



Discover Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park

The Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park is truly unique in that it is the only inlet system on the south coast that is naturally permanently open to the ocean. This means that the inlets maintain marine-like conditions for most of the year. The natural beauty, wildlife and scenic quality of the Walpole and Nornalup inlets provide a wealth of opportunities for canoeing, boating, recreational fishing and other water-based activities. There are also opportunities to appreciate the marine park from surrounding walk trails and recreation sites.

A major attraction of the inlet system is the perception of naturalness and remoteness that can be experienced, particularly in parts of the Nornalup Inlet and the Frankland and Deep rivers.

Getting there

The Walpole and Nornalup inlets lie about 450 kilometres south of Perth on WA's south coast, about 120 kilometres west of Albany and 120 kilometres south-east of Manjimup. The town of Walpole is adjacent to the Walpole Inlet, providing access to the marine park.

Boat access

Enjoy the marine park by boat. Launching facilities include Walpole town jetty, Coalmine boat ramp, Rest Point boat ramp and Nornalup town jetty (Frankland River access).

Places to enjoy the marine park from land

These include the Knolls (including the Channels, Bream Beach and Rocky Head fishing spots), Coalmine Beach, Sandy Beach, and Isle Road. Also, sections of the Bibbulmun Track run adjacent to the marine park.

What to do?

Spend the day exploring the pristine waters of the Walpole and Nornalup inlets. Canoe up the Frankland or Deep rivers and experience the unique sense of remoteness. Take a stroll along the Coalmine Beach Heritage Trail or walk a section of the Bibbulmun Track. Fish from either Bream Beach or Rocky Head fishing spots on the Knolls or throw a line in at Coalmine or Sandy beaches. Enjoy panoramic views of the inlets from Hilltop, Delaney or Jack Rate lookouts.

Fees

No park entry fees apply for the Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park.





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Flora and fauna

The inlet system and surrounding area provide a diverse mosaic of aquatic and terrestrial habitats. Fringing habitats include forest, heathland, swamps and beaches. Inhabiting this diverse landscape are some 150 bird species including hooded plovers, pelicans, ospreys, swampheens, ducks, and many more water, shore and sea birds. The Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park also supports the highest diversity of fish species in any WA estuary. About 40 marine and estuarine fish species are found in the marine park – the most common being black bream, King George whiting and flathead. A variety of sharks and rays are also found here.

Caring for our marine park

Be clean... Take your rubbish with you and dispose of it appropriately, especially plastics and fishing line.

Be careful... Observe speed limits and please go slow near shorelines to prevent erosion and disturbance to waterbirds and other marine park users.

Fish for the future... Observe bag, size and possession limits. See the Department of Fisheries' 'Recreational Fishing Guide: South Coast Region' for details.



Fires are not permitted in areas surrounding the marine park unless a fire ring is provided. Campfires are prohibited when the fire danger is rated at very high or above.



Pets are not permitted in the surrounding Walpole-Nornalup National Park or in the waters of the marine park, however, visitors may take their pets on their vessels. Respect our native wildlife.

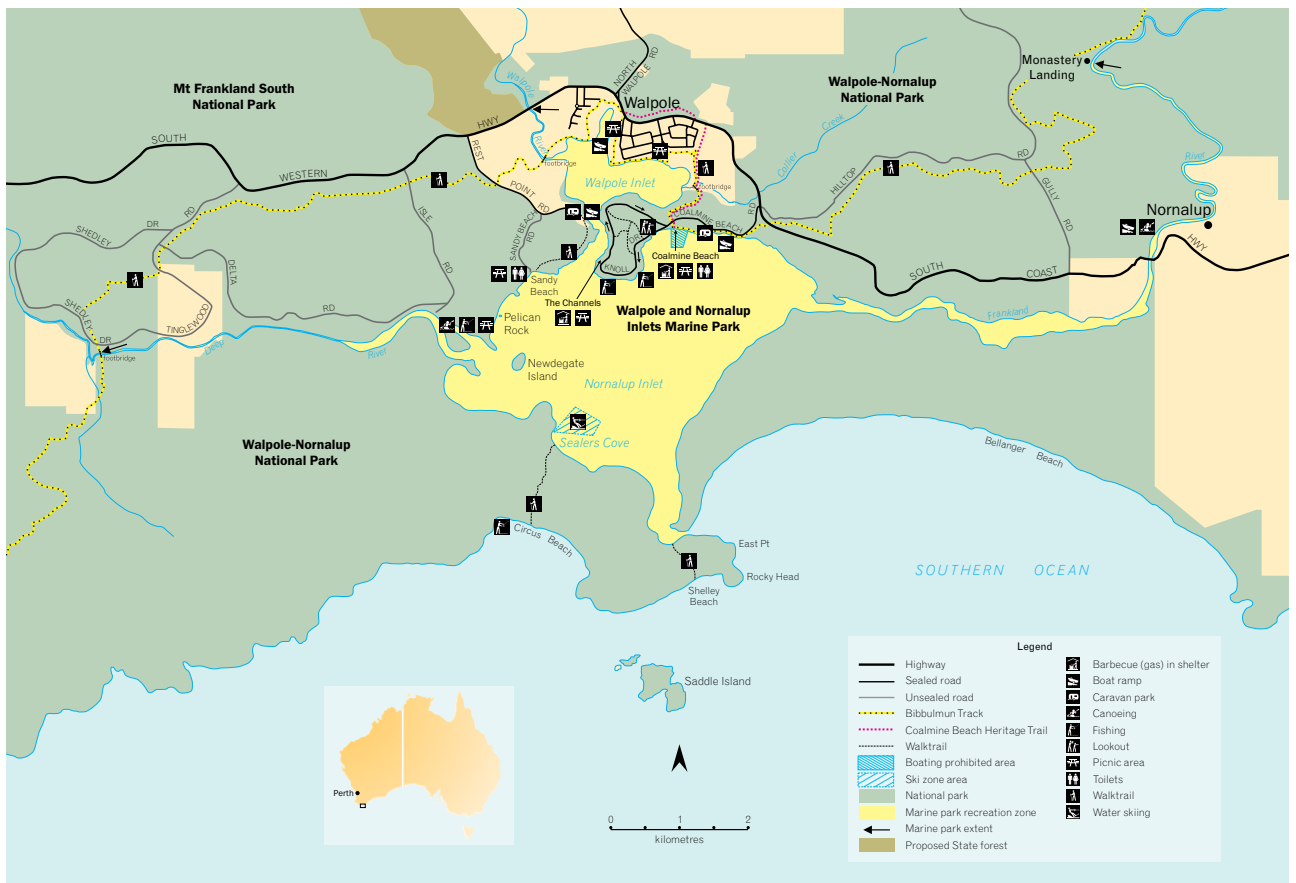
Cliff risk area



- Cliffs around the shore of the marine park may be unstable due to wave action and weathering.
- Overhangs, caves, cliffs and weathered surfaces are prone to collapse.

For your safety

- Stay well back from cliff faces.
- Do not enter overhangs.
- Supervise children at all times.



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