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# the TREE TOWER passport



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PHOTO —VIEW FROM THE GLOUCESTER TREE

Fire lookouts are Western Australia's traditional method of detecting wildfire. Some of them were built from the ground up out of native timber; others were crafted out of tall karri chosen for their height, strength and position. They are still in service, even though detection nowadays makes great use of spotter aircraft.

Two of the three trees featured on this passport were part of a network of fire lookouts that have served Western Australia nobly since the 1930s. The **GLOUCESTER TREE** (1947), three kilometres from Pemberton, may be the most famous fire lookout tree in the world. By climbing its 153 rungs to a height of 61 metres, you are rewarded with a commanding view of the surrounding forests and farmland. The **DIAMOND TREE** (1941), set in the karri forest 12 kilometres south of Manjimup, is the only fire lookout tree still in use in which the tower structure is perched on top of a massive karri tree. During the fire season this tower is used in conjunction with aircraft as part of the fire surveillance system. The **DAVE EVANS BICENTENNIAL TREE** (1988), 11 kilometres from Pemberton, was pegged during Australia's bicentenary celebrations to acknowledge the role of fire lookouts in protecting native forest. The cabin is built into the branches in a way that minimises impact on the tree. There's a simple stamping machine at the top of each of the three lookouts. Record your experience by stamping your souvenir in the squares provided overleaf — and prove you've climbed the three highest fire lookout trees in the world.



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THE GLOUCESTER TREE (61 m)

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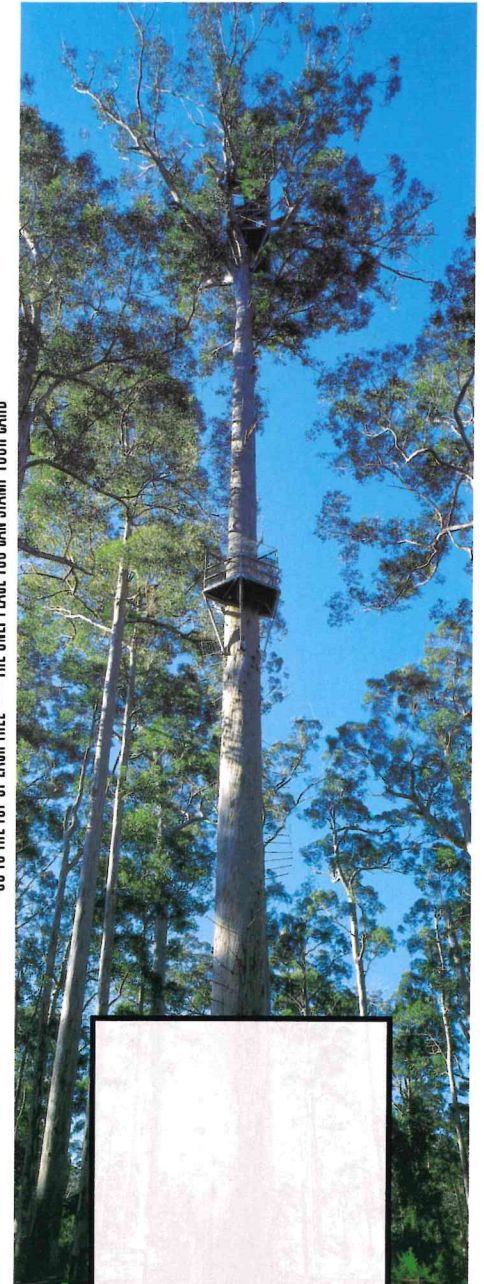
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THE DIAMOND TREE (52 m)

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THE DAVE EVANS BICENTENNIAL TREE (68 m)