



Walpole's western beaches

Appreciate the beauty of the southern coastline ... isolated and unspoiled beaches, pristine white sands and the powerful Southern Ocean.



The Walpole-Nornalup and D'Entrecasteaux national parks contain a diverse range of vegetation and landform types such as long white beaches, rugged cliffs, vast coastal sand dunes, extensive coastal wetlands and islands of tingle and karri forest that make for a spectacular visual mosaic.

Four such beaches you can visit within the parks are Hush Hush, Long Point, Little Long Point and Lost Beach, each of which are only accessible by four-wheel drive. The tracks to these beaches start at Crystal Springs and meander through coastal heath, which is in flower throughout spring.

Several sections of the access track are through soft sand so you will need to let your tyre pressure down. Bring your own air compressor to reinflate your tyres afterwards.

The beaches offer breathtaking coastal scenery ideal for photos, fishing, walking, beachcombing and general sightseeing.

Getting there

The four-wheel-drive tracks leave from Crystal Springs which is approximately 12 kilometres west of Walpole on the South Coast Highway

Fees

Camping fees are compulsory at Crystal Springs. National park entry fees apply to visit the beaches in D'Entrecasteaux National Park. Please refer to the *Park visitor fees* brochure.

Going to the coast? Important information

Most of the tracks down to the coast through these national parks have stretches of deep sand or dunes. If everyone follows these few simple tips, the tracks won't get chopped up and the journey will be easier for both drivers and vehicles.

Let your tyres down to a suitable pressure for negotiating sandy sections. Don't forget to reinflate before leaving.

Engage four-wheel-drive before you reach the sand.

Select the right gear. Most drivers get into trouble changing gears in loose sand. You may have to experiment a little, however for many vehicles low range third will keep you moving at a comfortable pace. It also has enough power not to stall when the going gets heavier.

Keep to the track. Don't create new tracks or drive on the scrub. Not only do you destroy the plants but you stand a good chance of staking your tyres.

For your safety

Travel slowly along narrow one lane tracks and be aware of oncoming vehicles.

Sound your horn when approaching blind corners and ridges.

Crystal Springs

Crystal Springs is a gateway to the western section of the Walpole-Nornalup National Park and eastern section of the D'Entrecasteaux National Park.

It is the ideal place to base your explorations of the area as it is situated close to the highway. And, once you have finished your adventures for the day, there is a campground provided under the shade of peppermint trees.

Caring for our national parks

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 tracks and paths.

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

Be careful Rocks can be hazardous and slippery when wet.

Be cool At Crystal Springs, wood fires are permitted in fire rings only except during the prohibited season when no fires are allowed. Please bring your own firewood and don't collect it from the surrounding national park. Portable gas stoves are recommended.



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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Further information and bookings

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