

Town-to-Town Bibbulmun Track Tours

Northcliffe to Walpole

April 17th - 25th, 2017

9 day tour, 8½ 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. This section of the Bibbulmun track is absolutely stunning and like nothing else in Western Australia. There are karri, jarrah and marri forests, the swampy lowlands of the Pingerup Plains, the large granite outcrops of Mt Chance, Mt Pingerup and the Woolbales with their sweeping views, the spectacular coastline around Mandalay Beach and finally the giant tingle forest along the Deep River.

We have worked hard to ensure the most manageable distances possible. The terrain is quite flat and firm for the first 6 days as you head through the forest and the plains. As we approach the coast the walk becomes more challenging with the final few days including some steep ups and downs through dunes. There are plenty of stunning views though which will keep the energy levels high.

Overall it's a fantastic walk, with interesting plants and some spectacular views. This would be one of the

most diverse walks in Western Australia and a jewel of the Bibbulmun Track.

The maximum number of walkers is 12.

Inclusions

- All transport: private coach transport to and from Perth; as well as transport to and from the Track each day
- 8 nights accommodation
- All meals for 9 days
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Small group size
- An excellent itinerary

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 to Northcliffe from Perth, walk from Wheatley Coast Rd back to Northcliffe (4km)

An easy introduction to the Track with a 4km walk back to Northcliffe along the Gardner River, Wheatley Coast Rd and the old rail line. The walk is generally flat on firm ground along the river with some road walking.

Day 2: Wheatley Coast Rd to Chesapeake Rd (20.8km)

A lovely easy to medium walk mainly along the Gardner River with a great mix of jarrah, marri and karri forest. The walk is mostly flat with firm ground but some undulations through dry creek crossings and some sandy tracks.

Day 3: Chesapeake Rd to Chesapeake Rd (17.3 km)

The main feature of the day is Lake Maringup and the magnificent karri forest surrounds. Today is an easy to medium walk with undulations through culverts up to Lake Maringup, then generally flat for the rest of the way. A mix of firm and sandy ground.

Day 4: Chesapeake Rd to Deeside Coast Rd/Dog Rd (12.7km)

A short easy day through flat open sedgeland, mixed with some jarrah and karri sections. The walk is mostly flat on firm ground with some sandy sections and some undulations toward and on Dog Rd.

Day 5: Dog Rd to Mt Chance (26.4km)

A long day but very interesting and diverse day through the Pingerup Plains broken up by granitic knobs with surrounding karri and jarrah. The walk is mostly flat with some undulations on the road into and just after Dog Pool Campsite and also around the granite knolls and hillocks.

Day 6: Mt Chance spur trail to Inlet River (19.7 km)

More walking through the Pingerup Plains with the possibility of climbing Mt Pingerup or Mt Chance for outstanding views of the surrounding area and the Broke Inlet.

Day 7: Inlet River Trail to Mandalay Beach (16.7km)

A great walk with an amazing view from the top of the peak at Woolbales campsite. Also great views on the walk of the surrounding hills, the Broke Inlet, some great granite formations and finally reaching the coastline and the Southern Ocean at Mandalay Beach. The terrain is easy and flat for the first half, with a pretty easy ascent to the top of the granite dome at Woolbales campsite. The second half of the walk becomes more difficult as you approach the coast with some hills and sandy ground.

Day 8: Mandalay Beach to Deep River (19.1km)

A spectacular day starting on the rugged coastline, walking through dunes and heathland before finishing across the Deep River and in giant tingle country. This is the toughest day of the tour with steep sections on soft sand through the dunes with little shade.

Day 9: Deep River to Walpole (11.9km) then drive back to Perth

A nice final day with the steep ascent of Mt Clare and magnificent tingle and karri forest before finishing in Walpole. A very steep start to the day with the climb up Mt Clare then easy to moderate walking on firm ground into Walpole. We should be in Walpole by lunch time and back into Perth around 6pm.

Accommodation and single travellers

Three nights in motel style accommodation at the Northcliffe Hotel and five nights in chalet style accommodation at the Bayside Villas in Walpole. Accommodation is twin share. If you are travelling solo, we will pair you up with a fellow 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.

Food

All meals are included in the cost of the tour. Each day you can expect a healthy breakfast, home-made morning tea, either packed or picnic lunch as well as pre-dinner nibbles and a two course meal! There is no going hungry on these tours.

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 – Northcliffe to Walpole – April 17th - 25th, 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:		
Special 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	Only if available (subject to room configurations) Yes No	
Recent 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 \$2,375 per person (twin share basis) All prices include GST.
 Single supplement add \$450 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 (\$2375 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.