

Town-to-Town Bibbulmun Track Tours

Collie to Balingup

September 18th – 22nd, 2017

5 day tour, 4½ days walking



Thank you for enquiring about our Town-to-Town Tours on the Bibbulmun Track.

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation established to provide support for the management, maintenance and marketing of the Bibbulmun Track. We have been conducting guided walks on the Bibbulmun Track since 1997 and are pleased to be able to offer this extended itinerary as an alternative to our Best of the Bibbulmun Tours.



The Foundation manages over 300 volunteers who each 'own' a section of Track assisting the Department of Parks and Wildlife to maintain the Track and facilities to world-class standards.

The Foundation is self-funded and all proceeds from this trip support the ongoing sustainability of the Bibbulmun Track.

The Bibbulmun Track

The Bibbulmun Track in Western Australia is one of the world's great long-distance walk trails, stretching 1000kms from Kalamunda in the Perth Hills to Albany on the south coast. The Track passes through some of the most beautiful and peaceful coastal, forest and rural areas of Australia's south west. Over the years the Bibbulmun Track has won several WA and National Tourism Awards.

Along the Track, 49 campsites each provide a three-sided wooden sleeping shelter, tent sites, pit toilet, picnic table and water tank.

About the tour

This tour is operated by the Bibbulmun Track Foundation in conjunction with local partners. A guide will accompany you each day as you walk between 12km and 20km. You should have a moderate to good level of fitness in order to make the walking enjoyable and achievable. The itinerary may alter depending on local conditions and weather.

The maximum number of walkers is 13.

Inclusions

- All transport: private coach transport to and from Perth; as well as transport to and from the Track each day
- Four night's comfortable accommodation
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- All meals - healthy continental breakfasts, morning teas carried by your guide, lunch and delicious two course dinners

Beverages are not included.



Itinerary

A guide will accompany you on each day's walk. Guides will carry morning tea, first aid kit, satellite phone etc. You just carry what you need for the walk. This might include water, camera, a jacket and, on some days, your lunch.

Day 1: Drive from Perth + walk Collie to Mungalup Rd (12 km)

After a pickup in Fremantle or Perth, it is only a short few hours to Collie for the start of the walk. The 12km walk through Conservation Park and State Forest is mildly undulating with no serious hills to climb. We will finish our day's walk near Mungalup Dam. From here we will drive to our accommodation near Balingup.

Day 2: Mungalup Rd to Mumballup (20 km)

Continuing on from where we left off, we have plenty of time to complete our 20km today. It is reasonably flat going with lots of wildflowers. We'll pass the Glen Mervin Dam, where you might like to swim, and finish at Mumballup Tavern where we can have a well-earned drink with the locals.

Day 3: Mumbulup Tavern to Lowden Grimwade Rd (20 km)

We'll enjoy farmland views first up before re-entering the forest. It's delightful walking and after lunch we'll enjoy a walk through the a virgin jarrah forest – a rare sight in WA!

Day 4 : Lowden Grimwade to Grimwade-Kirup Rd (16.5 km)

A thoroughly enjoyable walk today through mixed forest with mostly gentle gradients but some decent hills to keep you interested! There will be time in the afternoon to take a wander around Balingup if you wish – or just relax on the verandah with a cuppa and take in the view over the green rolling hills.

Day 5: Grimwade-Kirup Rd to Balingup (16 km walk) and drive to Perth

We'll finish up with a lovely 16km walk through forest, farmland and into Balingup town. There are some sizeable hills around Balingup and today we will conquer one as we come into town. It should be no trouble though after preparing your legs on this week's walks. The walk into Balingup is very pleasant as we follow Balingup Brook for much of the way. Well done! You've just knocked off a section of the Bibbulmun Track! We aim to have you back in Perth by about 6pm, followed by Fremantle.

Accommodation and single travellers

We'll spend our first night in Collie at the Collie Ridge Motel where we'll also have dinner in their onsite restaurant.

For the next three nights we will stay at Balingup Hillview Retreat, 1km from the centre of town. We will stay in three chalets and will eat together in the largest one. Accommodation is twin share. If you are travelling solo, we will room you with a fellow solo traveller of the same sex. If you would prefer a single supplement, let us know on the booking form. Single supplements attract an extra cost (see booking form).

What to bring

We will send you a list of recommended clothing and equipment when you book, as well as some tips on how to prepare. You do not need to bring bath towels or linen. There will be some time to pick up extra supplies and beverages during the week.

Transport

This tour starts and finishes in Fremantle or Perth. We will pick up guests on the morning of the tour from central location in Fremantle, then Perth CBD.

Cancellations

Please note that deposits are strictly non-refundable and non-transferable (unless the tour does not proceed). If you wish to cancel after the date full payment is due you will forfeit the following amounts regardless of circumstance:

- Cancellation of 31 days to 45 days before tour departure, 50% of total price.
- Cancellation of 21 days to 30 days before tour departure, 75% of total price.
- Cancellation of within 20 days before tour departure, no refund.

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to, despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

Bookings

To secure your place, complete the booking form and medical information form at the end of this dossier. A \$500 deposit is required to hold your place and payment in full is required 45 days prior to departure (or at time of booking if booking within 45 days). All participants are required to sign the medical information form, which includes an indemnity and release.

If you require any assistance please contact us on (08) 9481 0551 or events@bibbulmuntrack.org.au. Please note that all bookings are subject to availability at the time the completed booking form is received with a deposit. If the tour is full you will be contacted and also placed on a waiting list. We require a minimum of participants before the tour will proceed.

Accommodation in Perth

You will need to book your own pre and post tour accommodation. Here are some options in the Perth CBD close to the pick up location on Murray Street:

- Mantra on Murray www.mantraonmurray.com.au
- Ibis Hotel www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-1773-ibis-perth/
- Four Points by Sheraton www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/property/overview/
- Wellington St YHA www.yha.com.au/
- The Royal Hotel www.royalhotelperth.com.au/

Delay, cancellation or alteration of tour

Prior to a tour departure, the Bibbulmun Track Foundation reserves the right to cancel, delay or alter any tour due to circumstances beyond the control of the Foundation including but not limited to dangerous weather conditions, dangerous Track conditions, or the inability of a contractor to fulfill any obligations. Under the circumstance of a cancellation of the tour by the Foundation, a full refund will be made. If a tour has already commenced, and a tour is terminated a proportion of paid funds, deemed to be appropriate by the Foundation, will be refunded to the client. No refunds will be made (in whole or in part) if an event is altered or delayed or any payment made by the Foundation for other cost incurred by the client.

Promotional material

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation and its local partners reserve the right to take photographs of the participants and use those images for promotional purposes. In booking a tour, you give the Foundation and its local partners the right to use images for such purposes.

Please contact us should you have any questions, we look forward to speaking with you.



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Registration Form – Collie to Balingup - September 18th – 22nd, 2017



Personal Information

Your details

Your travelling partners details

Full Name:		
Preferred Name (if applicable)		
	Date of Birth / / Sex: M / F	Date of Birth / / Sex: M / F
Occupation:		
Address:	City: State: Postcode:	City: State: Postcode:
Email:		
Telephone:		
Medical /cultural dietary requirements (be specific)		
How did you hear about this tour? (Please circle)	Bibb Magazine - Bibb Bytes - BTF Website - Facebook The Post Newspaper - Great Walks - The Senior Other _____	Bibb Magazine - Bibb Bytes - BTF Website - Facebook The Post Newspaper - Great Walks - The Senior Other _____
Travel Insurance	Company: Policy/Receipt Number:	Company: Policy/Receipt Number:
Single Supplement	add \$200 per person Yes No	
Bushwalking Experience		
Pick up location	Perth CBD or Parry St Fremantle	
Can you swim?	Yes No	Yes No

Payment

Deposit necessary for booking \$500 *per person* - non refundable , non-transferrable
 Tour cost per person \$1575 (twin share basis) All prices include GST.
 Single supplement add \$200 per person to the tour cost.

Payment Options (please tick one):

- Cheque/money order enclosed to value of \$_____ payable to the Bibbulmun Track Foundation
- Direct Credit. Contact your financial institution with the following details to deposit moneys into our account. Deposit moneys into Bibbulmun Track Foundation, Bankwest 853 Hay St, Perth, BSB: 306-061 Acc Number: 017312-4. **Please let us know when you have done this.**
- Debit my credit card for the deposit only (\$500 per person) Visa or MasterCard
- Debit my credit card for the full amount (\$1575 plus 2% credit card fee) Visa or MasterCard**

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Name on the card: _____ Signature: _____

****Full amounts or remaining amounts after deposit paid via any credit card will attract an extra 2% fee.**

Email registration and payment to: events@bibbulmuntrack.org.au

Post to: The Bibbulmun Track Foundation, PO Box 7605, Cloisters Square, WA 6850

Fax to: 08 9481 0546.

Please complete the medical form over.

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Medical / Indemnity Form



1) I _____ (full name) and _____
(full name of traveling partner if applicable) acknowledge and assume all risks associated with participating in the Town-to-Town Tour, and will hold the Bibbulmun Track Foundation & its Board, Executive Director, employees, servants, agents, partners & members free from all liability, causes of action, debts, claims, & demands of every kind & nature whatsoever which may arise out of, or in connection with using the Foundation's or partner's facilities or equipment, or participating in this tour.

2) My family doctor is _____ TEL: _____
Address _____

3) Medicare Number participant a) _____ participant b) _____

4) During the tour I am likely to be taking the following prescribed medication:

Participant a) _____

Participant b) _____

for the following ailment(s):

Participant a) _____

Participant b) _____

5) Do you have any medical conditions: (please specify any allergies inc those to specific food types, diabetes, epilepsy, heart conditions, etc) other than already declared above?

Participant a) _____

Participant b) _____

6) Have you been in hospital or suffered any significant illness or incapacity in the last five years? If yes, please give details (date, condition etc).

Participant a) _____

Participant b) _____

7) In an emergency, please contact _____

Relationship _____ Tel (h) _____ Tel (w) _____

Address _____

I understand that the tour 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 tour.

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

Participant a) SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

NAME _____

Participant b) SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

NAME _____

Please complete the registration form over.