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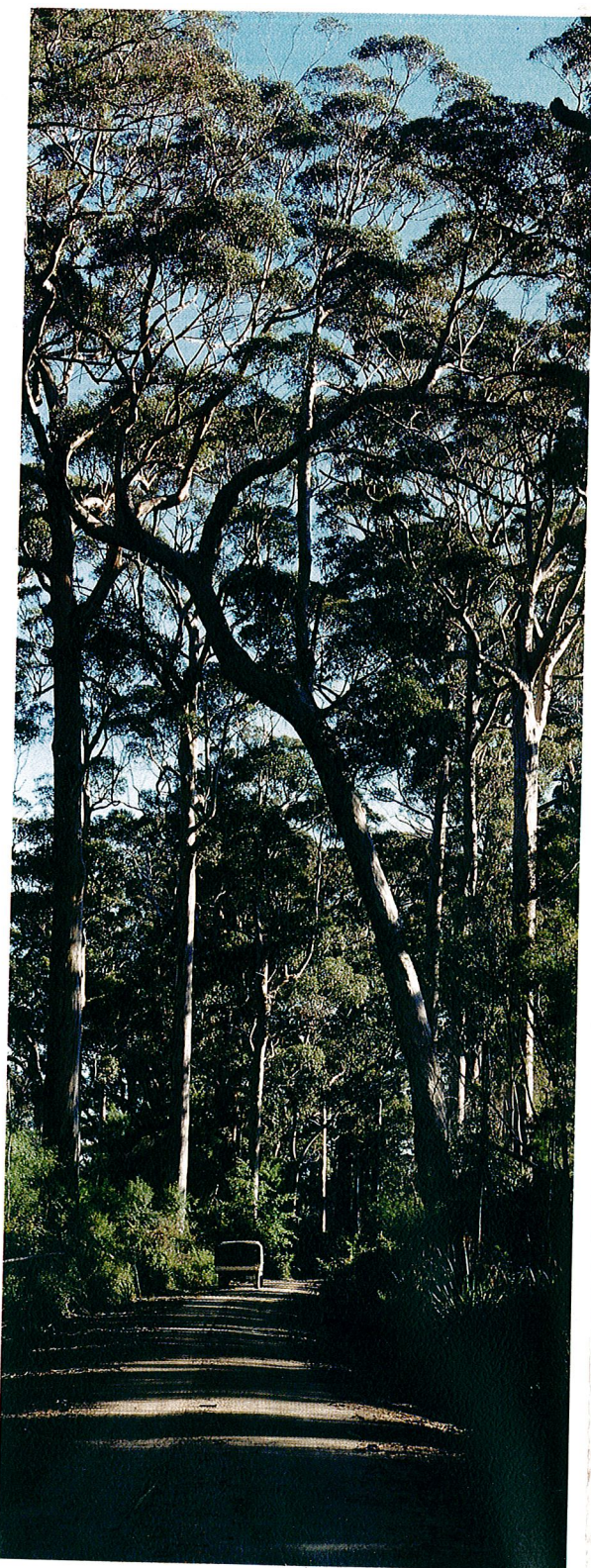
1. Fires should be confined to the use of portable stoves or the barbecues provided. Open fires are dangerous. Always keep an eye on any fire or stove when it is alight.
2. All vehicles are required to remain on approved tracks, as shown on this brochure, or indicated by directional signs. All vehicles in the park are required to be registered and to comply with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act.
3. All native plants and wildlife are protected, and therefore no firearms or domestic animals are permitted in the park.

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Walpole- Nornalup national park

Western Australia



Karri Forest along Hill Top Road



The Knoll from Sandy Beach Walk

Walpole-Nornalup national park

Attractions

The Walpole-Nornalup national park (18,063 ha) is situated on the South Coast 121 km west of Albany and 117 km south-east of Manjimup and is reached along the South Western Highway, National Route 1 and South Coast Highway. This is one of Western Australia's oldest national parks, the first part being established in 1910, added to considerably in 1924 and reaching its present size in 1977. The park consists of areas of Karri and Tingle high forest, through which flow the Frankland and Deep Rivers. It also contains fine coastal scenery extending 40 km from Irwin Inlet in the east to near Clifly Head in the west and includes the waters of Walpole and Nornalup Inlets.

The hottest months are January and February,

but temperatures are rarely so high as to detract from the pleasures of walking. The nights, even in Summer, are cool and in Winter the nights are cold. Most of the rainfall occurs during the mid Winter months, but light drizzle can be experienced at any time during the Summer.

A National Park is a place where all can get away from the pressures of modern living and relax in the peace of natural areas. For those who want to enjoy the completely natural unspoilt environment, there are Wilderness Areas where access is only on foot and vehicles are prohibited.

Please don't damage the natural state of the park and please don't spoil the enjoyment of the park for other visitors.

The Karri and Tingle forests cover the Lower Frankland and Tinglewood Blocks and the Frankland and Deep Rivers wind between the fairly steep hills, some of which are capped with granite tors. A network of roads and tracks with lookouts and parking areas provides access to this magnificent forest scenery with its abundant birdlife and fishing in the rivers and inlets. Picnic facilities are provided at particularly attractive spots. The main lookouts are at Hilltop Road in the Lower Frankland Block, John Rate Lookout on the south side of the Highway in Tinglewood Block, and Mt. Clare also in Tinglewood Block, the top of which is reached easily by footpath and provides fine views across Deep River to the hills of Nuyts and Mandalay areas.

Along the coastal regions of the park are very extensive sand dune systems, parts of which are moving but mostly they are stabilised. Between the sand dune systems are areas of high hills and spectacular coastline. The nature of the country makes access difficult but roads have been provided to Conspicuous Cliff and Peaceful Bay. Tracks suitable only for four-wheel drive vehicles extend along the coast westward from Peaceful Bay and south and west from Crystal Springs, providing limited vehicle access to fishing spots at Banksia Camp, Mandalay Beach and Long Point. The sand dune systems of Mandalay, south of Crystal Springs, and Nornalup, south of Nornalup Inlet and Frankland River, and the rugged hilly area of the Nuyts Block, south of Deep River, are particularly suited for hiking.

The Ficifolia Block which lies between Irwin Inlet and the Nornalup Block has a complex and very interesting flora and is notable for the presence of Red Flowering Gum, (*Eucalyptus ficifolia*), on low ridges of sand.



A view from John Rate Lookout

Facilities

Accommodation is available on the boundaries of and within the park.

In Walpole there is the Walpole Hotel-Motel (Fully Licensed) with 30 motel units and normal motel facilities, and the Seagull Autel-Motel Guest House (Unlicensed) with 11 self-contained units or rooms, with meals by arrangement.

Coalmine Beach Caravan Park is within the national park on the north shore of Nornalup Inlet and has accommodation for 20 caravans and 10 tents. It is managed by the Ranger-in-Charge of the national park (telephone 098-401026) and is situated among shady Peppermint trees which make it one of the most attractive caravan parks in the State. Close by are picnic areas, a beach with a designated swimming area, a boat launching ramp, a jetty and a small yacht club.

Rest Point Caravan Park and Tourist Resort is on the western shore of Walpole Inlet and has accommodation for 50 caravans and 20 tents. There are also 6 flats and 5 cottages. There is a boat ramp and a jetty. (Tel: 098 40 1032)

Jesmond Dene Lodge near the Frankland River at Nornalup has 6 rooms and a Restaurant. There are also 4 cottages with 4 beds and a house with 5 beds. (Tel: 011—request Nornalup 7)

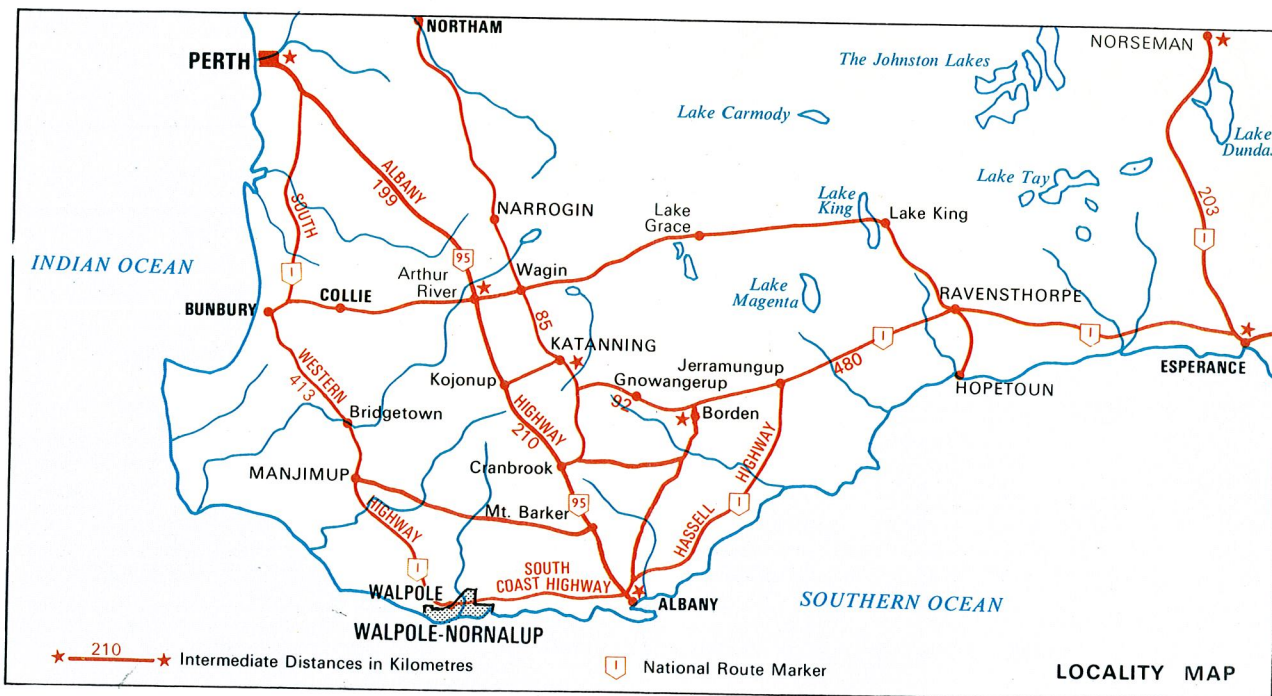
Tinglewood Lodge, overlooking Deep River and the hills and forests of Nuyts Block, has 6 motel units and 13 rooms. (Tel: 098 40 1035)

At Peaceful Bay there is a caravan park which accommodates 20 caravans and 10 tents. There are also numerous holiday huts (Tel: 098 40 8060)

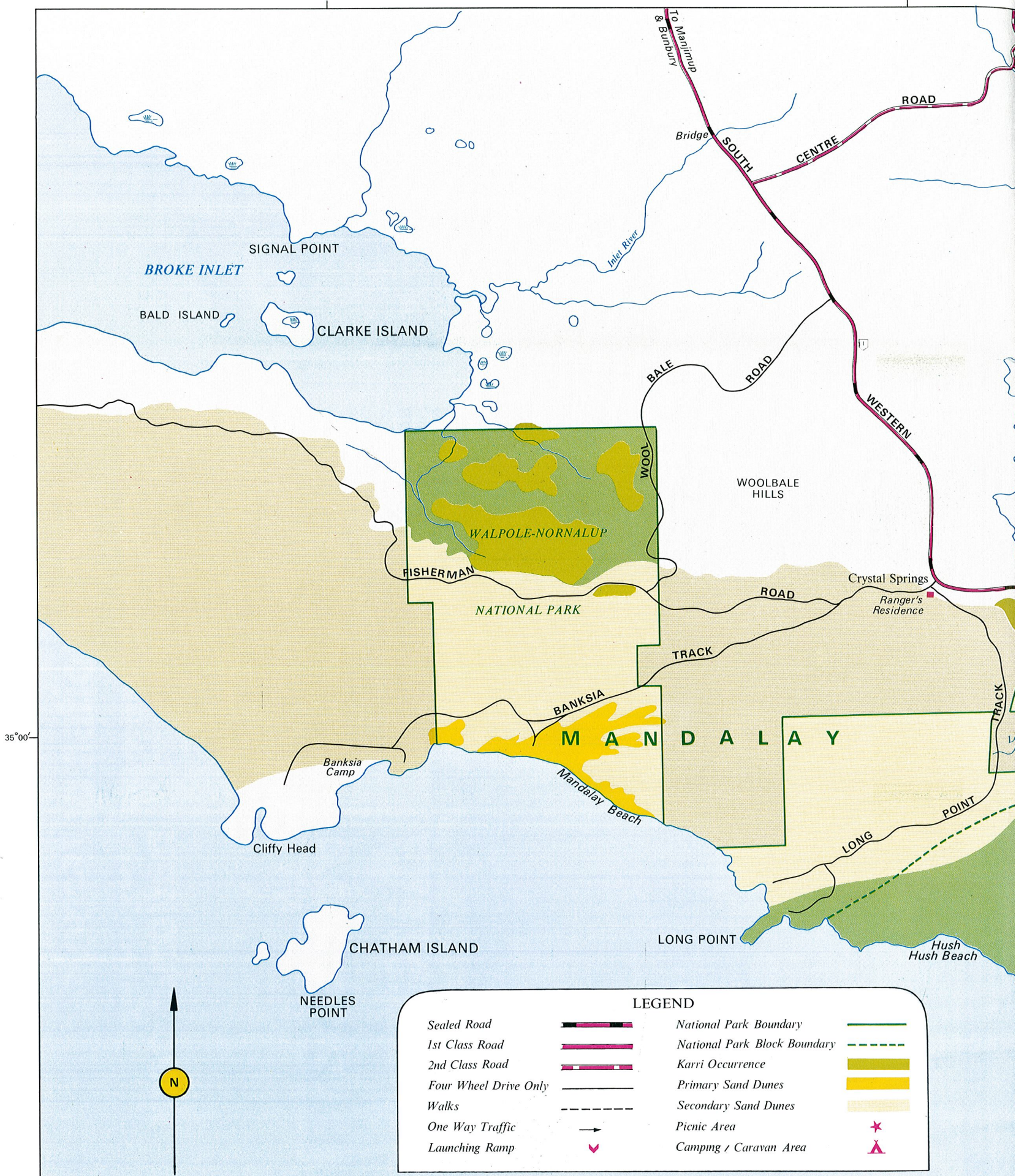
The demand for accommodation is very seasonal with most pressure during the Christmas and Easter School holiday periods and least during the cool Winter months.

Boating

There are boat ramps at Rest Point, Coalmine Beach, at Nornalup and Peaceful Bay. The ramp at Rest Point can take deeper draft boats, but the other ramps are suitable only for boats of very shallow draft. There is a public jetty south of Walpole Townsite and other jetties are at Rest Point, Coalmine Beach and Nornalup. There are also small private jetties at Tinglewood, Walpole and Nornalup. A channel in Walpole Inlet has been dredged and beacons between the south-west corner of Walpole Townsite to Rest Point, to a depth of 1.5 m and a width of 14 m. Some dredging has also been done in the Frankland River and at the mouth of Deep River. Owing to the shallowness of the water and to prevent damage to the banks of the channel between the two inlets there is a speed limit of 8 knots. All the provisions of the Navigable Waters Regulations apply in these waters.



Mandalay Beach





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