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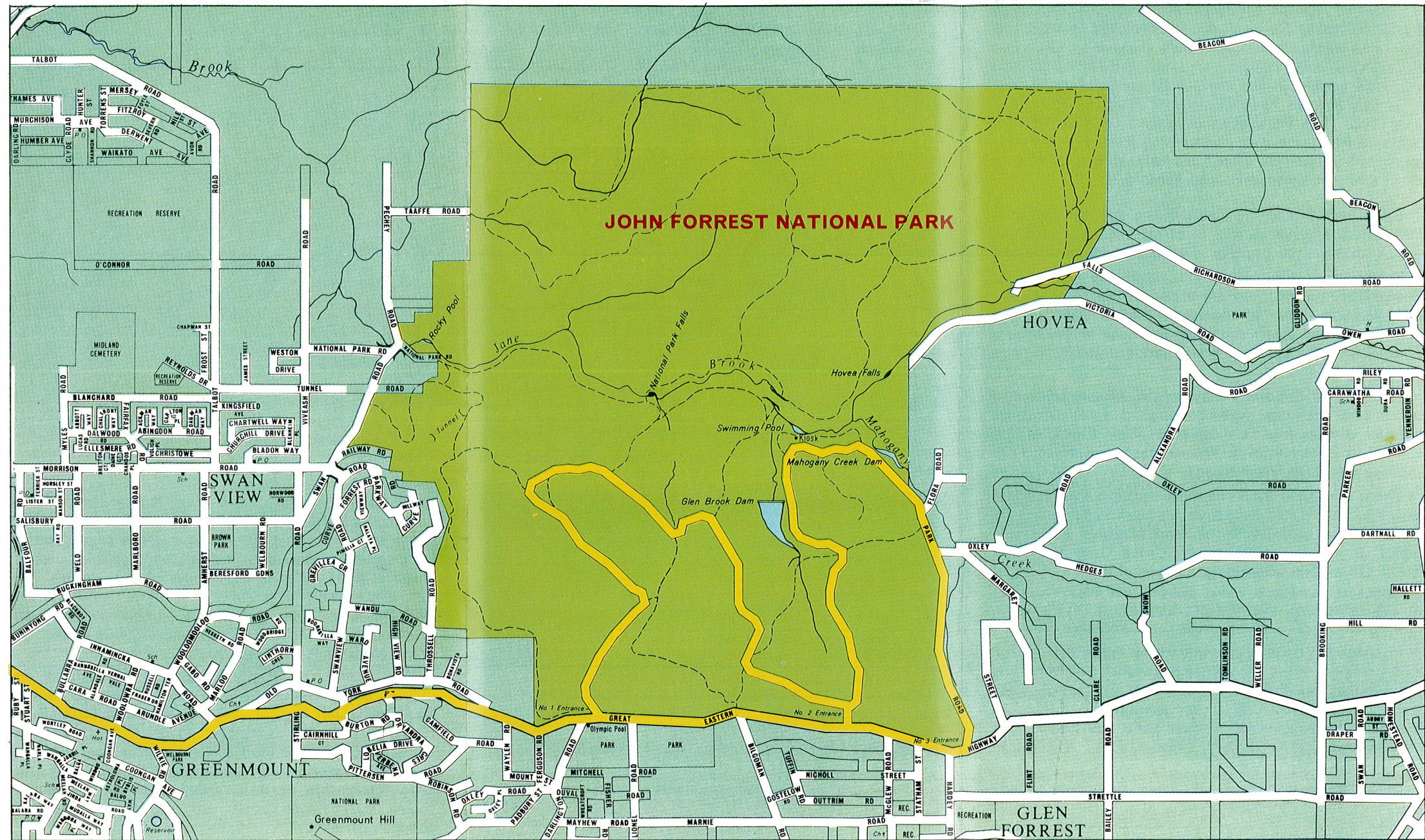
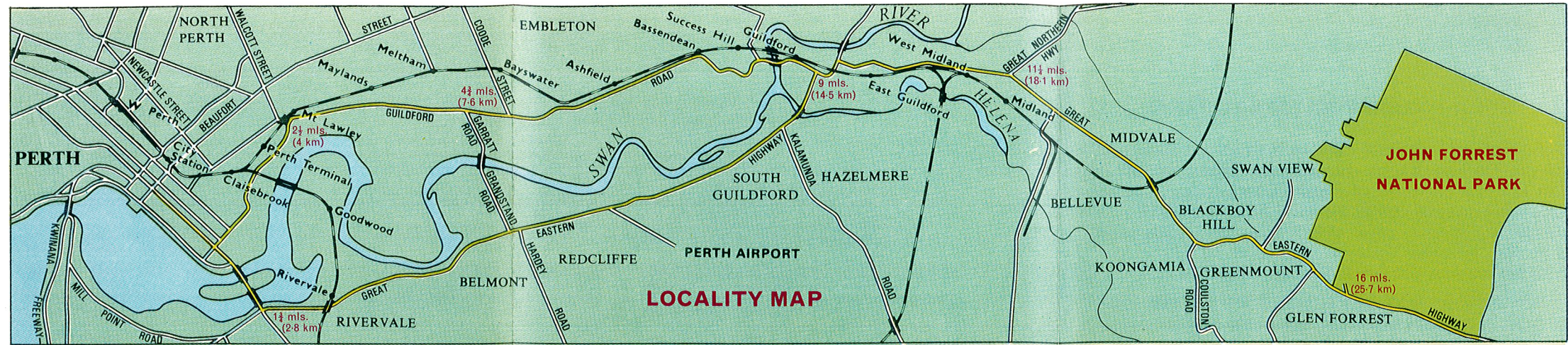
# Western Australia



National Park Falls

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## JOHN FORREST NATIONAL PARK

John Forrest National Park is located on the crest of the Darling Range escarpment about 16 miles (26 kilometres) east of Perth. Comprising an area of approximately 3,900 acres (1,580 hectares), it is easily accessible over good bitumen roads and may be entered through any one of three entrances leading off Great Eastern Highway.

Outstanding views of Perth and the Coastal Plain are obtained by taking advantage of the lookout points alongside the winding scenic drive extending from the No. 1 entrance to the tearooms.

Preserved for the future on the recommendation of a past Surveyor General—H. F. Johnston in 1898, the Park was declared an "A" class reserve in 1900. For some time it was known as Greenmount National Park, and was vested in the former State Gardens Board (now the National Parks Authority of W.A.) on 15th January, 1928. The Park became known then as Forrest National Park, and was changed to John Forrest National Park in late 1947 after Lord Forrest, one of W.A.'s most eminent Statesmen and Explorers.

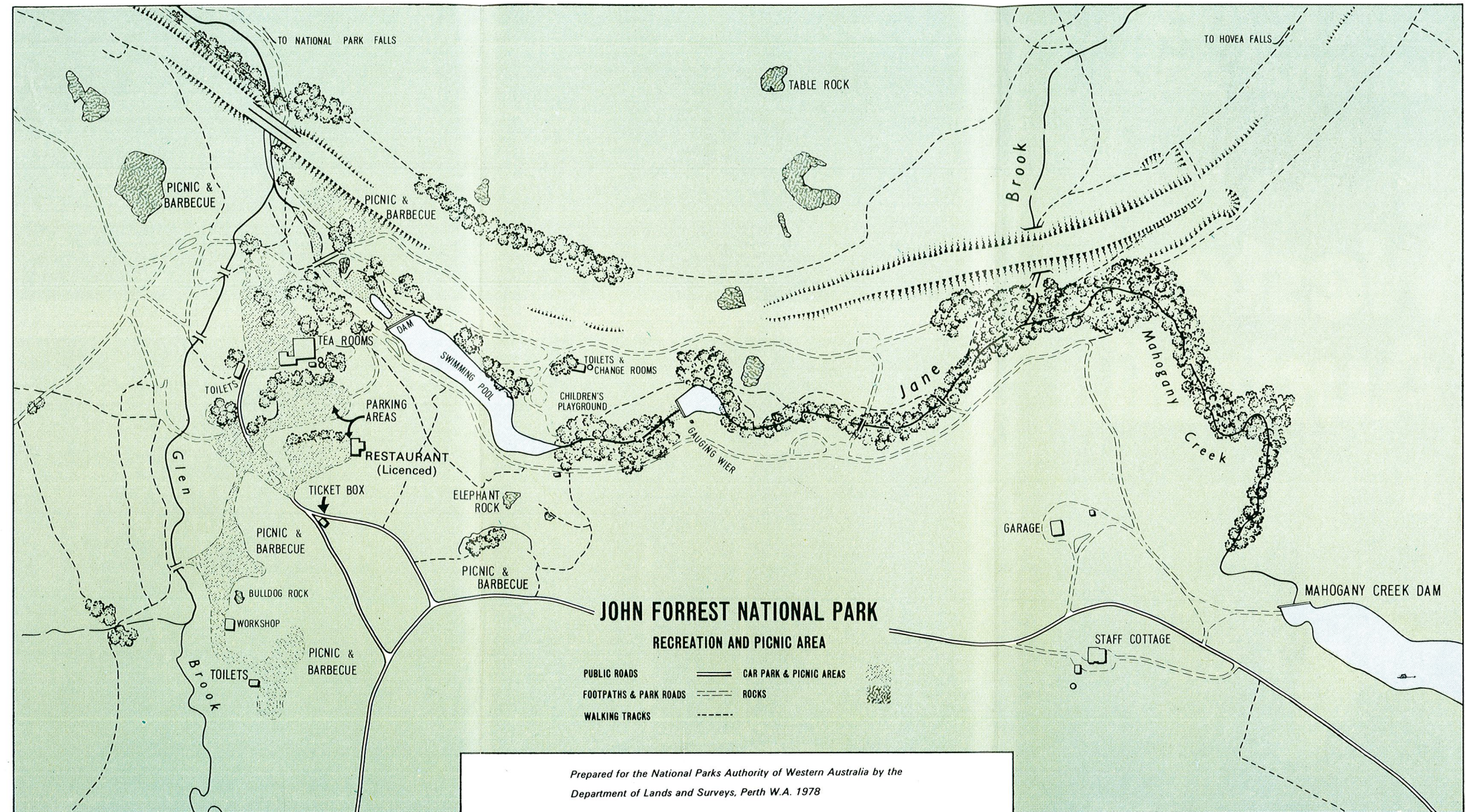
Apart from the scenic views of the city, the National Park offers a wide variety of attractions and facilities which make it a popular venue for all the family.

Surrounding the centrally located tea rooms and Tavern/Restaurant there are attractive wildflower gardens leading down to the rocky bed of Jane Brook. The Brook has been dammed to make a swimming pool. There are shelters and changerooms alongside the pool.

Nearby is a childrens playground, picnic areas and bar-b-que facilities (wood supplied free). Another popular picnic area is alongside Jane Brook in the vicinity of Rocky Pool on the western side of the Park (access via Swan View Road).

There are many walking trails through the National Park. Some lead to attractive features like the Hovea Falls further up Jane Brook, and National Park Falls further downstream, Mahogany Creek Dam and Glen Brook Dam. One interesting route is along the disused railway line. However many people just enjoy walking quietly through the forest, absorbing the peace, finding wildflowers or observing the wildlife.

In order to ensure that others may enjoy the natural surroundings, Flora, Fauna, Rocks and Soil are fully protected in this and all other National Parks. For safety reasons lighting of fires is only permitted in fireplaces provided. It is regretted that no pets may be brought into the Park.



John Forrest National Park is set in the Jarrah Forest which is still largely in its natural state except where roads and facilities have necessitated a little clearing. Unfortunately, there are some areas infected by Dieback Disease which has killed some of the Jarrah, Bull Banksias and undergrowth species. Besides Jarrah and Bull Banksia, Marri (or Red Gum) is common and Wandoo may be found in many parts, while Paperbarks occur along many of the creeks.

Wildflowers, especially in spring, are profuse and include species such as Blue Leschenaultias, Hoveas, Red and Green Kangaroo Paws, Pimelias, Pink (Swan River) Myrtles and many orchids, while Blackboys and Zamias add variety to the scene. Birds are abundant and easily observed with patience. Sightings of Western Gray Kangaroos or Brush Wallabies are common, it seems they have grown in confidence since the absence of dogs.

