

Pemberton

Pemberton is a fabulous destination for those passionate about nature. This small town is nestled in the very heart of tall timber country and is surrounded by lush green karri forests, has 5 large national parks within 20 minutes drive from town, and plenty of rivers, streams and dams for recreational activities. Pemberton's accommodation ranges from a couple of budget options, to bed and breakfasts, a few motels and hotels, and lots of camping options.

Sights & Attractions

There are many rewarding hiking trails in the area that allow visitors to explore the magnificent beauty of the surrounding karri forests, especially those trails found in Beedelup and Warren National Parks. The nearby Gloucester National Park contains three climbable karri trees each in excess of an astounding 60 metres in height! The most famous of these is the Gloucester Tree, but there is also the Diamond Tree and the Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree (the tallest of the three, standing at around 71 metres). Each of the three trees has been carefully fitted with metal rungs which allow visitors to climb these trees and reach a specially constructed lookout at the top. These giants of the forest were originally used as fire lookouts as they provide excellent views of the surrounding karri forests and any approaching bushfires. You will be well rewarded with stunning views for your efforts should you make the daunting climb!

Other tourist attractions include the Pemberton Tramway Company, the Pioneer Museum, the Karri Forest Discovery Centre and the Bibbulmun Track. Activities include river cruises, fishing, hiking, horse riding, canoeing and four wheeled drive tours of the national parks surrounding the town. The town itself has a quaint little timber tourist information office complete with friendly country service. One highlight that you should not miss is the fine woodcraft gallery which boasts a beautiful collection of local woodcrafts made in the region.

Pemberton is also widely recognized as one of the premier cool climate wine regions in Australia, and there are many quality wineries to be found in the region. Pemberton's annual festival, the Marron (freshwater crayfish) and Wine Festival, is held in May. Pemberton is also home to many visual artists, so there are numerous galleries to visit.

Climate

Pemberton, like much of the south west of Western Australia experiences warm summers, with an average in the mid to late 20's (°C), though at night time it can get quite cool, sometimes down to 10°C. The winters here are also a bit chilly, the average being 15°C, which is when they receive the most rainfall. It's always wise to bring some warm clothes when visiting this region at any time of year, though particularly during the winter months of June, July and August.

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