

Parks of the Perth Hills

The place to...

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John Forrest National Park

Park Guide

Park Facts

Where is it?	26km east of Perth, via the Great Eastern Highway through Midland.
Traveling time:	30min from Perth.
Fees:	Entry fees apply.
What to do:	Bushwalking, picnicking, wildlife observation, photography, mountain bike riding (on approved trails only). Electric barbecues, toilets, water, kiosk.
Facilities:	
Best Seasons:	Autumn, winter, spring.
On-site information:	Rangers, information shelter, trailside signs, Park Guides.
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Originally declared as a conservation reserve in 1898, John Forrest National Park is WA's oldest national park. It became John Forrest National Park in 1947, in honour of the famous explorer and statesman – Sir John Forrest, who was Premier of Western Australia between 1890 and 1901.

The visitor area contains barbecue and picnic facilities, tearooms, cultivated gardens of native plants and a tavern. The rest of the park is largely undeveloped and is home to a variety of plant communities and wildlife.

Several trails run through various parts of the park, including the Railway Heritage Trail, which follows the alignment of the old railway line to York.

Visitors can walk through the only railway tunnel in WA—the Swan View Tunnel. The Eagle View Walk Trail is a 15 km bushwalking circuit that leads to some of the park's less explored areas.



Facilities

There are outstanding views of Perth and the Swan Coastal Plain from the lookout point on the scenic drive. The park also offers a wide variety of attractions and facilities that make it a popular venue for families and groups.

Surrounding the centrally located Rangers Office are rock gardens that lead down to Jane Brook, built by Sustenance workers during the Great Depression of the 1930s. The brook has been dammed to create a pleasant pool area, but the water is untreated and swimming is not advised. Picnic areas and barbecue facilities are provided nearby. Shelters are also provided to allow visitors to enjoy the surrounds all year round.

Caring for John Forrest National Park



Be Careful: Your safety in natural environments is our concern, but your responsibility.

Be Clean: Put your litter in bins, or better still take it home with you.

Be Cool: Because of the fire risk, no fires are permitted in the park. Please use the barbecues provided, or bring your own portable gas stove if you wish to barbecue.

Protect Animals and Plants: Dogs, cats and firearms are not permitted in national parks.

Stay on the Road: Public vehicle access is only on the sealed roads leading off Great Eastern Highway. By staying on these roads you will be making an important contribution towards stopping the spread of dieback disease. Normal road rules apply. Mountain Bikes may only be riding on approved management tracks – they cannot be ridden on walk trails, including the Eagle View Walk Trail.

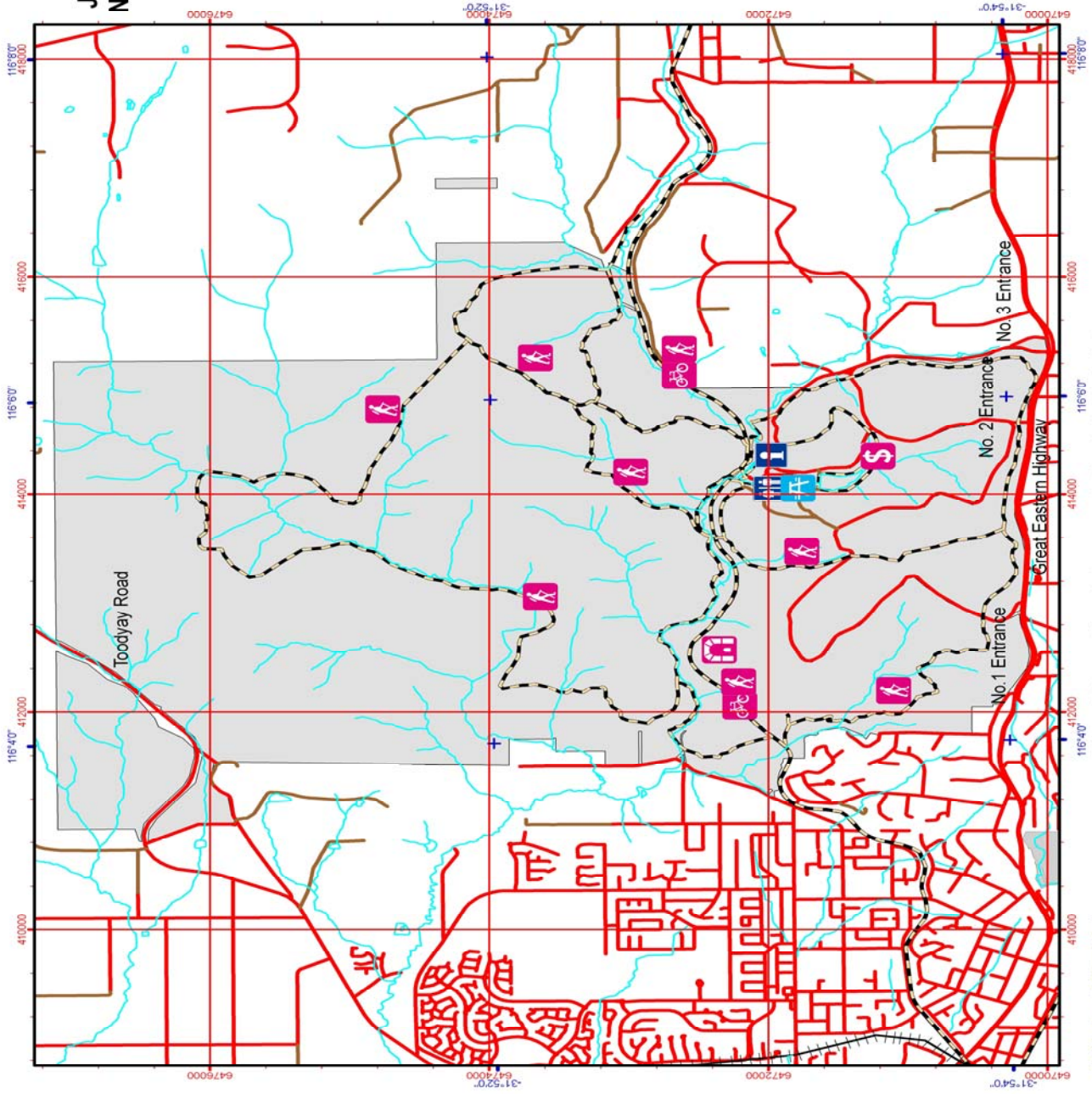
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Further Information



National Park Rangers are always pleased to help you make your visit more enjoyable and informative. Do not hesitate to contact them if you need information or assistance.

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