

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, rediscover the stars and the amazing natural environment. All are bush campsites, ie no showers or power available, and no reservation system so at busy times try to arrive early to secure a site. 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, collected daily by the Ranger, apply at the camping grounds within the Wellington National Park 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 and insect repellent are essential in the summer.

20 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.

21 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 1/2 hours.

22 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. Jabiti 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.

Kurliiny 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 Jabiti 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.

23 MUNDA BIDDI CYCLE TRAIL

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 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.

24 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.

25 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.

26 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 Morningson Road.

27 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 Westrailla Conservation Forest past jarrah, marri and paperbarks, ending in Allanson on Ferguson Road. Suitable for walkers, cyclists, wheelchairs and prams.

28 TOWN CYCLE 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.

COLLIE TOWNSITE RIVER WALK

See over page.

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.



17 Mt Lennard Mountain Bike Trail

10 Minnipup 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

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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 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 marion 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.

4 HONEYMOON POOL, STONES BROOK & GELCOAT G4

Set amongst giant Yarra 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.

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.

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 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 Minnipup 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 skiers 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, catering for car, bike and kart racing with numerous clubs using the venue for driver training and social activities. Facilities include 1.6km race circuit, 1/8 mile club level dragstrip, burnout pad and extensive parking.

The Motorplex is also the home of the Collie Motorsports Group. For bookings and information phone 0428 826 613 or visit www.motoringssouthwest.org.au

14 OLD WORSLEY CHURCH I2

Historic St David's Catholic church, built in the early 1900s, is situated in the old townsite 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.

For Attractions numbered 20 - 25, 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 trout season normally runs from 1st September to 30th April while 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 redfin 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 Minnipup 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 1st 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**
 - 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**
 - 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**
 - 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.
 - FULL DAY TRIP**
 - HALF DAY TRIP**
 - HALF DAY TRIP**
- 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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Facilities Available

	Camping	Front Tables	Bushbriars	Firewood Supply	Toilets	Drinking Water	Information	Universal Access	Canoing	Water Skiing	Swimming	Fishing	Marroning	Sailing
Glen Mervyn Dam *														
Stockton Lake														
Fiora Road Scenic Drive														
Wellington Dam														
Honeymoon Pool														
Potters Gorge														
Long Pool														
Big Rocks														
The Rapids														
Minnipup Pool														
Collie River														
Little Rock														
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