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BUSHWALKS MUNDARING DISTRICT



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND LAND MANAGEMENT

Welcome To The Forest

Take a walk through the extraordinary jarrah forest of the Darling Scarp, and see an ecosystem that has been evolving for more than 20 million years.

These walk trails range from short rambles through beautiful or unique pieces of forest, to the 650km long Bibbulmun Track which runs from Kalamunda to Walpole on the south coast.

Some trails are designed to interpret what's happening in the forest for you, either by signs or through pamphlets available on site; and some are simply there for you to enjoy. Please help protect a fragile environment by keeping to the marked trails.

Bibbulmun Track 48 km

Out of a total length of 650 km, this exciting track extends for 48 km through Mundaring District on its way to Walpole. A detailed guidebook of the Bibbulmun Track is available from offices of the Dept. of CALM and from major book outlets. Price \$14.95. In the Mundaring District several of the other tracks described in this brochure connect up with the Bibbulmun Track to form short circuit walks.

Kattamorda Heritage Trail 27 km

From Mundaring, the Kattamorda Heritage Trail traverses forests, orchards and farmlands along the top of the Darling Range to Carmel from where it descends from the range via the Bickley Valley to Bickley Reservoir. It features sites of significance in the history of the timber, forestry, horticultural and tourist industries and the Goldfields Water Scheme as well as areas of interest in natural history. The length of the trail provides an interesting and challenging excursion for experienced bush walkers, while easy vehicle access to several pick-up points along the way allows the less fervent walker to cover the trail in more leisurely short stages.

◆ **Refreshments** are available at Mundaring, the Weir Tavern and during normal shopping hours at Pickering Brook Store.

◆ **Accommodation** can be arranged at Mundaring Weir and Piesse Brook Youth Hostels.

Winjan Track 6 km

From Farrell Grove the Winjan Track follows forest tracks along the southern rim of the Lower Helena Valley for 2 kms, and then drops down into Gungin Gully. Downstream from where the track crosses the Gungin Gully creek there is a series of small waterfalls and cataracts, and in season this gully and the surrounding granite slopes provide one of the best wild-flower displays to be seen in the Mundaring District.

Opposite the first waterfall the track leaves Gungin Gully and traverses through interesting jarrah forest for a further 3 kms before linking up with the Bibbulmun Track just east of Kalamunda National Park.

"Winjan" was an elder and leader of the Bibbulmun People. He survived the "Battle of Pinjara" and was the subject of Jesse Hammond's book *Winjan's People*.

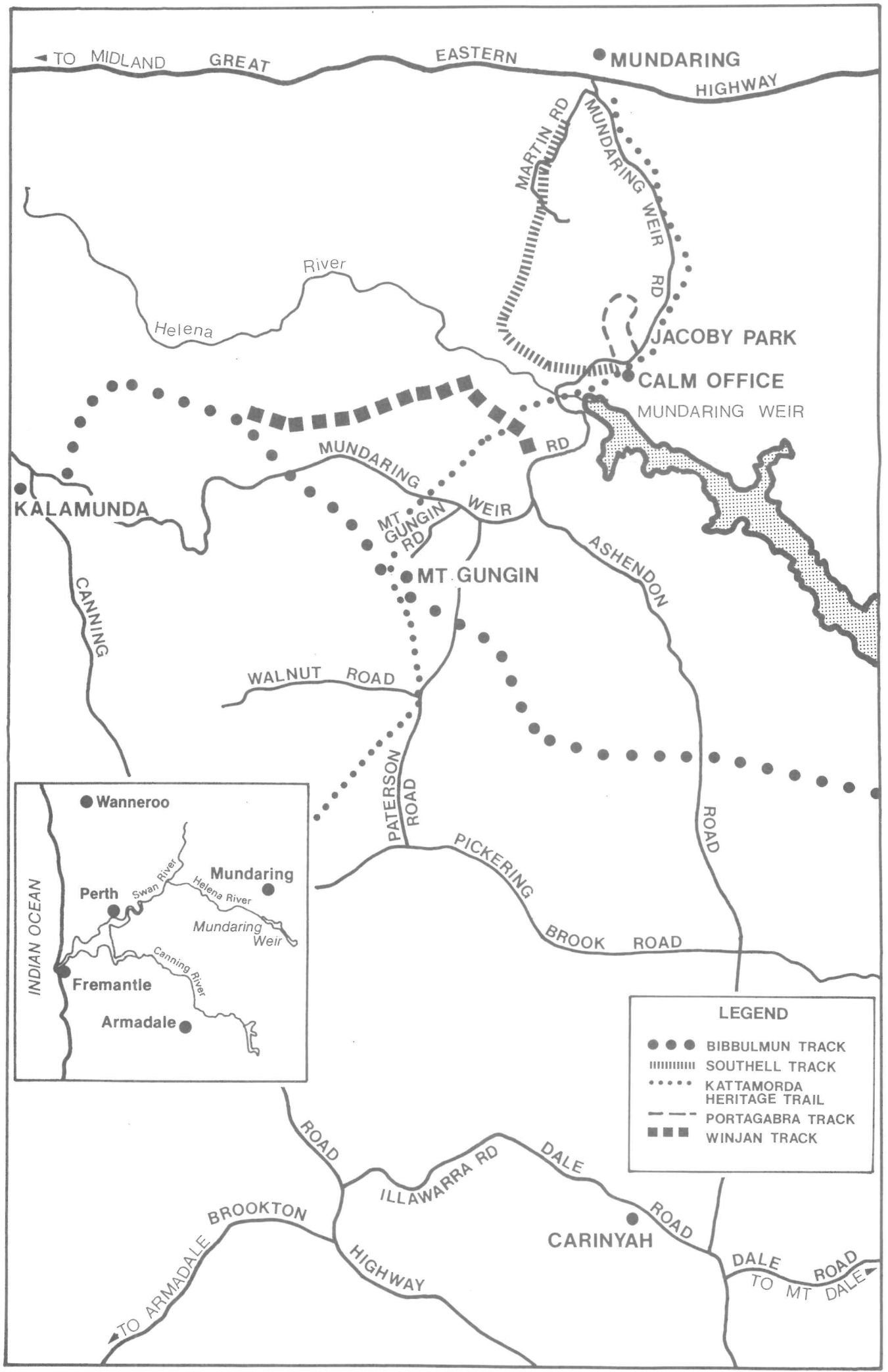
Southell Track 7 km

Beginning at Martin Road in Mundaring, the Southell Track crosses State Forest to North Ledge. Magnificent views of the Lower Helena Valley and Mundaring Reservoir emerge as you travel along the ridge top. The track then passes through Devenish Pine Plantation and finishes at the picnic area in Jacoby Park.

Portagabra Track 3 km

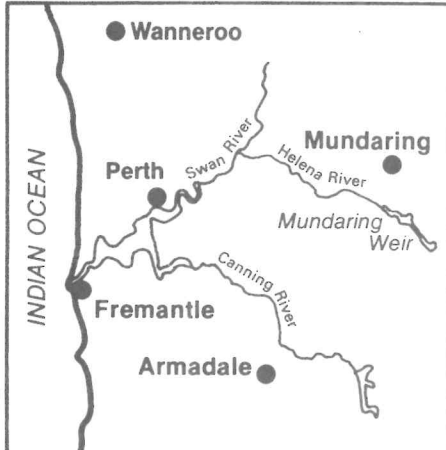
This is a loop starting and ending in Jacoby Park. Beginning near the north end of the Park, this track climbs steadily for a kilometre through jarrah and wandoo forest before ascending about 200 metres in length to the top of the ridge. From there it is all down hill.

This track has been promoted as a nature study area for school groups. It passes through changing land forms and soil types, areas of blackbutt, wandoo, jarrah and marri forest and the Devenish radiata plantation. There is a small area of virgin jarrah forest, a few large veteran jarrah trees and an area of regrowth forest. In late winter and spring, wildflowers abound and it is not unusual to see kangaroos and an occasional brush-tailed wallaby.



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An informative , illustrated brochure of this trail is on sale at CALM offices and the local Tourist Bureaux.



Further Information

Available from the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

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