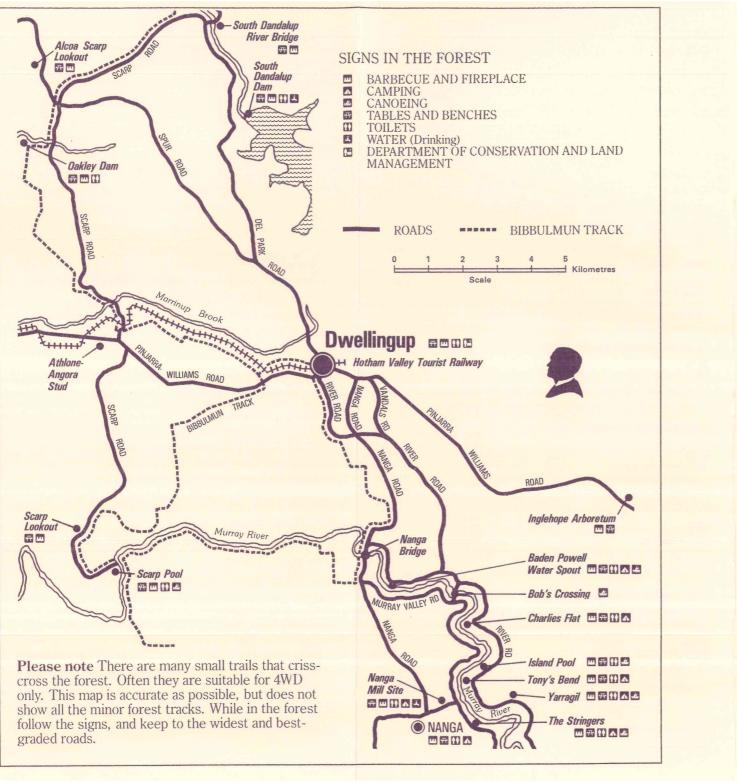
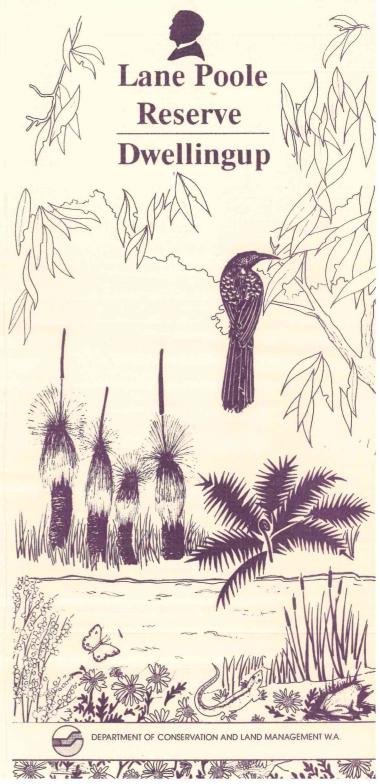
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Lane Poole Reserve

The Murray River is one of the largest permanent rivers in the jarrah forest, and runs through the ancient valleys of the Darling Scarp. Lane Poole Reserve covers 54 000 ha in the Murray River valley between Dwellingup and Collie.

The reserve is named after C.E. Lane Poole, an early forester and conservationist, who lobbied for the introduction of the Forests Act and conservation of the State forest early this century.

Without his efforts, and those of his successors, we would not have such delightful forest virtually at our doorstop. Lane Poole Reserve is a playground for the people of Perth, as well as being home to many species of plants and animals, including the rare numbat, our State emblem. The reserve is zoned into recreation and conservation areas. The area on the Murray River between Yarragil and Nanga Bridge has been zoned for recreation. It is here that most campsites are concentrated.

Camping

Camping is permitted in designated sites only. Campsites are available at Nanga Mill (up to 200 vehicles), Baden Powel Pool (100 vehicles), Charlie's Flat, Tony's Bend, Yarragil and Nanga townsite (all 15-20 vehicles). All camping sites have toilet facilities and barbecues. Fresh drinking water is available only at the Nanga Mill site. If these camping sites are full, contact the Ranger at CALM's Dwellingup office or on (09) 538 1078. All other established sites with barbeque facilities and parking are for day use only.

Safety

In the case of an accident contact either the Dwellingup nursing post at Del Park Rd., Dwellingup, on (09) 538 1052 or the Ranger.

Only use dead wood, and use the barbecues provided, especially in the pine plantations. Do not break dead or live wood off trees and shrubs. Best of all bring your own gas cooker. You'll save yourself the work of collecting. All fires, gas or wood, are banned on days of very high or extreme fire danger. Listen to the radio for fire weather warnings.

Rubbish

Nobody likes camping among somebody else's old tins and toilet paper. Where there are bins, use them. Otherwise pack it up and take it out when you leave. Please use the toilets provided, but if necessary, bury toilet waste.

Firearms

Firearms are not permitted in State forest.

Recreation



Canoeing

Most of the Murray River is suitable for canoeing and launch ramps are provided at Baden Powell, Scarp Pool, Stringers and Yarragil.

Swimming

Swimming at the Island Pool, Scarp Pool, Baden Powell and Stringers.



Fishing

Fishing for trout at Scarp Pool, Baden Powell and Stringers. Anglers and marroners should have a look at the booklet 'Recreational Fishing: A Guide to the Rules' available from the Fisheries Department.

Nalking

The 15 km King Jarrah walk starts from the Nanga Mill camp site and goes along Dawn Creek Road. Follow the vellow trail markers. At Island Pool a 2 km forest walk trail goes through the jarrah forest before joining Nanga Rd.

Dieback

Dieback, which attacks and destroys the roots of jarrah trees and other plants, can be transported on the wheels of vehicles. There are signs to let you know where not to take your vehicle in disease risk areas.

Flora and Fauna

Lane Poole Reserve has a healthy population of native animals, and about 500 species of plants. Animals you may see include the quokka, the brush-tail possum, western native cat, and, perhaps, a numbat.

Vehicles and Parking

To help protect Lane Poole Reserve from vehicle damage. major roads have been upgraded and parking areas provided in the most popular spots. Because of the gravel roads and the large number of visitors in the Reserve, be particularly careful, and travel at a safe speed. Lane-Poole Reserve is not an off-road area, and all vehicles, including motorcycles, must be registered and in roadworthy condition.

Roads and Tracks

Over the years, many roads and tracks have been created in the forest. Most are in poor condition and many are blocked by fallen trees. For your own safety, stay on the major, well-maintained roads.

Some areas of the reserve are important for flora and fauna conservation and vehicles are excluded except for special circumstances such as rescues. Roads signposted 'Management Use Only' are special access roads, but feel free to walk through these areas.

Ranger

A ranger will be on duty in the Lane Poole Reserve daily over public holiday weekends, and will be happy to help with any enquiries or problems. He can be contacted at CALM's Dwellingup Office or on (09) 538 1078