

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) 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.

Kurtliiny 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.

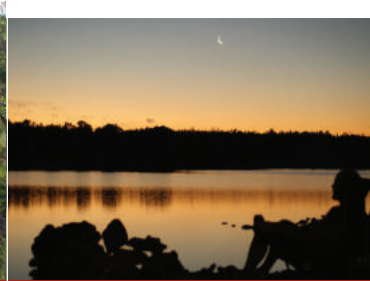
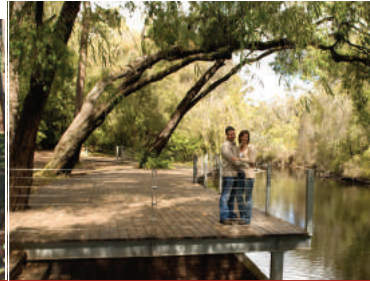
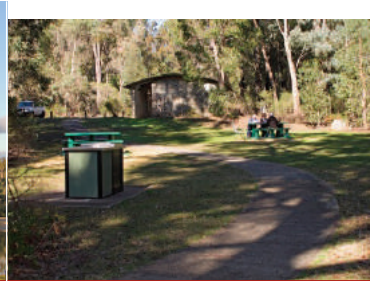
1 COLLIE TOWNSITE RIVER WALK

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.

The long distance Munda Biddi cycle trail beginning in the hills east of Perth winds its way through forests and valleys to Collie and beyond. The trail uses a network of bush tracks, firebreaks and disused railway formations. Cyclists can enjoy a peaceful morning ride or challenge themselves to a longer forest adventure. Huts situated about a days



17 Mt Lennard Mountain Bike Trail

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2 Scenic Drive K4

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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 Mungalup 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

being a home for an abundance of native flora and fauna. Maps of the walking and cycle trails in the National Park region are available from the Collie Visitor Centre.

Take the time to explore the area surrounding the National Park. Activities include wine tasting, tourist drives, places of historic interest, whimsical Gnomesville and wonderful natural attractions. No dogs allowed.

4 HONEYMOON POOL, STONES BROOK & GELCOAT G4

Set amongst giant Yarri and softly weeping Peppermint trees, is this popular camping and picnicking area on the Collie River. Swimming, bushwalking, canoeing and fishing are popular activities in this spectacular area. At Honeymoon Pool, campsites, picnic facilities, toilets, wood & gas barbecues are provided. Seasonal fire restrictions apply. A platform over the river provides views of the Pool and river.

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.

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.

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 Mungalup 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.

11 GLEN MERVYN DAM K7

Situated 20km south of Collie, this is another popular waterskiing and swimming area with boat ramp, picnic area and toilets. Camping, suited to small 4WD vans and camper trailers is permitted on the western shore of the dam. Limited toilet facilities. No fires permitted.

12 STOCKTON LAKE M4

A disused open cut mine that has formed an attractive artificial lake. Stockton Lake now provides both locals and visitors with a popular waterskiing and camping area. Stockton is popular as a "natural spot" with very few facilities yet only 7km east of town. As the lake is a disused coal mine, the water is more acidic than other natural lakes and visitors are advised to limit their time in the water – especially those with sensitive skin. Swimming is not recommended. Camp fees apply.

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

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 reftin 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.



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: Ph (08) 9734 2051 Email: info@collierivervalley.com.au Web Site: www.collierivervalley.com.au

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Old Worsley Church



Bibbulmun Track