



WESTERN WALKING CLUB VISITOR INFORMATION SHEET
WEBSITE: www.westernwalkers.com.au

Thank you for contacting the Western Walking Club, all our club walks are advertised on the website. The Western Walking Club was established in 1937, and we have over 100 members.

We request all visitors advise either the club president or secretary (contacts details listed below) prior to attending a walk. The walk leaders will then be advised of your intention to join their walk.

VISITORS

Visitors are always welcome. After completing two walks as a guest, they need to become members to continue walking with the club. We encourage first time visitors to join us on one of our 'easy' walks (they are only easy if you are reasonably fit.), so that you can see how our club functions. If you decide the easy walks are well within your limits you can then progress to the harder walks. Experienced hikers are welcome to begin on a hard walk.

WINTER WALKS

Normally walks are arranged every Sunday from May to October. Most walks are within a 70 km radius of Perth. These walks usually last several hours and walkers should bring morning tea, a picnic lunch and plenty of water (2 litres recommended) in a comfortable backpack. **Good walking boots** are essential. As the bush is often wet and prickly, long trousers are recommended and rainwear is necessary in wet weather. Gaiters are also recommended through the bush, and a whistle and compass should be carried.

STARTING TIMES

All walkers should arrive at the meeting place 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time as walks leave promptly. This gives you time to sign the walks register, and meet the walk leaders.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Payable on the 1st July of each year, subscriptions are \$40 per person (\$80 for couples), charged pro-rata in joining mid-year. There is also an initial \$17.50 fee for your club name badge.

MEETING PLACES

CANNINGTON: Civic Park, George Street West - travel 120 metres from Albany Highway to the carpark entry on the left - park on the right.

KALAMUNDA: Kalamunda Community Centre, Jorgensen Park, Crescent Road.

MIDLAND: Bunnings carpark, Lloyd Street, Midland, (southern side of Clayton St). Park at the far left-hand corner of the Bunnings carpark, near the plants end.

ARMADALE: Pioneer Village Car Park, corner Albany Highway/South West Highway.

PASSENGERS

A contribution towards the cost of petrol is appreciated. These have been set down by the Committee and vary, depending on the **total return distance** travelled to the start of the walk.

For example:

Up to 25 kms - \$3 per passenger
56 – 85 kms - \$5 per passenger

26-55 kms - \$4 per passenger
More than 85 kms - \$6 per passenger

CLASSIFICATION OF WALKS

- Easy:** Usually on track and of moderate distance up to 10 km, without many steep slopes.
- Easy Medium:** May be long, up to 12 km, and may include steep slopes and some off-track walking through bush.
- Medium:** At least 14 km long, and may contain stretches of stony, steep, and slippery terrain, and off-track sections.
- Medium Hard:** Greater than 15 km, with steep sections and significant sections off track.
- Hard:** Long, greater than 16 km with steep sections, rough track and may contain thick bush sections.
- Disclaimer:** Classifications and distances above are a guide only.

FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF OTHERS

Please consider not attending a walk if you are feeling unwell. Or you may **consider** wearing a mask if necessary.

WESTERN WALKING CLUB RULES

1	One of the leaders should be informed before any member separates from the group for any reason. Backpacks should be left at the side of the track.
2	No group member should overtake the leader in front nor lag behind the tail-end leader at the rear.
3	When walking on trafficable roads, members are to keep close to the right-hand side of the road and in single file.
4	Conservation laws are to be observed, at all times. No picking of wild flowers or disturbing fauna.
5	No litter is to be left behind. Remember, we take out what we take in.
6	Suitable equipment and clothing to be carried or worn. That is: walking boots, backpack, 2 litres of water, compass, first-aid kit, tough clothing to resist bush, gaiters when appropriate, whistle, packed lunch, matches and rainwear if necessary.
7	Toilet waste should be buried at least 250 mm deep and 200 m from a stream

Benefits of being part of our club:

- Meet likeminded people, and hike in the comfort of a social group, with experienced walk leaders
- We offer annual navigation and leadership courses to members.
- There are several club camps each year, overnight hikes and weekends away
- Scheduled Social Functions
- Both winter walks and summer walks are scheduled throughout the year
- Western Walking Club is affiliated with HikeWest Federation - the peak body and voice for bushwalking in WA
- Our membership includes insurance coverage as provided via HikeWest

Contact information

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