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Access to the park is over a good bitumen road from Perth along the Southern Highway via Borden, and the Chester Pass Road; or the Albany Highway via Cranbrook and the unsealed Salt River Road. These are but two of the many interesting routes that may be followed.

These roads may be followed farther south to the nearby Porongurup National Park, also providing magnificent views, interesting climbs and impressive stands of Karri. Bluff Knoll (1073 m), the highest peak in the range, Toolbrunup (1052 m), Coyanarup (1042 m), Mt. Trio (856 m) and Yungermere (753 m) are approached from Chester Pass Road, and Mondurup (817 m) from Redgum Pass Road. Access from Stirling Range Drive to most other peaks is by walking-track. Ellen Peak (1012 m) may be approached from the north or east boundaries of the park.

Climbing times are very deceptive, and depending on the age and physical condition of the climber, the following are given as a guide:

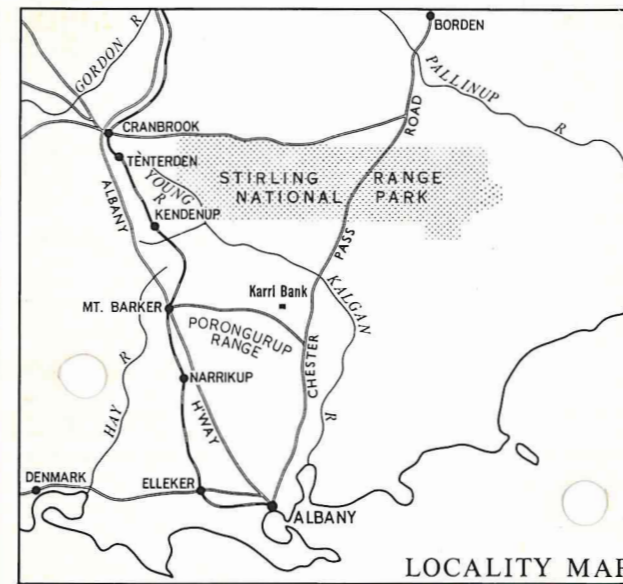
BLUFF KNOLL: Good access road for about 8 km in from main Chester Pass Road, with steep grade for final .4 km (low gear please) over bituminised section—climb 3-4 hours return. Change rooms, toilets, water and picnic facilities at parking area.

TOOLBRUNUP: Good access road for about 4 km in from main Chester Pass Road—climb 4-5 hours return. Fireplace at parking area and picnic facilities and toilets at turn-off from Chester Pass Road.

MT. TRIO: Good access road for 5 km and then 1½ km of fairly rough road—climb about 2 hours return.

MONDURUP: May be approached from Redgum Pass over rough access tracks for 2 km—climb about 3-4 hours return—or from Stirling Range Drive, which passes fairly close by this peak.

ELLEN PEAK: This is a long hard climb of up to 8 hours return, which is normally approached from the eastern or northern end of the park.



Stirling Range National Park

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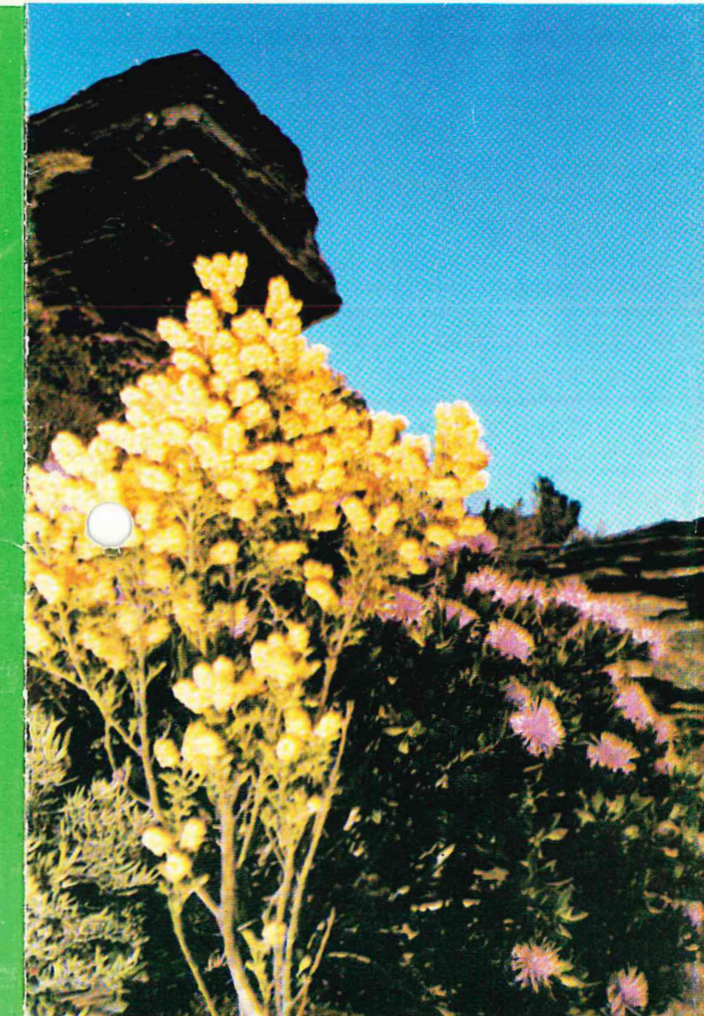
Named after the first Governor of W.A., Capt. James Stirling, the Stirling Range National Park is located in the Lower South West of W.A.

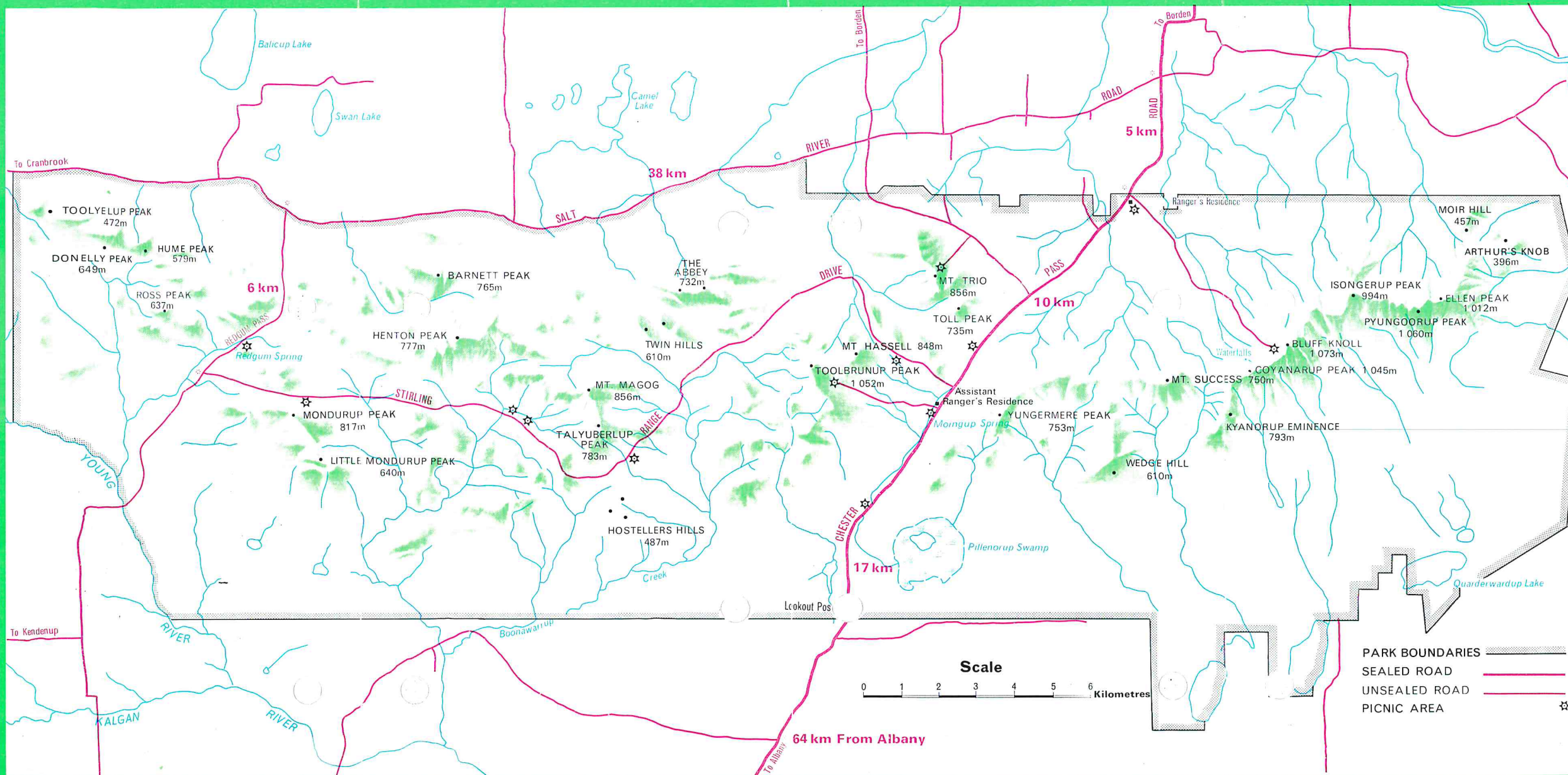
This park, among the largest controlled by the Board, was reserved for public use in 1913. The park covers an area of 115 689 hectares, and with peaks rising to 1 073 metres above the surrounding plain, provides an interesting study in rugged beauty.

~~In an area near the Bluff Knoll turn-off on Chester Pass Road,~~ there is a temporary camping and caravan site; ~~and~~ at Moingup Spring visitors may camp overnight.

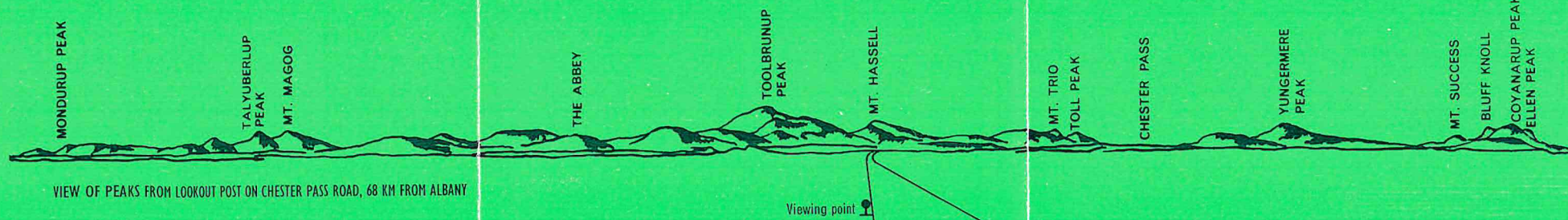
In order that the flora and fauna may be preserved, visitors are reminded that camping and fires are only permitted WHERE FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED.

Information regarding tours and bookings to this and other National Parks may be obtained from the Government Tourist Bureau, 772 Hay Street, Perth.





STIRLING RANGE NATIONAL PARK



VIEW OF PEAKS FROM LOOKOUT POST ON CHESTER PASS ROAD, 68 KM FROM ALBANY

Quite often these peaks are shrouded in mist, and with a spring-time carpeting of wildflowers, they present an almost irresistible attraction to visitors. The average rainfall is about 508 mm and it is interesting to know that snow occasionally falls in this range. Redgum, Jarrah, Wandoo, Yate, Banksia, Mallee, Blackboys and Grass-trees, with an understorey of shrubby heath form the main vegetation. In season—August to October—wildflowers of the *Andersonia*, *Banksia coccinea*, *Beaufortia*, *Calothamnus*, *Darwineas* and *Kunzia* are the main species represented.