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Discover ... Big Brook

Wandjoo kwobidak Pibulmen boodjar. Noonook wort-koorl djoorabiny kata werda ngaalang miya
Welcome to our beautiful Pibulmen country. You go along happily across our place



Big Brook Dam and Arboretum

Situated close to Pemberton, the Big Brook Dam and Arboretum are great places to spend a day or two.

Must see

Built in 1986 to supplement the Pemberton town and trout hatchery water supplies, Big Brook Dam now provides a fantastic opportunity for recreational activities. The calm waters of the dam make it a great place for kids to swim. Visitors can picnic or have a barbecue near the 'beach' or canoe on the dam while enjoying the scenery.

Surrounding Big Brook Dam, the Big Brook Forest regenerated after logging in the 1920s. About 2,000 hectares of karri had been clearfelled by 1930 when a spark from a steam locomotive started a wildfire. The remaining karri trees dropped their seed onto the ash bed from the fire and the resulting seedlings grew into the forest that now surrounds the dam..

Three kilometres from Big Brook Dam along the Karri Forest Explorer is the Big Brook Arboretum. Different tree species from Australia and overseas were planted here in the 1930s to study their growth and response to the local soil and climate so their potential plantation value could be determined. Trying to recognise the different species as you weave your way around the plantation is an interesting challenge. Wander among massive Californian redwoods and other conifers from around the world as well as many different types of eucalypts.

Camping is available at Big Brook Arboretum.

Getting there

Big Brook Dam is five kilometres from Pemberton. Follow the Karri Forest Explorer along Golf Links Road from Pemberton, turn left onto Mullineaux Road and continue to the Dam. Big Brook Arboretum is a further three kilometres along this road.

Travelling time

About five minutes from Pemberton.

What to do

There is a 3.5-kilometre sealed walk trail around the dam which is suitable for wheelchairs and prams. A longer walk trail links the dam with the Big Brook Arboretum.

There is also great trout and marron fishing in season. Other popular activities include birdwatching and photography. Sheltered gas barbecues are provided and dogs are permitted on a leash but not on the beach or in the water.

Fees

No fees apply at Big Brook Dam. However, camping fees apply at Big Brook Arboretum. Please refer to the *Park Visitor Fees* brochure.

Karri Forest Explorer

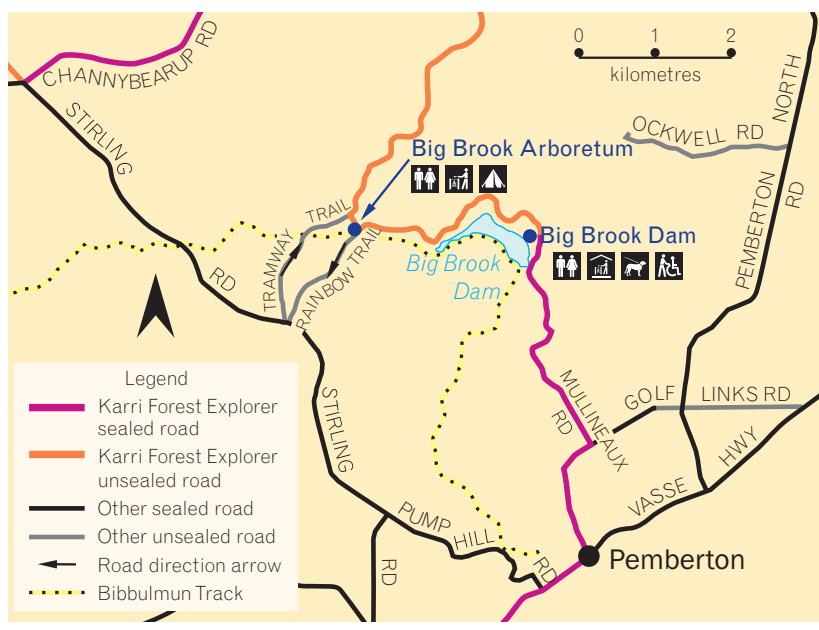


This 86-kilometre scenic drive winds through some of the south-west's most magnificent karri forest. It starts just outside the historic town of Pemberton but you can join it anywhere along the way depending which way you are travelling or where you are staying. The drive passes attractions such as Beedelup Falls and the fire lookout trees: the Gloucester Tree and the Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree.

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More information

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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 paths and established camp sites.

Dispose of waste properly. Take your rubbish with you.

Leave what you find. These areas are home to many species. Respect the unique environment and leave it as you found it.

Minimise campfire impacts. Campfires are permitted in Park and Wildlife Service supplied fire rings only, except during the bushfire season when no fires are permitted. Please bring your own firewood.

Respect wildlife. Dogs are permitted on a lead at Big Brook Arboretum and Big Brook Dam but are not permitted on the beach.

Be considerate of other visitors.

