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Discover... Big Brook

Big Brook Dam

Built in 1986 to supplement the Pemberton town and Trout Hatchery water supplies, Big Brook Dam now provides a fantastic opportunity for recreational activities. The calm waters of the dam make it a great place for kids to swim. Visitors can picnic or have a barbecue near the 'beach' or canoe on the dam while enjoying the scenery. There is a 3.5-kilometre sealed walk trail around the dam which is suitable for wheelchairs and prams. A longer walk trail links the dam with the Big Brook Arboretum. There is also great trout and marron fishing in season. Other popular activities include birdwatching and photography. Sheltered gas and wood barbecues are provided and dogs are permitted on a leash.

Surrounding Big Brook Dam, the Big Brook Forest regenerated after logging in the 1920s. About 2,000 hectares of karri had been clearfelled by 1930 when a spark from a steam locomotive started a wildfire. The remaining karri trees dropped their seed onto the ash bed from the fire and the resulting seedlings grew into the forest that now surrounds the dam.

Big Brook Arboretum

Three kilometres from Big Brook Dam along the Karri Forest Explorer is the Big Brook Arboretum. Different tree species from Australia and overseas were planted here in the 1930s to study their growth and response to the local soil and climate so their potential plantation value could be determined. Trying to recognise the different species as you weave your way around the plantation is an interesting challenge. Wander among massive Californian redwoods and other conifers from around the world as well as many different types of eucalypts.

Camping is available at Big Brook Arboretum.

Fees

No fees apply at Big Brook Dam

Camping fees apply at Big Brook Arboretum

See the *Fees and charges – A visitor's guide* brochure for more information.



Karri Forest Explorer

This 86-kilometre scenic drive winds through some of the south-west's most magnificent karri forest. It starts just outside the historic town of Pemberton but you can join it anywhere along the way depending which way you are travelling or where you are staying. The drive passes attractions such as Beedelup Falls and the fire lookout trees: the Gloucester Tree and the Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree.

Things to do nearby

Fire lookout trees

Formerly used as a fire lookout tower, the Gloucester Tree (58 metres) and the Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree (68 metres) can be climbed by those who dare. Climbing the metal pegs to the top of these trees will give you magnificent views across the karri forest, farm land and sand dunes near the coast.





Cascades

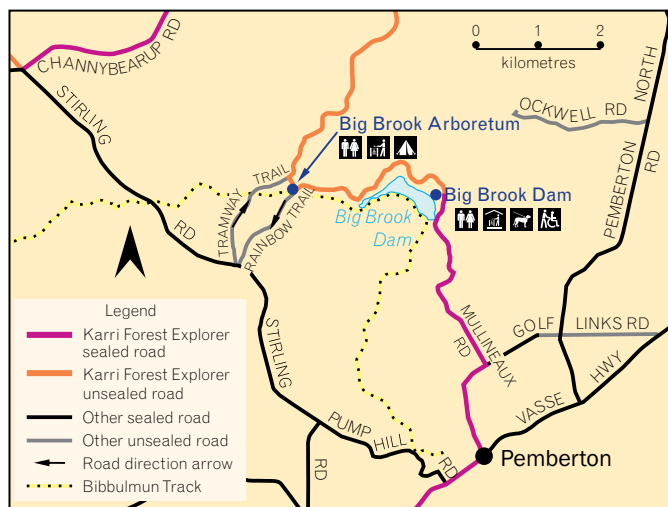
Here the Lefroy Brook tumbles over a series of small rocky shelves. In the midst of the karri forest, the Cascades is the perfect place to have picnic or to relax by the water's edge.

Beedelup Falls

At Beedelup Falls, the Beedelup Brook cascades 100 metres over steep granite rocks. These spectacular falls are in full flow in winter and spring but can be viewed year round from the foot bridge, suspension bridge or the lookout platform.

How to get there

Big Brook Dam is five kilometres (approximately 10 minutes) from Pemberton. Follow the Karri Forest Explorer along Golf Links Road from Pemberton, turn left onto Mullineaux Road and continue to the dam. Big Brook Arboretum is a further three kilometres along this road.



Fires are not permitted outside fire rings provided. No fires on hot and windy days. BYO firewood.



Keep your dog on a lead. Protect our native fauna and respect other visitors. No dogs allowed in the dam.

Caring for... Big Brook

Be wise... this area is home to many plants and animals. Respect this unique environment and leave it as you found it.

Walk softly... help us to protect this environment by keeping to the walk trails.

Be clean... take your rubbish with you and dispose of it correctly.



Toilets



Wood barbecue



Barbecue in shelter



Bush camping



Dogs must be leashed



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