

# Explore the Collie River Valley

## CAMPING IN THE COLLIE RIVER VALLEY

Camping is a popular pastime in the Valley, with the Collie River, dams and lakes inviting you to pitch a tent, settle back and enjoy the tranquility that only the forest can provide. Enjoy getting back to basics, cooking damper or fish caught in the river, rediscovering the stars and the amazing natural environment. All are bush campsites, ie no showers or power available. **Honeymoon Pool and Stones Brook are suitable for tents only, whilst Potters Gorge and Stockton Lake can accommodate caravans.** In very hot weather campfires may be banned, so it's a good idea to take a gas campstove or similar. **Stones Brook & Potters Gorge have campers kitchens. Camp Fees apply at the camping grounds within the Wellington National Park (Book online at [parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park-stay](http://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park-stay)) and at Stockton Lake.**

**Dogs are not permitted within Wellington National Park, its campgrounds or picnic areas. Keep noise to a minimum at night and be considerate of other campers. Powered sites are available in Collie at the Collie River Valley Tourist Park.**

## Tracks and Trails

Take the time to experience one of the many tracks and trails in the Collie River Valley and discover its beauty for yourself. There's something for everyone, from a long distance walking or cycling adventure, to a short stroll around the town. Remember to take some water with you, and let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. Mobile phone coverage can be unreliable in this region. A hat, sunscreen, water and insect repellent are essential in the summer.

### 21 BIBBULMUN TRACK

The world acclaimed Bibbulmun Track passes through the Shire of Collie, with the option of long or short walks as the track passes through thick jarrah, marri and sheoak forests, over streams and rivers on its way south to Albany.

Campsites including hikers' huts, water tanks and toilets are situated about 20km apart. The track as shown on this map is indicative only. Detailed walking maps are available for sale from the Visitor Centre.

### 22 IN THE WELLINGTON DISCOVERY FOREST

Two self guided walk trails provide an insight into the ecology of the jarrah forest.

**The Jarrah trail** – 1.1km. About a 40 minute walk at a gentle pace.

**Total Forest Trail** – 5km. A steeper trail – allow about 2 ½ hours.

### 23 WELLINGTON NATIONAL PARK

There are several short and long bush walk trails (some dual use) through the jarrah and marri forests and along the picturesque Collie River. Coloured markers indicate the trails.

**Jabity walk trail** - 6km (12 km return) from the Kiosk to Honeymoon Pool or vice versa. Allow about 2hrs each way. A relatively easy walk along the beautiful Collie River through mature forest, granite outcrops and alongside river pools. Follow the green markers.

**Kurtiiny Tjenangiti trail** – 5km return or a 9.5 km loop. From Honeymoon Pool and then north to the lookout and return is 5km. The entire loop trail is 9.5km.

Follow the Jabity trail to the start of this trail. Follow the purple markers.

**Sika dual use trail** – 9.8 km return. This trail, steep in places, offers wonderful views of the valley. Follow the orange markers.

**Willman Bilya trail** – 19.7km from Kiosk at the Dam to Coalfields Hwy, approximately 5-7 hours. This trail winds through beautiful blackbutt, open jarrah forest and past granite outcrops. Follow the brown markers.

### 1 COLLIE TOWNSITE RIVER WALK

See over page. A new walk will meander from Soldiers Park to Minninup Pool.

### BIKE HIRE

If you're keen to try some of the mountain bike trails in the Collie area, bikes can be hired from Crank'n Cycles on Steere Street. Phone 9734 1471 for details or from the Kiosk at Wellington Dam Phone 08 9734 7521.

ride apart offer basic camping facilities, with sleeping shelters, tent sites, water tanks and toilets. Maps of the trail can be purchased at the Collie Visitor Centre.

### 25 RAY'S TRAIL

Located 6km north of Collie off Harris River Road, Ray's Trail is 6.9km long. The trail runs in a clockwise direction and features several large log rides. Car parking available.

### 26 COLLIE DARKAN RAIL TRAIL

Beginning 20km east of Collie at Buckingham this trail meanders through bush and farmland to Darkan, (46km). This is a dual use trail suitable for walking, cycling or horseriding. Carry water and supplies. No huts are provided on this trail.

### 27 ARKLOW MTB TRAIL

Located 4kms north of Collie on the Harris River Road, just off the Munda Biddi Trail. An easier ride than Ray's Trail, it consists of three trails complete with fallen trees and obstacles to manoeuvre. Suitable for beginners and experienced riders with rides ranging from 3.5km to 20kms. Parking available on Mornington Road.

### 28 KARAK (RED TAIL) TRAIL

The Karak (Red Tail) Trail is a dual use, sealed, 3.5km trail with seating dotted along its length. Starting at the western end of the Collie cemetery, it meanders through the Westralia Conservation Forest past jarrah, marri and paperbarks, ending in Allanson at Allanson School on Ferguson Road. Suitable for walkers, cyclists, wheelchairs and prams.

### 29 WAGYL BIDDI TRAIL

The newest mountain bike trail in Collie this is a fun and easy flowing trail suitable for all skill levels. The track loop is 4.5kms with a trail leading off this, through the bush reserve beside the river for another 4kms ending at Soldiers Park. See over page.



17 Mt Lennard Mountain Bike Trail

10 Minninup Pool K4

8 Harris Dam K1

4 Honeymoon Pool G4

1 Collie River H5

12 Stockton Lake M4

19 P&H Electric Coal Shovel N4

3 Wellington Dam H5

3 Wellington National Park H4

12 Camping at Stockton M4

2 Scenic Drive K4

13 Collie Motorplex M5

### 1 COLLIE RIVER, LENNARD DRIVE ..... H5

Located in the Wellington National Park, below the Wellington Dam wall, Lennard Drive is a bitumen one-way road (in a westerly direction) offering a spectacular drive along this ancient and deep river valley. Along the way you can stop at a number of picnic sites that are suitable for swimming, canoeing, white water rafting, bushwalking and picnicking. Popular picnic sites in the valley include "The Rapids", "Big Rock", "Little Rock" and "Long Pool".

### 2 SCENIC DRIVE FLORA RD ..... K4

A 7km loop between Coalfields Highway 5km west of Collie and Mungulup Road 3km south of Collie township. This scenic (unsealed) road follows the Collie River and features jarrah and marri forests, tumbling rapids in winter and wildflowers in the spring. Swimming and fishing are permitted.

### 3 WELLINGTON NATIONAL PARK ..... I3

Located 180km from Perth, Wellington National Park is set in the picturesque Collie River Valley, and surrounds the Wellington Dam. The Wellington National Park offers a variety of experiences, from the taste of fresh maroon or trout, the challenge of canoeing the rapids, swimming a tranquil stretch of the river, bushwalking, picnicking, or the pleasure of camping under the stars, as well as

### 5 THE QUARRY ..... H5

Historically a centre of industrial activity during construction of Wellington Dam last century, today the Quarry is a popular picnic site. Abseiling is permitted at the Quarry. Permission must be obtained from the Dept of Parks & Wildlife by phoning 9735 1988.

### 6 POTTERS GORGE ..... H4

Located on the shores of Wellington Dam, Potters Gorge is a popular camping, swimming and waterskiing location. The camping area caters for tents, caravans, camper trailers etc. (The bush campsites do not have power or showers). Picnicking, fishing and bushwalking are other popular activities in the area. Camp fees apply. No dogs allowed.

### 7 GNOMESVILLE ..... G6

A fun and whimsical place which is home to thousands of gnomes from around the world. The young and young at heart will enjoy a visit to Gnomesville.

Stones Brook, a short walk from Honeymoon Pool, has semi secluded campsites nestled into the forest. A campers' kitchen is provided as campfires are not permitted. Gelcoat is an "open" campground that can accommodate small groups of up to three tents. No dogs allowed.

### 8 HARRIS DAM ..... K1

Located 12km north of Collie, Harris Dam offers picnic facilities which are ideal for a great day out. Blue fairy wrens are in abundance. Harris Dam is a water catchment so water based activities and camping are not permitted. Try a bushwalk along the Bibbulmun Track which passes to the east of the Dam.

### 9 HARRIS RIVER ESTATE WINERY ..... K2

Seasonal opening hours apply for cellar door sales and the restaurant. Check with the Collie Visitor Centre for opening times. Harris River Estate winery is open year round for functions and conferences.

### 10 MINNINUP POOL ..... K4

Only 3km south of Collie township on Mungulup Road, this wide stretch of the Collie River is a beautiful and tranquil spot for swimming, fishing and canoeing. Take a picnic and relax on the grass under a shady tree. A beautiful location year round, with winter's misty mornings making Minninup a popular spot for photographers. Camping not permitted.



### CHOOSE ONE OF OUR SELF DRIVE TOURS

- DISCOVERY TOUR FULL DAY TRIP**
  - Spend the day touring the picturesque waters of the Wellington Dam, Collie River and Wellington Discovery Forest. The Discovery Tour will enable you to take in the natural beauty of the Collie River Valley including some of the 80% of State Forest, which covers the Shire. (Some unsealed roads)
- COLLIE RIVER VALLEY TOUR HALF DAY TRIP**
  - Experience the natural beauty of the Collie River, which winds its way through Collie and into the Wellington Dam. The Collie River Valley
  - Tour follows much of the river and will take you to many of the 'local' spots, where you can have a swim or a picnic, or just take in the natural beauty the region has to offer. (Some unsealed roads)
- NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS TOUR HALF DAY TRIP**
  - The Northern Highlights tour winds its way from Collie past the Harris River Estate Winery, onto Harris Dam where you can enjoy a picnic or bushwalk, past the historic old Worsley Church, and then into the Wellington National Park.

All the tours are mapped to commence from the Collie township.  
 CONTACT THE COLLIE VISITOR CENTRE FOR ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING YOUR VISIT:  
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 Web Site: [www.collierivervalley.com.au](http://www.collierivervalley.com.au)

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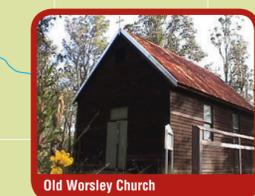
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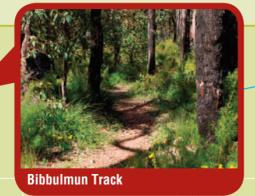
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Gnomesville



Old Worsley Church



Bibbulmun Track

Facilities Available	Camping	Picnic Tables	Barbecues	Firewood Supplied	Toilets	Drinking Water	Information	Universal Access	Canoeing	Water Skiing	Swimming	Fishing	Marroning	Pet Friendly	Skiing
Glen Mervyn Dam *	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Stockton Lake	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Fiora Road Scenic Drive	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Wellington Dam	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Honeymoon Pool	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Potters Gorge	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Long Pool	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Big Rocks	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
The Rapids	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Minninup Pool	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Collie River	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Little Rock	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Harris River Dam	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Stones Brook	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

\*western shore only

### 13 COLLIE MOTORPLEX ..... M5

The Motorplex, located 14km east of Collie on Powerhouse Road, caters for car, bike and kart events with numerous clubs utilising the venue for racing, driver training and social activities. Facilities include a 2.55km nationally recognised race circuit, 1.6km race circuit, hill climb, drift stadium, burnout pad, camping area and parking.

For bookings and information phone 0428 826 613 or visit [www.motoringsouthwest.org.au](http://www.motoringsouthwest.org.au)

### 14 OLD WORSLEY CHURCH ..... I2

Historic St David's Catholic church, built in the early 1900s, is situated in the old township of Worsley where now only a few houses and the old timber Church remain. The Church is always open and houses photos of the once thriving timber mill town and its residents. Picnic area and toilets.

### 15 COAL DISCOVERY SITE ..... J3

Visit the site where in 1883 shepherd George Marsh discovered coal near the Collie riverbank. Mistaking the coal for rocks, George lit a campfire and was amazed when the "rocks" caught alight. This discovery was one of the most important in the early development of Western Australia. Visitors can park and walk from the river bank up a short path to a monument dedicated to the coal discovery, with good views of the Collie River.

### 16 COLLIE BLUEBERRY FARM ..... M5

Visitors can pick blueberries in season (Dec – March). Please phone ahead to ensure the farm is open. Phone 9734 4538.

### 17 MT LENNARD MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL ..... F4

Mount Lennard contains 40km of mountain bike trails of varying difficulties for mountain bikers of all levels. A brochure is available from the Collie Visitor Centre.

### 18 KING TREE ..... G6

This majestic Jarrah tree can be found along Kingtree Road, south of Wellington Dam. A boardwalk and viewing platform offer a chance to view in safety one of the areas largest jarrah trees. Please stay on the boardwalk at all times.

### 19 P & H ELECTRIC COAL SHOVEL ..... N4

Located 16km east of Collie on the Collie Darkan Highway, is Shovel Six. The decommissioned machine was donated by Premier Coal and restored by the local Collie Rotary Club. The 900 tonne electric shovel, capable of holding nearly 70 tonnes in its scoop, is an example of the type of massive machinery working on the Collie coalfields. A carpark is located just east of the Shovel, while interpretive signage is located next to the shovel.

### 20 BLACK DIAMOND LAKE ..... J3

A disused open cut mine that has formed an attractive artificial lake. Black Diamond is a popular day use area (No camping allowed) for both locals and visitors. Black Diamond is a picturesque location with very few facilities and visitors are asked to ensure that they leave the area as they found it and to be mindful of the residents who reside in the area. As the lake is a disused coal mine, the water may be more acidic than natural lakes. Visitors are advised to limit their time in the water – especially those with sensitive skin.

For Attractions numbered 21 - 29, please see "Tracks and Trails" on the opposite panel.

## Activities

**WILDFLOWERS**  
 The best time for wildflowers is from mid September to late October when the valley bursts with colour. A walk through the bush will reward you with orchids, hovea, primulas, kangaroo paws, leschenaultia, clematis, milkmaids, pompoms and much more.

Take your camera but please don't pick the wildflowers. Ask at the Visitor Centre for advice on the best locations.

### FISHING AND MARRONING

Perch, trout and marron can all be found in Collie's dams and streams. Spend a relaxing afternoon on the riverbank, or try your luck catching marron (in season) with a bushman's pole.

Licences for fishing and marroning are required and can be purchased online or at Fisheries Department offices. The marron season is usually from 8th January to 5th February. Check with the Visitor Centre or Fisheries Department for dates. Bag and size limits apply for trout and marron but not for redbfin perch.

### SWIMMING AND WATER SPORTS

Collie's waterways offer some great spots for a dip on a hot day. Families with kids will enjoy the calm waters of Minninup Pool, close to town, or Potters Gorge and Honeymoon Pool in the National Park.

### MARKETS

Markets are held in the Old Goods Sheds on alternate Sunday mornings and at the Showgrounds on the first Saturday of the month. Pick up some local fruit or preserves, a preloved book, a plant, fresh eggs etc from the variety of stalls. Check with the Visitor Centre for dates and times.

### GOLF

Collie is home to two beautiful golf courses both of which border the Collie River. Both have grass greens and welcome visitors. Keep a look out for the resident kangaroos.