

Beelu National Park



Visitor guide



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Beelu National Park (pronounced 'beel-u') is cradled in the tree-cloaked valleys of the Darling Range. It was previously known as Mundaring National Park but was renamed to recognise the Traditional Owners, the Beelu (meaning 'river') people. The Beelu people lived in an area generally bounded by the Helena, Swan and Canning Rivers and had winter camps in the Mundaring and Kalamunda hills. Beelu National Park is about 40 kilometres from Perth on Mundaring Weir Road.

A picnic in the forest

There are several scenic picnic areas along Mundaring Weir Road including South Ledge, North Ledge, Farrell Grove, The Dell, Gungin Gully, Pimelia and Grevillea Mycumbene. Toilets and wood barbecues are provided at many of these sites. You must provide your own wood for barbecues. They can only be lit outside the prohibited burning season which usually occurs between 1 December to 31 March.

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Above Historic English oak tree, Fred Jacoby Park.

Fred Jacoby Park

Fred Jacoby Park is an ideal place for a family day out and picnic. The park was originally a farm, then a golf course and today features rolling grassland, exotic trees, picnic tables and wood barbecues. It also contains one of the largest living English oak trees in Western Australia. A boardwalk enables visitors to get under the canopy of this 150-year-old heritage-listed tree.

A Golden View

The Golden View Lookout at South Ledge provides panoramic views over the Mundaring Weir and the Helena River Valley. The lookout is an 800m return walk from the South Ledge picnic area. The walk contains steps and small steep sections.

Camping

Tent camping is available at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre. Bookings are essential and can be made online at exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au



Above Camping at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre.

Leave your pets at home

Dogs are permitted at Fred Jacoby Park. They must be on a leash at all times. Pets are not permitted in any other area of the national park. The sight, sounds and smells of dogs and other domestic animals cause native animals great stress. It may even cause them to leave their homes and their young unprotected.



Top Perth Hills Discovery Centre.

Above Picnic area at South Ledge.

Caring for Beelu National Park

Help care for Beelu National Park by following the seven Leave No Trace principles.

Plan ahead and prepare – your safety is our concern but your responsibility.

Travel and camp on durable surfaces – camping is only permitted at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre in designated sites. Stay on marked tracks and trails.

Dispose of waste properly – bins are not provided. Please take your rubbish with you.

Leave what you find – rocks, plants, wood and natural objects are important habitat to native animals and birds.

Minimise campfire impacts – fires are only permitted in fire rings. Do not take wood from the surrounding forest.

Respect wildlife – do not disturb animals or plants. Please do not feed animals or birds.

Be considerate of other visitors – please keep noise to a minimum and ensure your activities do not spoil the enjoyment of others.



Bush walks in Beelu National Park

Portagabra Track



Class 3

3.5km loop, allow 1-2 hours. This moderate loop trail takes you through beautiful jarrah forest, winding past granite outcrops and majestic grass trees. You may encounter short steep sections, steps and slippery surfaces.

Bibbulmun Track

The nearly 1000km Bibbulmun Track passes through the park and can be accessed at South Ledge, Mundaring Weir and the Perth Hills Discovery Centre. Always carry a Bibbulmun Track map, which are available for purchase at shop.dbca.wa.gov.au

Suggested walks:

South Ledge to Hewett's Hill campsite – 8km return, allow 3-4 hours

Mundaring Weir to South Ledge – 4km return, allow 1-2 hours

Perth Hills Discovery Centre to Ball Creek campsite - 5km return, allow 2-3 hours

Perth Hills Discovery Centre to South Ledge – 9km return, allow 3-4 hours





Above Walking trail South Ledge.

Bushwalking safely

- Carry and drink 3–4 litres of water per person per day.
- Wear sturdy footwear, a hat and sunscreen.
- Tell someone responsible where you are going and let them know when you return.
- Bushwalking is not recommended in hot or other extreme weather conditions due to the risk of bushfires and the damaging impact of winter storms.
- Watch your step. Loose and uneven surfaces may be encountered.

Mountain biking in Beelu National Park

The Kalamunda Circuit Mountain Bike Trail can be accessed at Farrell Grove and The Dell. For more information on the Kalamunda Circuit visit www.kmbc.org.au. The Munda Biddi Trail passes through the park and can be accessed at The Dell.



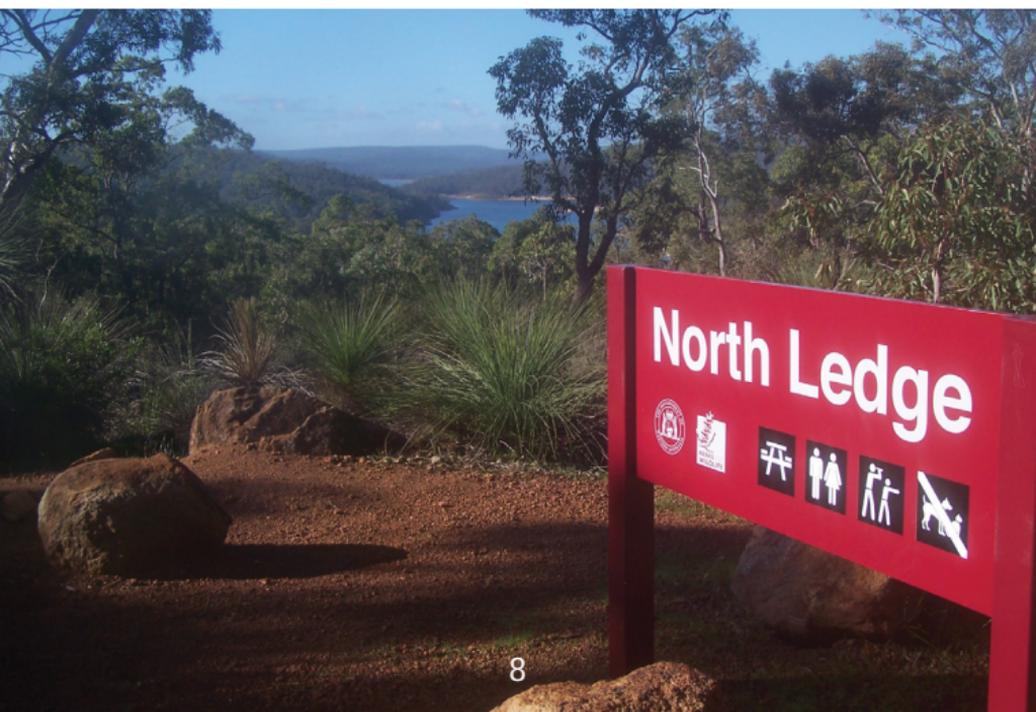
Above Walking trail South Ledge.

Below Walking trail North Ledge.

Bushfires

Bushfires are dangerous and are common in Western Australia. They can start without warning throughout the year and can spread rapidly on hot, windy days. Avoid the risk of bushfire by planning your visit during mild weather conditions.

In case of bushfire call 000, and listen for Bushfire Alerts (warnings) on the local ABC radio station and check [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au).



Further information

Nearest emergency hospital: Midland

For park alerts visit alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au

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If there is no mobile phone coverage you **WILL NOT** be able to call 000 but the app will provide you with GPS location details.

Check for alerts and updates directly related to parks and major trails at alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au and for all emergency information in Western Australia at emergency.wa.gov.au.

Find more park visitor information, book campsites and share your experiences at exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au.

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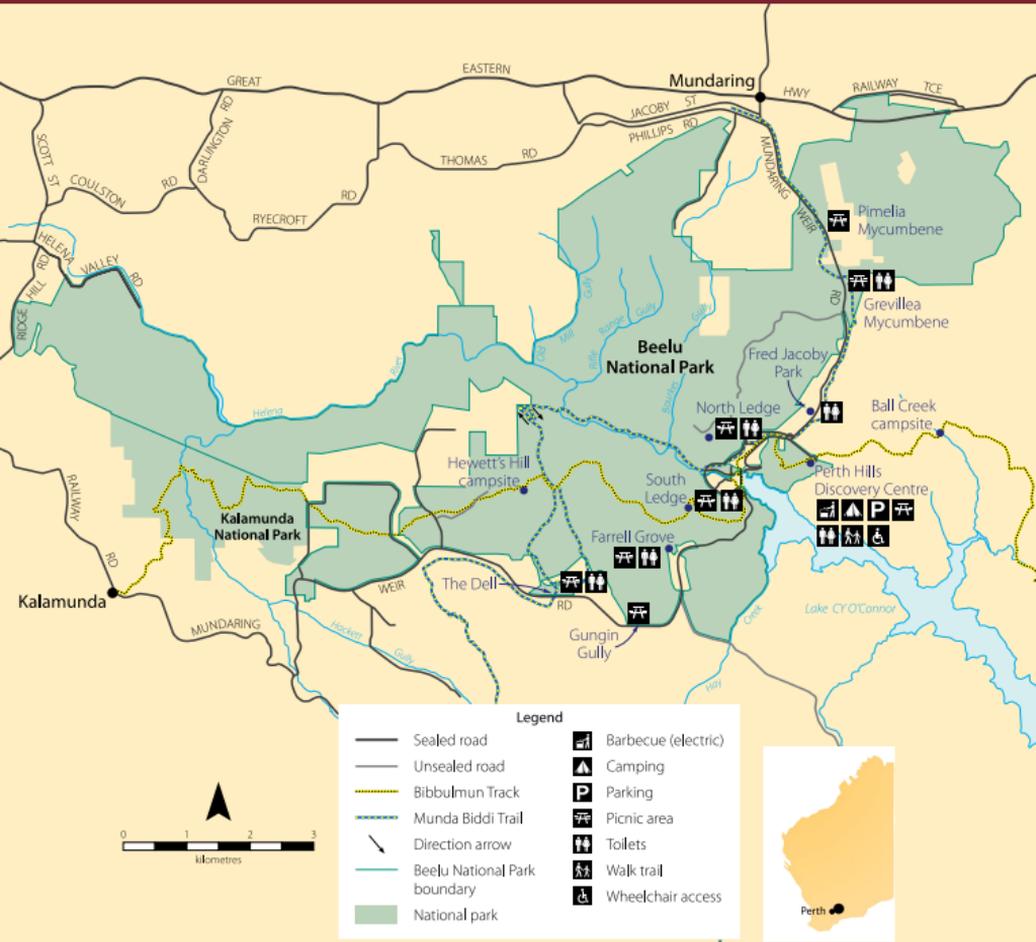
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