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Magic Spot

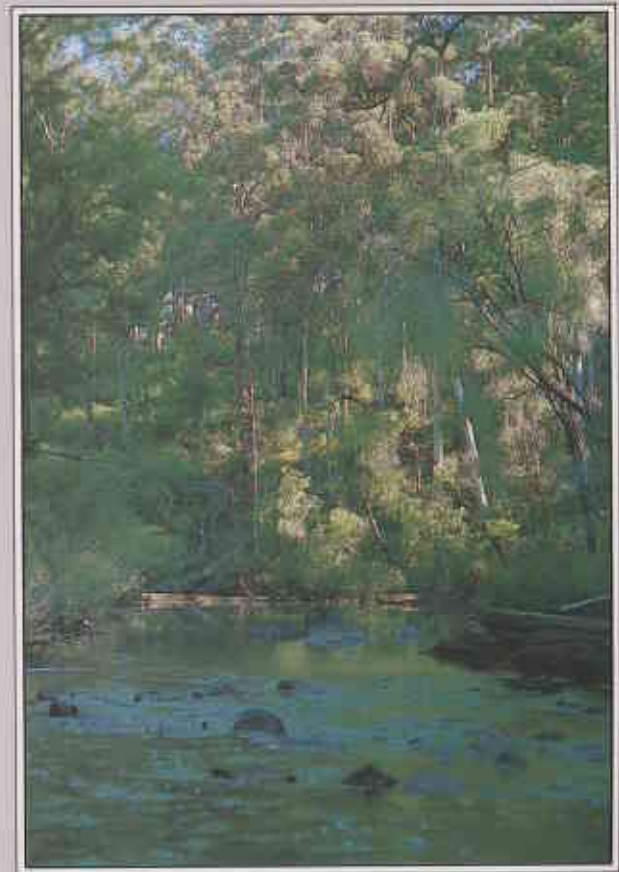
Escape to a cool shady place beside a bubbling fresh river. Immerse your body in its untainted water then refreshed stroll through forests of great karri and mossy karri oak.

Catch your dinner from the jetties of rock jutting into the river then cook it to perfection on a nearby barbecue.

After dinner, spend some time in the past, reliving the fascinating history of the area or becoming better acquainted with your natural surroundings. Indulge in all these things, and more, at CALM's newest recreation site at One Tree Bridge-Glenoran Pool on the Donnelly River near Manjimup.

This newly-joined recreation site boasts picnic/barbecue facilities, an information shelter, parking areas and a toilet block linked by wheelchair and pram accessible paths and boardwalks. Safety and comfort have been the prime consideration of the designers. Pedestrians no longer have to cross the busy Davidson Road to reach Glenoran Pool; a bridge and ramp have been constructed under the traffic bridge to link the two areas.

If you feel like a post-prandial snooze you won't be disturbed by the dust or noise of passing cars because there is now a 'green zone' between the carpark and the barbecues. If you feel like a wander, however, there are several walktrails -



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some along beautiful stretches of river and another through the karri forest to the impressive Four Aces or downstream to the Forester's Wood. Eventually you will be able to meander out on one trail and wind your way back along another.

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We've heard of wolves baying at the moon, but frogs? Obviously, this amphibian is not above displaying a little lunacy. Nor is the photographer, Jiri Lochman, who must have been moonstruck to get this superb shot.

EDITORIAL

Every year at this time the subject of bush fires becomes a preoccupation with land managers. Steps must be taken to ready fire-fighters and their equipment; hazards must be identified and minimised; education programs for neighbours and visitors must be renewed. Fires are inevitable. The combination of hot, dry weather, inflammable fuels in the bush and ignition from lightning or careless people will see to it that almost every day over the next few months Conservation and Land Management Staff or Bush Fire Brigades will be fighting a bush fire somewhere in the State. Because of modern technology and efficient fire control practices, land managers these days can very largely determine the fire regime which is to be applied in a given area. For example, in most of the land CALM is responsible for, the policy is to try to keep fire out, pending a better understanding of ecological requirements. In a small proportion of the CALM estate (notably parts of the south-west forests), regular, controlled burning is done. The aim of this operation is to minimise the risk of serious wildfires in places where values are highest. The most important value to be considered in the South-West is human life. In this edition of *Landscape* readers are urged to recognise their individual responsibilities. Most importantly, these are to make their own houses safe from bush fires and to learn how to look after themselves and their families if a fire occurs. This dual approach by land managers and householders will help combat the worst consequences of one of nature's most dangerous and predictably-occurring events: the Australian summer bushfire.

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