzroy Crossing (091) 91 5030
Goongarrie	NP	700	1	C6										Mulga Country	Kalgoorlie (090) 21 2095
Gooseberry Hill	NP	20	2	7										Darling Range Lookout	see John Forrest
Greenmount	NP	25	2	6										Darling Range Lookout	see John Forrest
Hamersley Range	NP	1400	1	B4										Mulga, Spinifex, Gorges, Mountains	* (091) 89 8157
Harvey		140	2	32										Jarrah Forest, Dams, River	Harvey (097) 29 1505
Hassell	NP	450	2	25										Roadside Flora	Albany (098) 41 7133
Hidden Valley	NP	3300	1	E1										Ancient Valleys & Cliffs	Kununurra (091) 68 1211
Jarrahdale		54	2	28										Jarrah Forest	Jarrahdale (095) 25 5177
John Forrest	NP	25	2	5										Jarrah Forest, Wildflowers in Spring	* (09) 298 8344
Kalamunda	NP	25	2	8										Jarrah Forest, Wildflowers in Spring	see John Forrest
Kalbarri	NP	590	1	A6										River Gorges, Coastal Scenery, Wildflowers	* (099) 37 1140
Lane-Poole Reserve		105	2	31										River Valley, Jarrah Forest	* see Dwellingup
Leeuwin-Naturaliste	NP	260	2	12										Coastal Scenery, Karri Forest, Caves	* (097) 55 2144
Lesmurdie Falls	NP	22	2	9										Darling Scarp Lookout	see John Forrest
Ludlow Forest		220	2	34										Tuart Forest	Busselton (097) 52 1677
Manjimup		300	2	37										Karri & Jarrah Forest	Manjimup (097) 71 1988
Millstream-Chichester	NP	500	1	B4										Trees, Pools, Palms, Spinifex Country	* (091) 84 5125
Moore River	NP	120	1	B7										Wildflowers in Spring	see Yanchep
Mundaring		34	2	27										Jarrah Forest	Mundaring (09) 295 1117
Nambung	NP	230	1	B7										Pinnacle Desert, Coastal Scenery	* (095) 45 7043
Neerabup	NP	30	2	2										Woodland, Heath	see Yanchep
Peak Charles	NP	580	1	C7										Granite Outcrops, Scenic Panorama	see Stokes
Pemberton		330	2	38										Karri & Marri Forest	Pemberton (097) 76 1200
Porongurup	NP	480	2	23										Karri Forest, Granite Peaks	* (098) 53 1095
Rudall River	NP	1350	1	C4										Sand Dunes, Salt Lake System	Karratha (091) 86 8258
Scott	NP	360	2	13										Rivers, Eucalypt Forest	(097) 58 1756
Serpentine	NP	60	2	10										Waterfalls, Jarrah Forest	* (095) 25 2128
Shannon Forest		358	2	39										Karri & Coastal Wetlands	see Pemberton
Sir James Mitchell	NP	340	2	18										Roadside Flora	see Manjimup
Stirling Range	NP	450	2	24										Mountains, Wildflowers in Spring	* (098) 27 9230
Stokes	NP	600	1	C8										Fishing & Waterways	* (090) 76 8541
Tathra	NP	300	1	B6										Wildflowers in Spring	see Nambung
Torndirrup	NP	460	2	22										Coastal Scenery	* (098) 44 4090
Tunnel Creek		2460	1	D2										River Cave, Historical Site	Fitzroy Crossing (091) 91 5030
Walpole		420	2	40										Karri & Tingle Forests	Walpole (098) 40 1027
Walpole-Nornalup	NP	430	2	19										Karri Forest, Coastal Scenery	* (098) 40 1026 or see Walpole
Walyunga	NP	30	2	4										River Valleys, Eucalypt Forest	* (095) 71 1371
Wanneroo		30	2	26										Pine Forests, Banksia Woodland	Wanneroo (09) 405 1222
Warren	NP	345	2	17										Karri Forest, River Valley	* (097) 76 1042 or see Pemberton
Watheroo	NP	220	1	B7										Wildflowers in Spring	* (099) 52 5051
West Cape Howe	NP	430	2	21										Coastal Scenery	Albany (098) 41 7133
William Bay	NP	500	2	20										Beach & Coastal Scenery	* (098) 40 9255
Windjana Gorge	NP	2500	1	D2										Ancient River Gorge	Fitzroy Crossing (091) 91 5030
Wolf Creek Crater	NP	3100	1	E3										Meteorite Crater	Kununurra (091) 68 1211
Yalgorup	NP	120	2	11										Woodlands & Wetlands	* (095) 39 1067
Yanchep	NP	50	2	1										Wetlands, Woodlands, Caves, Flora & Fauna	* (095) 61 1004

\* Ranger Based in Park



LAND MANAGEMENT

The Department of Conservation and Land Management directly manages national parks and marine parks; State forests and timber reserves; nature reserves and marine nature reserves; and any associated fauna; flora and forest produce. It is also responsible for conserving flora and fauna throughout the State.

The Department manages the State's public lands on behalf of the public, and is committed to the principle of public participation in management plans.

It is therefore in the Department's interest that the public have a greater awareness and understanding of nature conservation and management issues.

REGIONAL OFFICES

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(091) 68 1211

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S.G.I.O. Building  
P.O. Box 835  
Karratha, 6714  
(091) 86 8288

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7th Floor, Town Towers  
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Geraldton, 6530  
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Kalgoorlie, 6430  
(090) 21 2095

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5 The Esplanade  
Mount Pleasant, 6153  
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Kelmescott, 6111  
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North Boyanup Road  
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Bunbury, 6230  
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**SOUTHERN FOREST**  
Brain Street  
Manjimup, 6258  
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