



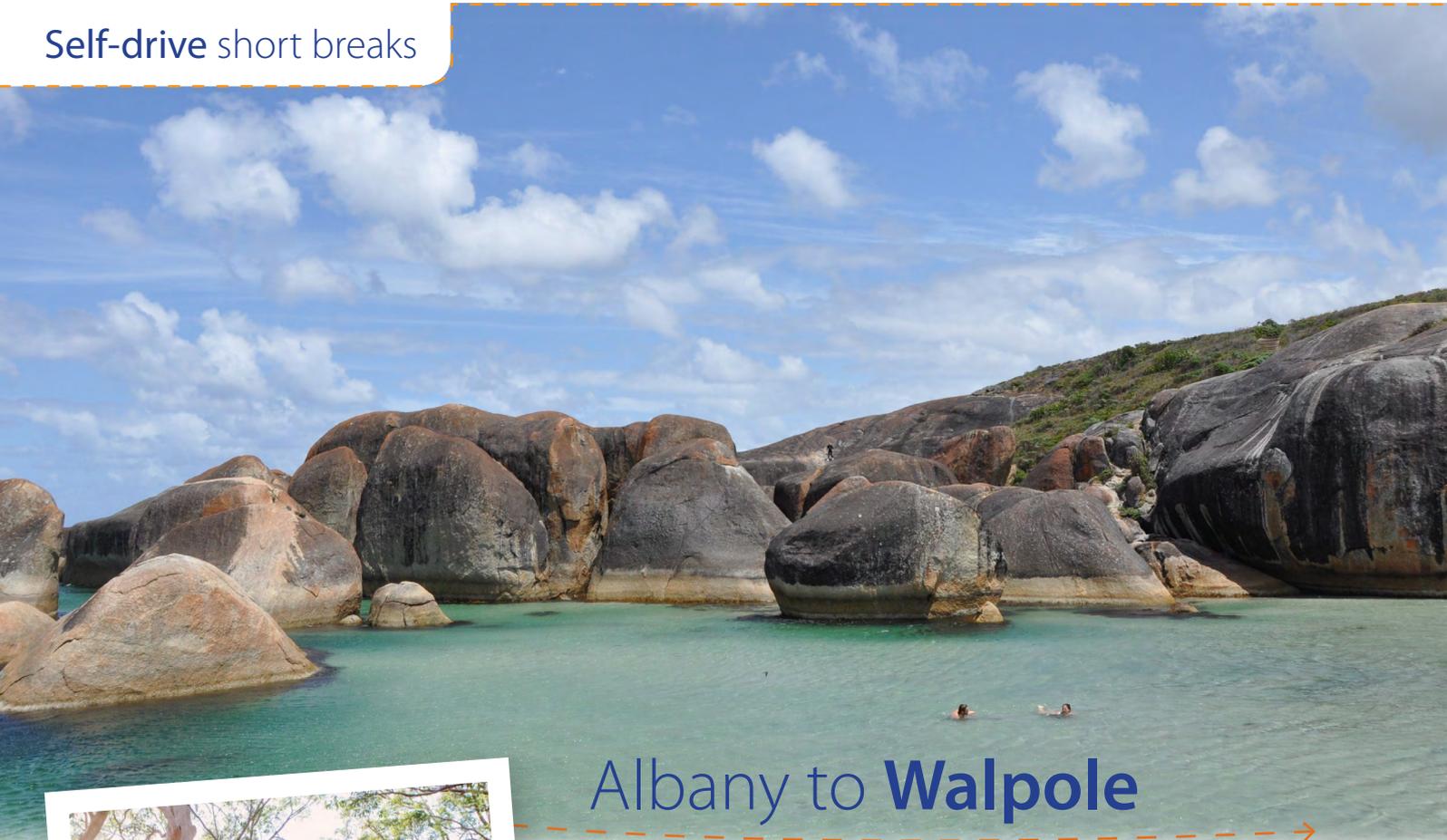
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Self-drive short breaks



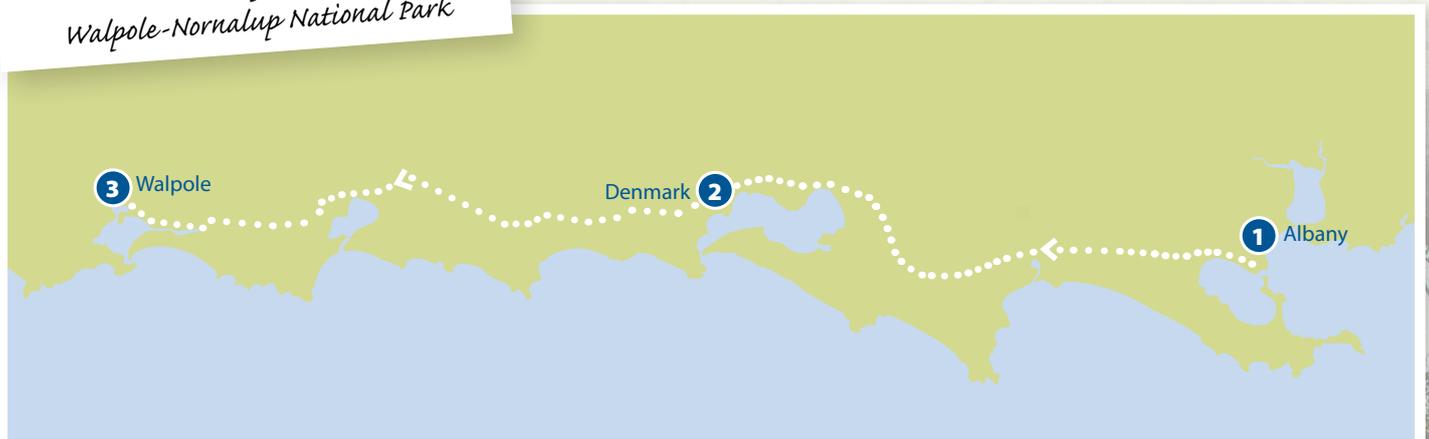
Albany to **Walpole**

Torndirrup, Porongurup, West Cape Howe, William Bay, Walpole-Nornalup, Mount Frankland national parks and Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park

Experience the thrill of the surging Southern Ocean directly beneath you on a 37m platform or walk through the canopy of the giant tingle tree forest. Take your time to enjoy the many attractions in the area and experience this land of contrast and beauty.



*Tree Top Walk,
Walpole-Nornalup National Park*





1 Albany to Denmark 100km 1 hour 30 minutes

Lower Denmark Road

Begin your day at the award-winning facilities at The Gap and Natural Bridge in Torndirrup National Park. Watch dramatic Southern Ocean swells surge against vertical cliffs from state-of-the-art viewing platforms - an exhilarating experience for all ages.

25km west of Albany, turn onto Cosy Corner Road toward the exceptionally scenic West Cape Howe National Park. Stop at the Shelley Beach Lookout for beautiful views across Torbay, east toward Torndirrup National Park and south to the tip of West Cape Howe. Watch hang-gliders and para-gliders launch from purpose-built ramps to glide along the park's coastline.

The rugged section of the park past Shelley Beach is four-wheel drive only. It contains dramatic granite and dolerite cliffs, a diversity of flora, isolated sandy beaches and is the southern-most point on the mainland in Western Australia.

Continue to the pretty town of Denmark and sample the tantalising local produce from gourmet stores and wineries along the way.

Must do:



Drive down to the beach car park, take off your shoes and walk along **Shelley Beach** to the far end and back.

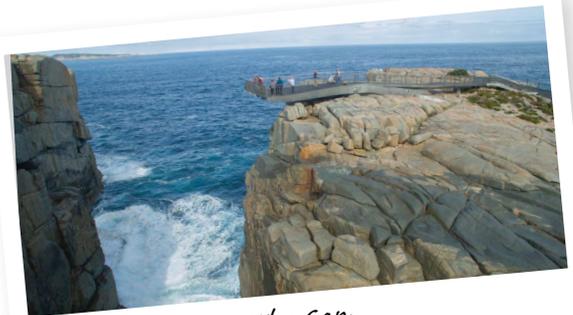
Allow at least 30 minutes for the 1km return journey.



*Castle Rock,
Porongurup National Park*

Granite Skywalk

If you have time before heading to Denmark, drive 40 minutes north of Albany to Porongurup National Park. Climb to the Granite Skywalk for spectacular views toward the coast and Stirling Range. The 4.4km-return trail leads to a lookout at the base of Castle Rock and a 6m ladder to the suspended walkway on the summit.



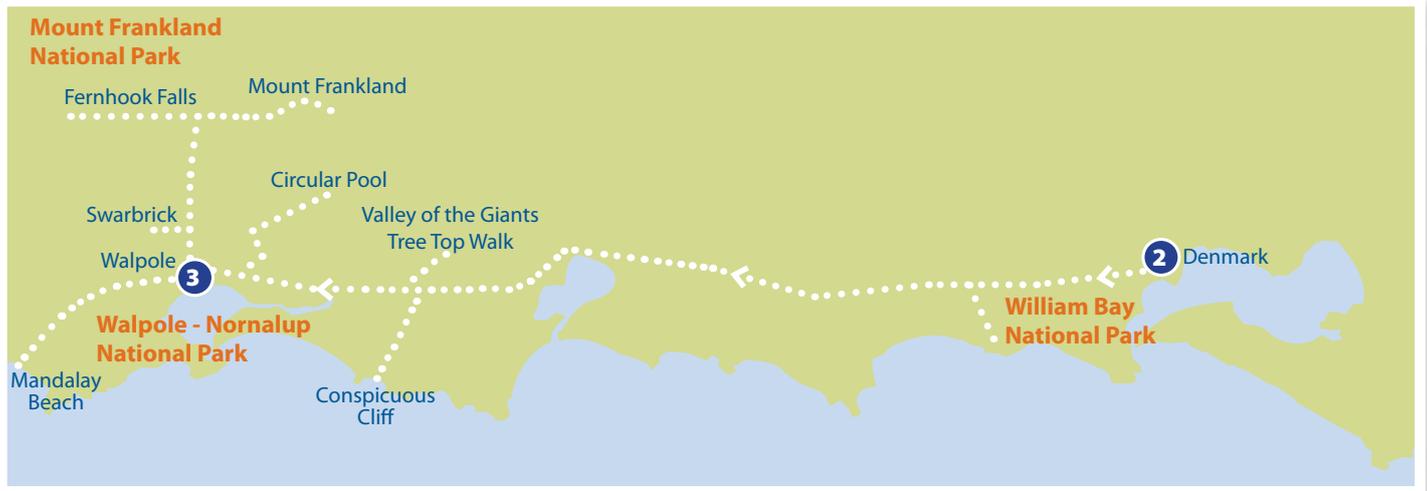
*The Gap,
Torndirrup National Park*



*Shelley Beach,
West Cape Howe National Park*



*The Gap,
Torndirrup National Park*



2 Denmark to Walpole 75km 1 hour

South Coast Hwy

On the way to Walpole, visit William Bay National Park with its turquoise green waters, giant granite boulders and white sandy beaches. Enjoy a swim or snorkel at Greens Pool or Elephant Rocks. Watch for whales on their epic annual migration right along this coast from June to October.

Short side trips from the highway and from Walpole showcase majestic forests, imposing granite peaks, winding rivers, tranquil inlets and the sandy beaches and coastal cliffs that face the Southern Ocean.

- Gaze at distant peaks across the Walpole Wilderness from the Mount Frankland Wilderness Lookout or from the summit of Mount Frankland.
- Walk among 400-year-old giant tingle trees in the famous Valley of the Giants, either high up on the Tree Top Walk or at ground level in the Ancient Empire.
- See huge karri trees and forest artworks that present different perspectives of forest and wilderness at Swarbrick.
- Take a leisurely drive around Knoll Drive for views of the picturesque Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park.
- Watch the pounding surf from lookouts and boardwalks and walk down onto pristine beaches at Conspicuous Cliff and Mandalay Beach.



Mandalay Beach,
D'Entrecasteaux National Park



Mount Frankland
National Park

Camp at:



Fernhook Falls

38km north-west of Walpole, beautiful Fernhook Falls is a popular place to camp with boardwalks and a stairway to the river for easy accessibility.

Must do:



For an easy scenic drive through towering tingle and karri trees with views to the ocean, follow Hilltop Road to Hilltop Lookout and the ancient Giant Tingle Tree and then Pool Road to Circular Pool on the Frankland River.

Valley of the Giants

The Valley of the Giants is home to the famous Tree Top Walk, a 600m elevated walkway through the canopy of the magnificent tingle forest with a gentle gradient reaching a height of 40m. The Ancient Empire Walk winds through a grove of giant tingle trees on a sealed path and boardwalks.



Tree Top Walk,
Walpole-Nornalup National Park



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Circular Pool. Photo - Ariana Svenson

Handy information

Parks All the park information you need for your trip:
exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au.

Camping Campground information and bookings:
parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au.

Park passes Buy park passes online at shop.dbca.wa.gov.au
at Parks and Wildlife Service offices and at selected tourism
outlets and visitor centres. Royal Automobile Club (WA)
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Australia's most popular trails: trailswa.com.au.

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