



Department of Biodiversity,
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Walitj Meil Walk Trail

Approximately 50km from Albany in the Australian Natural Heritage-listed Porongurup National Park, the Walitj Meil Walk is a 1km easy to moderate loop walk. Start from the Castle Rock day-use area and follow the trail markers along the edge of the karri/marri/yate forest to a scenic view across to the Stirling Range National Park.

From the viewing point, enter the karri forest and return to the picnic area following the trail through the forest, all the while learning about the local plants and animals, colonial history, as well as Noongar culture.

The Walitj Meil Walk Trail is a Friends of the Porongurup Range initiative and was funded through the Australian Government's Community and Heritage Icons Grant, in liaison with the local Noongar community and in partnership with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' (DBCA) Parks and Wildlife Service.



The Walitj Meil Walk Trail is a Class 3 walk trail, indicating it is a moderate walk trail with clear directional signage. You may encounter minor natural hazards such as short steep sections; steps; shallow water crossings and unstable or slippery surfaces. A good level of fitness is recommended.



Wedge-tailed eagle trail marker

The trail marker of the Walitj Meil Walk Trail is the wedge-tailed eagle, which is a symbol of strength, beauty and inspiration to the traditional owners of the area. The bird is a significant totem for the Noongar of the south-west, who believe it shows the way to see clearly, take on challenges and overcome obstacles with courage, grace and style. It soars above the earth, offering a unique perspective on country, and glides effortlessly through the sky, reminding us to rise above the struggle and let the spirit take flight.

Universal access

Facilities at Castle Rock day-use area are designed to facilitate access for all. There is disabled parking bay as well as an accessible toilet and picnic areas. For more information on access, please visit the Access WA website at www.accesswa.com.au.

How to get there

The Walitj Meil Walk Trail lies within the Porongurup National Park, approximately half way to Stirling Range National Park from Albany.

What to do

- Bushwalking
- Picnicking
- Wildlife observation
- Photography
- Visit Castle Rock and the Granite Skywalk

Entry fees

Visitors to Porongurup National Park are required to pay a fee at an entry station. Your fees help to protect the park and improve visitor facilities.

Current Holiday, Annual All Parks, Annual Local or Gold Star Passes can also be used (available at DBCA's Parks and Wildlife Service offices, many tourist and visitor centres in Western Australia or online via dbca.wa.gov.au).

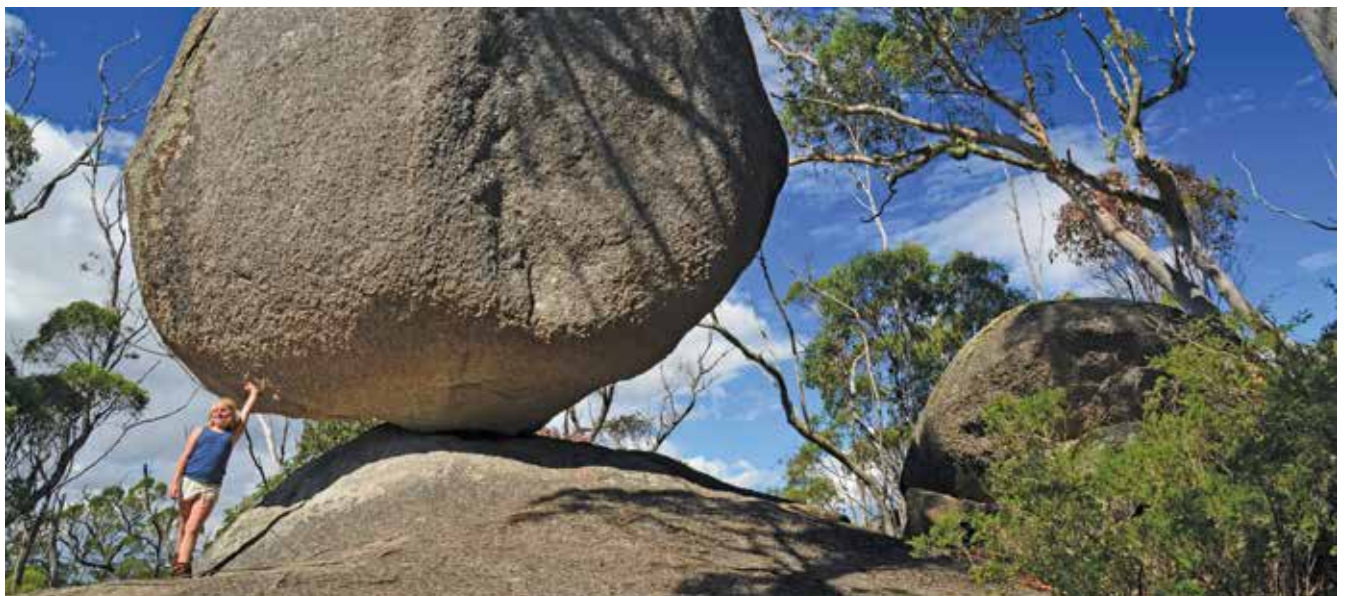


Facilities

Gas barbecues are provided for your use free of charge at Castle Rock day-use area. No wood fires are allowed in the park.



Toilets are provided in the Castle Rock day-use area.





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Fires

Fires are not allowed in the park.

Important note: The park may be closed at short notice due to fire risk or other emergency conditions. On hot and windy days walking is not advised due to bushfire risk.

Visitor safety

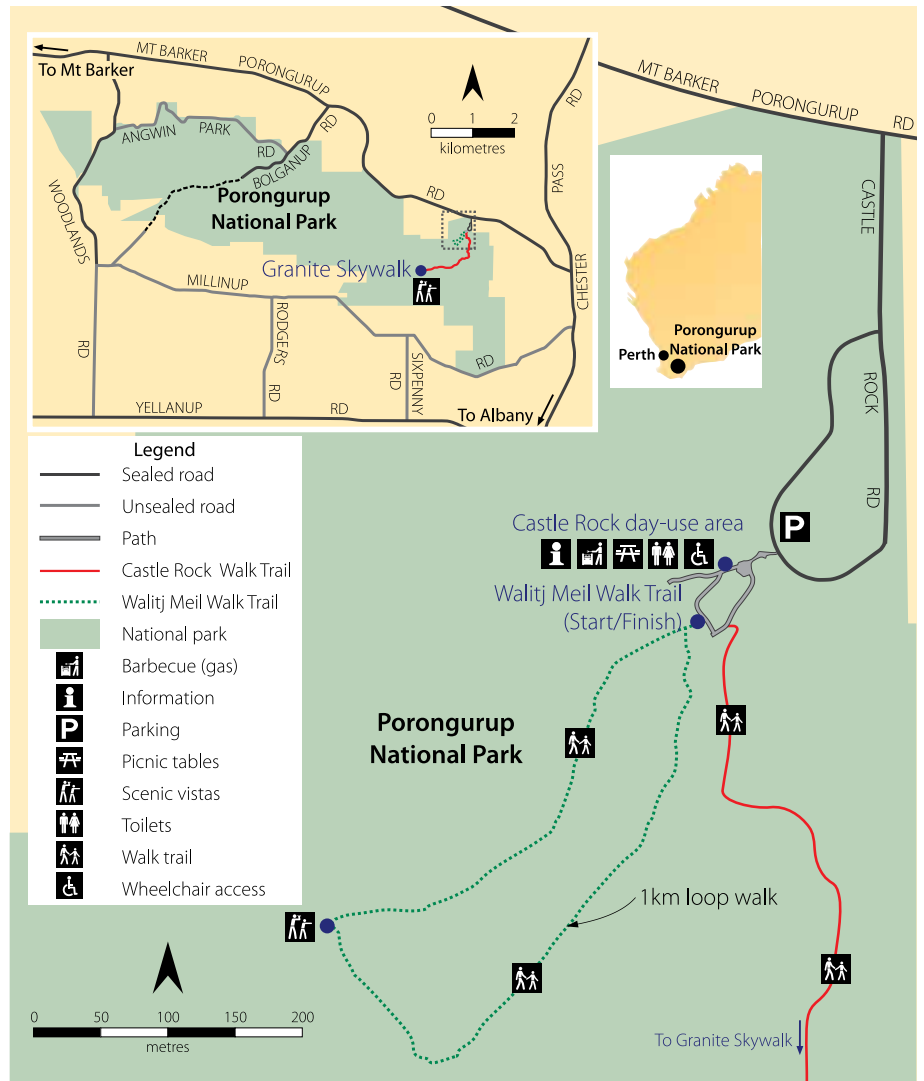
- Stay on tracks and paths.
- Remember that your safety in natural areas is our concern but your responsibility.
- The park contains risk areas for falling branches – use caution and follow all signage.

Caring for the park

- Please do not feed the native animals.
- Pets are not allowed in the park.
- Taking flora and fauna is prohibited.
- Clean mud or soil from footwear at the start and finish of any walks in natural areas to help prevent the further spread of dieback.

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