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BUSH WALKS IN STATE FORESTS

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Are you an explorer?

Do you have the courage, endurance, and intestinal fortitude to uncover nature's deepest secrets?

Then follow the yellow trail markers ...

All trails are clearly marked, and designed so that you can catch a glimpse of our living forest at your leisure.



This pamphlet lists walk trails currently accessible to visitors: from Mundaring in the hustling, bustling north; to Walpole on the wild south coast.

Some trails are designed to interpret aspects of the forest for you, and separate pamphlets are available on site, or from the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM).

Some are adventures, with obstacles to test the mettle of the fiercest after-dinner philosopher.

They range in length from ½ km rambles through attractive, or ecologically unique areas, to the 530 km Bibbulmun Walk track which extends from Kalamunda (near Perth), through almost the entire length of Western Australia's forests, to the old timber town of Shannon, south-east of Pemberton.

If you need further advice on bush walking, maps, and routes, contact:

Department of Conservation and Land Management
50 Hayman Road
COMO 6152
Ph (09) 367 0333

or any country office of the Department listed in this pamphlet.

HINTS FOR BUSHWALKERS.

- * Obtain a Department of CALM map of the area before setting out into unknown territory. These are available from 50 Hayman Road, Como, W.A., 6152 and all country Department Offices.
- * Walk in a party of 3 or more people for safety.
- * Make sure you have adequate water.
- * Wear comfortable walking shoes with thick woollen socks.
- * Take a light raincoat and a spare jumper.
- * Keep your things together in a light rucksack or shoulder bag to keep your hands free.
- * Take a first aid kit; insect repellent is also advisable.
- * Always carry a compass. If you become lost follow one of the numerous forest tracks; if followed systematically with a compass, they will eventually lead to some habitation.
- * If you are making an extended walking or camping trip, it is wise to notify friends or relatives of your estimated time of arrival and route.

THE WALK TRAILS

MUNDARING

North Ledge—a 7 km trail known as the Southell Track starts at Jacoby Park and extends along the north rim of the lower Helena Valley and on to the town of Mundaring. The track connects with a bridle path which criss-crosses Mundaring Weir Road and finishes opposite Jacoby Park. The total walk is approximately 14 km.

South Ledge—several short tracks (less than 1 km in length) lead from the picnic area at South Ledge, and offer attractive views of Mundaring Weir and the lower Helena Valley.

Mt Dale—a walk track from the picnic area below the summit connects with a loop trail around the upper slopes of Mt Dale. Approximately 2 km in length, the track provides panoramic views across the Darling Plateau.

CALM: ph (09) 295 1955

JARRAHDALE

Mundlimup—a 2 km sign-posted walk trail takes you through a portion of forest that was heavily cut for timber in the 1880s. The track starts at a small picnic area and amphitheater, crosses Gooralong Brook and takes you back through the life of the 100 year old jarrah forest now growing there. Features of interest include some original sawpits from the days of hand-hewn timber.

Lesley—a 1.5 km nature trail set in upland jarrah forest. The track, which is described in an interpretative brochure, starts at the Lesley picnic area on the Brookton Highway opposite the Ashendon Road intersection.

Sullivan Rock—a marked trail begins on the eastern side of the Albany Highway (opposite the Sullivan Rock picnic area) and leads to the top of Sullivan Rock, a distance of ½ km. From this point, the trail continues a further 1½ km to the summit of Mt Vincent.

Bell's Plantation—two marked trails: Kitty's Track (4½ km) and Stacey's Track (1 km), lead from the picnic area near Gooralong Brook, west of Jarrahdale.

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DWELLINGUP

Nanga Millsite—several short walk tracks, including an adventure trail, are situated along Nanga Brook where it passes through this former township which was destroyed in the 1961 Dwellingup fire.

Island Pool—a loop trail of approximately 4 km in length which commences at the Island Pool picnic area in the Murray Valley. The track ascends a moderately steep hill and provides attractive views along the valley.
CALM: Banksiadale Road, ph (095) 38 1078

HARVEY

Kangaroo Walk Trail—about 1.5 km near Logue Brook Dam. The trail is an attractive bush walk through jarrah-marri bush and crosses a stream at 2 points. It is also part of the Bibbulmun Track.

Blackboy Trail—this trail of about 1 km, starts and finishes at Blackboy picnic area. The trail passes through jarrah-marri forest, with an understorey dominated by blackboys. There are good views of the Harvey Valley and coastal plain. The wildflowers along the trail are magnificent during spring (September-early November).
CALM: 64 Weir Road, ph (097) 29 1505



COLLIE

Honeymoon Pool/River Road—1 km walk trail starts and finishes from the recreation area off River Road, next to the Collie River. The trail goes along the river bank, across the river downstream near a beautiful swimming hole, then back upstream on the opposite bank (parallel to Lennard Drive), back across the river and back down to the recreation area.

CALM: 147 Wittenoom Street, ph (097) 34 1988

BUSSELTON

Layman—(1 km) starts and finishes at the Layman picnic area near historic Wonnerup House. The trail winds through beautiful tuart forest unique to the limestone soils of coastal south-west Australia.

Jarrah Sawpits—this 600 m walk trail is part of the Busselton Self-Guiding route. There is a parking area off Evans Road from which the trail starts and finishes. The foci of the trail are several well preserved jarrah sawpits dating from the late 1800s. Stumps of trees which have been cut with a crosscut saw and axe can also be seen along the trail.

CALM: Queen Street, ph (097) 52 1677

NANNUP

Karri Gully—a 300 m loop from the Karri Gully recreation area, off Brockman Highway. The trail takes you through some of the northernmost karri forest.

Lewana—from Lewana settlement, a smaller (1 km) loop within a larger 2 km loop. A trail interpreted by signs winds along the Blackwood River, through pine plantations and native jarrah/marri forest.

Canebreak—Canebreak picnic area is found off the Brockman Highway south-west of Nannup. The trail is about 500 m in length and passes through jarrah/marri forest with some sheoak. The trail is at its best during the wildflower season between September and November.

CALM: Warren Road, ph (097) 56 1101

MANJIMUP

Diamond Tree—500 m long "adventure" trail through hollow logs, over obstacles and up to tree cubbies. In karri forest off the South West Highway, 12 km south of Manjimup.



One Tree Bridge—a recreation area in the majestic karri forest beside the Donnelly River, 25 km west of Manjimup on Graphite Road.

4 Aces—500 m trail through forest to the four magnificent karri trees standing in a row.

Glenoran Pool—700 m along the edge of the Donnelly River to Glenoran Pool—a popular swimming and barbecuing area.

Deadman's Trail—900 m loop upstream of the Donnelly River through virgin karri and banksia thicket. Good views of rapids and pools.

Hiker's Trail—2 km through karri across the Donnelly river.

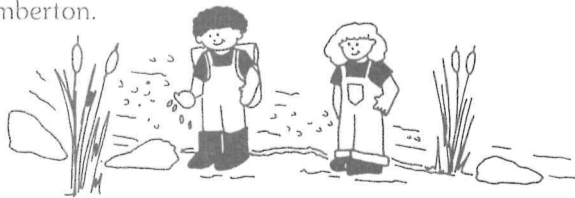
Paling's Bridge (Donnelly River)—1 km loop from Chappel Bridge on Chappel Road.

Tone River Settlement—Chindalup Pool—designed as a bicycle trail, but can be used also by pedestrians. It is 7 km long and follows existing tracks to the pretty Chindalup Pool in the Tone River. Chindalup Pool is equipped with picnic and barbecue facilities, and a diving ramp.

CALM: Brain Street, ph (097) 71 1988

PEMBERTON

Cascades—1.2 km loop trail interpreted by signs along and across Lefroy Brook, and through thickets of sheoak. The Cascades are found off Glauders Road, 10 km south of Pemberton.



Big Brook Arboretum—a signed walk trail loop starts and finishes at the picnic area in Big Brook Arboretum. About 1.2 km long, it winds through karri and sheoak forest and is one of the most picturesque walk trails in the Southern Region. Big Brook Arboretum is found at the end of the Rainbow Trail 10 km north-west of Pemberton.

100 Year Forest—two walk trails have been developed through this 100 year old karri forest. One is the 800 m long "Lookout Loop" which affords views of the valleys below this hilltop forest and a magnificent display of wildflowers in spring. The other is 300 m long and forms a loop ("Wheatfield Walk") through the heart of the young forest.



Gloucester Tree—2 walk trail loops, one 400 m and the other 800 m through magnificent virgin karri forest and dense karri understorey.

Fitness Trail—this trail is located in the Pemberton Arboretum just behind Gloucester Tree. It is 300 m long and has stopping points equipped with a sign describing the exercise to be done and timber equipment on which to do it. A 1 600 m long running track forms the perimeter of the Fitness Trail and its associated picnic area.

Mt Chudalup—this granite outcrop stands like a towering island in a sea of forest. A trail approximately 500 m long leads from the picnic area at the base to the summit of Mt Chudalup. The summit affords magnificent panoramic views of the Southern Ocean, D'Entrecasteaux National Park, and Shannon Forest.

East Brook—three trails have been constructed through the Burma Scenic Reserve. The shortest walk is about 800 m long and follows the East Brook through looming karri, crossing it at two places. Formation Trail (2 km) follows the old tramway beds to a picnic area on East Brook Trail. The longest trail connects East Brook with Gloucester Tree in a steep 4 km walk.

Shannon—The Shannon Dam Trail—a 3.5 km walk trail from the day use area of the Shannon camping area, to the Shannon Dam. The first 600 m (to the river) are sealed, and suitable for the disabled. Features include boardwalks over swamps, bridges over lagoons and creeks, sheltered rest areas, signs interpreting aspects of the ecology in the area, and a quokka observation shelter.

The Rocks Walk Trail—a 4 km trail which starts midway along the Shannon Dam Trail. The trail crosses the Shannon River and winds its way through magnificent karri, karri-marri forest, and sheoak woodland to two granite outcrops (Smeather's Rock and Mokare's Rock) which give excellent views of the Shannon Forest.

CALM: Abbott Street, ph (097) 76 1200

WALPOLE

Valley of the Giants—a short (400 m) trail through the giant red tingle country. Many of the red tingles have been hollowed out by fire.

Mt Frankland—100 m walk trail from a picnic area at the foot of Mt Frankland, to the summit of this huge granite outcrop. The view from the top is well worth the climb. There is also a loop trail which traverses the upper slopes just below the granite dome.



Mt Frankland "around the base"—an approximately 1.4 km long loop around the base of the outcrop which starts at the picnic area. The trail provides a whole new perspective of Mt Frankland. Features include magnificent views and a boardwalk across an exposed granite face to protect the delicate mosses and lichens.

Burnett—a 1 km loop from the picnic area across an adjacent swamp and to the summit of a granite hill. There are panoramic views from the hilltop, and wildflowers abound in spring.

BIBBULMUN TRACK

The Bibbulmun Track is a 530 km long walking trail which extends from Kalamunda south to the old Shannon townsite (situated between Manjimup and Walpole on the South Western Highway). The track includes a series of circuit routes situated near Dwellingup, Collie and Pemberton.

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