



BIBBULMUN BYTES

APRIL 2021

Djeran—season of adulthood - autumn has arrived.

Djeran season at last sees a break in the really hot weather, it is one of the six Noongar seasons (bonar). A key indicator of the change of season is the cool nights that once again bring a dewy presence for us to discover in the early mornings.

The first rains are bringing a flush of green into the bush and the animals are out and about instead of sleeping in the shade. Djeran is also the season of red flowers, including the red flowering gum and Summer Flame. You may also notice the red 'rust' and seed cones forming on the male and female Sheoaks and Banksias start to display their flowers providing a food sources for many small mammals and birds.

As the season progresses, the nights will become cooler and damper along with some cool and rainy days. It is the time when Aboriginal people traditionally repaired shelters and housing in readiness for the deep wintery months to come. Our maintenance volunteers have been hard at work doing just that, repairing, oiling and preparing the shelters, check out their hard work

in the article below.

With ideal walking conditions arriving the Track is growing busier and walkers need to plan and be prepared with overnight numbers at shelters rising and activity along the Track increasing. Ensure you have a tent, carry enough water and share a little magic by being considerate to other walkers.

Adventure is at your doorstep ~ happy hiking.

Ash Gibson & BTF Team



Are you ready for the 2021 WA Hiking Expo?

Join the Foundation, WA hiking community and outdoor activity providers at the Expo in celebrating the start of the local hiking season in Beelu National Park!

Free entry to all!

Visit our stand where we will be sharing information on our events and tours and all you need to know to get out on the Track and explore.

[Read more ...](#)



Shelter maintenance

BTF volunteers were busy recently at both campsites near Mt Cooke.

A large group of maintenance volunteers (with Track sections in Perth Hills District) gathered at the Mt Cooke campsite for their annual Field Day.

[Read more ...](#)



What does being a member mean really?

When you join the Bibbulmun Track Foundation as a *member*, you're joining a community of dedicated people committed to protecting the Track for future generations.

A community with purpose, with commitment to the Track, giving you a sense of belonging and connection to country. Join our community, become part of a group who are passionate and committed to ensuring many generations to come will be able to walk in our footsteps across this diverse corner of our country. [Join Today!](#)



Tips for new trekkers from former non-trekker

If you think you'd like to do a long trek but you're not sure you could make it, you're wrong! It's all in the preparation. Here's some tips from a former non-trekker. It's never too early to start preparing! Although you can definitely decide one day and start the next, you will have a more enjoyable and potentially successful trek if you take time to get your gear, mind and body ready.

[Here are the main areas to cover..](#)



Tour your backyard!

Bibb & Beyond
17th to 25th May 2021

You will experience some unique eco-tourism attractions in the region. Each evening we return to comfortable accommodation in the rural towns and villages along the Track to relax. Download the [dossier and registration form](#).



Volunteer opportunities

We are seeking volunteers to help us in the following ways:

Training program development

Maintenance Report processing

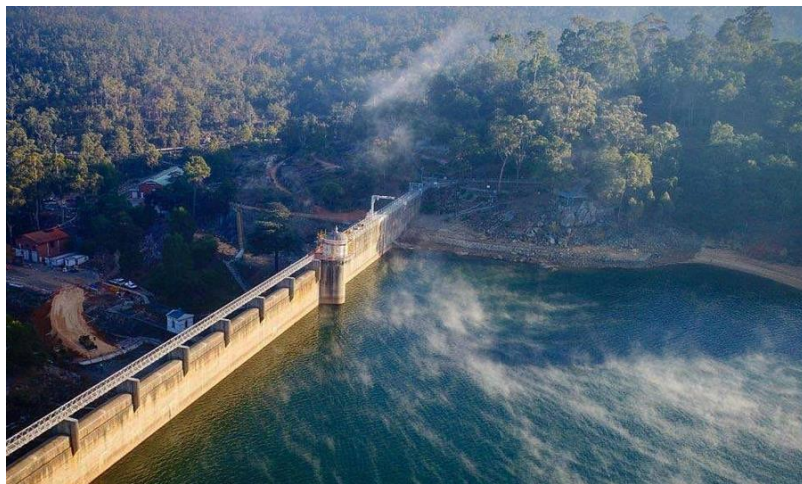
If you'd like to find out more about any of these roles please contact Helen on volunteer@bibbulmuntrack.org.au or 9481 0551 for more information.



Would you like to join our team?

Love the Bibbulmun Track?
Do you have general office admin, marketing or communications skills?
Enjoy interacting with People?
Available at least one day per week?

If you have a reasonable knowledge of the Track, any of the skills mentioned above and would like to join our amazing team contact Ce on admin@bibbulmuntrack.org.au or 9481 0551 for more information.



Favourite Short Walk

Perth Hills Discovery Centre to Golden View Lookout - Map 1

Distance: 12.4km return

Difficulty: Grade 3, Time: 1/2 day

Starting point: Walk toward the amphitheatre surrounded by the buildings. Keeping the animal enclosure on your left and amphitheatre on your right, follow the trail markers.

Beginning from the Perth Hills Discovery Centre, this return walk leads you through the beautiful jarrah forest of Beelu National Park, across the dam wall and up to the Golden View Lookout for a fantastic view over Mundaring Weir and Lake CY O'Connor. This section of the Track also passes the historic Mundaring Weir Hotel, where you can enjoy a delicious pub lunch and a drink or two in the beautiful gardens. (For a shorter 8km walk, start and finish at the hotel.)

Day Walk Itineraries

This is one of the walks in the [Head for the Hills](#) itinery, which covers Mundaring to Mount Cooke. You can find this and other itineraries – including family friendly options – [on our website](#).

Photo credit: Mundaring Chamber of Commerce website



Look out for ... bunny orchids

[Bunny orchids](#) are charming, delicate little flowers and one of the earliest orchids to flower, starting in autumn. Endemic to Australia, most species occur only in the south-west of Western Australia. There are nine species, six with white flowers and three that are pink. In the Perth area, the white bunny orchid (*Eriochilus dilatatus*) pictured here is most common.



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Volunteer of the Month

Chris Lee has been bitten by the hiking bug and enjoys anything from a leisurely jaunt to a multiple day hike through our wonderful bush. He

has enjoyed walking and hiking interstate and overseas and feels so lucky to have the Bibbulmun Track as a fantastic escape to nature right on his doorstep. He's managed a couple of end-to-ends and has enjoyed many stretches on multiple occasions. Chris loves meeting people which is what makes him such a great guide.



Covid-19 update

Please **continue to maintain social distancing and hygiene precautions.**

Keep the required minimum distance between you and other hikers, **currently 1.5m.**

[Click here](#) for more information on limits and to lodge a group notification if you are in a group of eight people or more planning to stay at a campsite overnight.

[Read more....](#)



CHECK OUT OUR SHOP ONLINE

Calendar of Events

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What's on in May 2021

[Social Sunday Walk - Frenchman Bay Rd to Sandpatch Campsite](#)

Sunday 2nd May 2021

A 10.4km return walk from Frenchman Bay Road to the Sandpatch Campsite near Albany

[Bibbulmun Trek For Beginners](#)

Saturday 8th May 2021

Get ready for an overnight trek, learning the tricks of the trade with our very experienced guides!

[Over the Hill \(2\).](#)

Thursday 13th May 2021

A more challenging walk for the fit over-60s.

[Women's One Night Escape](#)

Saturday 15th May 2021

Time for the ladies to get away from the hustle and bustle!

[Walking with Dad Weekend](#)

Saturday 15th May 2021

Dads! It's time to get the kids out into the bush, camping like you used to do with your dad!



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Do you have a favourite holiday destination in Western Australia? A place that holds great memories? If yes, we would love to know about it. Vote for your favourite holiday destination from the list below and go into the draw to win your dream WA holiday!

The 2021 GWN7 Top Tourism Town Awards gives nominated Western Australian towns the opportunity to shine and we'd love to hear which town you think deserves the title.

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2021

WILDERNESS

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Great Walks inaugural Wilderness Photographer of the Year Comp

Great Walks is proud to announce the inaugural Wilderness Photographer of the Year presented by Nokia is now open! Winners and runners-up will share in a prize pool of over \$14,000! There are two competition categories – People and Places. Click [here](#) for all the info and good luck!



Wander out Yonder with a Seniors Breaks Package

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Where are the deals.....

The 2021 packages are widespread across the Transwa network, we have packages from Kalbarri to Esperance.

Please note - these deals are exclusive for Western Australian seniors only!

Book your Transwa Seniors Break in person at the WA Visitors Centre, call 1800 812 808 or email us: info@wavisitorcentre.com.au.

DID YOU KNOW

..... the Track passes through 22 national parks and links many of the key attractions and most scenic spots in the south-west including Mundaring Weir, Golden Valley Tree Park, Donnelly River Village, Beedelup Falls, Gloucester Tree Lookout, Mandalay Beach and the Tree Top Walk.



TRACK TIP

..... don't squish march flies as their smell will attract others.

They are most active in day light hours.

To protect against [march fly](#) bites it's a good idea to wear long, loose-fitting clothing when outdoors and avoid wearing dark-coloured clothing. You can also apply an insect repellent that

contains DEET or picaridin.

Image: by CSIRO



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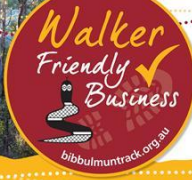
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