



Department of Biodiversity,
Conservation and Attractions



Walpole Nornalup National Park

We acknowledge the Minang people of the Noongar nation as the Traditional Owners of the area through which these trails pass.

The commencement of the Valley of the Giants Trail Network in the Walpole Nornalup National Park includes improvements and extension to the Ancient Empire trail at the Tree Top Walk, realignment of the Munda Biddi cycle trail off Rate Road and the establishment of the Kapagup* Nornalup paddle trails in the Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park.

The project

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) is working with the Shires of Denmark and Manjimup and other key stakeholders to commence works on three new trails projects in the Valley of the Giants precinct within the Walpole Nornalup National Park, funded through the WA Recovery Plan.

The projects include:

- Approximately 4.0km realignment of the Munda Biddi cycle trail from Rate Road junction on the Tree Top Walk entry road to Vermeulen Road. Construction has commenced and completion is expected by July 2022.
- New Valley of the Giants visitor car park and trailhead on Rate Road including road upgrade. Engineering and site design is currently underway which maximises use of the existing Rate Road cleared footprint.
- Extension and realignment to the accessible asphalt loop pathway and upgrade of timber boardwalks to the Ancient Empire walk trail, to create a fully accessible loop.
- Design and construction of a new all accessible canoe/paddle launch and retrieval facility and access infrastructure including trail head signage at the Nornalup boat launch site. This project is in partnership with the Shire of Denmark and will be the first facility of its kind in WA once complete.
- Replacement of the small timber jetty platform at Monastery Landing to improve protection of the riverbank and ease of egress from canoes and small power craft. The development will be in keeping with the secluded and tranquil setting and provides a small toilet facility and seating.
- Establishment of new leisure cycle and walking trails with a focus on loops that will form the Valley of the Giants trail network. Construction will be staged during 2022 to 2024. Planning includes interpretation, wayfinding and directional signage for the trails network.
- Establishment of a primary trailhead in Pioneer Park in Walpole with secondary trailheads at the new Rate Road car park and Nornalup.



The Pleated Lady tingle tree will be a short 500m walk/ride from the Rate Road car park which is nearby the Bibbulmun Track and new Munda Biddi trail section. A small platform is planned to manage access to the tree and protect it from long term visitor impacts.

Both the shires of Denmark and Manjimup are collaborating with DBCA to deliver these and other trails in the region. The Valley of the Giants Trail Network Community Reference group are also assisting DBCA with communication and advocacy for the trails and related issues including provision of a dedicated trail crossing on or adjacent to the road bridge on the South Coast Highway at Nornalup.

Walpole Nornalup National Park overview

In the year of 2020–2021, approximately 430,000 people visited the Walpole Nornalup National Park. Known for its karri and tingle trees and tranquil rivers it is a perfect destination for exploring the magnificent forests, fish or to just relax. Site upgrades and new works will enhance park accessibility, create safer access and provide new opportunity to learn more about the Walpole Nornalup National Park, and the adjacent marine parks biological and cultural values, whilst being immersed within it.

Visitor information

While the Walpole Nornalup National Park will remain open during these planned works, visitors will need to expect some minor disruption to path, trail and vehicle access from April 2022 to June 2024.

Keep up to date on the projects by visiting the Explore Parks website exploreparks.wa.gov.au, or the project's website, projects.trailswa.com.au.

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*Kapagup = Noongar traditional owners name for the Walpole Inlet