

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT

to conduct an organised non-commercial education or leisure expedition on the

Cape to Cape Track

Cape to Cape Track camp sites cannot be reserved but early notification of groups' intentions to use camp sites enables the Parks and Wildlife Service to inform other walkers when these facilities will be occupied by those groups.

Notification helps to ensure:

- the best experience for all trail users
- the ongoing sustainability of the trails and facilities
- the conservation of the diverse environments the trails traverse, and
- informs recreation facilities planning.

In preparation for an expedition on the Cape to Cape Track, please read the following notes on expedition planning and general conditions for conducting activities on lands and waters managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' Parks and Wildlife Service before completing and submitting to Parks and Wildlife Service's Recreation and Trails Unit at **least 4 weeks** prior to the expedition start date:

Email: recreationandtrails@dbca.wa.gov.au

Phone: (08) 9219 8265

Post: Locked Bag 104, Bentley Delivery Centre, WA 6983

If you are submitting a notification for more than one group, please complete a separate form for each one.

Notification by groups fewer than eight in number is not required and, due to the high number of notifications received, will not be acknowledged.

For expeditions conducted *entirely* on the Cape to Cape Track our acknowledgement of your Notification of Intent constitutes approval by the Parks and Wildlife Service to conduct that activity. For further information on permission to conduct other non-commercial activities on lands and waters managed by the Parks and Wildlife Service contact the Recreation & Trails Unit.

All trail users should provide a detailed itinerary (including estimated time of return and finish location, and staged check-ins for longer expeditions) to someone who can contact the Police and Emergency Services (000) on your behalf if you are overdue. Parks and Wildlife Service's Recreation and Trails Unit does not perform this role.

Commercial events on all Parks and Wildlife Service-managed lands and waters, *including* the Cape to Cape Track, require a commercial licence. For more information call the Parks and Wildlife Service's licensing officer on (08) 9219 9978.

EXPEDITION PLANNING

For your safety, enjoyment and for the sustainability of the trails and the diverse environments they traverse, consider the following points when planning and conducting your expedition.

- The maximum capacity of Cape to Cape Track camp sites is 17 persons.
- Consider the ability, fitness and experience of all members of your group.
- Always carry the relevant maps or guidebooks.
- Carry a first aid kit and know how to use it.
- Ensure that you have suitable equipment and clothing and that it is in good condition.
- Be aware of restricted vehicle access:
 - There is no vehicle access to Cape to Cape Track camp sites.
 - Refer to relevant maps or guidebooks for further detail.
- Check trail conditions on the Parks and Wildlife Service's website or with the Parks and Wildlife Service's District office in the area you are planning to conduct your activity (see page 5 for details).
 - Prescribed burns, forestry operations and bushfires are among the events that routinely affect the trails.
 - Sections of trail can be closed. In most cases, diversions are put into operation, but this is not always possible.
- Prepare for extreme weather:
 - Check weather conditions on www.bom.gov.au.
 - Bushfire alerts, warnings and total fire ban information are available from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services on the internet: www.emergency.wa.gov.au, recorded information phone line: 1300 657 209; or listen to ABC local radio.
- Do not rely on your mobile phone – coverage is limited. Consider a satellite phone and/or a personal locator beacon (PLB).
- Carry tents – camp site shelters may be occupied.
 - Camp sites cannot be reserved. An acknowledged submission of Notification of Intent is not a guarantee of available space.
 - Groups of 8 or more are requested not to occupy camp site shelters before 6pm to allow individual to access these facilities.
 - Tents should only be pitched on the pads provided at all Cape to Cape Track camp sites. Pitching tents outside these areas damages the environment.
- Carry at least three litres of water per person per day in unbreakable and leak-proof containers. (Although Cape to Cape Track camp sites have rainwater tanks, the availability and quality of water cannot be guaranteed. Tank water should be treated before drinking by vigorous boiling or by using water purification products.)
- Carry sufficient food and a fuel stove. Fuel stoves are less likely to cause a bushfire, are fast, clean and easier to use in the wet.
 - Fires are not permitted at any Cape to Cape Track camp site
- Provide a detailed itinerary, (including your estimated time of return and finish location) to a responsible person who can contact the Police (000) on your behalf, if you are overdue.

- If using transport contractors or support vehicles, ensure that someone knows who they are and has a record of their contact details.
- If using support vehicle operators, ensure they have:
 - a detailed itinerary, relevant maps (including access roads)
 - emergency plans.
- Stay on the trail; avoid cutting corners and widening the trail.
- Pack out **ALL** rubbish and personal hygiene products.
- Where a toilet is not available bury human waste in a 15cm deep hole at least 100m from water courses, trails and camps. Cover and disguise the hole.
- Wash at least 100m from streams and pools and if necessary, use only a small amount of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Leave No Trace Australia, an organisation whose mission is to promote and inspire responsible travel and outdoor recreation, has seven principles as a guide to minimise the impact of your visits to the natural and cultural heritage areas of Australia:

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimise Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Your Hosts and Other Visitors



The principles have been expanded for different recreation activities including bushwalking and mountain biking. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions endorses the seven principles. Further details are available online: www.lnt.org.au.

For expeditions on the Cape to Cape Track approved through Notification of Intent:

The Parks and Wildlife Service's Recreation and Trails Unit is to be notified of any alteration to the notified expedition.

CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS

For current trail conditions check <https://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/parks/alerts-and-updates> or contact the Parks and Wildlife Service Blackwood District office: 9752 5555

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR NON-COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ON LANDS AND WATERS MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BIODIVERSITY, CONSERVATION AND ATTRACTIONS

- Approved activities or events must comply with the CALM Act, Bushfires Act, Conservation and Land Management Regulations 2002, Wildlife Conservation Act and Regulations, and Marine Act and Regulations.
- When operating within a Public Drinking Water Source Area (PDWSA), groups or organisations must also comply with the Metropolitan Water Supply Sewerage and Drainage Act, the Country Areas Water Supply Act and associated by-laws.
- Groups or organisations will not have exclusive use of any area or facility, unless otherwise specified.
- Any commercial passenger vehicle (e.g. bus or coach) or charter vessel used on Parks and Wildlife-managed lands and waters must be licensed by the Department of Transport (DoT) and comply with relevant DoT conditions.
- All refuse is to be removed.
- Firearms, snares, traps and bait are not to be carried on Parks and Wildlife Service-managed lands and waters unless a licence is obtained. Licences are issued only for scientific purposes. Marron licences and other recreational fishing licences may be obtained from Fisheries WA. It should be noted that marroning is prohibited in PDWSAs proclaimed under the Metropolitan Water Supply Sewerage and Drainage Act and may be prohibited in PDWAs proclaimed under the Country Area Waters Supply Act.
- Domestic pets are not permitted in nature reserves, and dogs are only permitted in a national park or conservation park if there is a special designated area for dogs in that park.
- No permanent or semi-permanent facilities or structures are to be erected without written approval.
- The Parks and Wildlife Service will endeavour to keep nominated routes and/or facilities available but alterations may have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances.
- The group or organisation must pay park entry and camping fees where applicable.
- Where applicable, the group or organisation shall:
 - provide appropriate safety equipment
 - employ and use only experienced and competent guides/instructors.
- It is the organiser's sole responsibility to appropriately advise and caution participants about the potential hazards likely to be encountered on Parks and Wildlife Service-managed lands.
- The group or organisation shall advise the relevant Parks and Wildlife Service District or Regional Manager as soon as practicable of any problems encountered in conducting the approved activity/event or of any personal injuries or damage to property sustained as a consequence of undertaking the activity/event.



NOTIFICATION OF INTENT – CAPE to CAPE TRACK OVERNIGHT EXPEDITIONS

GROUP / ORGANISATION

Name:	
Number of participants: (including leaders)	

GROUP LEADER

Surname:		First name:	
Address:			
Telephone:		Mobile:	
Email:			

ITINERARY

Start date:		Start location:	
End date:		End location:	

OVERNIGHT LOCATIONS:

Date:	Camp site or other accommodation:

COMMENTS:

In submitting this form, the group leader named above acknowledges that he or she has read and understood the notes 'Expedition Planning' and General Conditions on the preceding pages.

Office Use Only: Received: Database Website Acknowledgement Ref: