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Yanchep National Park

Information and short walks

Short walks summary

No.	Symbol	Name	Time	Distance	Class	Environment	Facilities and features
①		Dwerta Mia	45 mins	2.1km	1	Limestone gorge. Includes a flat 500m disabled access circuit that can be accessed from Boomerang Gorge car park. Short, steep gravelly incline.	Very old cave system.
②		Wetlands	50 mins	2km	2	Short limestone incline. Some soft sand and boardwalk sections.	Wetland and waterbirds.
③		Woodlands	1 hour	2.6km	2	Relatively flat. Gravelly limestone with short sections of loose sand.	Wildflowers and woodlands.
④		Caves	2 hours	4.5km	3	Compact and loose sandy sections. Short limestone inclines. Rocky in some parts.	Passes Crystal Cave (public touring cave). Views into Boomerang Gorge and across top of tuart woodlands.
⑤		Ghost House	5 hours	12.4km	3	Compact and loose sandy sections. Short sections of steep track with moderate difficulty.	Camp site/shelter. Historic ruins. Limestone outcrops. Wetlands and tuart woodlands.

Caring for Yanchep National Park during your visit

- Please don't feed the wildlife.
- Please place your rubbish in the recycle bins or take it home with you.
- Pets are not permitted, except guide dogs.
- Stay on the established trails, tracks and roads.
- Water is a precious resource – please use it sparingly.

Yanchep National Park is open every day of the year. In the event of an emergency please make your way to a safe area as indicated by the cream colour on the map. If you are on a tour, listen to your guide's instructions.

Extended walk trails

Information about extended walk trails is available on a separate brochure, *Yanchep National Park – Extended walks*. Pick up a copy at McNess House Visitor Centre or online at exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/yanchep

Want to return to Yanchep or go to another national park?

Today's entry can be used towards the purchase of an annual or holiday park pass for Western Australia. Visit the McNess House Visitor Centre for details.

All revenue collected from park entry fees and Parks and Wildlife Service-managed businesses is invested in biodiversity conservation, maintenance and improvement of Yanchep National Park facilities and services, and the protection of park values.

More information

Yanchep National Park

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Fax: (08) 9561 2316

Email: yanchep@dbca.wa.gov.au

Web: dbca.wa.gov.au

Camping

Book online: parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au

Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/yanchepNP](https://www.facebook.com/yanchepNP)

The 'Top Trail' icon identifies the top trails experiences in WA – find out more at trails.wa.com.au.

Parks and Wildlife Service

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Swan Coastal District Office: (08) 9303 7700

Police: 13 14 44

In the event of an emergency, call 000.



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Visitor guide



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Tours and activities

All tours subject to availability. Tickets must be purchased at McNess House Visitor Centre. For group booking enquiries please contact the bookings officer on 9303 7772.

Crystal Cave tours (D11)

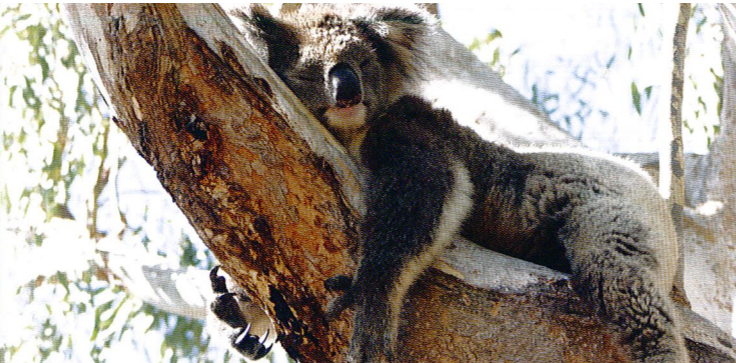
See Perth's only tourist cave on a 45-minute guided tour and experience an underground wonderland full of natural cave decorations such as stalactites, stalagmites, helictites, columns and shawls. The cave's constant temperature makes this tour a comfortable all-year-round experience.

Tours run daily. Please check times with McNess House Visitor Centre.

Aboriginal Cultural Experience (C6)

Enjoy an entertaining and informative 45-minute session that will immerse you in local N̄ongar culture. Learn about the world's oldest living culture, experience didgeridoo playing and find out the significance of plants and animals to the original custodians of this area.

Tours run Sundays and public holidays. Please check times with McNess House Visitor Centre.



Visit the koalas (C6)

Stroll along the 240m koala boardwalk to view one of Australia's favourite native animals in a natural environment and learn more about these fascinating creatures.

McNess House Visitor Centre (D6)

Drop into the visitor centre to get information about the park, book your tours and browse through the great range of gifts and souvenirs. You can also purchase an annual park pass.

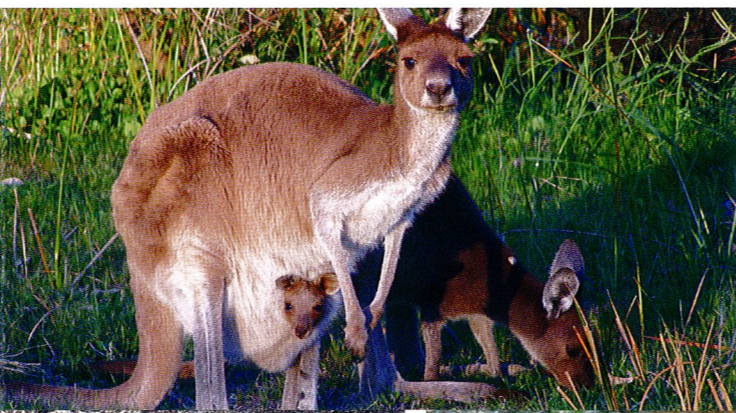
Golf (A5)

Enjoy a leisurely round on our nine-hole bush golf course, but keep an eye out for our friendly kangaroos that frequently visit the fairways.

Book your green fees at McNess House Visitor Centre.

Spot the western grey kangaroo

Yanchep National Park is home to western grey kangaroos, which can be seen in abundance early and late in the day. At other times they shelter from the sun so you might be lucky enough to see them resting in shady areas.



Flora

The park is home to a diverse range of flora including paperbark, banksia, tuart, jarrah and sheoak. From August to October, the park comes to life with a stunning array of colourful wildflowers such as kangaroo paw, Yanchep rose, wattles and native orchids.

Picnic spots galore

All barbecues in the park are free. Please follow the instructions carefully and remember to reignite as required. You will see many birds while you are picnicking in the park but please don't feed them.

Yanchep Inn (C6)

Open daily from 8am til late, the historic Yanchep Inn offers breakfast, lunch, dinner, drinks and accommodation. Function facilities are also available.



Chocolate Drops Tearooms (D6)

Drop in for a light lunch, refreshment or ice-cream and treat yourself to some award-winning handmade chocolate.

Adventure Caving

Book your birthday party or corporate team-building event underground! Suitable for groups of up to nine people.

Cabaret Cave (A9)

Book your special occasion at Perth's only purpose-modified function cave for hire. This natural cave is visually amazing, acoustically sensational and naturally air-conditioned.





1 DWERTA MIA WALK TRAIL



Discover the Dwerta Mia – 'house of the wild dog'. History states that Aboriginal guides leading early explorers into this area chose not to enter because they thought it was inhabited by evil spirits. Meander through the old cave system at Boomerang Gorge. This trail features interpretive signage providing visitors with a better understanding of how the limestone environment has formed over hundreds of thousands of years and also looks at how the park's caves and their formations have been shaped through the ages by the flow of water.

Time: 45min return **Grade:** Class 1
Length: 2.1km **Start/finish:** McNess House Visitor Centre

2 WETLANDS WALK TRAIL



Follow this popular trail that weaves its way around Loch McNess, one of Perth's most important coastal wetlands. Take in the natural sights and sounds that surround you and see the yanget (bullrush) used by local Noongar people for food.

Time: 50min return **Grade:** Class 2
Length: 2.7km **Start/finish:** McNess House Visitor Centre

3 WOODLANDS WALK TRAIL



Despite the sandy soils, these coastal woodlands support a diverse range of trees including banksia, tuart, marri, stunted jarrah, sheoak and small pockets of paperbark. During spring, kangaroo paws and catspaws are in flower.

Time: 1hr return **Grade:** Class 2
Length: 2.6km **Start/finish:** McNess House Visitor Centre

4 CAVES WALK TRAIL



This trail takes you past Crystal Cave where you can discover how limestone caves are formed and hear about their colourful history on a guided tour. Tours can be booked at the McNess House Visitor Centre before you leave.

Time: 2hr return **Grade:** Class 3
Length: 4.5km return **Start/finish:** McNess House Visitor Centre

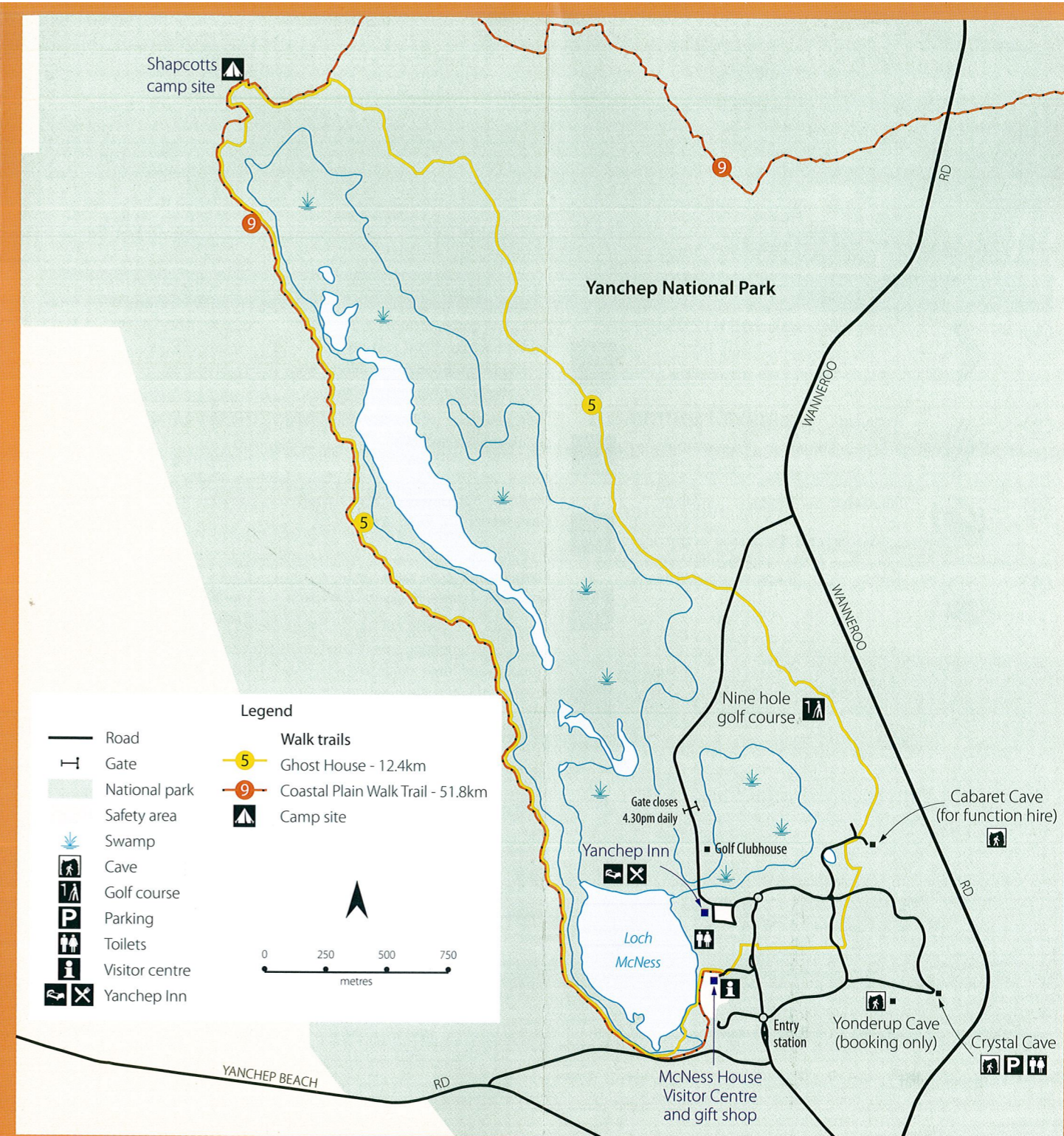
5 GHOST HOUSE WALK TRAIL

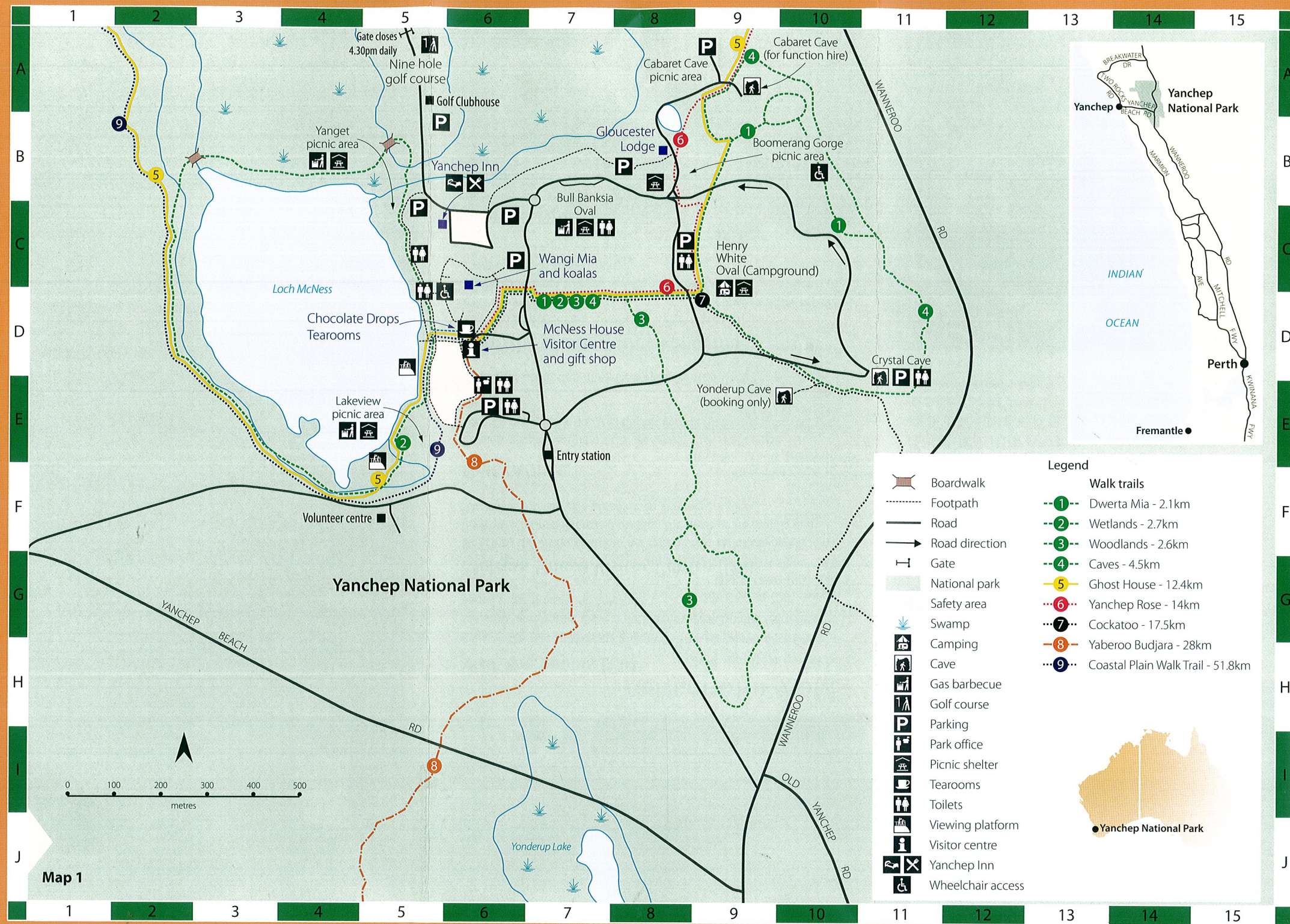


This trail takes you on a journey through time into the park's wilderness areas. Along the way you will encounter the sights and sounds of the wetlands and discover the historic remains of the 'Ghost House'. Take your swag and spend a night under the stars at Shapcott's camp site nestled under a grove of grand old tuarts.

Time: 5hr return **Grade:** Class 3
Length: 12.4km return **Start/finish:** McNess House Visitor Centre

Please register with 'Walk Safe' at McNess House Visitor Centre when walking the Ghost House Trail.





Walk trails


The park has nine walk trails ranging from 500m to 52km. Each trail has been selected to showcase the unique biodiversity of the northern Swan Coastal Plain. Information about extended walk trails is available on a separate brochure, *Yanchep National Park - Extended walks*. Pick up a copy at McNess House Visitor Centre or online at exploreparcs.dbca.wa.gov.au/yanchep


Please register with 'Walk Safe' at McNess House Visitor Centre when walking the Ghost House Trail.


Trails in this guide have been purpose-built for walkers only. Motorcycles and mountain bikes are not permitted on these trails.

Trail grading

Parks and Wildlife Service walk trails are assigned a 'class' to indicate degree of difficulty. The walk classes range from Class 1 (universal access), which is suitable for wheelchairs, to Class 5, which require walkers to be fit, experienced and suitably equipped. Check trailhead signs at the start of walks for specific information. The walk trails in this brochure range from Class 1 to Class 3.

 This symbol indicates a well-defined walk trail with a firm, even surface and no steep sections or steps. It is suitable for all levels of experience and fitness.

 This indicates an easy, well-defined walk trail with a firm surface. You may encounter gentle hill sections and occasional steps. It is suitable for all levels of experience and fitness but may present difficulties for people with mobility impairments.

 This indicates a moderate walk trail with clear directional signage. You may encounter minor natural hazards such as short, steep sections; steps; shallow water crossings; and unstable or slippery surfaces. A good level of fitness is recommended.

