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Hilltop Lookout, Giant Tingle Tree and Circular Pool

A delightful drive takes you through the towering tingle and karri trees of Walpole-Nornalup National Park to Hilltop Lookout with its sweeping views of the ocean and inlet. From there you pass the ancient Giant Tingle Tree and head down to the secluded glassy waters of Circular Pool in the depths of the forest.



Must see

Take a scenic drive on a gravel road to Hilltop Lookout where you have views of Nornalup Inlet and the Southern Ocean. Continue your drive through the karri and tingle forest to the Giant Tingle Tree picnic area. A short walk leads through the forest to the Giant Tingle Tree which is 75m tall and 24m in girth! Over time, this ancient red tingle (*Eucalyptus jacksonii*) has been hollowed out by fire and you can stand right inside it. Circular Pool is the last stop on the drive. In summer the large pool is still and tranquil but in winter it becomes a series of rushing rapids fed by the swollen Frankland River.

Getting there

From Walpole: drive about 2km east on the South Coast Highway and turn left on to Hilltop Road, a one-way gravel road that takes you to Hilltop Lookout, the Giant Tingle Tree and connects with Pool Road leading to Circular Pool.

Please note: this road is not suitable for caravans.

Travelling time

From Walpole: about five minutes by car to Hilltop Lookout. It is about 20 minutes by car to Circular Pool from the lookout.

What to do

Enjoy the view from Hilltop Lookout and then have a picnic or take a walk at the Giant Tingle Tree. At the interpretation shelter near the Giant Tingle Tree carpark, find out about the tingle forest and the walks in the area.

Circular Pool has sealed footpaths that are suitable for assisted wheelchair access. There are a number of viewing platforms

that look out over the river, pool and forest. There is a boardwalk around the pool below and a picnic table in a great spot to sit, relax and enjoy lunch.

With its stunning views, colourful wildflowers, abundant birdlife and the varied forest plant shapes and textures, this is a great area for photography.

Fees

No fees apply.

Leave No Trace

Plan ahead and prepare. Remember your safety is our concern but your responsibility. Supervise children near the water at all times.

Travel on durable surfaces. Help us to protect this fragile environment by keeping to the trails.

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 not permitted.

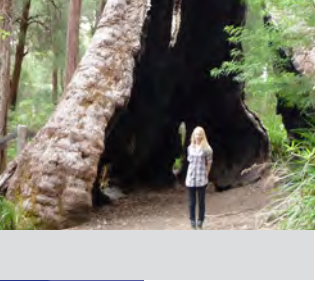
Respect wildlife. Pets are not permitted.

Be considerate of other visitors.

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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Walks at the Giant Tingle Tree and Hilltop Lookout



Giant Tingle Tree Loop Walk
Length: 1km return
Trail classification: Class 2
Time: 30 minutes

Stroll through the karri and tingle forest on the way to the Giant Tingle Tree. Beautifully illustrated interpretative signage along the way provides a fascinating perspective on this unique, ancient forest. This is an easy, well-defined walk trail suitable for most levels of experience and fitness.



Delaney Walk
Hilltop Lookout to Coalmine Beach
Length: 5km one way
Trail classification: Class 4
Time: Allow 3 hours return

From Hilltop Lookout, the trail descends for 2km through splendid karri and red tingle forest which, in springtime, is ablaze with wildflowers. After crossing the South Coast Highway, the trail follows the edge of the Nornalup Inlet to Coalmine Beach which is a great place for a swim. This trail has steep sections, slippery surfaces and a good level of fitness is recommended.

At this point you can choose to return to Hilltop Lookout or continue a further 2km to Pioneer Park in Walpole.



More information

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