

Balingup-Donnelly Walk – O/Night Details

For this walk there is the possibility of staying overnight in 4 of the Bibbulmun Huts. There is a limit of 15 people per night, so interest must be expressed early. Once the numbers are reached we cannot continue to take registrations for the overnight walks, this does not, of course, affect your ability to join us at our campsites on private property and daily walks. You can also change your mind and swap your place with someone else when we are on our Great Walk.

To do the overnight stays in the huts you must be prepared with your own kit. In addition to our usual camping requirements you will need to carry your own food. This can be purchased, dehydrated, from camping stores or you can take food from the Great Walk kitchen supplies. You will also need a sleeping bag, mat, tent (in case the hut is full) and a cooking stove (we can share). Blackwood Hut in particular does not allow fires.

You do not have to carry your pack the whole way, you can put it on the bus and pick it up when the bus picks up the walkers to go back to camp (refer to itinerary below for details. Similarly, you can meet the bus in the morning when the other walkers are dropped off and put it (and yourself?) on the bus. I have included the distance between these two points so you can consider whether this is possible for you.

Day 3 Balingup-Blackwood 17.1km. Overnight camp possible, have to carry your pack for 6.9km. Big ups at the end.

Pick-ups/drop-offs: Golden Valley Tree Park 1.3km-2.9km, Spring Gully Road at 11.2km,

Southampton Road 14.1 km. People must decide here if they are climbing to Blackwood (3km) to stay overnight or going back to camp

Day 4 Blackwood-Gregory Brook 18.2km. Overnight camp possible, have to carry your pack for 8km. Mostly downhill with a pack.

Pick-ups/drop offs:

Southampton Bridge drop off. If walking from the Blackwood campsite it is 3.9km to the bridge.

Camp Creek Road, 14km if walking from Blackwood Hut, 11.1km if dropped off at Southampton Bridge. People must decide here if they are walking on to Gregory Brook (4km) or going back to camp. If you want to continue, the next pick up is at Karri Gully (4km).

Day 7 Pemberton to Beedelup 25.1km. Overnight camp possible, have to carry your pack for 5.2km. Mostly downhill with a pack.

Pick-ups/drop offs: Rainbow Trail 4.8km, Big Brook Arboretum 9.4km, Stirling Road 12km.

Channybearup Road 21.5km. People need to decide if they want to walk onto Beedelup Campsite (3.6km) or go home

Day 9 Palings Road to Gregory Road 19.1km. Overnight camp possible, have to carry your pack for 12.4km. Mostly downhill with the pack until the ascent to the Mt Mack pick-up.

Pick-ups/drop offs: Drop off at Palings Road, 1.2km to Boarding House hut.

Glenoran Pool 13.6km. Walkers can get dropped off to walk to Green's Island. Green's Island 15.9km.

Gregory Road, 19.1km Walkers can walk on to Tom Road Hut (6.3km).