

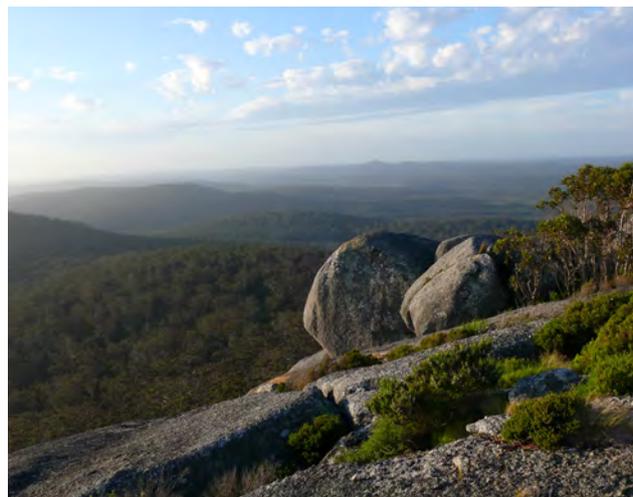


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Mount Frankland

Mount Frankland offers a number of places to experience and enjoy the natural wilderness. From the summit of this impressive granite monadnock, visitors are afforded spectacular 360 degree views of the surrounding landscape. Mount Frankland also features the impressive Mt Frankland Wilderness Lookout, which provides uninterrupted views of karri, tingle and jarrah forests, expanses of treeless heathland and distant granite peaks.



Above left Mt Frankland Wilderness Lookout. *Photo – Michael Hemmings* **Above right** Views from Mt Frankland summit. *Photo – Cassidy Newland*



Must see

Enjoy the easy, universally accessible walk to the Mount Frankland Wilderness Lookout, or take the more challenging hike to the summit of Mount Frankland, and you will be rewarded with a view across the Walpole Wilderness. The Caldyanup Trail circumnavigates the base of Mount Frankland allowing a closer look at the intricacies of the granite environment from Soho Lookout.

Getting there

Mount Frankland is located 28km north of Walpole. Follow North Walpole Road for 21km and then turn right into Mount Frankland Road and follow for a further 7km. Please note that Mount Frankland Road and part of North Walpole Road are unsealed.

Mount Frankland can also be accessed from the South West Highway via Beardmore Road (unsealed). When you reach North Walpole Road turn left and travel 500m, before turning right into Mount Frankland Road.

Travelling time

30 minutes from Walpole on sealed and unsealed roads.

Fees

There are no fees applicable at this site.

What to do?

Enjoy a picnic in the forest or explore Mount Frankland by following one of the various walk trails on offer. Whether you climb to the summit, or simply enjoy the Mount Frankland Wilderness Lookout, there are many photographic opportunities available.

Mount Frankland is a fantastic place to visit all year round. The forest provides a cool, shady picnic spot during the warmer months and comes alive with colourful wildflowers in late winter and spring.

Munda Biddi Trail riders can access Mount Frankland via a spur trail. Keen cyclists may choose to use the Mount Frankland car park as a base to explore other sections of the trail further afield.

Camping is not permitted at Mount Frankland. The nearest campground is located 20km west at Fernhook Falls.

Leave No Trace

Plan ahead and prepare. Remember your safety is our concern but your responsibility. Granite rocks can be hazardous and slippery when wet.

Travel on durable surfaces. Help us to protect this fragile environment by keeping to the path.

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. Fires are not permitted at this site.

Respect wildlife. Pets are not permitted.

Be considerate of other visitors.

Visit emergency.wa.gov.au for bushfire and smoke alert information.

Visit alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au for park, road and site closures.

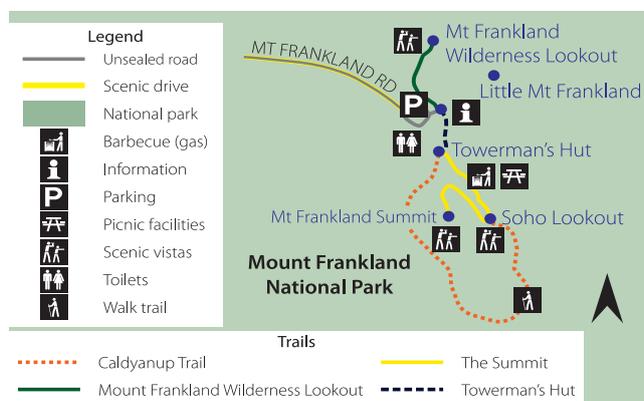
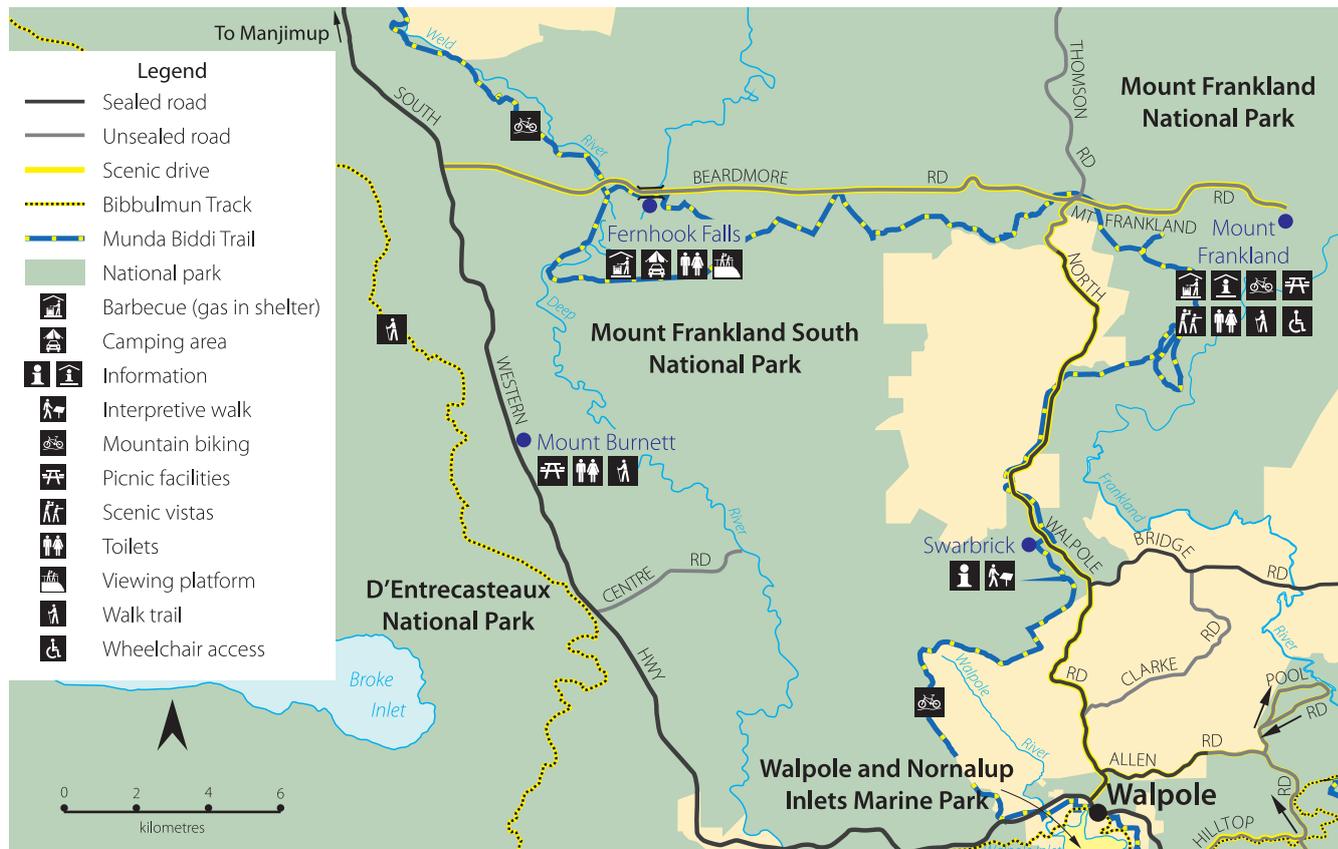




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Walking opportunities

All walks start from the information shelter. The Caldyanup Trail can be picked up from either the Towerman's Hut or Soho Lookout (located just off the summit trail).

Mount Frankland Wilderness Lookout, Class 1 600m return

This path leads to an impressive lookout offering uninterrupted views across the Walpole Wilderness. The view takes in vast expanses of forest and treeless heathland as well as prominent granite peaks in the distance. This sealed path is suitable for all levels of experience, fitness and ability.

Towerman's Hut, Class 1 200m return

Enjoy a short stroll to a shady picnic area with gas barbecues and picnic tables. Here you can look into the old hut lived in by towermen of days gone by. During the fire season, they climbed from the hut to the summit of Mount Frankland several times a day to watch for fires and monitor the weather. This sealed path is suitable for all levels of experience, fitness and ability.

The Summit, Class 4 1.2km return

Climb to the summit of Mount Frankland for spectacular 360 degree views of the surrounding landscape. On a clear day you can see the Porongurup and Stirling ranges to the east and the Southern Ocean to the south. This walk is quite difficult and requires you to climb a ladder and a series of steep steps. A good level of fitness and bushwalking experience is required. Please consider weather conditions before proceeding.

Caldyanup Trail, Class 3 1.6km return

Named after the Noongar word for Mount Frankland, this moderate walk circumnavigates the base of the granite mass through shady karri forest allowing a closer look at this unique environment. You may choose to follow this trail on your descent from the summit as an alternative route to the Towerman's Hut and picnic area. A good level of fitness is recommended and be aware that the granite sections may be slippery.

More information

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