

# Bibbulmun Track

Donnelly River to Balingup Tour

Distance: 58km Duration: 4 Days / 3 Nights

Departs from Perth



**Level: *Moderate***

A half way point on the Bibbulmun Track, this section boasts spectacular views of the Blackwood Valley and majestic forest walking. – 58km walked over 4 days!

This 58 km section of the Bibbulmun Track, from Donnelly River Village to Balingup is perfect for forest lovers! It passes through some of the most beautiful stands of karri trees in the south west of Western Australia as well as taking in the Blackwood Valley and Golden Valley Tree Park in Balingup.

It's a moderate and sometimes challenging section, with some steep hills and many uneven (although mostly firm) surfaces. Each afternoon we'll take you back to comfortable accommodation, with beautiful surrounds, to relax with your fellow walkers. Enjoy all of the sights, sounds and smells of the track without compromising on comfort.

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

**2020 DEPARTURE:**

6 to 9 September 2020



## Itinerary

A guide will accompany you as you walk between 5 and 24 km each day. Each day you will start up where you left off the previous day completing the whole 58km of this section. In the evening you will return to comfortable accommodation and a delicious meal.

This section is moderate with some challenging steep hills. By carrying only a day pack people with a moderate level of fitness will be able to complete the walk. We recommend that you do some training first, as preparation always makes the experience more enjoyable.

The below itinerary may change due to weather.

### Day 1

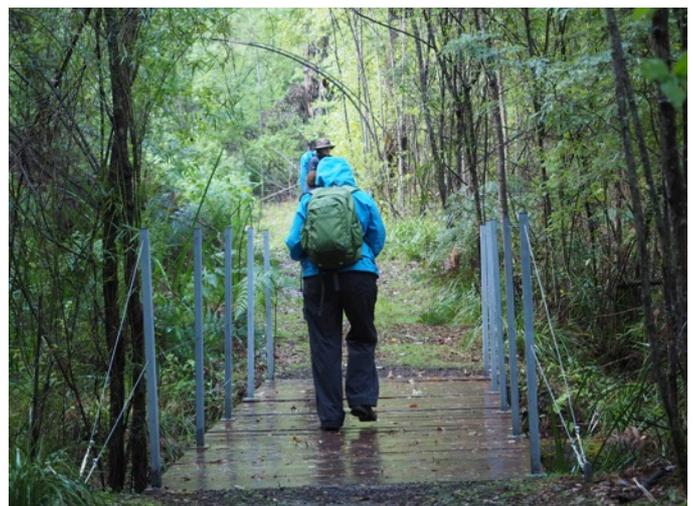
Drive from Perth, walk Donnelly River to Willow Springs Distance: 12.7 km

Today starts with a morning pick up in Perth. We then travel South to Donnelly River where we will start the days walk.

After a picnic lunch in the beautiful surrounds of this old logging town, we will head North along the track through majestic Karri forest. Keep an eye out for the old railway sleeper bridges that were used to cross some creeks.

We finish todays walk at Willow Springs, another mill site with the remains of the old arboretum.

After a short drive, we will reach our accomodation in Bridgetown.





## Day 2

Willow Springs to Southampton  
Bridge, Distance: 24 km

From Willow Springs we'll continue heading north. We will journey out of the heart of Karri forest, passing Gregory Brook shelter.

The old rail formations which feature heavily through this section provide gentle grades and comfortable walking. Keep an eye out for wildflowers in the regenerating vegetation.

## Day 3

Southampton Bridge to  
Hay Road Distance: 16.3 km

We'll start today's walk along the banks of the Blackwood river, before hitting our big challenge for the morning, the aptly named Cardiac Hill.

You will be rewarded for your effort at the top with stunning views of the Blackwood valley, a real highlight of this section of the track! There are a few ups and downs to test your legs and then some easy walking on the Greenbushes loop before our pickup location for the day.

## Day 4

Hay Road to Balingup  
Distance: 5.1 km

Today's walk is only short but finishes at the spectacular Golden Valley Tree Park. Housing over 1,000 different species of trees from Australia and all over the world, it's a unique and interesting place to spend some time wandering around.

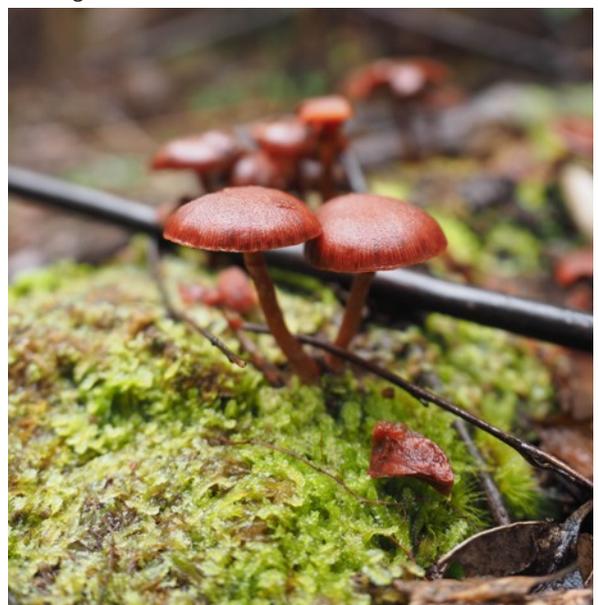
We will stop for lunch on the way back to Perth, arriving into the city at around 4pm.

# The Fine Details

Cost: \$1,445 per person (\$150 Single Supplement)

## What's included:

- All meals, homemade from the best ingredients. We pride ourselves on providing you with fresh, wholesome food. Enjoy healthy breakfasts, delicious home-made morning teas, fresh picnic and packed lunches, fruit and hearty two course dinners each day.
- All transport via air-conditioned bus, departing from and returning to Perth
- Central pick-up points in Fremantle and Perth CBD. Transport each day to and from the track.
- Comfortable accommodation in Bridgetown and Balingup
- Enjoy the delightful Bridgetown Valley Lodge for the first night and the scenic views from Balingup Hillview Retreat for the other two nights.
- Emergency support
- Wilderness first aid trained guides carry radios, satellite phones and a full first aid kit so you can walk without worry.
- Excellent itinerary and planning
- Drawn from 14 years experience.
- Professional guiding and support from local guides
- We go the extra mile to make sure your tour will be memorable. We guide you on each walk, tell stories about the surroundings and make sure you return home feeling better than ever.





## 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 8.20am on the morning of the departure. We can also pick up from Fremantle at 7:50am 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 4/4:30pm, and then on to Fremantle at 4:30/5pm.

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?

For the duration of the tour we stay at Bridgetown Valley Lodge, where we will stay in motel style rooms and enjoy the lodges restaurant for Breakfast and Dinners.

## 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):

**August:** 6C min - 15C 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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