

Fitzgerald River National Park

Management Plan

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6.3 HYDROLOGY

Section to be amended

Prescription 7 of the ‘Hydrology’ section of the management plan is to be amended as follows:

7. ~~Because fresh groundwater is very limited in the Park, drinking water cannot be provided at campsites. Maps for walking only areas may indicate the availability of limited fresh water.~~
7. Drinking water may be provided at campsites either from groundwater sources if suitable or from any appropriate source, such as rainwater harvesting. Maps for walking will indicate the availability of water, if provided.

13.0 ACCESS

Section to be amended

Prescription 7 and Table 14 of the ‘Access’ section of the management plan is to be amended as follows:

7. **Exclude vehicles from the centre of the Park to reduce the risk of dieback introduction and/or spread to the lowest possible levels. Vehicle access to the wilderness management zone for dieback sampling and survey, and fire management, and essential management purposes will be allowed under strict permit, subject to approval of DEC’s Director Nature Conservation, DEC’s Director Parks and Visitor Services, and the Conservation Commission of Western Australia ~~NPNC~~ approval. If a life-threatening emergency arises requiring the use of vehicles within these areas, entry will be authorised by the South Coast Regional Manager or a representative. ~~Access for fire management purposes in the centre of the Park will be reviewed in 1995 (refer to 9.2 Fire).~~**

CENTRAL SECTION			
Telegraph Track (Fitzgerald Inlet - Quoin Head)	6	Close to all access except for dieback sampling and survey under strict permit. Review for fire access in 1995. <u>Close to all access except under strict permit for dieback sampling and survey, emergency and essential management purposes only.</u>	1
Drummond Track	6	Close to all access except for dieback sampling and survey under strict permit. Review for fire access in 1995. <u>Close to all access except under strict permit for dieback sampling and survey, emergency and essential management purposes only.</u>	1
Twin Bays Track	6	Close to all access except for dieback sampling and survey under strict permit. Review for fire access in 1995. <u>Close to all access except under strict permit for dieback sampling and survey, emergency and essential management purposes only.</u>	1
Bell Track South	6	Close to all access except for dieback sampling and survey under strict permit. Review for fire access in 1995. <u>Close to all access except under strict permit for dieback sampling and survey, emergency and essential management purposes only.</u>	1
Fitzgerald South Track	6	Close to all access except for dieback sampling and survey under strict permit. Review for fire	1

		access in 1995. <u>Close to all access except under strict permit for dieback sampling and survey, emergency and essential management purposes only.</u>	
Red Islet - Marshes	6	Close to all access except for dieback sampling and survey under strict permit. Review for fire access in 1995. <u>Close to all access except under strict permit for dieback sampling and survey, emergency and essential management purposes only.</u>	1
Beach Track	6	Close to all access except for dieback sampling and survey under strict permit. Review for fire access in 1995. <u>Close to all access except under strict permit for dieback sampling and survey, emergency and essential management purposes only.</u>	1
Bell Track North	--	Keep closed.	1
Southern spurs off Old Ongerup Road	6	Maintain for fire (emergency) access.	2
GENERAL			
Firebreaks	6	Assess need for realignment. Minimise numbers, dieback risk and erosion. Ensure closure to public vehicles.	1

* Assess best provision of access to the Peninsula and Gordon Inlet and links with Bremer Bay and FRNP.

14.0 RECREATION SITES

Section to be amended

The text within the 'Strategy' section of section 14.1 'General' is to be revised as follows:

Strategy

Reference to the Recreation Goal for the FRNP indicates that the Park should cater for recreational use in a natural setting, with minimal facilities. Within this framework there should be a choice of settings, including coastal, heathland and mallee; and development, ranging from "developed" to "less developed". This should include areas accessible to 2WDs with facilities, 4WD-accessible areas with ~~no facilities apart from~~ such as toilets, and backpack campsites with ~~no or without~~ facilities. There are currently enough sites, albeit poorly planned, to meet demand, except over peak-use periods. It is an inefficient use of resources to plan on the basis of peak demand, which only occurs on 18-20 days per year.

14.2 RECREATION SITE MANAGEMENT (Level of development, campfires, caravans and rubbish)

Section to be amended

The text within the 'Strategy' section of section 14.2 the second paragraph is to be revised as follows:

Strategy

A range of facilities should be provided at sites across the Park. Sites nearest the eastern and western ends of the Park and closest to the rangers (and, therefore, more rapidly accessed and maintained) should be the most developed, while those further into the Park should be more primitive.

~~Flushing toilets, showers and caravan parks will not be provided. Toilets will be "long drop" only, with sealed vaults accessible to sanitary trucks at the busiest sites.~~

Appropriate facilities, including toilets, may be provided at recreation sites. The extent of facilities provided will be informed by the 'Public Opportunities' section of Table 3 'Fitzgerald River National Park Management Zones'.

Section to be amended

Prescription 3 of section 14.2 'Recreation Site Management' is to be revised as follows:

3. Provide **facilities at all camp sites and day use sites as required, with the exception of backpack sites. The siting of toilets must be unobtrusive.**

15.3 BUSHWALKING

Section to be amended

Prescription 10 of section 15.3 'Bushwalking' is to be revised as follows:

10. **On the longer walks, provide appropriate visitor facilities at designated camp sites as required ~~provide designated camping sites with no facilities at attractive places capable of supporting such use in the longer term.~~ Several proposed backpack camp sites are given in Section 14.0 Recreation Sites (Table 15, Map 10).**

Section to be amended

Table 16 'Walks' is to be revised as follows:

TABLE 16. WALKS

	PATH	DURATION	STANDARD
1 day or longer			
14	Roe's Rock Pool	1 day	track
15	McCulloch's Crossing	1-2 days	track/route
16	Parwoonup	1-2 days	track/route
17	Mt Drummond	1 day	track
18	Dempster Inlet	1-2 days	track route
19	Quoin Hd - Marshes	1-2 days	track route
20	Fitzgerald Inlet - Twin Bays	1-2 days	route
21	Eyre Range	2-3 days	track route
22	Quoin Hd - Twin Bays	1-3 days	route
23	Fitzgerald Valley	2-3 days	track route
24	Hopetoun - Bremer Bay	7-10 days	track/ route