

# Stirling Ranges

Distance: Approx. 4km-8 km each day Duration: 5 Days / 4 Nights



Complete one of Inspiration Outdoors greatest walks in the Stirling Ranges. This walk offers some amazing highlights such as Incredible views and fresh air. The wildflower tour will open your eyes to beautiful and interesting orchids you would never see on your own. Walk to the top of Bluff Knoll – the south west's tallest peak – and amongst the beautiful karri trees of the Porongurup National Park.

By carrying only a daypack, and walking the track in graded stages, people with a moderate level of fitness should be able to complete the walk.

Preparation will make the experience all the more enjoyable. Excellent food, comfortable accommodation and knowledgeable guides will complement your trip.

## Level: **Moderate/Challenging**

Some of the walks are challenging but the reward is worth it. Most people do need to do some training before hand, but you do not need to be an elite athlete or anything. The pace of walking will be comfortable and not too rushed. Red Gum Hill, Mt Trio and Bluff Knoll are rocky underfoot with steep ascents and descents. The Porongurup walks are less steep, firm underfoot, but still hilly. If you have any questions or concerns about fitness requirements, give us a call to discuss.

## What our guests say:

*"I had the most wonderful time. Climbing Bluff Knoll had been a dream of mine for ages. The guides were friendly and knowledgeable and everyone raved about the food. The accommodation was really lovely with comfy beds and a cosy fire. I hope to do more trips with Inspiration Outdoors soon."* **Sharon, Perth**

## 2019 DEPARTURES:

25th-29th. Sep 2019

Give us a call if you have any questions!  
**08 8 6219 5164 or [walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au](mailto:walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au)**



## Itinerary

This is a walking and orchid-hunting tour for those with a love of adventure, wildflowers and good times. We are going to one of the richest areas for plants on the planet - the Stirling Ranges, home to 1500 species of plants, including 123 species of orchid; and we are going at prime time!

Your guides will accompany you each day as you walk between 4km to 8km. Each day we will walk different parts of the Stirling Ranges and Porongurups so that we get a good variety of walks in this amazing area.

The itinerary plan may alter depending on local conditions and weather.



### Day 1

Drive from Perth + Mt Hassell  
Distance: 2-3 hours

Departing from Wellington Street in Perth at 7:30am, we head south, stopping for delicious home made morning tea and lunch en route. By mid afternoon we'll be world away, making our way up Mt Hassell in the heart of the Stirling Ranges.

At 847m above sea level, Mt Hassell is mid size mountain and perfect for our first taste of this magnificent area. The walk will take about 2-3 hours return and have you feeling literally on top of the world. From Mt Hassell, we will continue on to our accommodation at Kendenup lodge.

### Day 2

Mt Trio + Wildflower Tour  
Distance: 3 hours

Today we head up Mt Trio. Offering exceptional views, excellent wildflowers and interesting crags, it's a perfect start to our adventures in the Stirling Ranges. It is 856 m high and will take us about 3 hours. The walk commences with a steep climb that leads to a broad saddle between two peaks. From the saddle it's an easy stroll to the north peak where you can enjoy sweeping views of Mt Toolbrunup and mountains to the south-west. It is a moderately challenging walk.

After lunch we'll join a local guide with an excellent knowledge of Stirling Range wildflowers. Our guide will take us on a gentle drive and walk around the area and introduce us to some of the special plants of the Stirling Ranges.

## Day 3

### The Porongurups + Castle Rock

Distance: 8.5 km

We head an hour down the road to the Porongurup National Park to walk through magnificent karri trees and the most ancient mountain range in the world. We have two walks for you today – Castle Rock and Nancy's Peak Circuit.

The Castle Rock walk is 3 km return, taking about 1.5 to 2 hours, with a summit 570 metres high. If you're feeling adventurous, you can climb up to the 'Granite Skywalk' – an impressive suspended walkway around the huge granite outcrop at the Castle Rock summit.

Nancy's Peak Circuit is a 5 km walk, with its highest peak at 652 metres. It should take us about three hours. On a clear day, you can get wonderful views north to the Stirling Ranges and south to the ocean. On a not-so-clear day, the massive granite outcrops and beautiful white karri trees of Nancy's Peak Circuit are a highlight in their own right.

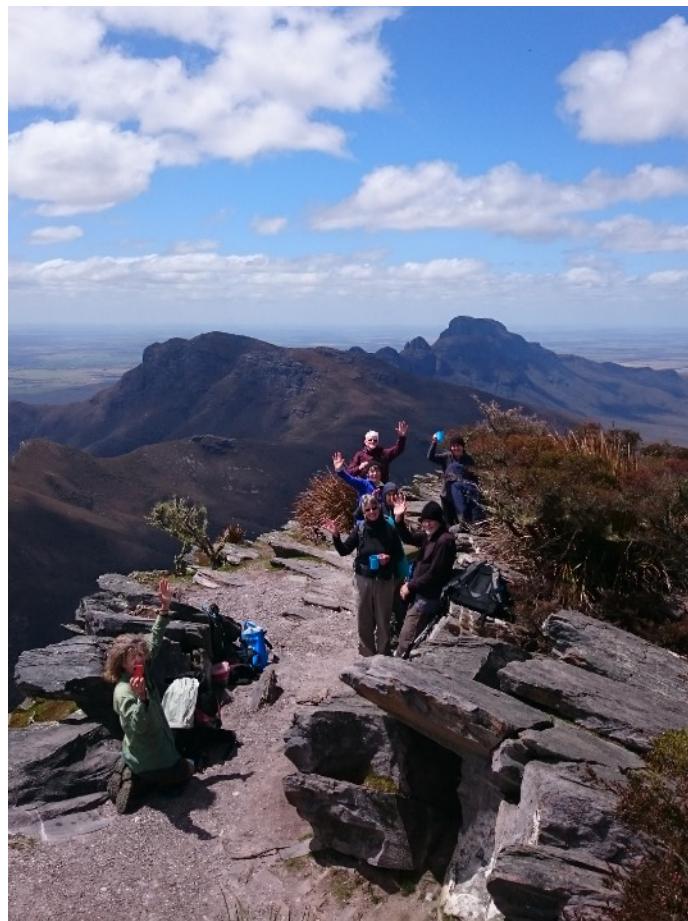
## Day 4

### Bluff Knoll

Distance: 6km return trip

With muscles primed, today we will take to the highest peak in the South West – Bluff Knoll. This challenging walk is an absolute must for anyone visiting the Stirling Ranges. The 6 km return trip will see us reach a height of 1073 metres, with some of the best views in Western Australia the whole way up.

We'll pack a lunch and make a day of it, returning to our accommodation in the afternoon for a well earned rest and a nice hot cuppa.



## Day 5

### Wildflower Spotting + return to Perth

A wonderful way to finish our amazing journey. We will explore some of the flat ground areas in the Western Stirling Ranges, searching for orchids and wildflowers. We'll head back to Perth, having lunch on the way, with lots of great memories, photos and even a few new muscles! We will arrive in Perth at about 5.30 pm.



# The Fine Details

Cost: \$1,430 per person

(\$350 single supplement)

## What's included:

- All transport: private coach transport to and from Perth; as well as transport to and from the track each day
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 4 night's comfortable accommodation
- 4 healthy breakfasts – cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 5 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 5 lunches – some packed and some delivered picnics
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 4 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 19 yrs experience

## Where do we start from?

The tour starts and finishes in the Perth CBD. We pick up our guests from the Tourist Coach Stand at 490 Wellington Street, near the corner of William Street at 8am on the morning of the departure. We can also pick up from Fremantle at 7:20am from the Parry Street car park (just let us know). In the weeks prior to the tour we will provide you with a map to this location.

As we are walking on the first day of the tour, it is not advisable to fly into Perth on the morning of the tour departure. We recommend staying (at least, it's a great city) one night in Perth before the tour. At the end of the tour, we generally return to Perth at around 5:30pm.

If you are looking for accommodation in Perth close to the pick up spot, we recommend;

- The Ibis (on Murray Street)
- The Royal (on Wellington Street)

- Mantra on Murray (on Murray Street)
- Four Points by Sheraton (on Wellington Street).

All are within easy walking distance of the pick up spot.

## Where do we stay?

Accommodation is allocated on a double or twin share basis. A limited number of single supplements are available for an additional \$350. Single supplements are not mandatory for solo travellers, we will room solo travellers with a fellow solo traveller of the same gender.

Kendenup Lodge, to the west of the Stirling Range, will be our base for four nights. Kendenup's rooms are beautifully appointed and all have ensuite bathrooms, which is a bit of a treat! We will share breakfasts and dinners in the communal dining/lounge room where there is a nice wood fire to keep us warm on those chilly Stirlings nights.



## Dietary requirements?

From vegetarians to pescatarians to meat loving carnivores with an aversion to cucumbers we cater for all dietary requirements and will make sure you are well fed and looked after on tour.

## Average Temperature (degrees):

**Spring Departures:**    **Sep:** 7 min - 16 max

## What's the average age of walkers?

The average age of our guests are between 55-75 years young but we welcome any adult on our tours.

## Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

- Jump onto our website [www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au](http://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au), find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, '**CheckAvailability/Book Now**' alternatively call us on **08 6219 5164** (international calls dial **+618 62195164**) or email us at [walk@InspirationOutdoors.com.au](mailto:walk@InspirationOutdoors.com.au).
- Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

Just in case...

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

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