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COAST CARE & TRAIL CARE

The walk trails and adjacent beaches are best enjoyed by obeying a few simple rules;

- respect the environment and leave only footprints behind you
 - it is dangerous and illegal to light fires in the bush or on the beach
 - please keep to the paths and steps for beach access
 - no vehicles are allowed on the beach or foredunes
 - please keep children off the dunes; foot traffic causes "blow-outs" and erosion
 - the area within Yallingup reef is protected and no live organisms or coral may be removed.
- Line fishing is not restricted.

The foreshore area is protected by CALM and Shire Rangers and volunteers from the Yallingup Coastcare Group. Please help them by helping to keep this beautiful place intact for future generations.

THE WALK TRAILS

The degree of difficulty of each trail is indicated on the map. Light shoes - not thongs - are recommended.

The Wardanup Trail - Start at the Rabbits car park (just past the entrance to the National Park off Dawson Drive, Yallingup) and follow the track along the coast before turning inland and up hill. Turn South at the top and continue on to the lookout from which Canal Rocks can be seen. Soon after the trail comes out at the Ngilgi Caves car park, or a few minutes later at the Caves House hotel.

The Quenda Trail is a little shorter and is named after the short-nosed brown bandicoot often seen in the area. Start from either Smiths Beach or turn off from the Torpedo trail.

The Torpedo Trail. This follows the Coast from Slippery Rocks car park near the bridge as you approach Yallingup Beach. At Torpedo Rocks the track turns towards the village, coming out near the Caves Park Store. Look out for orchids on this inland stretch during Spring.

The Ghost Trail and **Caves Trail** are short and easy, and also merge with the Wardanup and Torpedo Trails.

YALLINGUP & SMITHS BEACH

Yallingup means "place of love" in the Aboriginal language, and Gunyulgup, which gives its name to the stream that flows out to sea at Smiths Beach, means "place of rest".

According to Aboriginal legend, a bad spirit, Wolgine, lived in the cave, which used to run down to the sea. The tribespeople were terrified of him; they thought that he was responsible for the scarcity of food and water, and believed that anyone entering the cave would suffer a horrible death at his hands. So they enlisted the help of a good spirit, Ngilgi, who caused a great storm which drove Wolgine into the main cavern of the cave where Ngilgi forced him through the roof and he was banished forever.

Smiths Beach is named after early white settlers who had a dairy farm at Thorn Hill, overlooking the beach where the cattle used to graze on the coarse vegetation. Always popular with fishermen, especially at salmon time from March to May, Yallingup and Smiths Beach have become important surfing venues in recent years.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO DOGS
ARE ALLOWED IN THE
NATIONAL PARK**



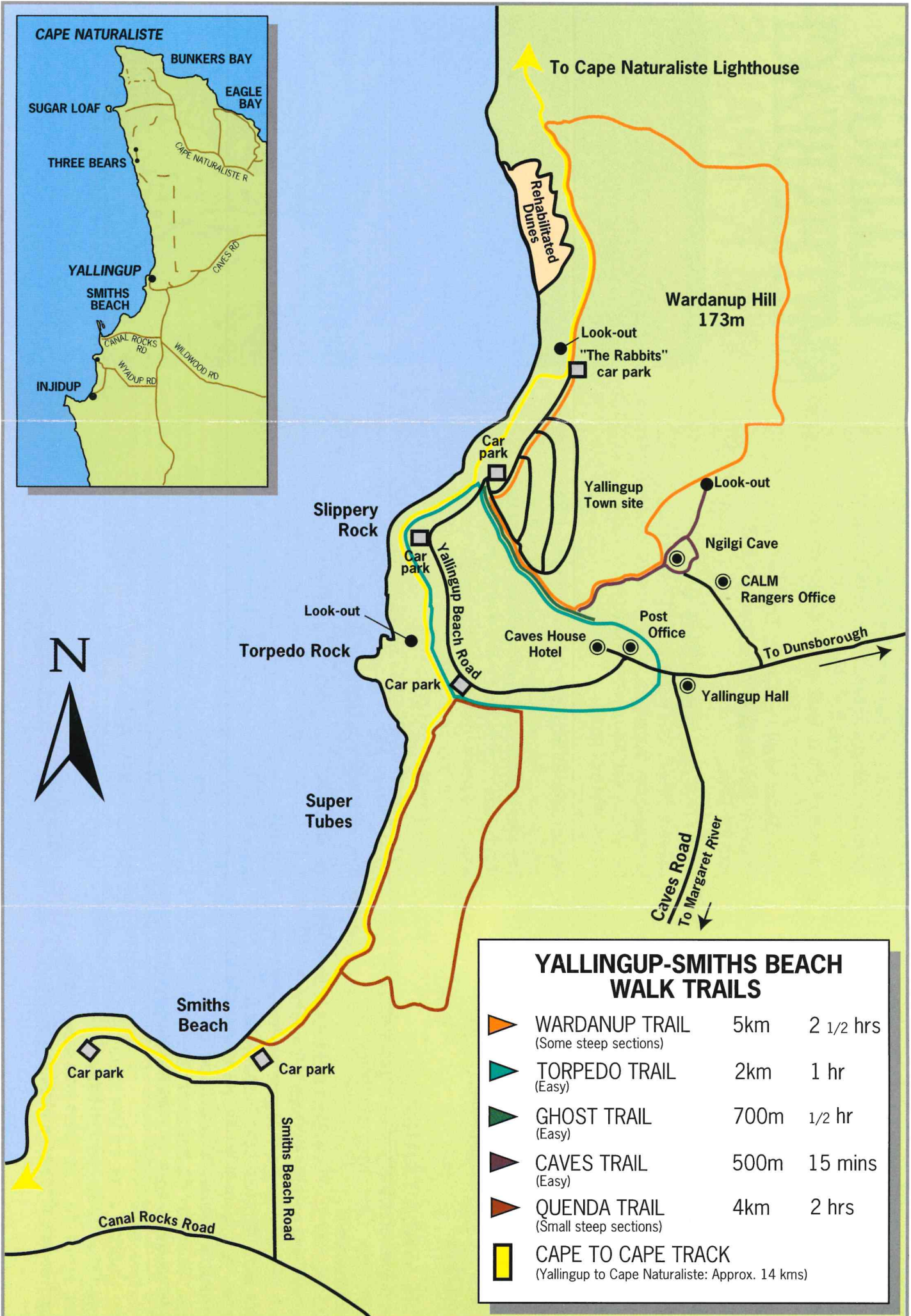
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YALLINGUP SMITHS BEACH WALK TRAILS







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YALLINGUP-SMITHS BEACH WALK TRAILS

	WARDANUP TRAIL (Some steep sections)	5km	2 1/2 hrs
	TORPEDO TRAIL (Easy)	2km	1 hr
	GHOST TRAIL (Easy)	700m	1/2 hr
	CAVES TRAIL (Easy)	500m	15 mins
	QUENDA TRAIL (Small steep sections)	4km	2 hrs
	CAPE TO CAPE TRACK (Yallingup to Cape Naturaliste: Approx. 14 kms)		