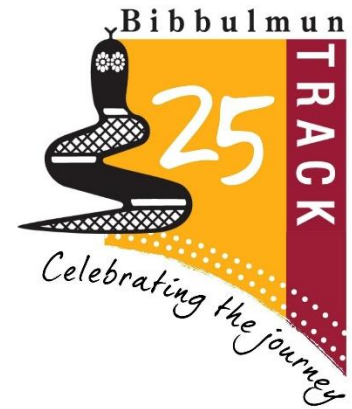


# Bibbulmun Track 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## ... celebrating the journey



On 13 September 1998 the 'new' Bibbulmun Track was officially opened in Albany. The Track had been significantly realigned, extended from Walpole to Albany and upgraded with the addition of timber shelters at the campsites.

To celebrate this milestone, a group of hikers will walk the Track from end-to-end commencing in Kalamunda on 14 July, and arriving in Albany on the 13 September 2023 – the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary date.

A community celebration will be held in each town as the walkers progress along the Track.

**We invite your school to join in the celebrations and help introduce the next generation to WA's world-class hiking trail.**

Suggestions include:

- Sign up for the Bibbulmun Track School Challenge.
- Join the walkers for the final leg as they approach your town (from 500m up to 12km)
- Plan a Bibbulmun Track themed art project to display at the Community Celebration.
- Make flags to wave or play the drums as you join the parade into town.
- Arrange for one of the walkers to make a presentation at your school (it's fascinating to see what is in a hiker's backpack!)

An overview of the School Challenge and the short walk options are on the following pages.

To participate, please contact [events@bibbulmuntrack.org.au](mailto:events@bibbulmuntrack.org.au) indicating which of the activities you are interested in or providing your own ideas.

We look forward to hearing from you!

***The BTF Team***

## Key Dates

July 14	The send-off - Kalamunda
July 25	Dwellingup Community Celebration
August 2	Collie Community Celebration
August 7	Balingup Community Celebration
August 11 - 13	Half-way party - Donnelly River Village
August 17	Pemberton Community Celebration
August 21	Northcliffe Community Celebration
August 29	Walpole Community Celebration
September 6	Denmark Community Celebration
September 13	Walkers arrive in Albany – 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## Bibbulmun Track School Challenge

The mental and physical health benefits of outdoor recreation are well documented. Additionally, by educating students about the Leave No Trace principles, trail etiquette and walker safety, we hope to encourage a new generation of young people to appreciate and care for the natural environment.



**The aim of the challenge is to undertake some type of physical activity to progress along the Bibbulmun Track and keep up with the progress of the end-to-end hikers.**

How this physical activity takes place can be determined by each school/class so that it is realistic and achievable for the teachers and students alike throughout Term 3.

Ideas include:

- Students walk/run laps of the school oval with the combined total adding up to 1000 kilometres.
- Align with existing PE activities. 30 minute lesson = X kms x X number of students.
- Students encouraged to walk or cycle to school and tally up the distances.
- Hold a cross-country run called the Bibbulmun 1000.
- Individual recognition each week at assembly for the student who has clocked up the most kms.

**Participating Schools will receive:**

- ✓ A colourful poster of the Bibbulmun Track enabling the school/class to visually track the progress of the end-to-end walkers.
- ✓ A booklet containing the following information:
  - A brief description for each day of the journey (distance, terrain, what they can expect to see, what the flora might be like (e.g. today we walk through the karri forest or through the dunes).
  - Leave No Trace Tips e.g. Take all food scraps home with you.
  - Health & Safety tips for bushwalking e.g. always wear a hat, carry a water bottle
- ✓ A certificate of participation for each school or class. (A certificate could also be provided for the student(s) that did the most physical activity.)
- ✓ A Bibbulmun Track sticker for each student.

**Prize packs**

Up to 16 schools will receive a copy of the following fabulous books featuring the Bibbulmun Track:

- ✓ Walking the Bibbulmun by The Walking Scientist
- ✓ Grandy's Long Walk by Linda Stanley
- ✓ Off the Track by Cristy Burne (Winner, 2022 West Australian Young Readers' Book Awards Book of the Year for Younger Readers)



## Join in the walk!

Students, staff and parents are invited to join the official walkers as they approach your town.

The access point options are provided below to enable you to select the appropriate length of walk depending on the age group. As a guide, Senior students may walk 4km to 12km while the juniors walk 1km to 3km.

Pre-primary children with their parents may join for the last 500 metres or so to the community celebration event in town.

The Foundation will liaise with the school to provide specific information to assist in transport logistics for the drop-off points.

### **Kalamunda:**

- 1) Kalamunda to Jorgensen Park return (various distances to suit)
- 2) Kalamunda to Camel Farm (8.5km)

### **Dwellingup:**

- 1) Inglehope Rail Crossing to Dwellingup (12km)
- 2) Holyoake to Dwellingup (4km)
- 3) Town outskirts to Dwellingup (various up to 2km)

### **Collie:**

- 1) Mornington Mills Rd to Collie (10km)
- 2) Coalfields Hwy to Collie (6km)
- 3) Spur trail (town outskirts) to Collie (various up to 3km)

### **Balingup**

- 1) Grimwade Rd to Balingup 7.5km
- 2) Balingup Brook to Balingup 3.5km
- 3) Outskirts to town (various up to 2km)

### **Donnelly River Village**

- 1) Karri Gully to DRV (18.5km)
- 2) Willow Springs to DRV (12.5km)
- 3) Village outskirts to DRV (various up to 4km)

### **Pemberton**

- 1) Stirling Rd to Pemberton (12km)
- 2) Big Brook Dam to Pemberton (6.5km)
- 3) Outskirts to town (various up to 2km)

### **Northcliffe**

- 1) Lane-Poole Rd to Northcliffe (11.5km)
- 2) Middleton Rd to Northcliffe (5.5km)
- 3) Outskirts to town (various up to 2km)

### **Walpole**

- 1) Mt Clare to Walpole (9.5km)
- 2) John Rate to Walpole (6.5km)
- 3) Outskirts to town (various up to 3km)

### **Denmark**

- 1) Lights Rd to Denmark (13km)
- 2) Ocean Bch Rd to Denmark (7.5km)
- 3) Outskirts to town (various up to 4km)

### **Albany**

- 1) Frenchman Bay Rd to Albany (7.5km)
- 2) Several access points available up to 5km along Track into town