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This area at Lefroy Brook picnic spot supported a wheat crop in 1865. Abandoned as a farm in 1867 regenerated to karri after a fire in 1875. Walking trails branch off the Rainbow Trail.



Picnic seats and bench hewn from solid karri logs, at Big Brook Arboretum.



Butt of an 8 ft. diameter karri tree, Vasse Road.

Rainbow Trail winds through vigorous karri regrowth.

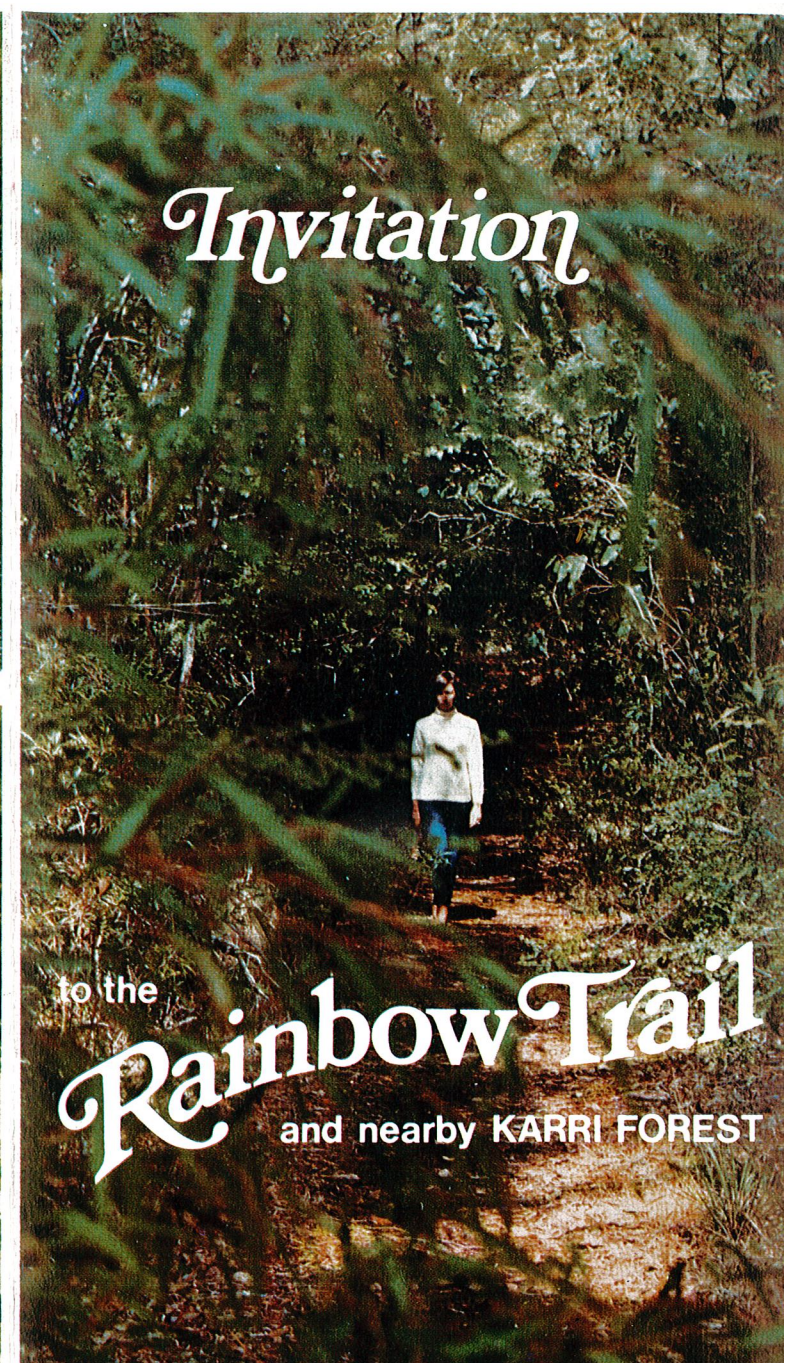


Rocky crossing where Heartbreak Trail meets the Warren River.



Late summer at the Cascades.

Dense young karri and undergrowth border a side track.



The Cascades Trail, a scenic walking path by the banks of the Lefroy Brook.

Barbecue-time at Karri Oak picnic spot.



Wind your way along Rainbow Trail . . . through the 7,750 acres of lush, green Big Brook forest . . . stopping on the way at Karri Oak, or the Arboretum picnic spot.

Enjoy a pleasant stroll through the towering young trees—or a vigorous hike following the footsteps of our pioneer timbermen and foresters. The trail commences just one mile west of Pemberton, near the Trout Hatcheries.

Big Brook State Forest consists almost entirely of karri regrowth stands.

During the years from 1920 to 1928, a number of old wood-burning steam locomotives were employed on "bush tramways" through this forest, hauling giant karri logs to the State Sawmill at Pemberton. Part of the formation for this tramway was converted into what is now the Rainbow Trail, and other parts into the Tramway Trail which runs north through Big Brook forest to Channybearup Road.

Following felling operations, the forest area was regenerated in the summer of 1929-30. Karri seed germinated soon after the first rains in autumn in 1930, and grew into the 150 ft. tall regrowth stands you can see today.

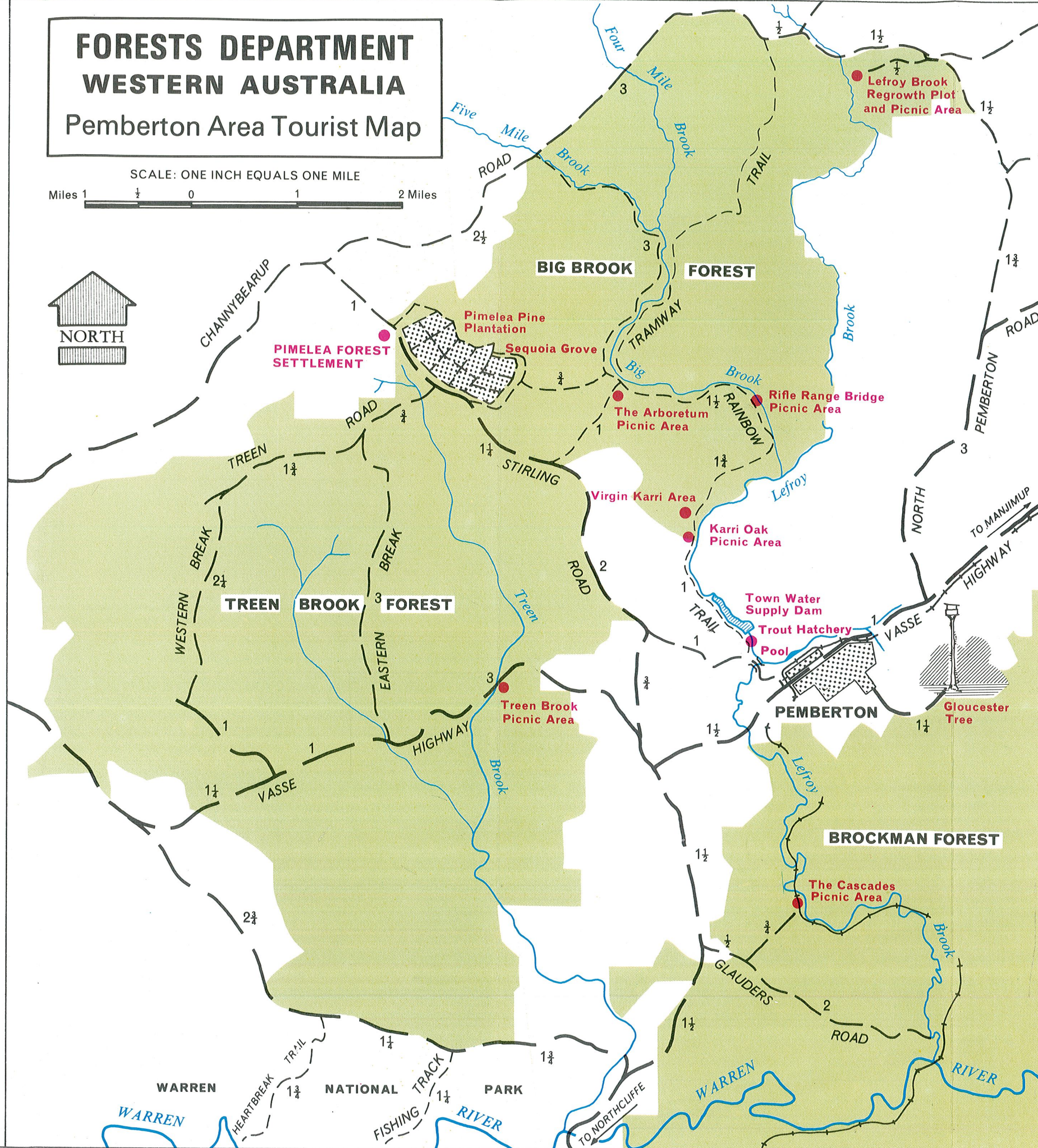
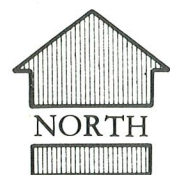
This forest is still classed as immature. Careful tending, protection from wild-fire and controlled burning will be required over the next 80 years, when the cycle of cutting and regenerating will begin again.

Karri, together with the mountain ash of Victoria and Tasmania, is the tallest hardwood in the world. Trees up to 286 ft. high with girths at 4 ft. 3 in. from the ground of 24 ft. have been measured. This eclipses in height all of Perth's present tall buildings and those to be constructed in the immediate future. Some shorter karri trees with girths of 38 ft. have been recorded.

The Rainbow Trail and older sections of the karri forest are a world of their own . . . tall young trees; giant veterans of 700 years; lush green foliage; dew spangled waterbush (netic); flowering vines and plants; and . . . birds everywhere. In the karri blossom season flights of colourful parakeets invade the treetops, screeching their heads off all day long.

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SCALE: ONE INCH EQUALS ONE MILE
Miles 1 ½ 0 1 2 Miles



FOUR OF THE MANY FLOWERS IN THE KARRI FOREST



Crowea dentata.



Pimelea rosea.



Beaufortia sparsa.



Clematis pubescens and Hardenbergia comptoniana.