



# Walk the Bibbulmun Track

*Feel the spirit of Australia's South West*



**Family  
Friendly**  
1-3 days



## **Forests and Valleys**

**Collie to Donnelly River Village**

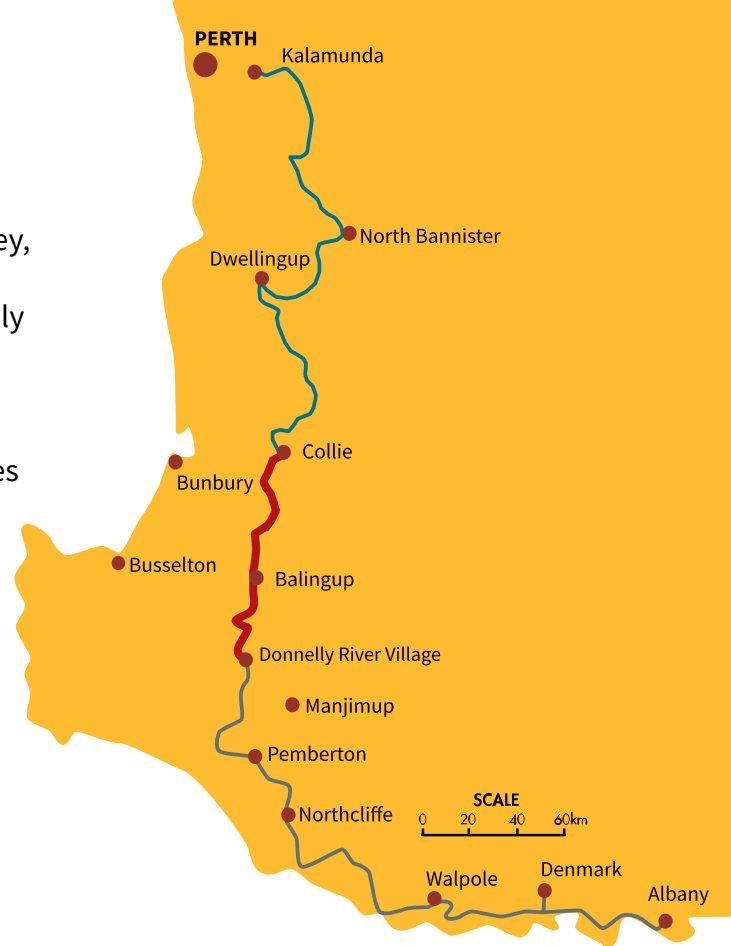


# Forests and Valleys

Follow the Bibbulmun Track through the Collie River Valley, over the rolling hills of Balingup and through the forests surrounding Donnelly River Village on this three-day family adventure.

Each day of this trip includes a short, family friendly walk on the Track, as well as interesting sights and fun activities in the nearby [Track Towns](#).

Whether you complete the full trip or just a walk, this itinerary will help your family experience just a taste of the Bibbulmun Track.



*Track Towns offer plenty to see and do*



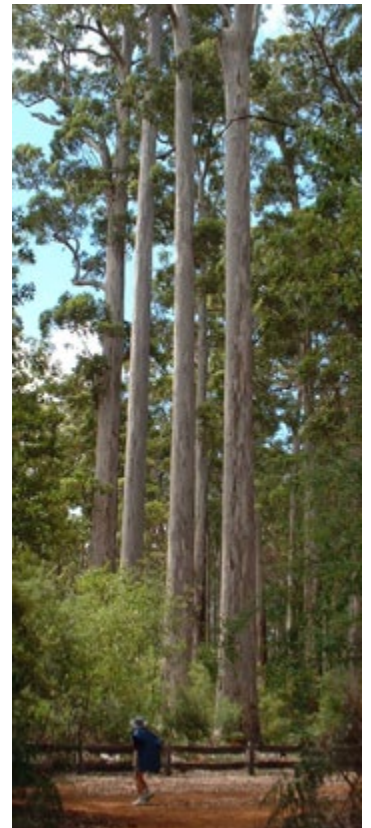
*Feeding time at Donnelly River Village*



*The scenic drive from Balingup to Nannup  
Photo: Tourism WA*



*Honeymoon Pool in Wellington National Park  
Photo: Parks and Wildlife Service*



*The Four Aces*

# Day One - Harris and Wellington Dams

## Morning

Today's walk begins at Harris Dam, which is located 2.5 hours from Perth, or 15 minutes north of the friendly town of [Collie](#). On your way, stop in at Collie to pick up a packed lunch to enjoy on today's walk.



*Harris Dam Campsite. Photo: Trails WA*

## Day Walk One: Harris Dam Walk

**Distance:** 7.6km return

**Difficulty:** Grade 2

**Time:** 2-3 hours

**Starting point:** Harris River Dam carpark, end of Harris River Road

[This Track walk](#) takes you from Harris Dam picnic area to the Harris Dam campsite and back,

passing through lush jarrah and marri forest along the way. During spring, colourful native wildflowers and orchids fill the forest. The Harris Dam campsite is about an hour's walk from the dam and has picnic tables and a toilet, making it a handy spot for the family to rest and enjoy a picnic lunch.



*Wellington Dam. Photo: Parks and Wildlife Service*

## Afternoon

Make your way to Wellington National Park for an afternoon of outdoor adventure. Pop into the [Kiosk at the Dam](#) for afternoon tea, before heading to the Wellington Dam wall for an impressive view over the ancient Collie River Gorge. If the weather is warm, hire a kayak from the kiosk and paddle down Collie River, or cool off with a swim at Potter's Gorge or the peppermint tree-lined Honeymoon Pool.

## Evening

Collie has a variety of accommodation to suitable for families, including motels, hotels, a caravan park and plenty of beautiful campsites throughout Wellington National Park. The campsites can get very busy during summer and school holidays so book ahead. Collie also has a number of walker friendly accommodation options.

Visit [our website](#) to find a Walker Friendly Business.

# Day Two - Golden Valley Tree Park



Collie to Balingup

## Morning

From Collie, make the one hour drive along Donnybrook-Boyup Brook Road and South Western Highway to reach the quaint country town of [Balingup](#). From the town centre, drive five minutes along Southampton Road and Old Padbury Road to reach the Golden Valley Tree Park, the starting point of today's walk. From the carpark, walk towards the World Collection of Trees and look for the orange acorn markers to begin.



*Golden Valley Tree Park. Photo: Laughing Ladies*

## Day Walk Two: Oak Grove Walk

**Distance:** 3.4km return

**Difficulty:** Grade 3

**Time:** 1-2 hour

**Starting point:** Golden Valley Tree Park carpark

This easy [1.5 km loop walk](#) leads you through the picturesque scenery of the Golden Valley Tree Park.

Set on 60 hectares, the heritage-listed park is home to hundreds of tree species from all around the world, as well as flocks of resident sheep. Along the trail, you'll pass tranquil ponds, groves of oaks and maples and a tunnel of dense bamboo called the *Bambooserie*. Many of the trees are labelled, so you and the kids can learn the different species.

## Afternoon

After a morning of walking, return to Balingup for a delicious lunch. In town, you'll find plenty of options to fill hungry tummies, including award-winning pies and bakery treats.

When you're ready, make the 50 minute drive to [Donnelly River Village](#) (DRV) via South Western Highway, Maringup Ford Road and Sears Road. Nestled in the Donnelly River Valley; DRV is now a holiday village famed for its tame wildlife and tranquil forest setting. The village has its own swimming lake, oval, tennis, basketball and beach-volley ball courts and an awesome 50m flying fox that's a favourite with the kids. The village takes you back to the 1950s with an original steam mill, 35 worker's cottages, Old Boarding House, workers club and a general store.

As the sun sets, enjoy a relaxing BBQ dinner or borrow a board game from the general store to play with the kids.



*Some of the local kangaroos of Donnelly River Village*

## Evening

DRV offers a range of self-contained accommodation from cottages to shared bunkrooms for hikers. While far from luxurious, the accommodation is clean, comfy and offers an authentic Aussie experience. The Donnelly River General Store has a café and is open 8.30am to 5.00pm daily.



# Day Three - Along the Donnelly River



Donnelly River Village to Perth

## Morning

Start the day with a casual breakfast at the Donnelly River General Store where you may be joined by a hungry emu or two. From the village, take Sears Road, Len Road and Paganini Road to Graphite Road. Turn right onto Graphite Road and drive approximately five minutes to reach One Tree Bridge, the starting point of today's walk.



*One Tree Bridge. Photo: Parks and Wildlife Service*

## Day Walk Three: One Tree Bridge to Greens Island

**Distance:** 4.4km return

**Difficulty:** Grade 3

**Time:** 1-2 hours

**Starting point:** One Tree Bridge,  
Graphite Road, Glenoran

Starting at the remnants of the historic One Tree Bridge, this short walk follows the Donnelly River through towering karri forest to the Greens Island campsite. Along the way, you'll enjoy beautiful views of the river and rapids below. Located on the bend of the Donnelly River, Greens Island campsite offers a peaceful spot to rest and soak up the sounds of the forest.



*Donnelly River Village Dam. Photo: Pelusey Photography*

## Afternoon

From One Tree Bridge, head about 1km west along Graphite Road and see if you can spot the [Four Aces](#), four huge karris growing in a perfectly straight line. After you've marvelled at these giants, head back to Donnelly River Village for a swim in the karri-lined dam.

Either spend another relaxing night at the village, or make the three and a half hour drive back to Perth.

## What's next?

The fun doesn't have to end here. Explore more of the Bibbulmun Track with our other [family-friendly itineraries](#).

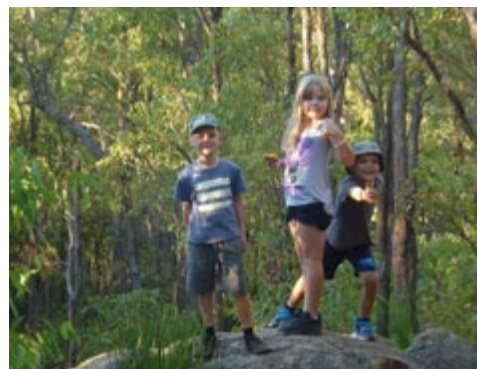
# Important Information



## Keeping kids interested

Walking on the Bibbulmun Track is a great way for children to experience the wonders of the bush. Try these tips to add even more fun to your walk:

- Spot the Waugal - the Track is signposted with Waugal trail markers, challenge your kids to be the first to see the next one.
- Try to identify the different flowers, trees and animals you encounter on the walk. You can find a range of [helpful books](#) available from the Foundation.
- Take it slowly. Allow yourself plenty of time so you're not too rushed to stop and rest.
- Listen to the birds, insects, frogs and other sounds of the bush.
- Take a camera to record your adventure.
- Encourage older kids to help plan your walk and give directions using a map or compass.



*Taking a break to enjoy the bush.*

## Before you go

Here is a list of things you need to do, pack and think about before you go for a day walk.

- Wear good walking shoes, comfortable loose fitting clothes, and a waterproof/windproof jacket.
- Take a watch, wear a sunhat and use sunscreen.
- Pack a bottle of water (1-2 litres depending on distance, terrain and weather).
- Pack a basic first-aid kit and blister kit.
- Pack snacks and lunch.
- Use only appropriate access points.
- Check the current [Track Conditions on our website](#).
- Tell someone where you are going and what time you expect to return.
- Please note that not all sections of the Track have a phone signal.
- Many of these walks can be found on the [Trails WA website](#) – or download the [Trails WA App \(iOS only\)](#).
- For more tips, visit our [Day Walks – Getting Started webpage](#).

**Remember, your safety is our concern but your responsibility**

## Along the Track

The yellow Waugal trail markers clearly show the way along the Bibbulmun Track. The Waugal, or Rainbow Serpent, is an important spirit from the Aboriginal Dreamtime responsible for the creation of the rivers, waterways and landforms around WA's South West.



# Important Information



## Tread Softly

The Bibbulmun Track will lead you through some of the most beautiful and pristine landscapes in the South West, and we ask all walkers to respect the natural and cultural heritage of the area.

While exploring the Track, please follow the seven Leave No Trace Principles:

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Minimise campfire impacts.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other walkers.



In other words, please leave the Track in better condition than you found it. That way we can make sure that you and others can enjoy the beauty of the Bibbulmun Track now and in the future.

Please note that dogs are not permitted in National Parks. They should be restrained on a leash in State Forests, around the town and in local parks.

## Walk Grades

All walks in this itinerary are graded using the Australian Walking Track Grading System. Use the guide below and ask yourself 'is this walk suitable for me?'



### Grade 1

No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them. Walks no greater than 5km.



### Grade 2

No bushwalking experience required. The track is hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps. Walks no greater than 10km.



### Grade 3

Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections a rough surface and many steps. Walks up to 20km.



### Grade 4

Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.



### Grade 5

Very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. Walks may be more than 20km.



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## On the Track

If you spot any problems or changes to this walk, please email the details to [friends@bibbulmuntrack.org.au](mailto:friends@bibbulmuntrack.org.au) so we can update it for those that follow in your footsteps.

If you enjoyed this walk, please help us keep it fantastic.

Regular maintenance is undertaken by around 300 volunteers managed by the Bibbulmun Track Foundation. If you enjoyed your walk please make a [donation](#) – or become a [member](#)... it's less than the price of a coffee each month.



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*On the way to One Tree Bridge. Photo: Edith Thomas*

