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Crystal Springs and Walpole's western beaches

Crystal Springs was once a stop on the stockman's route to the coast where they grazed their cattle. These days, the traveller can take a break in the shady cool of a grove of tall peppermint gums at this lovely campground in D'Entrecasteaux National Park. This is the perfect base from which to explore the western beaches of the adjoining Walpole-Nornalup National Park.



Must see

The southern coastline has a raw beauty with its isolated and unspoiled beaches, pristine white sands and the powerful Southern Ocean.

Walpole-Nornalup and D'Entrecasteaux national parks contain a diverse range of vegetation and landform types such as long white beaches, rugged cliffs, vast coastal sand dunes, extensive coastal wetlands and islands of tingle and karri forest that make for a spectacular visual mosaic.

In the parks there are four beaches that you can visit: Hush Hush, Long Point, Little Long Point and Lost Beach. However, these are accessible only by four-wheel drive. The tracks to these beaches start at Crystal Springs and meander through coastal heath that is bedecked in flowers throughout spring.

The beaches offer breathtaking coastal scenery ideal for photography, sightseeing, walking, beachcombing and fishing.

Getting there

From Walpole: drive about 12km west on the South Western Highway, turn left on to Mandalay Beach Road. Crystal Springs Campground is less than 500m off the highway. Most of the beaches are reached by four-wheel-drive tracks starting at the campground. Mandalay Beach Road is gravel and navigable by two-wheel drives.

Travelling time

From Walpole, about 20 minutes.

What to do

Visitors can explore Hush Hush, Long Point, Little Long Point and Lost Beach from the four-wheel-drive track that heads south-east from Crystal Springs. To the west, visit Banksia Camp and Clifly Head and, when the track is open, head out to the mouth of Broke Inlet along Fisherman's Track.

These tracks pass through sections of soft sand so you will need to let down your tyre pressure. Bring your own air compressor to reinflate your tyres afterwards.

Mandalay Beach is the only beach accessible by two-wheel-drive vehicles. The beach gets its name from a Norwegian barque, the *Mandalay*, which was wrecked here in 1911. You can find out more about the *Mandalay* from the interpretation signage at a lookout over the beach.

Fees

Camping fees apply at Crystal Springs and park entry fees apply in D'Entrecasteaux 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. Remember your safety is our concern but your responsibility.



Travel and camp on durable surfaces. Help us to protect this fragile environment by keeping to the tracks and established campsites. Let your tyres down to a suitable pressure for negotiating sandy sections.

Dispose of waste properly. Take your rubbish with you.

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

Minimise campfire impacts. Campfires are permitted only in Parks and Wildlife Service supplied fire rings except during the bushfire season when fires are not permitted at all. Please bring your own firewood.

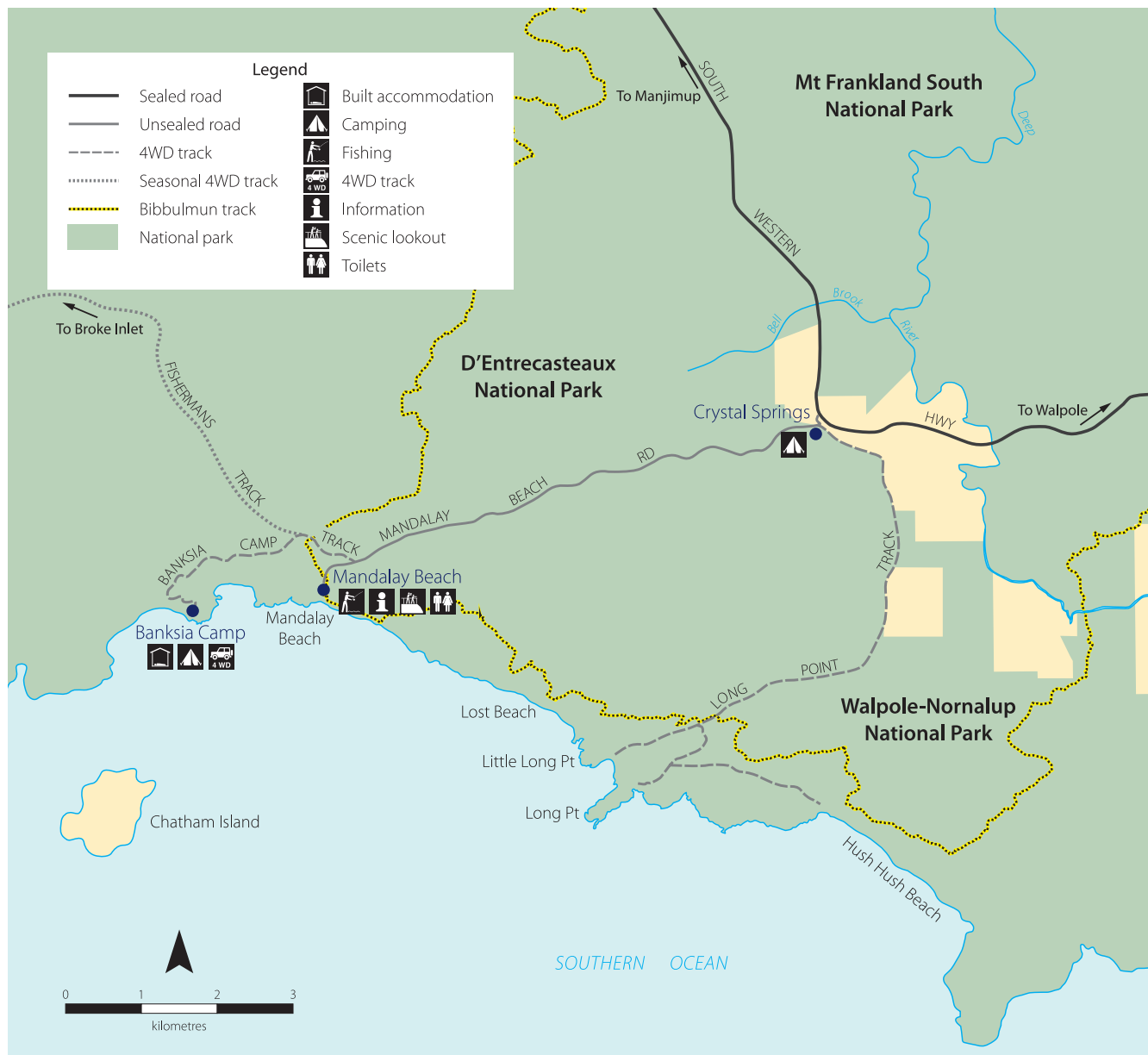
Respect wildlife. Pets are not permitted.

Be considerate of other visitors.

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Coast risk area

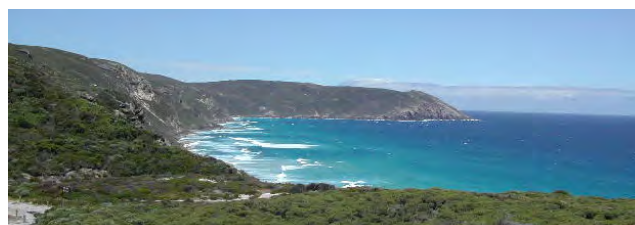
This stretch of coast can be hazardous due to large, unpredictable waves and swells, slippery rocks and strong currents.

For your safety:

- always pay attention to the ocean
- keep a safe distance from the sea
- avoid slippery rocks and loose surfaces
- supervise children at all times
- notify a responsible person of your expected time of return.

Visit emergency.wa.gov.au for bushfire and smoke alert information.

Visit alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au for park, road and site closures.



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