



*Experience the unforgettable
beauty of Australia's South West*

“TASTE OF THE BIBBULMUN”

WALKING TOURS

2009-2010





TOUR OVERVIEW

Our ***Taste of the Bibbulmun Walking Tours*** will introduce you to the best walks along the south-western sections of the Bibbulmun Track. These walks showcase the magnificent karri forests of Mt Hallowell Reserve; the spectacular ocean views and coastal heath-lands of William Bay National Park; the amazing tingle forests of Walpole Wilderness; and the exhilarating cliffs of West Cape Howe National Park. Our expert Guides from Out of Sight! Tours are extremely knowledgeable about the fauna, flora, and geology of the area and provide interpretive commentary throughout the walk.

We cater to small groups so that each walker has the opportunity to interact with their guide. You only carry a small day-pack and water on each walk, leaving the heavy pack to the guide. Each evening you will return to your accommodation in the peaceful forest surroundings of Karma Chalets located a short distance from the town of Denmark. What better way to experience the wonders of Western Australia's longest walking trail?

THE BIBBULMUN TRACK

The Bibbulmun Track in Western Australia stretches almost 1000kms from Kalamunda in the Perth Hills to Albany on the south coast. The Track passes through some of the most beautiful and peaceful coastal and forest areas of Australia's South West Wilderness. The southern section of the track takes in the ancient Tingle trees of the Walpole Wilderness area, and skirts along the edge of pristine waters of the Great Southern Ocean.

ITINERARY

Choose from 2, 3 or 4 days of walking.

Day 1 – Arrive in Denmark

Own arrangements - self-drive or coach service to Denmark. You may also wish to fly into the nearby city of Albany – we can arrange shuttle transport from the airport to Denmark.

Accommodation will be provided for your arrival night at Karma Chalets.

Day 2 - Karri Mountain Walk (5.7km moderately challenging)

A guided walk through the karri forest over granite boulders to the top of Mt Hallowell and down to Monkey Rock.

A physically challenging walk requiring balance and agility in some sections. The karri forest is beautiful at all times of the year. Learn about the bush tucker properties of different plant species.

This walk provides a great start to your walking adventure – we walk at a gentle pace to stretch your muscles and build up stamina.



Day 3 – William Bay National Park coastal walk (9.5km moderate)

A guided walk along the coast from to Lights Beach and ending at William Bay National Park.

The terrain is undulating, with sand sections and a few hills. Enjoy walking through the spectacular coastal heathlands that abound with wildflowers and birds. The view from granite tors of Tower Hill is magnificent

At the end of this walk enjoy a dip in the pristine waters of Greens Pool, a natural ocean rock pool.



Day 4 – Tingle Forest Walk (9km moderate)



A guided walk through the ancient Tingle forest of Walpole Wilderness.

Some of these trees are over 400 years old! These giants stand silently in the forest – majestic sentries that grow nowhere else in the world.

Walkers will have the opportunity to visit the Valley of the Giants Discovery Centre and Tree Top Walk, a canopy suspension bridge in the Tingle forest.

Day 5– West Cape Howe National Park coastal walk (16.5km moderate)

A guided walk which takes in the best rugged coastal scenery in Western Australia.

West Cape Howe is the southern most point of Western Australia and the coastline is a mixture of dolerite and limestone cliffs.

Although it is the longest walk on your four day tour, the conditions are easy to moderate and you will be rewarded with the satisfaction of knowing that you have been able to complete a full length of the walk in one day!



The itinerary should be used as a guide only as it can vary due to weather, trail conditions, and unforeseen circumstances. Wilderness Getaways reserves the right to cancel, delay or alter any tour due to circumstances beyond our control, including but not limited to dangerous weather conditions, dangerous Track conditions, or the inability of a contractor to fulfil any obligations. Our experienced guides will seek out the best alternatives where necessary.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Participants must be in good health and in good physical condition. We only walk as fast as the slowest walker but all walkers will be required to complete the distances and terrain as per the itinerary. Medical and evacuation expenses will be the responsibility of the participants. International participants must have comprehensive travel/medical insurance but we recommend all participants consider taking out travel insurance.

GEAR REQUIREMENTS

Walkers will need to carry a small day-pack and water for their use on the walk. We recommend that you also bring the following items with you: a hat, windproof jacket, and consider the need for a jumper or vest if the day is cool. You will need to wear hiking boots or other sturdy footwear - definitely no sandals or joggers. The coastline can get very windy even on a clear day, so the jacket is important. We also recommend sunscreen, sunglasses and trekking poles. Don't worry if you forget to bring something with you – the Eco-Discovery Shop in Denmark has a good range of hiking gear and equipment.

CLIMATE

The south-western sections of the Bibbulmun Track are greatly influenced by the cold Southern Ocean. It is always best to be prepared for cooler days and nights at any time of the year.

ACCOMMODATION

Tour price is inclusive of twin-share chalet accommodation at Karma Chalets.... nestled in the hillside under a canopy of eucalyptus. Ten exclusive chalets, each with a well-equipped kitchen, cosy living area, balcony and BBQ are available. There are different chalet configurations to choose from, including bedrooms with ensuite spa bathrooms. Karma Chalets offers the perfect country retreat to complement your Bibbulmun Walking Tour. Karma's panoramic outlook provides the ideal backdrop for you to relax with the quiet of nature at your doorstep as beautiful parrots, finches and wrens dart through the branches. Enjoy a superb local wine from one of the many wineries which surround Karma, whilst cooking on your barbeque and soaking in the spectacular views from your balcony.



PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

Wilderness Getaways reserves the right to take photographs of the participants and use those images for promotional purposes. In booking a tour, you give Wilderness Getaways the right to use images for such purposes. Participants unwilling for photos including themselves to be used, must identify themselves to the event leader at the commencement of the tour.

SELECTING YOUR ITINERARY

The itinerary has been put together to give you the flexibility of choosing a 2, 3 or 4 day walking package. Days must be consecutive. Minimum numbers must be reached before the tour is confirmed. A 20% deposit must be paid at the time of booking to confirm your place on the tour. The deposit is non-refundable except in the situation where minimum numbers are not reached and the tour is cancelled by Wilderness Getaways. All tours depart from Denmark.

Walking days	Price per person (twin-share)
2 days/3 nights	\$850
3 days/4 nights	\$1200
4 days/5 nights	\$1500

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Lunch and snacks for each walking day
- Twin-share chalet accommodation with breakfast
- Restaurant Dinner voucher for one night (on the other nights you may choose to eat in one of Denmark's many restaurants or self-cater in your fully-equipped chalet kitchen)
- All transfers to and from accommodation in Denmark to the Track
- Entrance fees and permits to national parks
- An expert track guide

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Items of a personal nature
- Alcoholic beverages
- Optional excursions
- Personal travel insurance

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due 28 days prior to departure. For further information please refer to the booking form.

INSURANCE

Current comprehensive travel insurance is highly recommended. The tour may be cancelled if minimum numbers are not reached. Whilst you will receive your moneys for the tour, other costs incurred such as airfares and accommodation en route to Denmark will not be reimbursed by Wilderness Getaways. The cost of travel insurance does not form part of the advised price and must be paid additionally.

REFUNDS

Please note that deposits are strictly non-refundable (unless the tour does not proceed). If you wish to cancel after full payment has been made you will forfeit the following amounts:

- Cancellation of 21 days to 28 days before tour departure, 50% of total price.
- Cancellation of 10 days to 20 days before tour departure, 75% of total price.
- Cancellation of within 10 days before tour departure, no refund.