



Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions



## Shannon National Park



Shannon National Park sits at the north-western end of the Walpole Wilderness and is a great place to explore the big trees of the southern forests.

### Must see

Shannon National Park has something for everyone. You can go canoeing, explore the Great Forest Trees Drive, walk from the campground up to the Shannon Dam or set out along the Rocks Walk Trail and see the Shannon basin from high above the forest on Mokare's Rock.

In the 1950s and 60s, Shannon was home to a mill town which was built to cater for a timber shortage after World War II. The settlement had 90 houses, a hall, church, store, post office and nursing station. The mill was closed in 1968 and the buildings were dismantled and removed.

Interpretive signage at the campground and along the Shannon Dam Walk Trail will give you an idea of what life was like at Shannon.



### Getting there

Shannon National Park is 33km east of Northcliffe via Middleton Road, 55km south of Manjimup and 65km north of Walpole on the South Western Highway.

### Travelling time?

Approximately 30 minutes from Northcliffe, 40 minutes from Manjimup or 50 minutes from Walpole.

### What to do

#### Great Forest Trees Drive

A self-guided 50km drive that winds its way through spectacular old-growth karri, jarrah and marri forest. There are several stops along the way where you can stretch your legs, have a picnic or just enjoy the views. The drive starts from the recreation area on the northern side of the South Western Highway and finishes at the campground, south of the highway.

The Great Forest Trees Drive follows gravel roads that are suitable for two-wheel-drive vehicles and small coaches. Please drive carefully.



#### Rocks Walk Trail

Class 3 – 2.5km loop walk

Allow 2 hours

This trail begins at the Shannon Dam. The trail up and over Mokare's Rock is steep in places but the view of leafy karri crowns and across the Shannon Basin is magnificent. It takes you through karri, jarrah and peppermint forest and the wildflowers in spring are spectacular.

It's also worth taking the 360m-return spur trail to see the Hollowbutt Karri and the forest views from Smeather's Rock.

A good level of fitness is recommended.



#### Shannon Dam Walk Trail

Class 2 – 4.5km return

Allow 2 hours

Linking the Shannon Dam and Shannon Campground, this easy and beautiful walk trail follows the Shannon River and you can start at either end. You will walk past the old sports oval and may spot a few remaining traces of the Shannon Mill along the way. Learn more about the Shannon community of the 1950s and 60s from the interpretive signage on site.

This trail is suitable for all levels of fitness and ability.



#### Campground Loop Trail

Class 2 – 4.5km loop

Allow 1.5 hours

This walk trail starts at the Shannon Lodge in the Shannon Campground. Circumnavigate the campground through the forest on this trail which follows old railway formations and forestry tracks. Why not go for a walk and stretch your legs before relaxing at your campsite?

It is a multi-use trail suitable for walkers and bikes. Please be considerate of other users.



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## Camping

Upgraded in 2017, the Shannon Campground offers a choice of over 60 campsites. Whether you are travelling with a tent, campervan, caravan or fifth-wheeler, you are sure to find a site to suit your needs. The campground has hot showers, flushing toilets and sheltered gas barbecues. Two camping huts are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please limit your stay in these to three nights.

## Fees?

Camping and entrance fees apply in Shannon National Park.

Please refer to the 'Park visitor fees' brochure.

These fees contribute to the provision and maintenance of recreation facilities and visitor services in this park.

## Leave No Trace

**Plan ahead and prepare** – When walking the trails, please ensure you have adequate drinking water and sun protection and dress appropriately for the weather.



**Travel and camp on durable surfaces** – Help protect this fragile environment by keeping to the paths and established campsites.

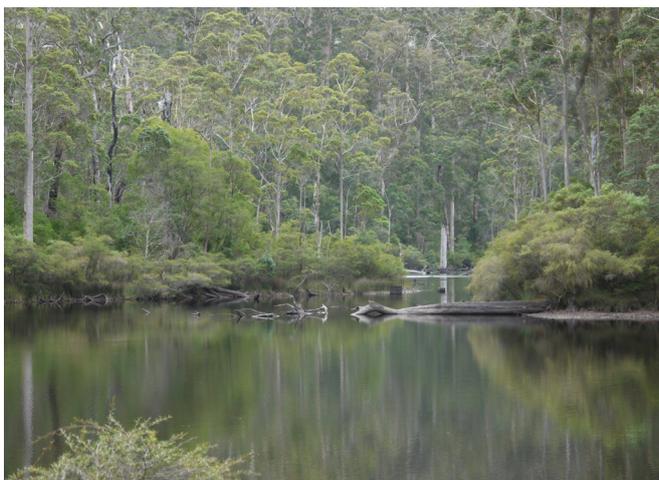
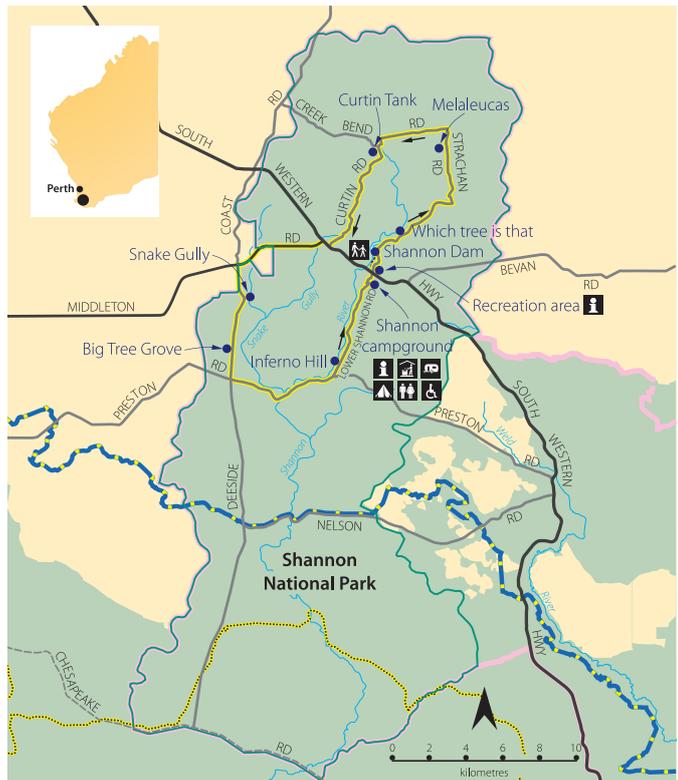
**Dispose of waste properly** – Please use the skip bin provided in the campground.

**Leave what you find** – This area is home to many plant and animal species. Respect this unique environment and leave it as you found it.

**Minimise campfire impacts** – Campfires are permitted in Parks and Wildlife Service-supplied fire rings only, except during the bushfire season when no fires are permitted.

**Respect wildlife** – Pets are not permitted.

**Be considerate of other visitors** – Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.



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