

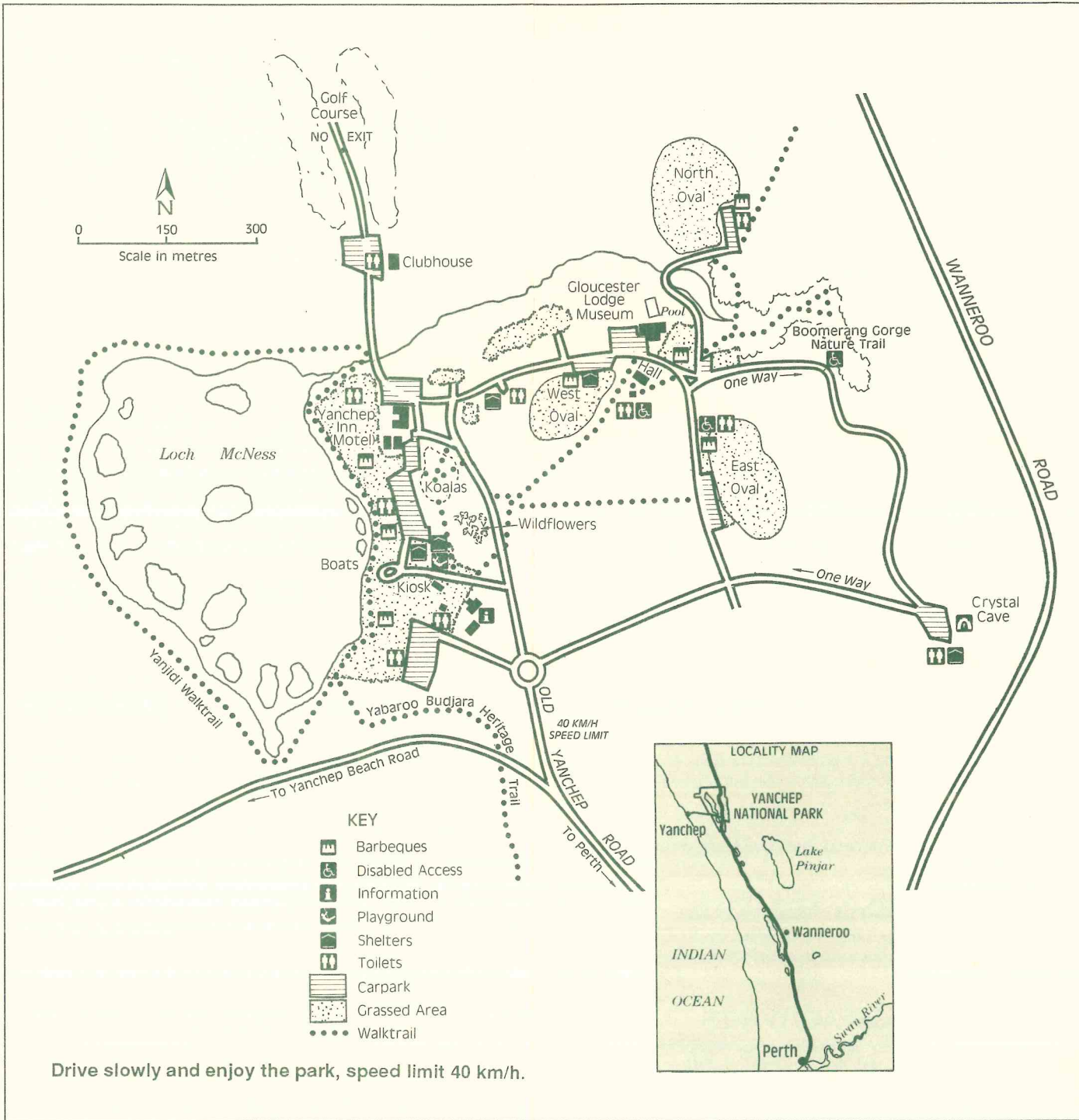
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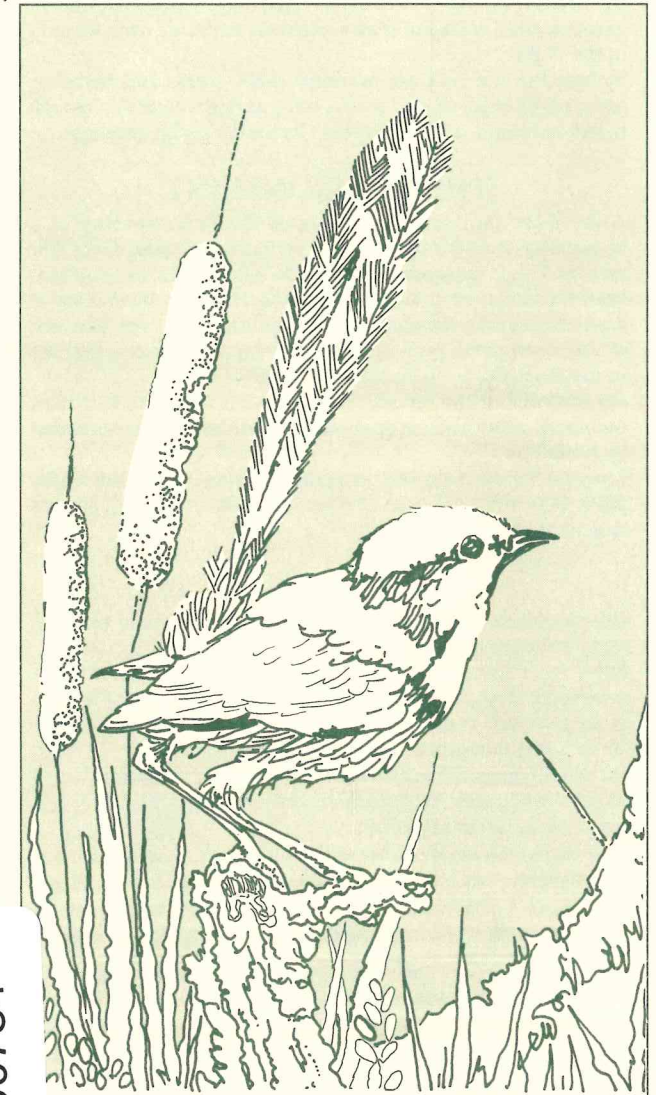
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Only 50 km north of Perth, has been one of the city's most popular recreation areas for over 60 years.

In Yanchep's 2,799 ha you can see native bush, wild kangaroos, and a stunning array of spring wildflowers, side by side with manicured lawns, Tudor-style buildings, cultivated native gardens, and a colony of koalas originally imported from Victoria in the 1930s.

Included in the Park are beautiful caves, picnic and barbecue areas set amongst shaded lawns, self-guiding walktrails through native bushland, a hotel, and the Gloucester Lodge museum.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Away from the 'developed' area of the Park, Yanchep is a fascinating reminder of how Perth would have looked to the first settlers. This is the Swan Coastal Plain, a flat land of two-million-year-old sands and low-lying wetlands. Here and there crags of eroded limestone rise above the soil, hinting at the vast network of limestone caves, potholes, and underground streams that lies under the park.

On outcrops of the limestone grow gnarled grey-barked tuart trees, and under them an open woodland of banksias surrounded by heathland.

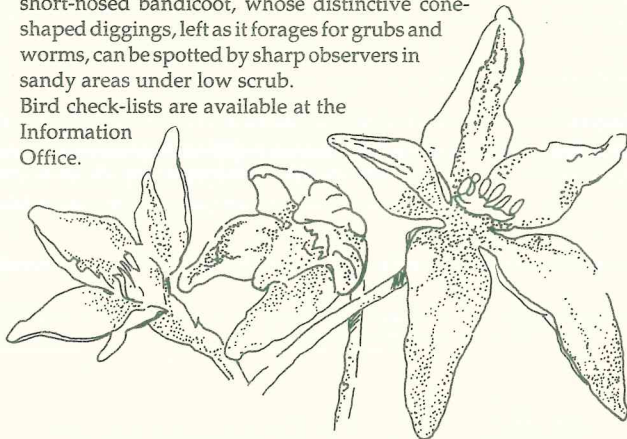
Lower still grow the annual and perennial flowering shrubs of the plain: between August and November a sea of colours, sounds and scents.

FAUNA

Grey kangaroos are common, particularly in the early morning and just before dusk.

Most other native mammals are nocturnal, and seldom seen during the day. Amongst those in the park are the tiny honey-possum, which feeds on nectar, pollen and small insects and the short-nosed bandicoot, whose distinctive cone-shaped diggings, left as it forages for grubs and worms, can be spotted by sharp observers in sandy areas under low scrub.

Bird check-lists are available at the Information Office.



THINGS TO SEE AND DO

LOCH MCNESS

Loch McNess forms the centre-piece of the Park and a fleet of rowing boats is available for hire each day.

Monday - Saturday:	9.00am-3.30pm
	Book at the Information Office
Sunday & Public Holidays	10.00am-4.00pm
	Book at the lakeside boat kiosk

The M.V. Kiwanis Boat operated by Kiwanis International is usually operating on weekends and offers a 20 minute ride around Loch McNess for a small fee.

All gas and electric barbecues are free.

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

CAVES

Guided tours through the Crystal Cave are available. Ask about tour times at the information office. Other caves in the Park are dangerous and not open to the public.

BUSHWALKS

Walk 1

The Yanjidi Trail - 2km (allow 1½ hours)

Yanjidi is a variation on the Aboriginal word for bulrush, and the Yanjidi trail takes you through the heart of the Loch McNess wetland. Huge old paperbarks surround the path as the trail winds its way round the western rim of the lake.

Walk 2

Boomerang Gorge Nature Trail - 500m (allow 1½ hour)

The Boomerang Gorge trail is suitable for wheelchairs, and follows a level route along the bottom of a steep limestone gorge.

Walkers can explore the rich plant and animal life of the coastal plain by following any trails. Ask at the Information Office for more details.

Please note

All animals in the Park are wild, and should be approached with appropriate caution.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

During school holidays, rangers coordinate special activities for visitors to discover unique aspects of the Park. Book early as they are popular.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

A range of other activities are available including picnic areas for hire for group outings. Ask at the Information Office.

HISTORY

The name Yanchep is derived from the Aboriginal word 'yanget', meaning bulrush.

Before European settlement the Aboriginal people lived on the coastal strip between Albany in the south and the northern Swan Coastal Plain, moving inland as far as York and Toodyay.

Coastal wetlands, such as Loch McNess, were a major source of food and water.

Yanchep was first made a reserve in 1905,

During the great depression of the 1930s sustenance workers constructed roads and buildings, and dredged Loch McNess. In 1969 Yanchep was finally given full status as a national park, and the conservation of native flora and fauna became a significant factor in the Park's management.

Today Yanchep is managed by the Department of Conservation and Land Management as a national park which caters for both conservation and public recreation. Visit the Gloucester Lodge museum for more information.

REMEMBER

- **BE CAREFUL:**
Your safety in natural environments is our concern but your responsibility.
- **BE CLEAN:**
Put your litter in bins, or better still, take it with you.
- **STAY COOL:**
Don't light fires. Bring your own portable gas stove.
- **SAVE ANIMALS AND PLANTS:**
No firearms or pets ... please.
- **STAY ON THE ROAD:**
Follow signs in the Park, and stay on the roads marked in this leaflet. Speed limit is 40 km per hour and normal road rules apply.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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