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Broke Inlet

*Kaya moort, wanjoo madjital, moorditj ba kwobidak wardarn wirn, woora ba kalyakoorkl.
Wowak wardan wirn. Barang wardarn wirn koort-ak.*

Hello people, welcome to magical, strong and beautiful ocean spirit far and forever.
Breathe the ocean spirit. Take the ocean spirit in your heart.



This pristine area is a haven for birdlife. Pelicans and swans can be seen bobbing about on the sheltered waters and you may be lucky enough to spot hooded plovers on the beach and sandy areas.

Must see

Broke Inlet is the only large estuary in the South-West which has not been significantly altered by developments along its shores or within its catchment area. The Shannon and Inlet rivers flow into Broke Inlet and the water is nearly fresh prior to the bar breaking and the sea water flowing in.

The Inlet is linked to the Southern Ocean by a narrow, seasonally open channel that passes through high ridges of sand dunes.

Getting there

The mouth of Broke Inlet can be accessed via Fisherman's Track. From Walpole, drive west along the South Western Highway for about 12km then turn left onto Mandalay Beach Road. Take the turn off to Banksia Camp about 7km along this road and then follow the signs along Fisherman's Track to the mouth of Broke Inlet.

Fisherman's Track is 4WD only and is accessible to off-road camper trailers. It is not suitable for caravans.

Fisherman's Track is usually closed during winter and spring due to the track flooding. It sometimes remains closed due to inaccessibility well into the summer months. Please check DBCA park alerts for up-to-date information.

You can access the eastern side of Broke Inlet all year round by two-wheel-drive vehicles via Broke Inlet Road to the Shire of Manjimup managed reserve of Camfield. This road is unsealed.

Travelling time

Allow 1.5 hours from Walpole to the mouth of Broke Inlet.

What to do

Broke Inlet is the perfect place to base yourself for a few days of fishing, paddling, exploring or just relaxing.

There are no formal campsites at Broke Inlet so you can find a spot that suits you. Camp at the base of the sand dunes close to the inlet mouth or set up on the edge of the inlet. Either way, you'll have a perfect view to wake up to every morning.

Fees

There are no camping fees for Broke Inlet however there is a one-off entry fee which lasts the duration of your stay. If you don't hold a Park Pass, please pay your entry fee at the fee station at the Banksia Camp turn off.

Leave No Trace

Plan ahead and prepare. There are no facilities at Broke Inlet. Campers must be self-sufficient. Supervise children carefully near the water.



Travel on durable surfaces. Help us to protect this fragile environment by keeping to the tracks. Reduce your tyre pressure and drive to the conditions. The sandbar at the mouth of the Inlet can be very soft – check conditions before driving in this area. Unlicensed bikes and ATV's are not permitted.

Dispose of waste properly. Take your rubbish with you. There are no toilets at Broke Inlet. It is recommended that you bring a portable toilet.

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 only are permitted outside of the prohibited period. No ground fires – please bring your own container and firewood.

Respect wildlife. Pets are not permitted. Shorebirds nest near the inlet during the summer months. Please do not drive through nesting sites or use a drone near nesting birds.

Be considerate of other visitors. Please respect other users.

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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](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au) for bushfire and smoke alert information.

Visit [alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au](https://www.alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au) for park, road and site closures.



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