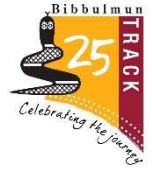


25th Anniversary Walk - Celebrating the journey.

End-To-End Application Form – Members Only



Your details

Name: _____ Membership number: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Registration fee

Per person entry fee: \$2000

Deposit to secure your place in the ballot (fully refundable if your application is unsuccessful) \$300

Balance required by Friday 16th December 2022 \$1700

*This is a members-only event. Participants must be members at the time of application and at the time of the event (July to September 2023). See www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au for membership plans and fees.

Application terms and other important bits and bobs

Please also read the **Booking Terms and Conditions within this application form.**

If your application is unsuccessful:

- You will automatically be given the option to join the group on a section (a sectional application form will be sent to you before sectional registrations open to others).
- Your deposit will be refunded in full.

If your application is successful, you will:

- Receive a special 25th Anniversary shirt. Please let us know your shirt size (please circle).
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- Receive a set of the latest Bibbulmun Track maps and guidebooks as well as some other special Bibbulmun Track and Sea to Summit gear (valued at over \$320 RRP).
- Have the opportunity to hire a food dehydrator at no charge (conditions apply).

Payment options

1. Debit my credit card (Visa or MasterCard) for the \$300 deposit to secure my application**.

_____ Expiry date: ____ / ____ CVV: _____

Name on the card: _____ Signature: _____

2. Direct Credit of \$300 deposit to our bank account.

Bibbulmun Track Foundation, BankWest BSB: 306-061 Account Number: 0173124. Reference: "25th Ann E2E"

Please contact us to advise of your payment if you choose this option.

**Please note that balance payments made by credit card will attract a 2% surcharge.

Booking terms and conditions

Cancellations

Please understand that deposits from successful applicants are strictly non-refundable.

If you cancel after full payment is due, then a written application must be made to request any refund of the balance payment. If the application for a refund is approved, you will forfeit the following amounts.

For cancellation received between:

- December 17, 2022 and February 28, 2023, forfeit deposit plus \$100 fee.
- March 1 to May 15, 2023 forfeit 50% of registration fee.
- May 16 and beyond, forfeit 100% of the registration fee.

These cancellation fees will apply despite the most compelling circumstances but we may consider issuing you with a credit voucher (valid for 12 months and for the balance payment only) if a suitable replacement walker can be found and they are successful in their application to take your place before May 16, 2023. If a successful replacement walker cannot be found before May 16, 2023, there will be no refund or exchange/credit/transfer.

Given that

1. this is a prestigious event with high demand for placements,
2. people must have sufficient notice for booking time off work, physical preparation, gear and food preparation etc and
3. a high level of commitment is required by participants

cancellations will not be looked upon favourably. Applicants must take reasonable steps to ensure they are able to fulfil all obligations should their application be accepted, including attendance at briefings and the overnight weekend walk.

Leaving the walk after commencement

Note that if for whatever reason, you leave the group after the walk has commenced, you may not transfer your place to another person nor will you be refunded or credited (or transferred/exchanged for another product) for any remaining portion of the walk. If you leave the walk and wish to re-join later, the decision to accept you back will be made by the walk leader.

COVID-19 related conditions

We strongly recommend that all End-to-End applicants be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Participants shall comply with all Government (Federal and State) COVID restrictions, vaccination, testing or isolation requirements and/or such requirements by the Bibbulmun Track Foundation for access to any of our events, premises or services including those related to participating on the End-to-End walk. Bookings may be cancelled (at the BTF's discretion) without refund or recompense if, at any time after booking, participants do not comply with or do not commit to such requirements.

You should not make an application if you are not prepared to comply with current or future restrictions, vaccination, isolation and/or testing requirements issued by the Federal or State Government and/or such requirements made by the Bibbulmun Track Foundation. It is the obligation of all applicants to be aware of current COVID-19 related restrictions, testing, isolation, vaccination or other requirements by authorities.

If you are a successful applicant who contracts COVID-19 prior to the walk and are therefore unable to begin the walk, please contact the Foundation to discuss your options. Please be aware that the cancellation fees outlined above will still apply if you cannot participate due to any COVID-19 impacts (such as but not limited to border restrictions, contracting COVID-19 or being a close contact). Please consider taking out travel insurance.

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation will have COVID-19 protocols in place if you contract COVID-19 while on the walk. The Federal and State Government COVID-19 regulations and restrictions which are in place at the time of the walk will govern these protocols.

Delay or alteration of walk itinerary

Prior to the start of the walk, the Bibbulmun Track Foundation reserves the right to delay or alter any part of the event due to circumstances beyond the control of the Foundation including, but not limited to, dangerous weather or Track conditions, COVID-19 impacts, or the inability of a contractor to fulfil any obligations. If the event has already commenced and the walk is altered or delayed, no refunds (in whole or in part) or any payment or credit will be made by the Foundation for any cost incurred by the participant.

Your experience

Bushwalking experience in the last two years (please be specific giving places and dates and other information to give your application the highest chance to be entered into the ballot, you can attached another page if needed):

Previous bushwalking experience (more than two years ago):

Declaration

I understand that the 25th Anniversary Bibbulmun Walk 2023 (End-to-End Walk) is a group activity and I agree to abide by the walk protocols and by the decisions of the walk leader. If I do not participate, or if I decide to leave the group for any reason, I understand that I am not liable for recompense or recoup of fees and I will hold the event organisers free from any liability which may arise from my departure from the group.

To the best of my knowledge I am in good health and will be fit enough to participate in the End-to-End walk.

I have taken all reasonable steps to ensure I am able to fulfil all obligations should my application be accepted, including attendance at briefings and the overnight weekend walk.

In signing this form I declare that I have read, understood and agree with the above and all the booking terms and conditions throughout this application form. Also in signing this form I declare that to the best of my knowledge all I have written is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/2022

To apply

To make your application, send in a:

1. Completed and signed application form (4 pages).
2. Completed and signed medical indemnity form (1 page).

Applications and enquiries to events@bibbulmuntrack.org.au

Key dates

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| August 31, 2022 | End-to-ender applications close |
| September 17 & 18, 2022 | Screening overnight group walk (attendance essential) |
| September 20, 2022 | Ballot conducted and all applicants notified shortly after |
| September 28, 2022 | Online evening briefing (1) |
| March 28, 2023 | Online evening briefing (2) |
| June 28, 2023 | Online evening briefing (3) |
| July 14, 2023 | Walk starts in Kalamunda with send-off ceremony |
| August 11 - 13, 2023 | DRV weekend celebration (the half way point) |
| September 13, 2023 | Walkers arrive in Albany and evening celebrations |

The Benefits of participation

- Opportunity to be part of an historic, prestigious event which will mark the 25th anniversary of the opening of one of the world's great long distance walking tracks.
- Discovery and enjoyment of some of the most beautiful and wild areas of the south-west whilst having minimum impact on the environment.
- A massive sense of achievement of becoming an End-to-End walking 1000km – approximately the same distance as from Paris to Rome!
- An excellent opportunity to meet many other walkers (those completing the whole walk, town-to-town sections or just a shorter day walk) and perfect for those with experience but who would rather not complete an End-to-End alone.
- Support and leadership from trained guides.
- Emergency backup from guides, the Foundation and the Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Exclusive '*celebrating the journey*' official shirt from sponsor Anaconda.
- Full set of the latest Bibbulmun Track maps and Guidebooks.
- Ancillary Sea to Summit gear including waterproof stuff sacks and pack cover.
- 25th Anniversary End-to-End completion certificate.
- A number of pre-walk briefings.
- A weekend guided walk on the Bibbulmun Track.
- Manual with notes on equipment, food, official walk protocols and guidelines, first aid and training information.
- Up to 16 food drops including in remote locations.
- Special discounted gear from our sponsors.
- Participation in community events in each town along the way.
- Invitation for you and your immediate family to the major celebrations in Donnelly River Village and Albany.

Celebrating the journey

As an End-to-End, you will be involved in a number of community events in the towns through which the Track passes. The core group of End-to-Enders will be joined at each town by a further group of sectional walkers who will walk to the next town (or access point in some instances). The sections vary in length from three to eight days.

In addition, three key events will be held to celebrate the 25th Anniversary.

Kalamunda: The celebrations for the journey will commence with a ceremonial send off on Friday 14 July at the Northern Terminus. We invite your family and friends to join us on this auspicious occasion.

Donnelly River Village: The half-way point of the Track will be the site of great celebrations as we (the walkers) arrive to spend the weekend. Invite your family and friends to come down and join us. They can arrive on Friday to greet all the walkers and stay on to send us off on Sunday morning. Celebrations will be held on the Saturday night.

Albany: The final celebration of the journey will be held in Albany after we reach the southern terminus. This memorable event will be for members and their immediate family. Numbers to the event will be limited.

General walk information

Applicants will need to ensure they are available for all the key dates including 63 days allocated for the entire event (Friday July 14 to Thursday September 14). The detailed itinerary and other specific information will be given at the briefings. Participants should note that this walk will be held in the true spirit of the Bibbulmun Track. As such, the group will be walking each step of the marked Track without vehicle support or deviation (excepting official diversions/closures).

This is a members-only event. Participants must be members at the time of application and at the time of the walk.

Couples will be entered in the ballot as individuals. If a couple applies, and only one is successful, unfortunately the Foundation cannot automatically include the partner.

Each participant will need to carry their own backpack and supply their own food. All participants must be responsible, in good health and in excellent physical condition. If there is any doubt, participants should contact their physician and the Foundation for advice. Each applicant will be required to complete a medical and indemnity form when making their application. It is vital that applicants with medical conditions make them known on this form. The Bibbulmun Track passes through remote areas and there can be considerable delays in reaching medical support. Evacuations can be prolonged and expensive. Medical and evacuation expenses will be the responsibility of the participant. We recommend all participants from outside WA consider taking out comprehensive travel/medical insurance. All participants should have ambulance cover.

Applicants will be screened before entering the ballot as follows:

1. from information provided in the application form.
2. from a discussion with the walk leader if required.
3. a medical certificate confirming fitness to participate signed by a medical practitioner if required.
4. Satisfactorily completing an overnight walk on the Bibbulmun Track in September 2022.

All applicants will need to make themselves available for an overnight weekend screening walk (see Key dates). If applicants do not reside in WA, please discuss alternatives with the Bibbulmun Track Foundation. Suitable applicants will then be entered into the ballot following the overnight walk. Successful participants will also need to make themselves available for the online briefing nights.

The ballot will be drawn after applications close and all applicants will be notified. Unsuccessful applicants from the ballot will have the first option of registering as a sectional walker, joining the core group of End-to-Enders for a short section, if they wish. If a place on the core group becomes available then another ballot will be held to fill the position from a pool of those original suitable applicants.

Accommodation

Participants will need to book their preferred accommodation in all towns along the Track (including Albany). A list of preferred and suitable accommodation for each town will be made available to all participants following the ballot. The cost of accommodation is not included in the registration fee. As you probably will not have transport in each town, it is best to select accommodation a short walking distance from town to access amenities and attend the town briefings (see overleaf).

Donnelly River Village (DRV) celebration: The Foundation has already reserved a number of chalets for our walkers, families and friends so that they can join us in the celebrations. Please liaise with the Foundation on how to book and pay for your chalet. Remember we are having a weekend celebration there – so get your family and friends down to join us!

Campsites

Each person will be expected to carry and use a tent. We will be a group of more than eight and as such will not rely on using the shelters for sleeping at any campsite.

Food

Participants will need to supply and organise food for the entire journey. Food drops will be delivered to all towns and a limited number of places along the Track. Food for the drops must be packed and delivered to the BTF office well before the start of the walk. More information about food and food drops will be given at the first briefing.

Town briefings

At each town we will be welcoming a group of sectional walkers and farewelling another. On the afternoon or evening prior to leaving a town we will be having a pre-section briefing for the sectional walkers. You are strongly encouraged to attend each of these to welcome the new walkers and also keep up to date with the logistics and any impacts for the next section. The locations of each briefing will be confirmed but will likely occur at a local restaurant.

Promotional material

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation reserves the right to take photographs of participants and use those images for promotional purposes. In placing an application, you give the Foundation the right to use images for such purposes.

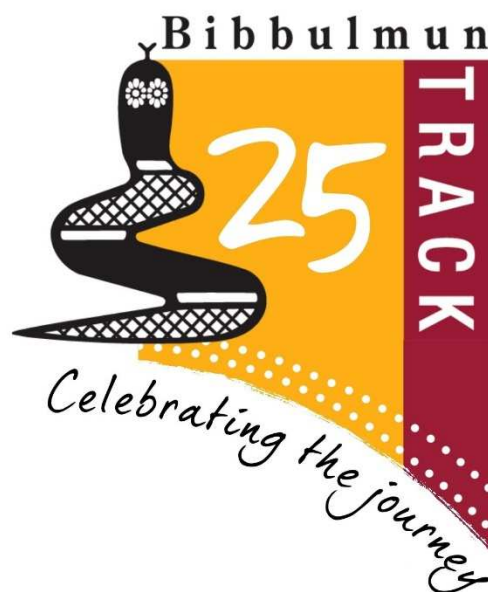
Insurance

Current comprehensive travel insurance is highly recommended, especially for those traveling from outside WA. In the very unlikely circumstance that the event is cancelled, participants will receive a full refund of the registration fee. Other costs incurred such as airfares and accommodation will not be recompensed by the Bibbulmun Track Foundation.

A final note

This is a very prestigious event and we expect that, similar to Bibbulmun Walk '98 and Bibbulmun Walk '08, there will be many applications.

Thank you for considering joining us in our 25th Anniversary celebrations. We are very proud to have reached this milestone and are very happy that we can celebrate it with so many people. We wish you good luck in the ballot!



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INDEMNITY FORM FOR THE BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION



1) I _____ acknowledge and assume all risks associated with participating in any events being conducted by the Bibbulmun Track Foundation (BTF), and will hold the BTF, its Board, Executive Director, employees, servants and agents free from any and all liability, caused of action, debt, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise out of or in connection with the use of facilities, equipment and/ or participation in the event.

2) I have the following diet restrictions (inc allergies): _____

3) My family doctor is _____

Address _____ Tel _____

4) Medicare No _____ 5) My date of birth ____ / ____ / ____

6) During the event I am likely to be taking the following prescribed medication(s):

for the following ailment(s): _____

7) Do you have any medical conditions: (*please specify any allergies, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, heart conditions, etc*) other than already declared above? Please give details (nature, triggers, treatment protocol).

8) Have you been in hospital or suffered any significant illness or incapacity in the last five years? Please give details (date, condition etc). _____

9) Do you consider yourself a capable swimmer? YES / NO

10) In an emergency, please contact (this person must not be a walk participant) _____
Relationship _____ Mobile _____ Email _____
Address _____

I understand that the event is a group activity and I agree to abide by the decisions of the walk leader. If I do not participate, or if I decide to leave the group for any reason I understand that I am not liable for recompense or recoup of fees and I will hold the event organisers free from any liability which may arise from my departure from the group.

To the best of my knowledge I am in good health and will be fit enough to participate in the event as described in the event information. In the event that I suffer any illness or injury, I give my consent for first aid to be administered and any evacuation or medical treatment deemed necessary by the BTF or its servants.

In signing this form I declare that I have read, understood and agree with the above. Also in signing this form I declare that to the best of my knowledge all I have written is true and correct.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____ / ____ / ____

NAME _____ EVENT: 25th Anniversary End-to-End Core Group

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