



Walk the Bibbulmun Track

Feel the spirit of Australia's South West



2-3 days

Rolling Hills & River Valleys

Collie to Balingup

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Travel from forests, to rivers, to rolling green hills and valleys in this three-day Bibbulmun Track adventure through the charming Track Towns of Collie and Balingup.

Each day of this itinerary includes a scenic day walk on the Track, as well as stops at interesting sights and attractions in and around the Track Towns.

Whether you complete the entire trip or just pick a day walk or two, this itinerary will give you a taste of some of the best parts of the Bibbulmun Track.



Track Towns offer plenty to see and do



Wildflower season in Collie's jarrah forest.
Photo: Inspiration Outdoors



One of Collie's many mountain bike trails
Photo: Trails WA



The fragrant fields of Balingup Lavender Farm
Photo: Balingup Visitor Centre



The scenic drive from Balingup to Nannup
Photo: Tourism WA



Gnomesville in the Ferguson Valley

Day One - Wellington Dam



Perth to Collie

Morning

Your walk starts at Wellington Dam, which is 2.5 hours south of Perth or just 30 minutes from the town of Collie.

If you enjoy camping, there are a number of excellent camping grounds in the area which can be booked through [Kiosk at the Dam](#). Pop into the Kiosk for something delicious to take on your walk, information about the area, mountain bike hire and more.



Arcadia campsite

Day Walk One: Wellington Dam to Arcadia Campsite

Distance: 7km return

Difficulty: Grade 2

Time: 2-3 hours

Starting point: Drive or walk from the Kiosk down Wellington Dam Road to the base of the dam wall. Just a little further on from the river crossing, there is a small parking area where you'll find the trailhead sign. Walk up the bitumen road and the trail starts on the right of the dam wall.

This easy walk explores a short section of the [19km spur trail](#) that links the Bibbulmun Track to the Wellington Dam recreation area through the beautiful jarrah, marri and yarri forests of Wellington National Park. During spring, the forest bursts into colour with native orchids and wildflowers. The campsite includes a shelter with picnic tables, so now is the time to unwrap that packed lunch. From here, retrace your steps back to the dam.



Wellington Dam

Afternoon

At Wellington Dam, there is a range of activities to choose from. Take a dip or relax by the edge of the cool water, embark on another hike, or hire a bike from the kiosk (check opening hours online) and ride the [Sika Trail](#). Make sure you head up to the dam wall for an impressive view down into the ancient Collie River Gorge.

If you've got time for more sight seeing, follow the park's signs to scenic river spots including The Rapids, Big Rock and the beautiful Honeymoon Pool.

Evening

Collie has a variety of accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets, including motels, hotels, B&Bs, a caravan park and plenty of beautiful campsites throughout Wellington National Park. The campsites can get very busy during summer and school holidays so book ahead. Collie also has a number of walker friendly accommodation options. To find a Walker Friendly Business please visit [our website](#).

Day Two - Glen Mervyn Dam to Balingup



Collie to Balingup

Morning

From Collie, drive 17km south along the Collie-Preston Road - look for the sign pointing to the Glen Mervyn Dam day use area which is on your right.

Drive up to the day use area and park. You can walk over the dam wall to enjoy the water views. Cross back over the dam wall and look for the Bibbulmun Track trail markers to begin the walk (which will take you back over the Collie-Preston Road).



Walking alongside Glen Mervyn Dam. Photo: Pelusey Photography

Day Walk Two: Glen Mervyn Dam to Mumballup Tavern

Distance: 10.5km return

Difficulty: Grade 3

Time: Half-day

Starting point: Glen Mervyn Dam day use area, off Collie Preston Road.

Beginning at Glen Mervyn Dam, this walk leads you through jarrah forest and past lush farmland to the Forrest Tavern. Located in the tiny settlement of Mumballup, the tavern is commonly known as the 'Mumby Pub' and is a favourite resting place for Bibbulmun Track walkers. From here, follow the Track back to the dam, where you can cool off with a refreshing swim – if it's not too cold!



The quaint town of Balingup. Photo: Tourism WA

Afternoon

From Glen Mervyn Dam, continue on the Collie-Preston Road and turn right on to Donnybrook – Boyup Brook Road then onto South West Highway to reach Balingup.

The 40 minute drive takes you through Kirup and Mullalyup which offer places to stop and explore. The quaint town of Balingup also offers a tavern, cafés and shops selling local arts, crafts and produce.

For a more fragrant option, take the five minute drive to the Balingup Lavender Farm, where you can roam through lavender gardens, wander through the art gallery or treat yourself to some handmade lavender products.

Evening

Balingup offers a number of comfy accommodation options, including self-contained cottages, B&Bs, and caravan and camping sites. To find a Walker Friendly Business in the area, please visit [our website](http://www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au).

Day Three - Blackwood River Valley views



Balingup to Perth

Morning

In winter and spring, an early start will give you the best chance of catching the morning mists that fill the Blackwood River Valley. After soaking up this magical scenery, make your way along South Hampton Road to the Golden Valley Tree Park. Look for the Bibbulmun Track signs to begin today's walk.



Misty views at Balingup Heights. Photo: Balingup Visitor Centre

Day Walk Two: Golden Valley Tree Park to Scenic View

Distance: 13.2km return

Difficulty: Grade 3

Time: Half-day

Starting point: Golden Valley Tree Park, South Hampton Road, Balingup.

Starting alongside the Golden Valley Tree Park, the Track follows Old Padbury Road, a route paved by convicts many years ago, before meandering through tranquil jarrah forest. Once you reach the aptly named Scenic View point, you'll enjoy a fantastic view over the green hills of the surrounding farmland.

Afternoon

After completing the walk, explore the Golden Valley Tree Park. Set on 60 hectares, the heritage-listed park is home to hundreds of tree species from all around the world. Pick one or two of the easy, short walk trails, like the [Oak Grove Walk](#), to take in the park's beautiful scenery, particularly in autumn when the trees put on a show of vibrant red and gold leaves. When you're ready, head back to Perth, via the South Western Highway (approximately 2.5 hours)

For a more scenic route home, detour through the Ferguson Valley. The winding roads will lead you through lush, green farmland and vineyards, offering fantastic views along the way. Visit one of the cellar doors to sample local wines, or enjoy a beer from a craft brewery. Complete your trip with a stop at Gnomesville to get a selfie with the ever-growing community of garden gnomes that inhabit the area. You can always break up the trip with a stopover in Bunbury or Mandurah for the night.



Autumn at Golden Valley Tree Park. Photo: Trails WA

What's next?

The adventure doesn't have to end here. Explore more of the Bibbulmun Track with our Karri Voyager itinerary that takes you through Donnelly River Village, Pemberton and Northcliffe.

Important Information



Before you go

Here is a list of things you need to do, pack and think about before you go for a day walk.

- A National Park pass is required. You can buy one [online](#).
- Wear good walking shoes, comfortable loose fitting clothes, and a waterproof/windproof jacket.
- Take a watch, wear a sunhat and use sunscreen.
- Pack a bottle of water (1-2 litres depending on distance, terrain and weather).
- Pack a basic first-aid kit and blister kit.
- Pack snacks and lunch.
- Use only appropriate access points.
- Check the current [Track Conditions on our website](#).
- Tell someone where you are going and what time you expect to return.
- Please note that not all sections of the Track have a phone signal.
- Many of these walks can be found on the [Trails WA website](#) – or download the [Trails WA App \(iOS only\)](#).
- For more tips, visit our [Day Walks – Getting Started webpage](#).

Remember, your safety is our concern but your responsibility

Along the Track

The yellow Waugal trail markers clearly show the way along the Bibbulmun Track. The Waugal, or Rainbow Serpent, is an important spirit from the Aboriginal Dreamtime responsible for the creation of the rivers, waterways and landforms around WA's South West.



Tread Softly

The Bibbulmun Track will lead you through some of the most beautiful and pristine landscapes in the South West, and we ask all walkers to respect the natural and cultural heritage of the area.

While exploring the Track, please follow the seven Leave No Trace Principles:

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Minimise campfire impacts.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other walkers.



In other words, please leave the Track in better condition than you found it.

That way we can make sure that you and others can enjoy the beauty of the Bibbulmun Track now and in the future.

Please note that dogs are not permitted in National Parks. They should be restrained on a leash in State Forests, around the town and in local parks.

Important Information



Walk Grades

All walks in this itinerary are graded using the Australian Walking Track Grading System. Use the guide below and ask yourself 'is this walk suitable for me?'



Grade 1

No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them. Walks no greater than 5km.



Grade 2

No bushwalking experience required. The track is hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps. Walks no greater than 10km.



Grade 3

Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections a rough surface and many steps. Walks up to 20km.



Grade 4

Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.



Grade 5

Very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. Walks may be more than 20km.

On the Track

If you spot any problems or changes to this walk, please email the details to friends@bibbulmuntrack.org.au so we can update it for those that follow in your footsteps.

If you enjoyed this walk, please help us keep it fantastic.

Regular maintenance is undertaken by around 300 volunteers managed by the Bibbulmun Track Foundation. If you enjoyed your walk please make a [donation](#) – or become a [member](#)... it's less than the price of a coffee each month.



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