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# COLLIE CIRCUIT ROUTES

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**BIBBULMUN**  
BUSHWALKING  
TRACK



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## **COLLIE CIRCUIT ROUTES**

In the Wellington Dam area the Bibbulmun Track has three circuit routes, each marked with a different coloured marker. These routes are shown on the adjacent maps.

### **SIKA ROUTE (GREEN)**

This route commences at the Wellington Dam kiosk and is 9.4 km in length. Experienced bushwalkers will take only 1½ hours to complete the walk. Slower walkers stopping to admire the views and to rest occasionally may take up to 2½ hours to walk the route. The track may be walked in either direction, but it is recommended to walk north first to avoid a steep climb from the river.

#### **Stage 14D to 14E (3.2 km)**

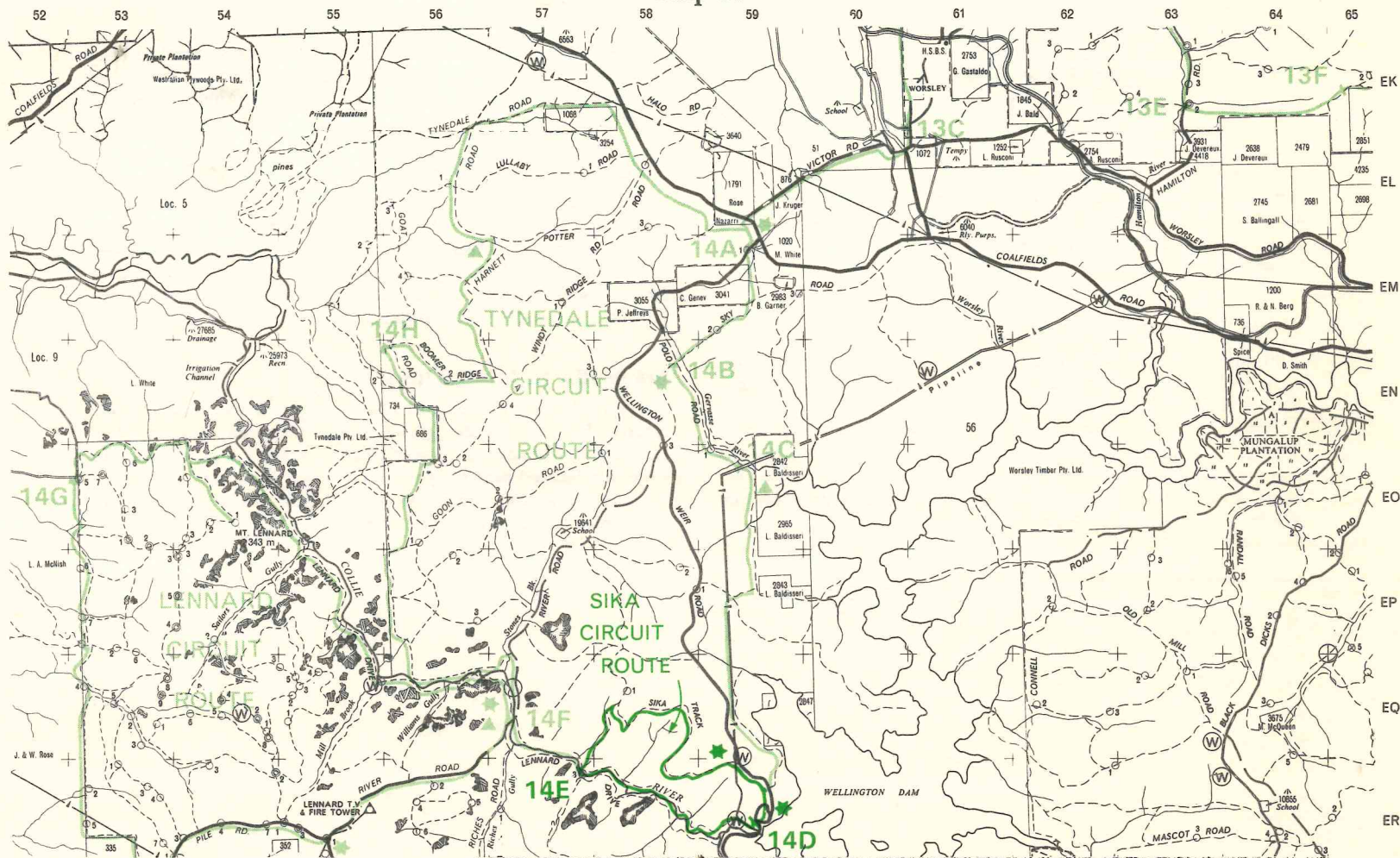
From the kiosk walk north through the picnic area to a gravel track. This track crosses a pipeline from the dam and links on to another narrow road, Sika Track. This track passes through mature jarrah and blackbutt forests with dense undergrowth and provides excellent views of the steep Collie River valley. The rich fauna and birdlife may be observed in this area. A steep descent down a rocky track to the river follows.

#### **Stage 14E to 14D (6.2 km)**

From here walk east along the north bank of the river—past wide deep pools, rapids and massive rock outcrops. Follow this track to the hydro-electric pumping station at the base of the dam wall and then walk up the bitumen road to the kiosk.



# Map 14



## **LENNARD ROUTE (BLUE)**

This route is 24.3 km in length and includes a number of steep climbs only recommended for experienced bush-walkers. The walk will take approximately eight hours even for experienced walkers. The walk commences at the River Road bridge over the Collie River.

### **Stage 14F to 14G (10.1 km)**

From the bridge, walk along the south bank of the Collie River on a rocky track that crosses Williams Gully, Mill Brook and Sailors Gully—all flow in the winter only.

From Sailors Gully the track climbs very steeply to a high ridge near the south-eastern corner of Location 9, then swings west along its southern boundary. The ridge commands views to the north and north-west and overlooks the pipehead dam of the Wellington irrigation scheme.

About 400 m after turning west, a side track is marked that leads south-east to reference tree EO 54 1, quite close to the Mt. Lennard summit. The main track continues west to Stage 14G.

### **Stage 14G to 15A (7.3 km)**

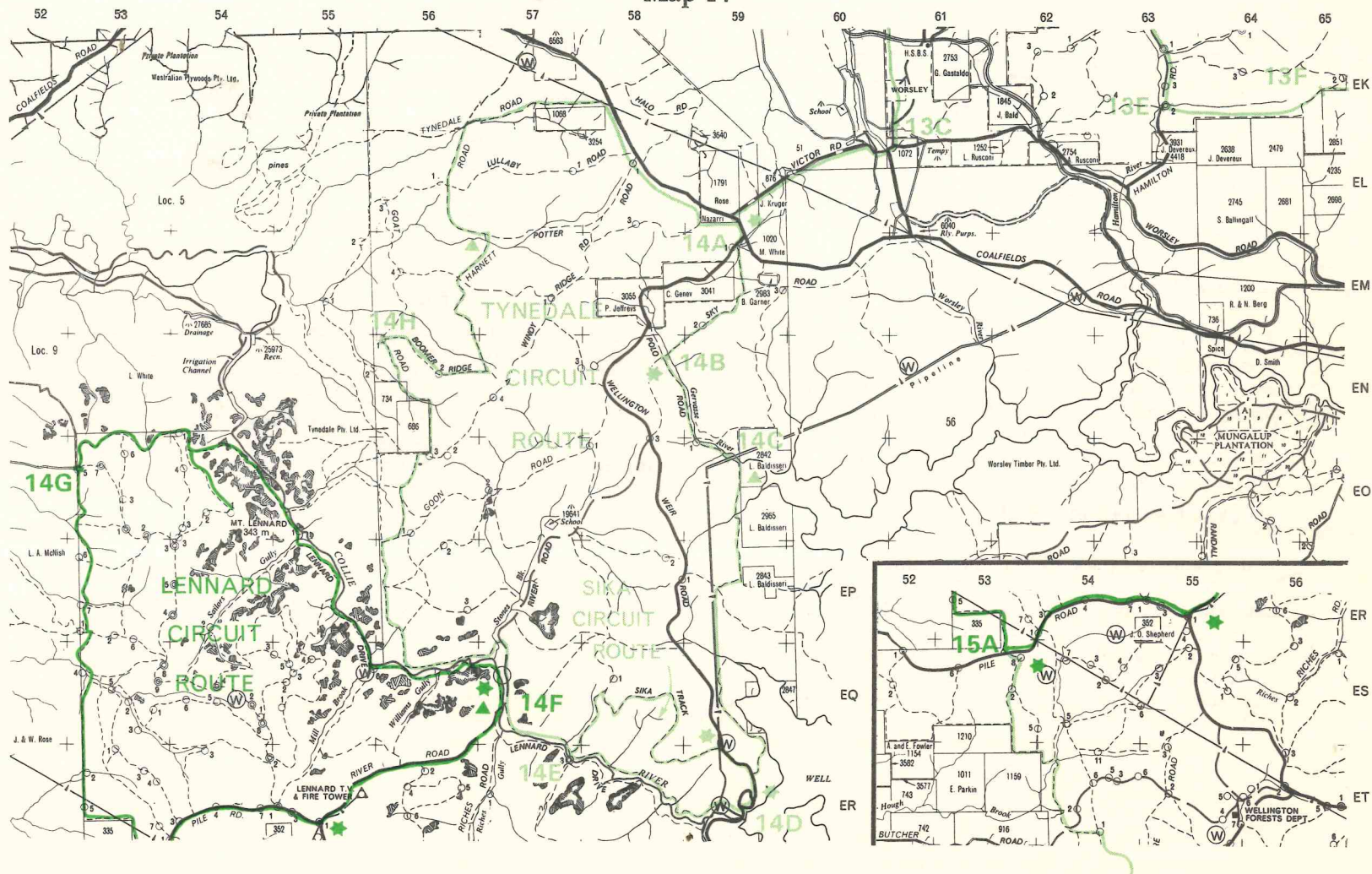
This section follows the Lennard fireline along the east boundary of Location 9. Many steep gullies are crossed and a number of natural soaks are observed in the pasture. Scenic views to the coast and Bunbury are seen to the west and tall jarrah forest is seen to the east. The fireline veers east and then south around Location 335 to Pile Road.

### **Stage 15A to 14F (6.9 km)**

The route back to the River Road bridge follows Pile and River Roads. Both are wide gravel roads with flat grades. The Lennard T.V. and radio tower and the Forests Department fire tower are located near the junction of River Road and Pile Road. Visitors are welcome to inspect facilities at the T.V. tower and the Forests Department tower may be climbed at your own risk.



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## **TYNEDALE ROUTE (RED)**

This is the longest walk, being 39.8 km in length, and will take an experienced bushwalker a whole day to complete. Slower walkers will need to camp overnight and take two days to complete the journey.

### **Stage 14D to 14F (4.8 km)**

From the kiosk walk down the bitumen road to the base of the dam wall. From here a narrow rocky track follows the north bank of the Collie River. Magnificent views of wide deep pools, rapids and massive rock outcrops are obtained from this track. Marron fishing is popular in this vicinity and evidence of intensive marroning is seen as the track approaches River Road. A Forests Department picnic site is located at the River Road bridge.

### **Stage 14F to 14H (8.6 km)**

Walk north from the bridge along River Road and then turn west on a narrow track crossing Stones Brook, follow the track along the north bank of the Collie River through dense vegetation. The track then climbs steeply via Goon Road and other minor tracks to the property owned by Tynedale Pty. Ltd. This company has planted large areas of radiata pine, on suitable soils on its property, and some of these pines are seen from the track. The route continues along Goat Road to Boomer Ridge Road.

### **Stage 14H to 14A (14.6 km)**

Travelling along Boomer Ridge Road, Harnet Road and Tynedale Road the route continues across steep gullies past large granite outcrops, with good views of farmland across the wide valley of the Collie River. The topography flattens as the track passes through good quality jarrah and sheoak (*Casuarina fraserana*), finally approaching the Coalfields Road and follows a firebreak 100 m south of and parallel with the bitumen road.

### **Stage 14A to 14C (5.5 km)**

Continue parallel to the Coalfields Highway and then turn south along the Wellington Weir Road. Cross this road at reference tree EM 59 1 on to a track running south to Sky Road. Following Sky Road south, cross the Gervasse River and turn south-east on to Polo Road. This road follows the west bank of the Gervasse River and continues to the power line serving the Wellington Dam and the water pipeline to Narrogin.

### **Stage 14C to 14D (6.3 km)**

This section traverses seldom used tracks through good quality jarrah forest, with good views of farmland and Wellington Dam. Some natural parkland with only low scrub under jarrah and blackbutt is passed as the track approaches the Wellington Weir Road (bitumen). Walk south along this road to the kiosk at the weir wall, where refreshments and toilet facilities are available.



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