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There is a pay phone at the Lions Dryandra Woodland Village caretaker’s office. Mobile phone reception is limited. Affordable and comfortable accommodation is available at the Lions Dryandra Woodland Village. For information contact some wood provided. Please bring your own drinking water. Fees apply, visit parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au for details.

Caring for Dryandra Woodland

Protect our wildlife  Many species of birds, mammals and reptiles live within Dryandra. Please take care while driving and slow down, especially at night. Call the Wildcare Helpline on 9474 9055 or 1300 652 494 if you find injured animals.

Be wise  Leave the natural area as you find it, for all to enjoy. Leave rocks and cultural artefacts as you find them.

Be cool  Take care with fire. Light campfires only in fireplaces provided. Use gas barbecues wherever possible. Campfires are prohibited on days of ‘very high’, ‘extreme’ or ‘catastrophic’ fire danger or during total fire bans.

Be clean  Take your rubbish with you. Remember, cigarette butts are litter too.

Be careful  Your safety and enjoyment in the woodland are our concern but your responsibility. Make sure you carry sufficient drinking water while walking, especially in summer (at least 2L per person).

Be aware  Please do not bring dogs into Dryandra Woodland. Many reserves are baited with 1080 poison baits to control feral animals and these baits may kill your pets. Please leave your pets at home.

More information

The pocket-sized Bush Book Wildflowers of Dryandra Woodland is recommended and can be purchased from the Barna Mia Nocturnal Animal Sanctuary, Lions Dryandra Woodland Village, Parks and Wildlife’s Narrogin office or, prior to your visit, from Parks and Wildlife’s online shop: shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au.

For information about other parks and camping areas, visit parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au.

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Welcome to the delights of Dryandra Woodland

Dryandra Woodland, 30km north of Narrogin and less than two hours south-east of Perth by road, is a valuable nature conservation area. Although fragmented, it comprises 17 blocks of woodland totalling 28,000ha with a main block of 12,000ha. It features the largest area of remnant vegetation in the western Wheatbelt and forms part of an international biodiversity ‘hotspot’ where more than 850 species of plants can be seen. With less than seven percent of this original vegetation remaining in the western Wheatbelt, Dryandra Woodland is of critical conservation importance and is a proposed national park.

The woodland of wandoo, kwongan (the Aboriginal word for heath and shrublands), mallee, sheoak thickets and plantations of brown mallee is home to the numbats. Western Australia’s state fauna emblem. It is also home to other threatened and remarkable fauna such as the red-tailed phascogale, woylie, western grey kangaroo, tammar wallaby, brushtail possum and echidna as well as a diverse variety of reptiles and insects.

Birdwatching is a popular activity at Dryandra with spectacular birds such as Carnaby’s cockatoo finding the woodlands to be the perfect habitat as well as rare or uncommon birds such as bush stone curlew and rufous tree creeper.

The Dryandra Woodland ecology centre (Irabina), situated next to the historic Lions Dryandra Woodland Village, is the perfect base for classroom activities. School-based activities are available during school terms and aim to increase understanding of the importance of biodiversity. Bookings for activities are essential: (08) 9881 9200 or email narrogin@dpaw.wa.gov.au.

Other activities include camping, picnicking and walking. There are also drive trails. With more than 25 mammal, 100 bird and 50 reptile species there is plenty of wildlife to encounter while exploring the woodlands.

Barna Mia Nocturnal Animal Sanctuary

Nestled in the heart of Dryandra Woodland, Barna Mia is a native animal sanctuary where threatened animals can be seen in a natural habitat.

Take an unforgettable guided tour after dusk and learn about the natural, cultural, historical and forest industry aspects of the woodland followed by an exciting close-up encounter with nocturnal native animals. Using special red-filtered spotlights in the 4ha enclosure you will see marsupials such as the bilby, boodie, mala, woylie, quenda, marl and possum.

Tour information

April to November: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (except for public holidays).

December to March: Friday and Saturday (except for public holidays).

Group bookings: by prior arrangement on all days.

Tour duration: 1½ - 2 hours.

Start times vary seasonally and admission charges apply. For current fees go to parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/site/barna-mia.

Bookings are essential. Contact Parks and Wildlife’s Narrogin office on (08) 9881 9200 before 4.30pm Monday to Friday or for a same-day tour on Saturday call Dryandra Country Visitor Centre on (08) 9881 2064 or consult the information panels at Old Mill Dam, Lions Dryandra Woodland Village, Congelin or Gnaala Mia campgrounds.

Many of Western Australia’s native mammals have been lost from their former habitats due to predation by cats and foxes, cleared vegetation and changed fire regimes. Preservation of Dryandra Woodland enables several native species to survive.

The Department of Parks and Wildlife’s Western Shield conservation program aims to eliminate introduced predators, thereby protecting and conserving remnant indigenous animal species.

Barna Mia is home to seven species of marsupial – rabbit-eared bandicoot, burrowing bettong, rufous hare wallaby, brushtailed bettong, southern brown bandicoot, western barred bandicoot and the brushtail possum – which live in two 4ha enclosures that keep out introduced predators.
Spring is the best time to visit Toolibin Lake for the annual shrublands, eucalyptus woodlands and heathland vegetation. Away from the lake, this internationally recognised lake such as groundwater pumping vegetation, the stark reality of salinity impact on biodiversity and Along the walk you will see the sheltered beauty of the lake floor recovery catchment.

The lake is situated within the Toolibin Lake natural diversity Perth by road and 20km south-east from the town of Wickepin. Toolibin Lake

Camping, accommodation and picnic areas

Congelin and Gnaala Mia campgrounds are situated in tranquil bushland settings within Dryandra Woodland with designated sites for caravans, campervans and tents. The basic facilities include a camp kitchen and open fire barbecue rings with some wood provided. Please bring your own drinking water. Fees apply, visit parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au for details.

Affordable and comfortable accommodation is available at the Lions Dryandra Woodland Village. For information contact the caretakers at Lions Dryandra Woodland Village on (08) 9884 5231 or visit dryandравillage.org.au/accommodation.

Picnic areas are at Old Mill Dam, the Arboretum, Congelin Dam, Contine Hill and Loll Gray.

There is a pay phone at the Lions Dryandra Woodland Village caretaker's office. Mobile phone reception is limited.

Supplies and fuel are available from Narrogin or Cuballing.
Other sites in the western Wheatbelt

Toolbin Lake

Toolbin Lake is located approximately 2.5 hours south-east of Perth by road and 20km south-east from the town of Wickepin. The lake is situated within the Toolbin Lake Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment.

The cycle of wetting and drying has formed a wooded wetland with large stands of paperbarks and sheoaks across the floor of the lake. This type of vegetation association is listed as a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC).

Toolbin Lake provides an excellent breeding and feeding habitat for waterfowl when filled with water and is recognised as a Wetland of International Significance under the Ramsar convention.

A recreation site with toilets, barbecue and seating is the starting point for the interpretive walk that winds through the lake floor with interpretive panels providing information for visitors along the way. Along the walk you will see the sheltered beauty of the lake floor vegetation, the stark reality of salinity impact on biodiversity and the actions being implemented by Parks and Wildlife to conserve this internationally recognised lake such as groundwater pumping and the installation of a channel to divert highly saline water away from the lake.

Also within the catchment are the Dingerlin, Dullining and Wallbyring nature reserves where visitors can see acacia woodlands, melaleuca shrublands, eucalyptus woodlands and heathland vegetation.

Spring is the best time to visit Toolbin Lake for the annual explosion of colourful wildflowers or for birdwatching.

Boyagin Nature Reserve

Boyagin Nature Reserve is located approximately two hours south-east of Perth by road and 25km to the west of Pingelly township. The reserve is dominated by an imposing granite outcrop known by the Noongar people as Boodjin. The surrounding landscape is spectacular and comprises remnant bushland, heath, sheoak thickets and open woodlands with a wide variety of eucalyptus species such as wandoo, marri and york gums. This ‘Rock’ has significant cultural and spiritual meaning for the local Noongar people.

Boyagin Nature Reserve provides an important refuge for a variety of wildlife including numbats, echidnas, tammar wallabies, goannas and other reptiles. It is also a place of great beauty in spring with unique wildflowers tempting bushwalkers, photographers, bird watchers and picnickers to escape, experience, encounter and explore.
Trails

Parks and Wildlife has developed a series of bush walks and a drive trail within Dryandra Woodland.

Walk trails range from easy to medium, with distances from 1km to 12.5km. A night walk trail with reflective markers offers visitors the chance to see woodland mammals and birds that are active at night, such as woylies, tammar wallabies, brush-tail possums, larry frogmouths and owls.

Refer to the walk trail guide to help select a walk suitable for you.

Walk trail classification guide

- This symbol indicates a moderate walk trail with clear directional signage. You may encounter minor hazards such as steep steps, fallen timber, or unstable or slippery surfaces.
- This symbol indicates a short walk trail ideal for families. Crossing from bush to built-up vegetation to learn about birds of the area and native flora. Start from the Old Mill Dam picnic area and follow the old telegraph line.
- This symbol indicates an easy well-defined walk trail with a firm surface. You may encounter gentle hill sections and occasional steps.
- This symbol indicates a moderate walk trail with clear directional signage. You may encounter minor hazards such as steep sections, steps, shallow water crossings, and unstable or slippery surfaces.

Walk trails

**Ochre Trail**
- 3.3km return 1.5 hours Class 3
- A short night walk with markers that reflect torchlight. Look for signs along the way and interpretive signs explaining aspects of the local Noongar culture, including an ochre pit. Start near the Arboretum on Tomingley Road.

**Wandoo Walk**
- 2.7km return 1.5 hours Class 3
- A short walk ideal for families. Crossing from bush to built-up vegetation to learn about birds of the area and native flora. Start from the Old Mill Dam picnic area and follow the old telegraph line.

**Lol Gray Loop**
- 5.5km return 2 hours Class 2
- This walk takes you through ancient karri, jarrah, and marri forests. Look for signs along the way and interpretive signs explaining aspects of the local Noongar culture, including an ochre pit. Start near the Arboretum on Tomingley Road.

**Darling Hill Loop**
- 12.5km return 4 hours Class 3
- This walk takes you through ancient karri, jarrah, and marri forests. Look for signs along the way and interpretive signs explaining aspects of the local Noongar culture, including an ochre pit. Start near the Arboretum on Tomingley Road.

**Fire Tower Walk**
- 1.6km return 40 minutes Class 2
- This walk takes you to the old fire lookout towers used during the summer fire season by Forestry staff known as ‘spotters’. The remains of two historical fire lookout towers can be found along this walk and in spring diverse floral displays enjoyed. Start from the Old Mill Dam picnic area and follow the old telegraph line.

**Woylie Walk**
- 1.5km return 1 hours Class 2
- A short walk ideal for families. Crossing from bush to built-up vegetation to learn about birds of the area and native flora. Start from the Old Mill Dam picnic area and follow the old telegraph line.

**Breakaway Walk**
- 3.3km return 1.5 hours Class 3
- A short walk ideal for families. Crossing from bush to built-up vegetation to learn about birds of the area and native flora. Start from the Old Mill Dam picnic area and follow the old telegraph line.

**Congelin Siding Walk**
- 3.3km return 30 minutes Class 2
- This walk takes you through ancient karri, jarrah, and marri forests. Look for signs along the way and interpretive signs explaining aspects of the local Noongar culture, including an ochre pit. Start near the Arboretum on Tomingley Road.

**Kawana Walk**
- 5.5km return 2 hours Class 2
- A short night walk with markers that reflect torchlight. Look for signs along the way and interpretive signs explaining aspects of the local Noongar culture, including an ochre pit. Start near the Arboretum on Tomingley Road.

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