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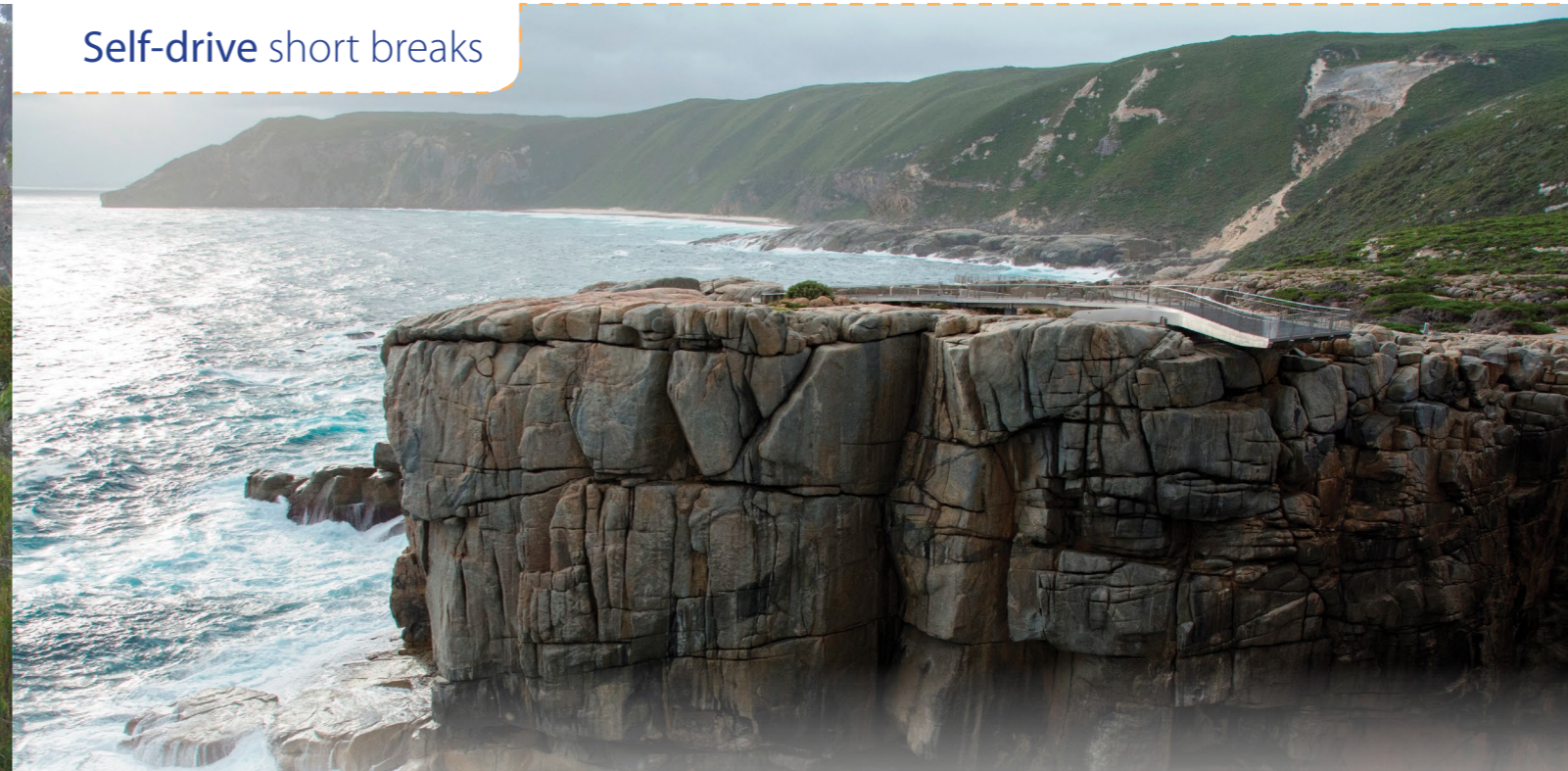
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Circular Pool. Photo – Ariana Svenson

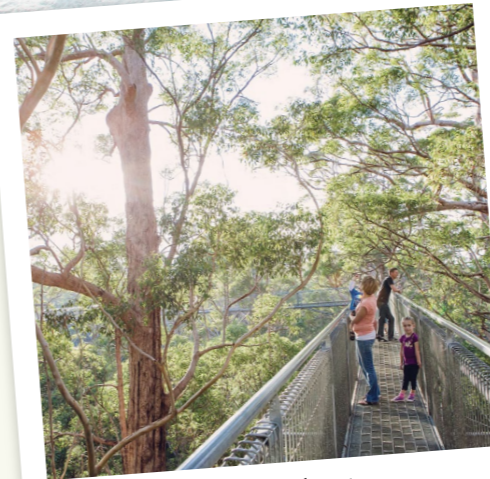
Self-drive short breaks



## Albany to Walpole

### Albany, Denmark, Walpole

Experience the thrill of the surging Southern Ocean directly beneath you on a 37m platform or walk through the canopy of the giant tingle tree forest. Take your time to enjoy the many attractions in the area and experience this land of contrast and beauty.



Tree Top Walk,  
Walpole-Nornalup National Park

### Handy information

**ExploreParks WA** website will give you all the information you need to start planning your trip – see [parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au).

**ParkStay WA** for all your campground information needs. Many camp sites can be booked online – see [parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au).

**Park passes.** Buy a pass online at [shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au) and save. Remember entry fees apply at many parks. For RAC (WA) members, go to [rac.com.au/travel/australia/wa-holidays/park-passes](http://rac.com.au/travel/australia/wa-holidays/park-passes).

**ParkFinder WA** mobile app is a great way to plan your trip and stay on route while you're away. It contains information on 150 parks and reserves in Western Australia.

**CampingMate** app will help when planning your camping trip with lists you can save and use on your next adventure.

**Trails WA** search for trails near you – see [trailswa.com.au](http://trailswa.com.au).

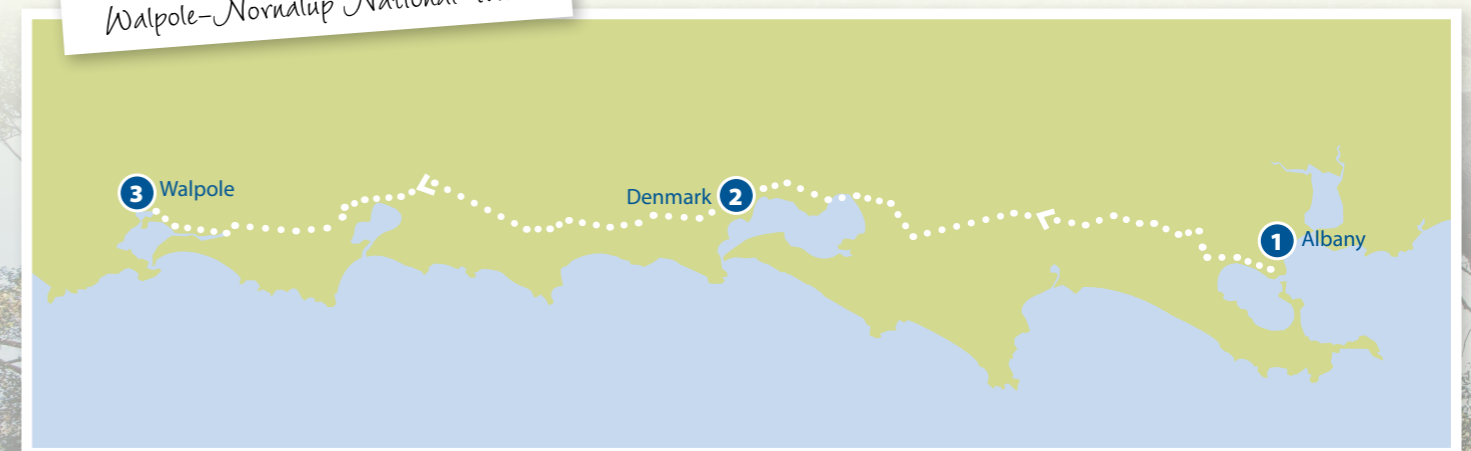
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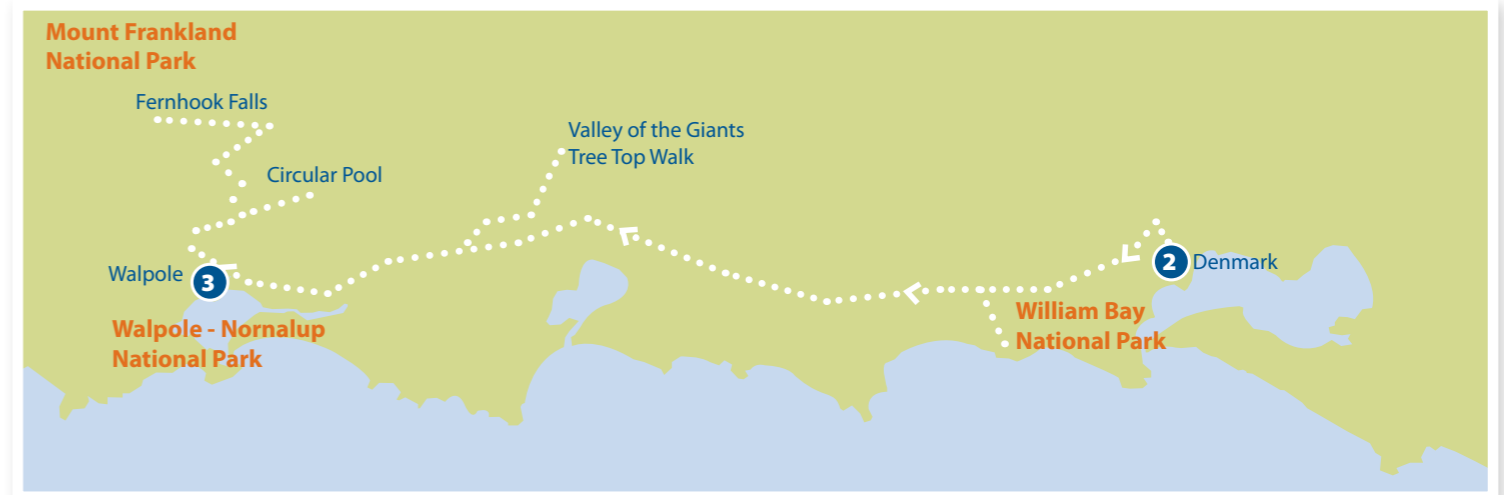
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## 1 Albany to Denmark 56km 43min

### South Coast Hwy

Begin the day honouring the ANZACs with a visit to the fascinating National ANZAC Centre. Interesting exhibits and panoramic views of the harbour will not disappoint. Choose from the many cafés and restaurants on offer in Albany before heading out to the Historic Whaling Station at Discovery Bay, which now operates as an interpretive centre, native wildlife park and botanic garden.

The award-winning tourist destination of The Gap and Natural Bridge in Torndirrup National Park is a tour highlight. View the dramatic Southern Ocean swells from the safety of a state-of-the-art viewing platform - a truly exhilarating experience for all ages!

**Diversion:** Before heading to Denmark, drive 40 minutes north of Albany to one of the oldest ranges in Porongurup National Park and climb the Granite Skywalk. This suspended walkway spirals around the huge granite outcrop of Castle Rock and rises 670m above the ground all the way to the summit. You will be rewarded with incredible views.

Driving 30km west of Albany, discover West Cape Howe National Park. This scenic landscape includes dramatic granite and dolerite cliffs, isolated sandy beaches and an abundance of flora. Once past Shelley Beach, this rugged park requires a four-wheel drive, and is a popular destination for recreational activities such as bushwalking, fishing, abseiling and hang-gliding.

### Denmark

Heading to the pretty town of Denmark, be sure to stop and sample the tantalising local produce from gourmet stores and wineries along the way.

### Camp at:



#### Shelley Beach

Overnight stay only and suitable for tents and small campervans. Bookings cannot be made for this campground.

Go to Caravan Industry Association of WA [caravanwa.com.au](http://caravanwa.com.au) for camping options in Denmark.

### Must do:



**West Cape Howe** is considered by many to be Australia's best cliff face for abseiling. If that's your thing, pack your gear and be ready for the challenge (experienced climbers only!).



Head up to **Shelley Beach Lookout** for incredible views across Torbay and out to the point of West Cape Howe, the most southern point of Western Australia. From here, watch hang-gliders and para-gliders launch off purpose-built ramps to glide along the parks coastline.



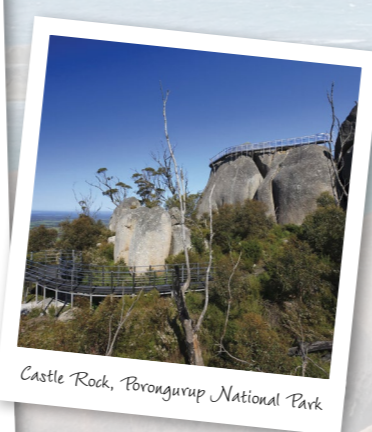
Denmark is a great spot to join the 1000km Munda Biddi Trail, Western Australia's, world class, nature based, off-road cycling trail.



The Gap, Torndirrup National Park



Shelley Beach, West Cape Howe National Park



Castle Rock, Porongurup National Park

## 2 Denmark to Walpole 74km 1 hour

### South Coast Hwy

Incorporate the senses with a visit to William Bay National Park, known for its turquoise green waters edged by giant granite boulders and expansive white beaches. It is one of Denmark's most popular destinations and one not to be missed. Enjoy a snorkel in the calm, sheltered waters of glorious Greens Pool. Spot colourful fish in the rock pools and keep a lookout for whales passing by from June to October as they hug the coastline on their epic annual migration. A spectacular scenic walk leads you to the bathing giants of Elephant Rocks. This is a wonderful spot for children to enjoy nature at its most picturesque.

The Walpole Wilderness is home to the famous Valley of the Giants and Tree Top Walk. Walk high among the giant 400-year-old tingle trees and through the hollowed trees of the Ancient Empire.

Canoe, fish or snorkel at the inlet at Walpole-Nornalup National Park or simply take in the stunning scenery of pristine forest and tannin rich rivers. Take the time to meander along the 500m forest sculpture loop at Swarbrick.

### Camp at:



#### Fernhook Falls

38km north-west of Walpole, beautiful Fernhook Falls is a popular place to camp with boardwalks and a stairway to the river for easy accessibility.

### Must do:



Visit **Circular Pool**, a raging river in winter and tranquil pool in summer. Experience the rugged beauty of the coastline and walk part of the Bibbulmun Track at Conspicuous Beach.

### Mount Frankland National Park

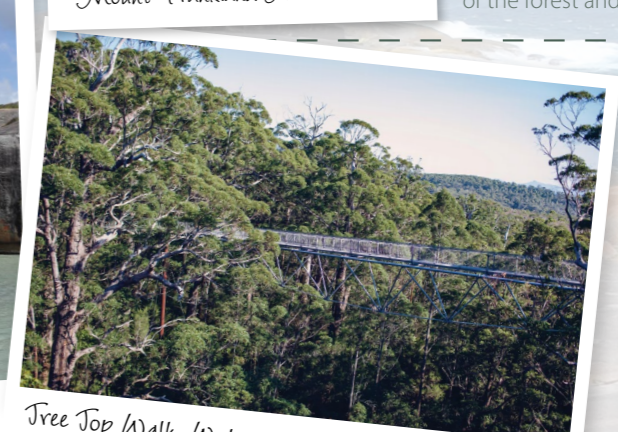
29km north of Walpole is beautiful Mount Frankland National Park – the perfect spot to enjoy a barbecue or picnic in the forest before exploring one of the various walk trails on offer. Mount Frankland provides spectacular views from the Mount Frankland Wilderness Lookout or climb to the peak for a birds-eye view of the forest and valleys below.



Mount Frankland National Park



Greens Pool, William Bay National Park



Tree Top Walk, Walpole-Nornalup National Park