



Beelu National Park Park guide

Beelu National Park (pronounced 'beel-u') is cradled in the tree-cloaked valleys of the Darling Range. It was previously known as Mundaring National Park but was renamed to recognise the Beelu, or river people, who once lived here. These people lived in an area generally bounded by the Helena, Swan and Canning rivers and had winter camps in the Mundaring and Kalamunda hills.

Most of Beelu National Park is covered by jarrah and marri woodland interspersed with grasstrees. Wandoo can be seen in granite areas while blackbutt and flooded gums are found along the valley floors. Spring sees a spectacular display of a wide range of wildflowers. The most visible inhabitants are the birds including the threatened Carnaby's cockatoos, Baudin's cockatoos, western warblers, splendid fairy wrens and grey shrike thrushes. Quendas, western brush wallabies and western grey kangaroos also live in park.

Facilities

Fred Jacoby Park is an ideal place for a family day out and picnic. The park was originally a farm, then a golf course and today features rolling grassland, exotic trees, picnic facilities and wood barbecues. It also contains one of the largest living English oak trees in Western Australia. A boardwalk enables visitors to get in under the canopy of this 140-year-old heritage-listed tree, while protecting the tree roots from compaction.

There are a number of scenic picnic areas along Mundaring Weir Road including South Ledge, North Ledge, Farrell Grove, The Dell, Gungin Gully, Pimelia and Grevillea. Toilets and wood barbecues are provided at many of these sites. You must provide your own wood for barbecues and they can only be lit outside the prohibited season (usually December to April).

The Golden View Lookout at South Ledge provides panoramic views over Lake CY O'Connor, Mundaring Weir and Helena River Valley. The Bibbulmun Track can also be accessed from here. The Dell is a great location to access the area's mountain bike trails including the Munda Biddi Trail and the Kalamunda Circuit. North Ledge and Farrell Grove offer tranquil picnic areas immersed in the bush.

Universal access

Fred Jacoby Park is well equipped for people in wheelchairs. There are accessible parking bays as well as toilets and picnic areas. Access at other sites is limited and assistance would be required.

For more detailed information, please visit the Access WA website at www.accesswa.com.au.

How to get there

Beelu National Park is about 40 kilometres from Perth on Mundaring Weir Road. Take Great Eastern Highway from Midland, or take Mundaring Weir Road from Kalamunda.

Best time to visit

Late autumn, winter and spring.

What to do

Bushwalking, picnicking, mountain biking, wildlife observation, wildflowers in spring and photography.

The Perth Hills Discovery Centre is a great place to begin your park experience. Learn about the national park, pick up a souvenir or relax on the deck with a cappuccino, cold drink or ice-cream.

The centre is also home to *Nearer to Nature*, which provides fun, interactive, nature-based activities for groups, families and individuals who are keen to enhance their enjoyment, knowledge and interest in the natural environment.

Tent-only camping is provided in the 'luxury' campground next to the centre. It features a camp kitchen with fridge, electric barbecues, power and sink, hot showers and toilets. It is also wheelchair friendly. Bookings are essential and fees apply. For more information on the centre's facilities or *Nearer to Nature* activities call (08) 9295 2244 or email n2n@dec.wa.gov.au.

Visitor safety

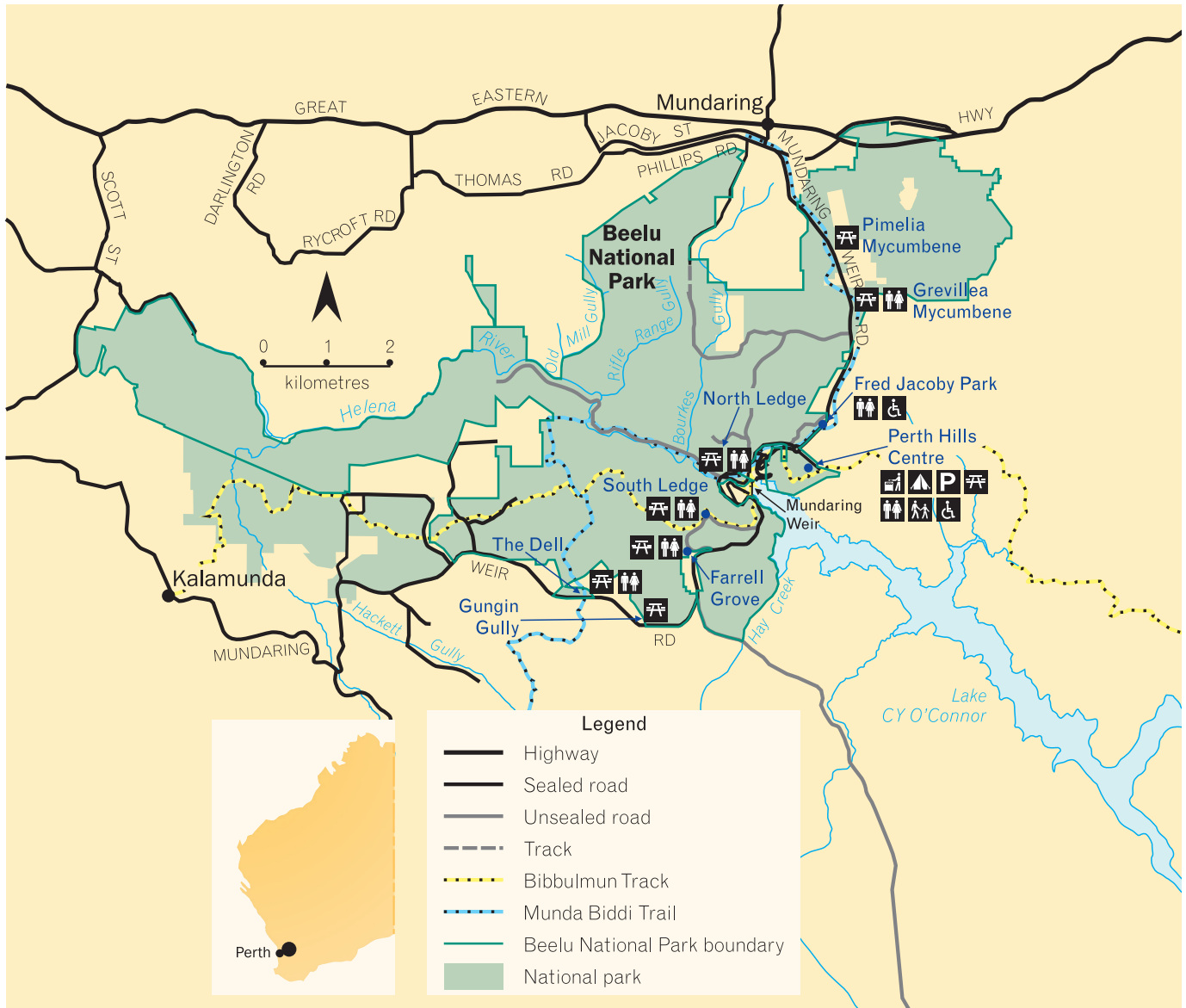
To ensure your safety while in the park:

- stay on tracks and paths
- observe all risk warnings and management signs
- remember that your safety in natural areas is our concern but your responsibility.





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Caring for the park

- Please do not feed the native animals, as it interferes with their natural ability to hunt.
- Pets are not allowed within the park.
- The taking of flora and fauna is prohibited.
- Take your rubbish with you when you leave.
- All Aboriginal sites within Western Australia are protected by law. Leave artefacts where you find them.

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