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Park Notes

Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park



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CAPE NATURALISTE WALK TRAILS

You can explore the northern tip of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park along three walk trails (see over for map). The trails are suitable for people of all ages, although young children and the elderly may find some sections challenging.

From the lighthouse carpark or the West Coast Track's northern carpark (see map), follow the bright yellow markers along the 3km **Cape Naturaliste Loop**. This circuit winds through heathlands and thickets, returning along the coast, past rugged cliffs and Cape Naturaliste.

For a clifftop walk past sea caves and reefs, follow the blue markers along the 2.5km **Bunker Bay Loop**. Start at Bunker Bay or the lighthouse carpark and enjoy the scenery, which includes windswept scrub and heathland.

Try whale watching from the scenic clifftop lookout at the bottom of the 500-metre **Lookout Trail**. On-site information will help you identify the whales and dolphins found in these waters. The trail starts from the lighthouse carpark and remember: it's a 1km return walk.

The Environment

You can walk here all year round and watch the landscape change with the seasons. The Cape is part of a geological feature called the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge. The ridge, which runs north to south, is composed of ancient granite with a limestone and

siliceous sand overlay. You can see these granite and limestone seams in the coastal cliffs.

You will walk through low-lying vegetation which is coastal heath. It is the Cape's main type of vegetation and contains many shrub species including Acacia and native pea, which bursts into a mass of yellow flowers in spring. Here, you will also see irregular thickets of stunted, wind-pruned jarrah, marri and peppermint trees. On the limestone outcrops, parrot bush and cockies tongue have adapted well to the harsh conditions.

Information

Do you want to explore more of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park? For information:

- Visit the information shelters at Bunker Bay and Injidup
- Ask a Ranger—one based at Caves Road, Yallingup regularly patrols this area.
- Call or visit CALM's Busselton District Office, 14 Queen Street, Busselton. Phone: (097) 52 1677.

Remember:

- Be careful—your enjoyment and safety is our concern but your responsibility.
- Be cool: light fires only in the barbecues provided or bring your own portable gas stove.
- Protect animals and plants—if you plan to visit a national park, leave your firearms and pets at home. Firearms are also not permitted in forests.
- Stay on established paths.
- Be considerate—leave this natural environment as you find it so others can enjoy it too.

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