



Discover Conspicuous Cliff

Appreciate the powerful beauty of the southern coastline from the lookout over Conspicuous Cliff. There is an unspoiled beach, limestone cliffs, and granite headlands. Descend along a boardwalk to the beach where waves crash loudly and walk in the salty, invigorating wind.



Must see

This is one of only three places around Walpole that offer two-wheel-drive car access to the coast. See spectacular coastal views including unspoiled beach and limestone cliffs and granite headlands. Take your time and appreciate the fabulous coastal heathland featuring swamp paperbark and the red flowering gum.

How to get there

Conspicuous Cliff is 13 kilometres east of Walpole on the South Coast Highway. Turn right at Conspicuous Beach Road. Follow this road south for about seven kilometres to Conspicuous Beach.

Travelling time

20 minutes by car from Walpole or 15 minutes from the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk.

What is there?

Conspicuous Cliff has a carpark, toilet, a picnic shelter and a fantastic boardwalk and stairs down to the beach. Two attractive lookouts have been constructed to take in magnificent vistas where you can witness the antics of whales, which annually cavort off this area. Seabirds and other marine life are found here all year round.

What to do?

Observe whales (in winter and spring), take photos, beachcomb and fish from the beach. Rock fishing is hazardous here so be careful of freak waves. Be aware, the beach has rips at all times so swimming is not advised.

Best season

Salmon fishing all year; surfing mid-late summer; whalewatching and wildflowers in winter and spring.

Fees

There are no fees applicable at this site.

Caring for Conspicuous Cliff

Be wise Respect this unique environment and leave it as you found it.

Walk softly Help us to protect this fragile environment by keeping to the path.

Be clean Take your rubbish with you and dispose of it appropriately.

Be careful Rocks can be hazardous and slippery when wet.



Fires are not permitted.

Pets are not permitted. Respect our native wildlife.

Remember your safety is our concern but your responsibility.



Coast risk area

This stretch of coast can be hazardous due to large, unpredictable waves and swells, slippery rocks and strong currents.

For your safety:

- always pay attention to the ocean
- keep well clear of the sea
- avoid slippery rocks and loose surfaces
- supervise children at all times
- notify someone of your expected time of return.



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Conspicuous Cliff walks

Picnic shelter and first lookout platform (accessible to all) – 200 metres return

Whalewatch lookout – 650 metres return

Beach walk – 800 metres return

1. Begin at the car park and head for the information shelter. Follow the hardened footpath which winds through shady peppermints (*Agonis juniperina*) and features a wide array of coastal heath, including several species of cream-coloured hakea, yellow wattles and hibbertia species.
2. A short walk leads to the first lookout, which offers views to the ocean. Up to this point, the track is accessible to visitors of all abilities, including those in wheelchairs.
3. Follow the stairs through a steep section of bush. At the top, another track winds around the base of the knoll to a bench at a junction in the track. Along the walk you may

notice the prickly-leaved parrotbush (*Dryandra sessilis*), the woolly-needed grey stinkwood (*Jacksonia furcellata*) and the berry saltbush (*Rhagodia baccata*).

4. Take the track to the right, which arrives via a circuit loop at the main whalewatch platform. From here, you have a great view of the beach which is bordered on both sides by rocky headlands. Whales can be spotted frequently during winter and spring. Dolphins are often seen near the surface, surfing the waves together in pods of a dozen or more.



Further information and bookings

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