Mount Clare

Mount Clare is a picturesque site nestled in the forest under a tall canopy of karri and tingle trees making a cool and shady picnic area.

Must see
Mount Clare is a hub for walks through the tingle and karri forest. You can picnic in the forest or stroll to the summit of Mount Clare where you have sweeping views of the Southern Ocean and Walpole Wilderness. See if you can spot the ‘teapot tingle’ along the way. For those who are more energetic, you can follow the Bibbulmun Track to where the forest meets the Deep River and, from the vantage point of the suspension bridge, ponder the mirror-sharp reflections on the water.

Getting there
From Walpole: drive about 8km west along the South Western Highway, turn left on to Tinglewood Road. The car park is a short distance along this road.

Travelling time
From Walpole: about 15 minutes by car.

What to do
Mount Clare is the perfect spot for a picnic in the forest. It has picnic tables and toilet facilities and the walk to the summit is well worth the effort for the view. There are also several other walks that you can do from here.

The nearby John Rate Lookout is dedicated to the memory of John Rate, the first forester in this area. He discovered a third species of tingle tree, now known as Rate’s tingle. Sadly he was killed in the forest by a falling karri limb. The lookout offers superb views of the Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park a great place to take breathtaking photographs.

Walking at Mount Clare

Mount Clare Summit Trail
Length: 2.4km return
Trail Classification – Class 3
Time: 40 minutes
A gradual uphill walk takes you through magnificent tingle and karri forest towards the summit of Mount Clare. From the rest area, where the Bibbulmun Track continues to the Nuyts Wilderness area, the walk becomes slightly steeper towards the summit. You will be rewarded with views to the coast and across the Walpole Wilderness. A good level of fitness is recommended.

Deep River Loop Walk
Length: 4.2km return
Trail Classification  Class 4
Time: 1.5 hours
After enjoying the summit of Mount Clare, follow the Bibbulmun Track down a steep valley to the Deep River. Stand on the suspension bridge and take in the intense reflections on the water. This trail skirts around the east of Mount Clare along Tinglewood Drive back to the start point. This walk has limited directional signage and a good level of fitness is recommended.

Shedley Drive Loop Walk
Length: 8km return
Trail Classification  Class 4
Time: 2-3 hours
Follow the Bibbulmun Track until you reach the suspension bridge over the Deep River. Enjoy expansive views of the river as you follow Shedley Drive through the karri forest back to the car park. This walk has limited directional signage and a good level of fitness is recommended.
Walpole-Nornalup National Park

Fees
No fees apply in Walpole-Nornalup National Park.

Leave No Trace
Plan ahead and prepare. Remember your safety is our concern but your responsibility.
Travel on durable surfaces. Help us to protect this fragile environment by keeping to the trails.
Dispose of waste properly. Take your rubbish with you.
Leave what you find. This area is home to many species. Respect this unique environment and leave it as you found it.
Minimise campfire impacts. Campfires are not permitted in Walpole-Nornalup National Park.
Respect wildlife. Pets are not permitted.
Be considerate of other visitors.


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