

Walpole

Walpole is a small town in Western Australia, 432 kilometres South-southeast of Perth (5 hour drive) and 66 kilometres west of Denmark. Walpole is located 1½ hours drive from Albany in the East and Pemberton in the West.

The area became a popular tourist destination when the heavily forested land in the Walpole region was reserved for a national park in 1910. The Walpole-Nornalup region offers accommodation to suit all budgets from luxury chalets, motels, backpacker hostels, bed and breakfasts, to holiday houses and caravan parks with tent camping spots available.

Attractions

The Walpole-Nornalup National Park is located just 14 kilometres out of town and is the very last place in the world where the mighty ancient Red Tingle tree still grows. The park itself features a fantastic tree top walk; the daring visitor can walk 40 metres above ground through the tree top canopy and be rewarded with fabulous and unique views. This spectacular tree top walk is the primary reason so many people visit this national park every year. There are some other amazing photo opportunities around the base of the tree top walk with the gigantic Red Tingle trees that make up what is known as the ancient empire. The enormous Red Tingle tree can reach up to an astonishing 24 metres in circumference!

The Walpole region boasts pristine wilderness, gorgeous meandering rivers, peaceful inlets, remote beaches and remarkably majestic forests. The famous WOW Wilderness Eco cruise is a great way to experience the most remote of the hidden inlets and wilderness areas, simultaneously learning about the intriguing history and ecology of the Walpole area as well as being entertained by the knowledgeable guides.

The famous Bibbulmun track that stretches from Perth to Albany passes through this way and if you have enough time it is highly recommended to take a stroll along part of the path. Wildflowers can be seen all year round in the area, including the Red flowering Gum (*Corymbia ficifolia*) and over 50 different species of native orchids. For those fishing fanatics there are so many fantastic pristine inlets, rivers, beach and rock fishing spots to choose from you will not leave disappointed.

Visit one of the best collections of parrots and reptiles near Bow Bridge or browse through the local craft shops, where you will discover one of the most extensive bead collections in Australia. There are restaurants and cafes dotted throughout the townships of Walpole and Nornalup, ranging from licensed a-la-carte to BYO cafes.

Climate

Walpole enjoys a temperate climate all year round with warm dry summers and cool wet winters. Make sure you bring your warm weather gear as the winter nights can get pretty chilly. Even in summer, we recommend you bring something warm for the evenings.

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