

## Bibbulmun Track - Donnelly River to Balingup

4 Days



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# **Bibbulmun Track - Donnelly River to Balingup**

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

### Details

### Testimonials

Arrive:	Perth	A wonderful walk made special by the organising skills of Inspiration Outdoors who
Depart:	Perth	plan for and do cover every eventuality - and
Duration:	4 Days	their knowledge of the land we passed through was exceptional. Can highly recommend.
Group Size:	12 guest maximum	David - Albany to Denmark 2012
Average Age:	50-75	What a fantastic week! Thank you both so much
Activity Level:	Moderate - some steep hills	Dee - Albany to Denmark

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## Highlights



A walk for forrest lovers! We will saunter though beautiful Karri, Marri and Jarrah stands.



Spend time in the quaint town of Bridgetown.



We finish at Golden Valley Tree Park which houses over 1,000 species of trees.

### What to expect



There are a few hills on this tour but we will return every afternoon to comfortable accommodation where you can relax.



You will only carry a daypack making this sometimes challenging walk achievable.



Average Temperature (degrees): August: 6C min - 15C max

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## Itinerary

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!

#### Day 1 DRIVE FROM PERTH, WALK DONNELLY RIVER TO WILLOW SPRINGS

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 for the evening.

 Activity:
 12.7km walk

 Meals:
 L, D

 Accommodation:
 Bridgetown Valley Lodge (or similar)

#### Day 2 WILLOW SPRINGS TO SOUTHHAMPTON BRIDGE

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.

Activity:	24km walk
Meals:	B, L, D
Accommodation:	Bridgetown Valley Lodge (or similar)

#### Day 3 SOUTHHAMPTON BRIDGE TO HAY ROAD

We'll start todays 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.

Activity:	16.3km walk
Meals:	B, L, D
Accommodation:	Bridgetown Valley Lodge (or similar)

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#### Day 4 HAY ROAD TO BALINGUP

Todays 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.

Activity: 5.1km walk

Meals: B, L

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### **Departure Dates**

11 Apr 2023	-	14 Apr 2023
18 Sep 2023	-	21 Sep 2023

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### Pricing

2023 \$1,599 Per Person \$350 Deposit

**Optional Extras** 

Single Supplement \$150

### Inclusions

**Exclusions** 

All transport via air-conditioned bus, departing from and returning to Perth; as well as to and from the track each day

3 nights comfortable accommodation

Professional guiding and support each day

Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit

3 healthy breakfasts

4 morning teas - carried by your guide

4 lucnhes - some packed and some delivered picnics

Pre-dinner nibbles each night

3 delicious two-course dinners

Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 19 yrs experience

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### Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

Jump onto our website 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 on1300 544 882 or email us at 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).

### **Cancellation Policy**

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

We understand times are still uncertain as we ride the rollercoaster of state outbreaks. That's why we've introduced flexible cancellation terms so that if you're in a pickle, your adventure isn't. Please see our cancllation policy during covid restrictions here <u>https://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/covid-19/</u>

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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### About our tours

First, our tours are for people who like to walk long(ish) distances. That means we usually leave our accommodation pretty early each morning (between 7.30 and 8.30) and finish walking mid to late afternoon.

You won't break any records on our walks - for fastest or slowest hike. We keep a steady pace, but there are plenty of opportunities to rest, take photos and appreciate the views along the way.

A relaxed, social and supportive atmosphere is central to our tours. Have a chat and enjoy the sights and smells with your walking companions. Then back at the accommodation, slip into your comfy slacks and slippers and put your feet up with a cup of tea or a wine. Enjoy the conversation around the dinner table. And if you want to go to bed as soon as you've finished the last spoonful of dessert, or stay up and chat, you can.

We don't specialise in birds or plants or rare subterranean amphibians - although we're interested in all of these things. There are no evening lectures and you don't need to bring a notepad and pen (unless you want to). We have a sound and ever-expanding knowledge of the unique and special environments that we walk through, and love sharing what we know with those who are interested. We especially like digging around for stories of the plants and people whose history is linked with the areas we walk in and we'll share those stories with you as we walk.

Our tours are for those who enjoy the simple pleasure of walking in nature, combined with the luxuries of a proper relaxing holiday. We pay attention to the details so that you can relax and enjoy the experience. With the assistance of a team of knowledgeable friends, Inspiration Outdoors aims to provide... Recreation Beyond Expectation

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