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Summer firewood

Valid until 30th April 1994

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CALM provides Free Firewood Areas and Fee Payable Areas for summer and winter. These firewood areas have been located as close as possible to Perth. The wood in Fee Payable Areas is higher in quality and quantity than in Free Firewood Areas.

As the wood is mainly scattered trimmings you will need to collect and cut it and carry it to your trailer. wheelbarrow will be handy.

Uncontrolled gathering of firewood can seriously damage the forest. Wood gathering is prohibited in national parks, nature reserves and other conservation reserves. Our roadside vegetation is also precious so don't collect firewood in these areas. Entry into Disease Risk Areas is illegal without a special permit.

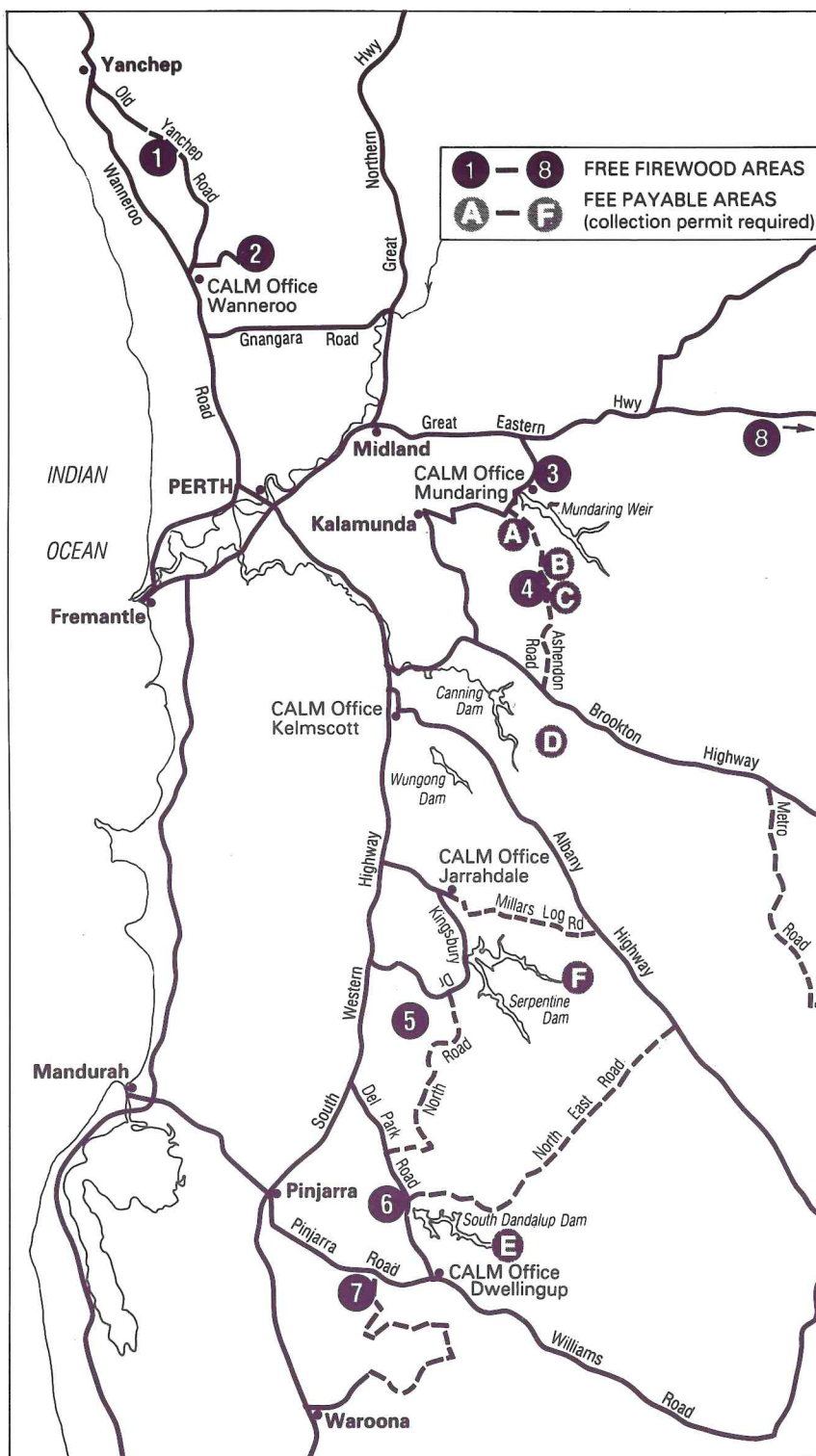
Why not make a day of your collecting? Pack a picnic and enjoy the bush. Stop at your nearest CALM office for information about the facilities, walking tracks and wildlife of the area.

NEW FOREST REGULATIONS

Due to new forest regulations and the requirement to now have public firewood areas gazetted, there have been some changes in regulations covering firewood gathering.

The following new regulations apply when collecting firewood:

1. Up to 1 tonne of firewood per vehicle may be removed from a designated public firewood area in any 60 day period.
2. The price for fee payable areas from 1st November until 30th April 1994 is \$7 per tonne or part thereof.
3. Apart from private land, firewood can only be collected in gazetted public firewood areas.
4. Firewood can only be collected for non commercial use.



Free Firewood Areas

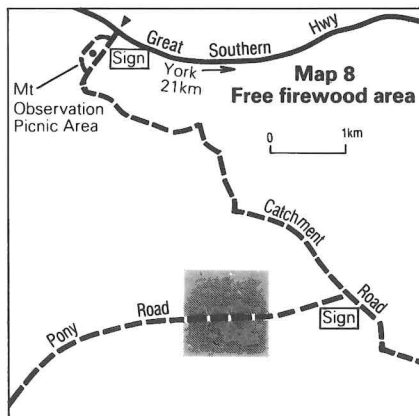
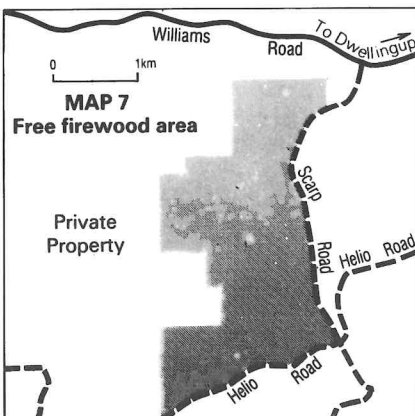
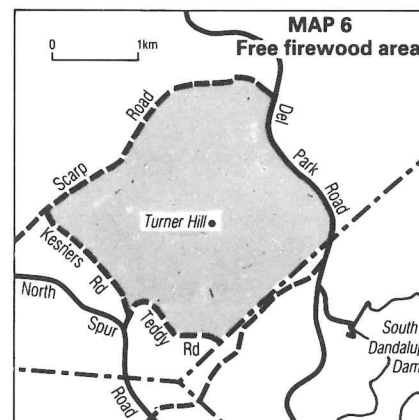
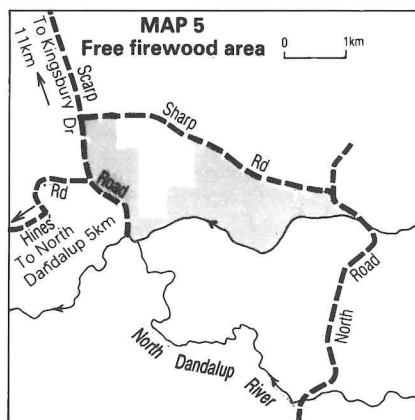
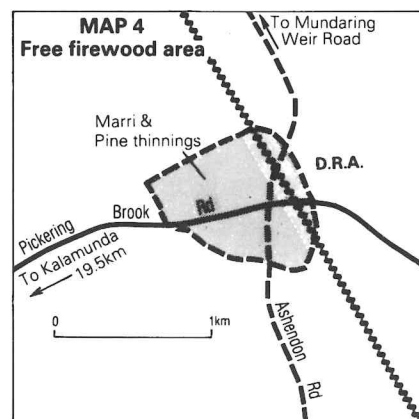
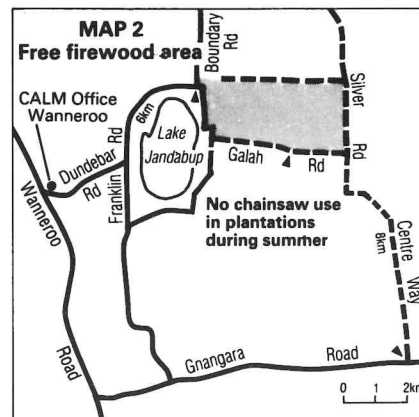
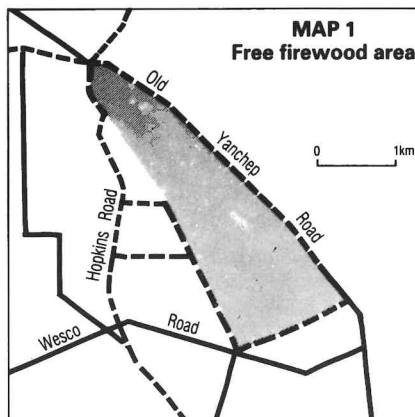
In Free Firewood Areas you can collect your limit of up to one tonne per 60 day period, for no fee.

There is no guarantee that quality firewood will be available for the whole season in Free Firewood Areas. The Fee Payable Areas are a more reliable source for your firewood.

In the vicinity of Perth the firewood resource is significantly depleted. Most firewood is created from the tops of trees felled for sawlogs, and other timber production residues. As timber harvesting has reduced in areas accessible to the public, the available firewood resource has diminished. **As a result, most firewood will be subject to a fee from winter 1994 as accessible areas suitable for free firewood will be depleted.**

REFERENCE

- Sealed Road
 - - - Gravel Road
 - Public Firewood Area
 - Powerline
 - Pipeline
 - ~ Creek
 - Gate
 - Recreation Area
 - ★ No Further Entry
 - - - Conveyor Belt
 - ↑ N
- All maps face north



Fee Payable Areas

The wood in Fee Payable Areas is higher in quality and quantity than in Free Firewood Areas.

Fee Payable Areas have fallen firewood from timber thinning operations and require a \$7.00 fee for up to one tonne to recoup the costs of CALM supervision. Approvals must be carried in your vehicle.

Approvals and maps for fee payable areas are available from CALM offices in Kelmscott, Mundaring, Jarrahdale, Dwellingup and Como.

CALM offices in the Swan Region

Kelmscott

3044 Albany H' Way
Tel: 390 5977 Mon-Fri 8.30-4.30pm
Sat, Sun 10am-3pm

Wanneroo *

5 Dundobar Road
Tel: 405 1222 Mon-Fri 8.30-4.40pm

Mundaring *

Mundaring Weir Road
Tel: 295 1955 Mon-Fri 8.30-4.30pm

Jarrahdale *

George Street
Tel: 525 5177 Mon-Fri 8.30-4.30pm

Dwellingup *

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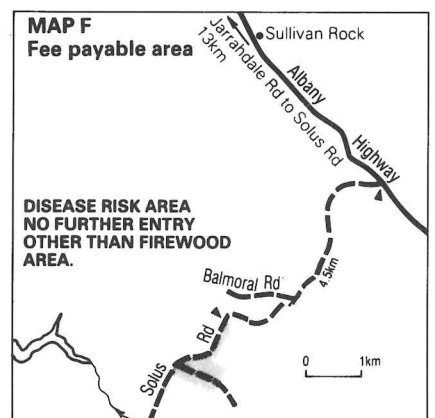
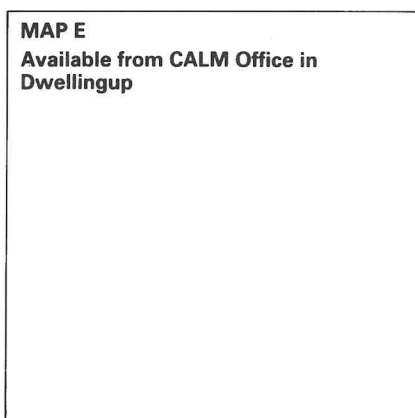
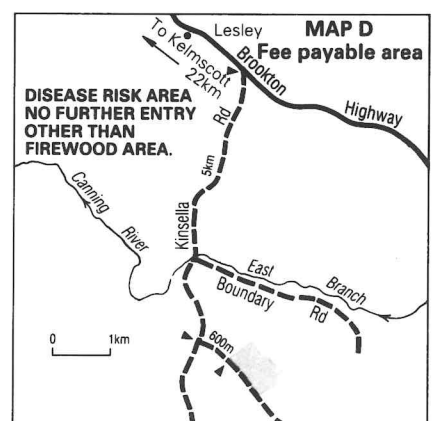
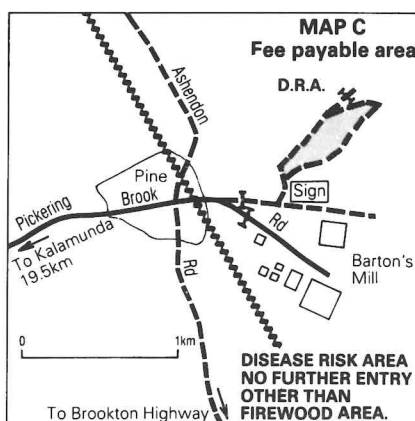
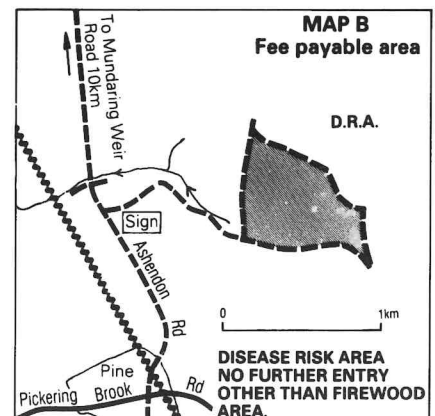
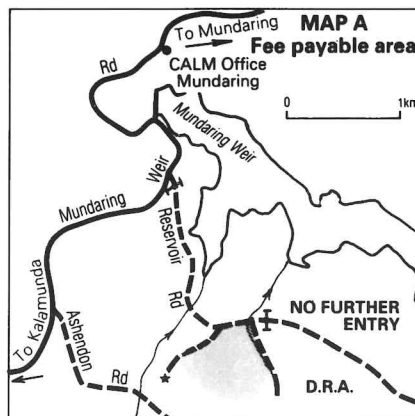
Como

50 Hayman Road
Tel: 334 0333 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

* These offices will be open on weekends from 10am-12 midday in March and April.

Firewood areas in winter

CALM also sets aside firewood areas for winter collection which are twice the price of summer areas, i.e. \$14.00 for up to a tonne. Summer collection is cheaper to encourage you to collect firewood when dieback is dormant.



Burning questions

Things you need to know

- Only collect wood that is on the ground. Cutting standing trees is dangerous to yourself and adjacent vegetation and is illegal.
- The limit is up to one tonne.
- Firewood that you collect CANNOT BE SOLD.
- Keep your vehicles on graded roads so that you won't spread dieback and damage vegetation. Take a wheelbarrow to move wood to your trailer or ute.
- It is illegal to have firearms in State forest or Timber Reserves.
- If you picnic please don't light fires on the ground and do take your rubbish home with you.
- Wildflowers are for all to enjoy so picking is illegal.
- Some local authorities have noise abatement regulations including prohibitions on the use of chainsaws on Sunday. Compliance with these regulations is your responsibility.

YOUR CHECKLIST

Plans
Fee receipt (for Fee Payable Areas)
Trailer or ute
Wheelbarrow
Chainsaw
Safe footwear and clothing
Ear plugs and first aid kit
Rubbish bag

Sometimes people destroy or remove Firewood Area location signs. If you find signs missing or destroyed please report it to the nearest CALM office and it will be replaced as soon as possible.
Is smoke from wood burning a serious problem?

How can I save money?

You can reduce your heating costs by insulating your home, closing doors and drawing your curtains to conserve the heat from your fire. You should always have some fresh air flowing into the room in which your heater is located to provide air for combustion.

Obtain firewood in early summer when collection is cheaper. This also allows it time to air dry. Loosely stack your wood in a criss-cross fashion to allow the air to circulate freely.

What value is dead timber to nature conservation?

Living trees and both standing and fallen wood are essential parts of the complex web of nature that supports life. Trees produce oxygen, protect soils, provide shelter for animals and enhance the urban and rural landscape. Dead wood left in the bush provides nest sites for birds, hollow logs to shelter native mammals, lizards and insects and a habitat for other organisms such as lichens and fungi.

Every tree is a habitat in itself and its use as firewood destroys both the habitat and the wildlife which depend on that habitat. To protect these values of the forest, firewood can only be collected from designated areas leaving other areas for nature conservation. Within the firewood areas it is important to leave standing trees whether dead or alive.

YOUR PERFECT WALKING PARTNER



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The 52 walks (one for every week of the year) range in length from a few hundred metres to about 18 kilometres, so you can choose the walks to suit your family.

Family Walks in Perth Outdoors is the second in a collection of 'Perth Outdoors' books published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM), and follows on from its parent publication *Perth Outdoors: A Guide to Natural Recreation Areas in and around Perth*.

\$14.95

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