

Discover Knoll Drive and Coalmine Beach

The Knolls is an attractive recreation area that encompasses a scenic drive, lookouts over the Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park, picnic areas and Coalmine Beach. The fantastic scenery is perfectly described as where 'the forest meets the water'.



Must see

The scenic drive takes you through the breathtaking scenery of the forest and the inlets. Along the drive you can stop at the lookouts, walk down to one of the two inlet rock fishing spots, and picnic or BBQ under the karri and marri trees.

Where is it?

Three kilometres east of Walpole along South Coast Highway turn onto Coalmine Beach Road. The main Coalmine Beach carpark is approximately two kilometres along the road, past the turn off to the caravan park. Knoll Drive is a loop that brings you back to this carpark.

Travelling time

Walpole is five minutes by car, 15 minutes by bicycle or a 30-minute walk from Pioneer Park along the Coalmine Beach Heritage Trail.

What is there?

Delaney Lookout provides wonderful vistas of the inlets and an interpretation shelter providing information on the area.

Coalmine Beach picnic area is on the north shore of the beautiful Nornalup Inlet. The beach is a great swimming area, it is shallow and ideal for children. This area is a boat-free zone. Facilities include a toilet, undercover BBQs and picnic tables. Coalmine beach is an ideal spot for sailing or windsurfing (near the yacht club only).

Coalmine Beach is so named because at the base of the cliffs there is a shallow seam of coal. Attempts to mine the coal were abandoned as the coal is very low grade.

The Channels picnic area has beautiful views of the narrow channel that links the Walpole and Nornalup inlets. It is fully accessible with picnic spots, toilets and attractive rest areas.

There are a number of signposted fishing spots on Knoll Drive where you can access the water and hopefully catch some fish!

What to do

Drive around the Knoll, visit lookout points, swim, fish from the beach, boat or rocky shoreline of the Knoll, windsurf, sail, beachcomb, bushwalk on the heritage trail, picnic at a lookout vantage point or enjoy sensitively designed BBQ areas at the Channels or Coalmine Beach picnic areas.

Photo opportunities abound around the Knoll Drive and lay bays are provided so that you can stop your car and get that perfect shot of the pristine Nornalup Inlet.

Flora

Colourful swamp bottlebrush heathland, coastal blackbutt, peppermint and bullich woodland, as well as karri and yellow tingle forest grow down to the banks of the Nornalup and Walpole inlets.

Best season

All year, but it's magic in autumn!

Fees

No fees apply.

Caring for the Knolls and Coalmine Beach

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 correctly.

Be careful Rocks can be hazardous and slippery when wet.



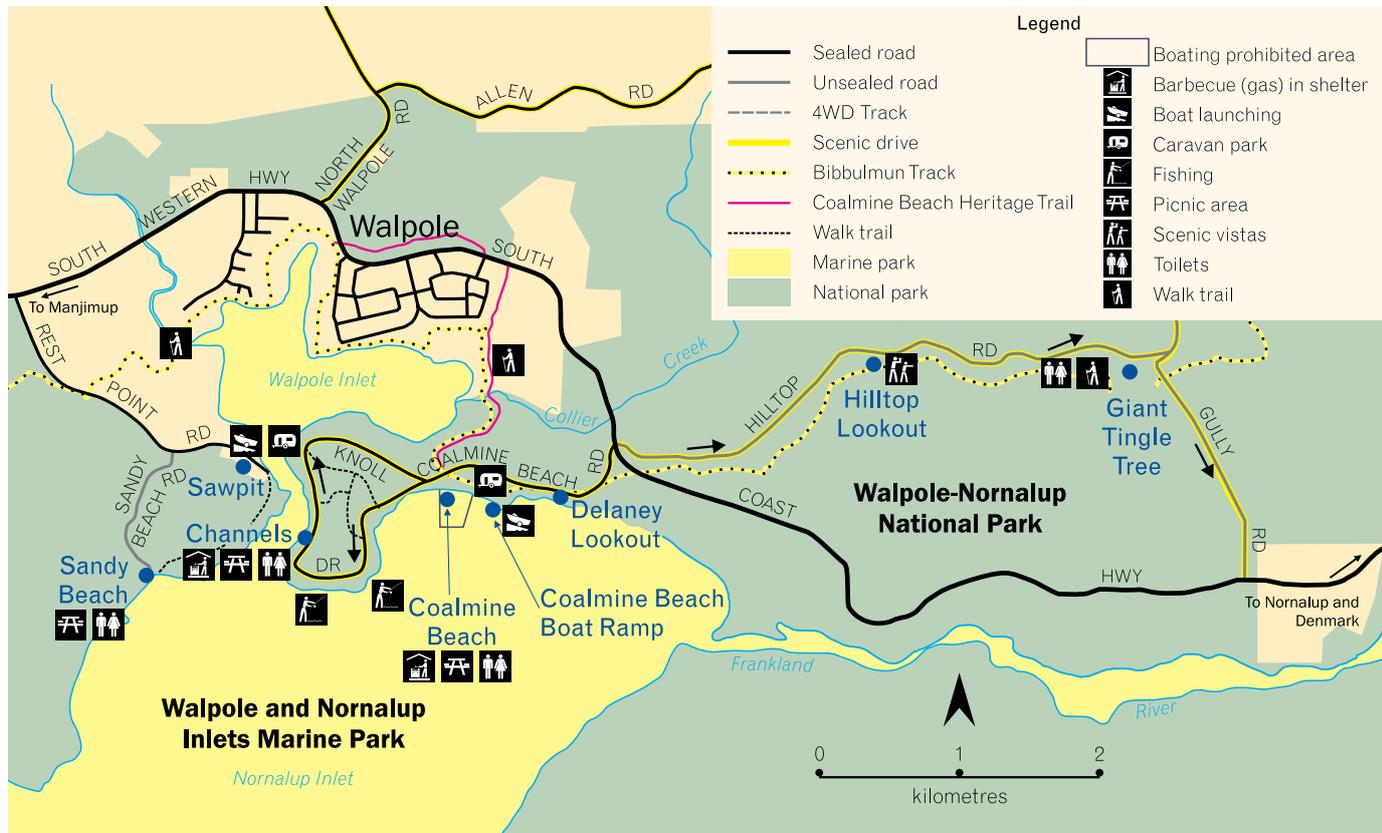
Fires not permitted – gas BBQs provided.

Pets not permitted. Respect our native wildlife.

Your safety is our concern but your responsibility.



Walpole-Nornalup National Park



Walking opportunities



Coalmine Beach Heritage Trail
 Length: Six kilometres return
 Trail classification: Class 2

Time: allow three hours

This trail runs from the town of Walpole, through woodland and wetlands to Coalmine Beach.

1. Begin at the visitor centre on the northern side of the South Western Highway in Walpole.
2. Cross the road, taking care to avoid traffic. The vegetation near the road is composed mainly of taller peppermint trees. The track branches twice but take the left hand trail each time.
3. Traverse a bridge that crosses a small creek. Continue along the track until you reach an impressive seven to eight-metre high kingia (*Kingia australis*). The kingia resembles the grass tree but actually belongs to a different family.
4. Negotiate the creek by means of a boardwalk, followed by a shady rest area under some eucalypts. You should be able to spot zamia palms en route to the next point of interest.
5. Near the end of the walk you pass through a swampy area inhabited by dense thickets of ti-tree.
6. Cross another road, adjacent to the Coalmine Beach Caravan Park, to complete the walk at Coalmine Beach on the Nornalup Inlet.



Delaney Walk
 Coalmine Beach to Hilltop lookout.
 Length: One way five kilometres
 Return 10 kilometres

Trail classification: Class 4

Time: allow three hours

Follow the Bibbulmun Track markers.

Your hike begins at the Coalmine Beach recreation area and is dominated by views of the attractive Nornalup Inlet. After passing by the Coalmine Beach Caravan Park turn right off the bitumen road onto a gravel track. Hike two kilometres with views of the Nornalup Inlet before reaching the busy South Coast Highway. After taking care crossing the highway, you enter splendid karri forest which in springtime is alive with wildflowers. As you climb towards Hilltop Lookout the forest is increasingly dominated by grand red tingle trees. Two kilometres after crossing the South Coast Highway you will have climbed to the Hilltop Lookout with excellent views over the inlet to the Southern Ocean. At this point you can choose to return to Coalmine Beach or continue a further 2.3 kilometres to the Giant Tingle Tree.

Further information and bookings

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