

Discover the Collie River Valley

The Collie Self-Drive Tours enables you to experience the many highlights the Collie River Valley has to offer, and see for yourself that Collie really is...

MORE THAN YOU THINK!

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1 Lennard Drive, Lower Collie Valley M16

Located below the Wellington Dam wall, Lennard Drive is a one-way road (in a westerly direction, part bitumen part gravel) offering a spectacular drive. Along the way you can stop at a number of sites that are suitable for swimming, canoeing, white water rafting, bushwalking and picnicking.

Well-known picnic sites in the valley include 'The Rapids', 'Big Rock', 'Little Rock' and 'Long Pool'.

2 Scenic Drive Flora Rd M15

A 7km loop between Coalfields Highway at Allanson and Mungulp Road, south of Collie. This gravel road follows the Collie River and features jarrah and marri forests, tumbling rapids in winter and a wonderful array of wildflowers in the spring. Picnic sites are located along this scenic drive while both swimming and fishing are permitted.

3 Wellington Forest J4

Located 180 km from Perth, Wellington Forest is set in the picturesque Collie River Valley, close to the Wellington Dam. The Wellington Forest offers a variety of experiences, from the taste of fresh marron, the challenge of canoeing the rapids, swimming a tranquil stretch of the river or the pleasure of camping under the stars.

The Wellington Forest is a mixture of conservation parks, national park, State Forest, plantations, water reserves and private property. This provides visitors with a broad and exciting range of opportunities, as well as a home for an abundance of native flora and fauna. The area is also plays a significant role in meeting the needs of the Western Australian community, through provision of fresh water, agriculture and timber products.

4 Honeymoon Pool H5

A popular camping and picnicking area located on the Collie River, Honeymoon Pool offers many activities. Swimming, bushwalking, canoeing and fishing, are all activities which can be undertaken in spectacularly beautiful surroundings. Campsites catering for groups, families and individuals are provided, along with toilets, picnic tables and wood barbecues. No showers or power available. Camp fees apply.

5 The Quarry J6

Historically a centre of industrial activity during the dam's construction last century, today the Quarry serves as a spectacular backdrop to a popular picnic site. Explore the walk trail and Living Windows Display, which provides outlines of the dam's construction as well as a broad history of the area. Facilities at the Quarry include electric barbecues, picnic tables, shelters, lookout and nearby, a cafe where you can purchase refreshments, light meals, local craft and hire canoes.

6 Potters Gorge J6

Located on the shores of Wellington Dam, Potters Gorge is a popular camping and picnic area. The site is open for camping all year round and is suitable for cars towing caravans. Bush camping (no showers or power), picnicking, fishing and bushwalking are popular activities in the area. Camp fees apply.

7 Harris Dam N1

Located 12 km north of Collie, Harris Dam was opened on 14 December 1990 and supplies high quality water to more than 20,000 people in and around Collie and over 30 communities in the Great Southern.

Although camping and water based activities are not permitted, the Harris Dam offers great picnic and barbecue facilities, which are ideal for a great day out! The Blue Fairy Wrens in the area cap off a picturesque setting. Walk or drive from the picnic area to the tourist lookout to view the reservoir or try a bush walk along a section of the Bibbulmun Track which passes to the east of the Dam.

8 Harris River Estate Winery N2

In an area fast becoming known for its excellent grape growing soils, Harris River Estate will be the first winery in the Collie district to open for cellar door sales (August 2003). At present the winery has approximately 24 hectares of vines, consisting of three red and three white varieties. February 2003 will see their first premium wines bottled, due for release in April. Harris River Estate is located 6km north of Collie on the Harris River Road. For enquiries please telephone Karl Hillier on 0419 953 955 or Richard Garner on 08 97344 171.

9 Minnipup Pool N6

Located on the outskirts of Collie on Mungulp Road, this wide stretch of the Collie River is an attractive and tranquil spot for swimming, picnicking, fishing and canoeing. The river tests the skills of fresh water anglers against trout, perch and cobbler. Wildflowers are found in abundance in the surrounding bush during September to November.

12 Collie Motorplex O7

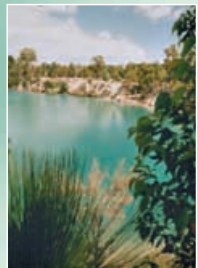
This facility, with over 50km of private road network, offers motor sport activities for touring car and motor sport clubs, circuit racing, drag strip, burn out pad, private lease for vehicle manufacturer's testing, police and youth driver training, and heavy haulage and specialist driver training. Contact the Manager on 08 9734 7477 for further information.

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13 Black Diamond L4

One of the earliest open cut mines in the district, and located near the original coal discovery site at Allanson, Black Diamond offers some great photo opportunities due to the distinct blue body of water which has filled the void over many years.



14 Wellington H7 Discovery Forest

This centre offers an education experience for young and old. Self guided walk trails through the forest give an insight into the ecology and past management of the Jarrah forest. Eco education excursions are offered to school groups.



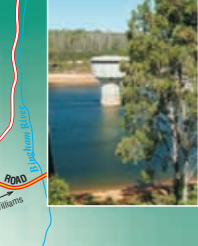
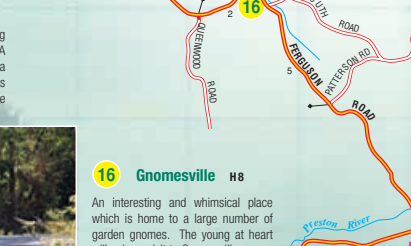
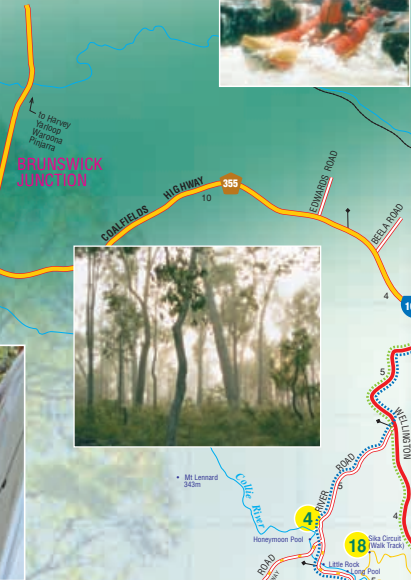
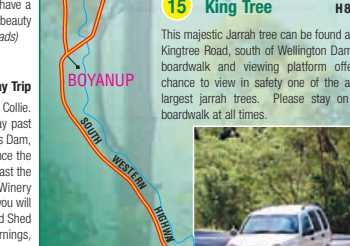
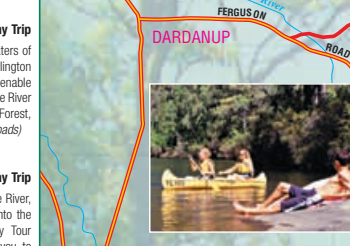
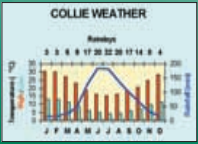
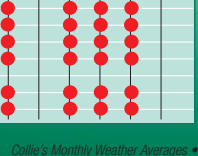
10 Glen Mervyn Dam M10

Located 20km south of Collie, this is another popular water ski and swimming area, with boat ramp, picnic sites and toilets. Wind surfing and other sailing is also permissible.



11 Stockton Lake O6

A disused open cut mine that has formed an attractive artificial lake, the Stockton Lake now provides both locals and visitors with a popular water skiing area. As the lake is a disused coal mine the water is more acidic than other natural lakes and swimmers are advised to limit their time in the water - especially those with sensitive skin.



CHOOSE ONE OF OUR SELF DRIVE TOURS:

Discovery Tour Full Day Trip

Spend the day touring the picturesque waters of the Wellington Dam, Collie River and Wellington Discovery Forest. The Discovery Tour will enable you to take in the natural beauty of the Collie River Valley including some of the 80% of State Forest, which covers the Shire. (Some unsealed roads)

Collie River Valley Tour Half Day Trip

Experience the natural beauty of the Collie River, which winds its way through Collie and into the Wellington Dam. The Collie River Valley Tour follows much of the river and will take you to many of the 'local' spots, where you can have a swim or a picnic, or just take in the natural beauty the region has to offer. (Some unsealed roads)

Northern Highlights Tour Half Day Trip

Take a scenic drive to the 'other dam' in Collie. The Northern Highlights Tour winds its way past the historic Worsley Church and onto Harris Dam, where you can relax and enjoy the ambience the facilities provide. The tour then takes you past the newly developed Harris River Estate Winery before arriving into Collie townsite, where you will find plenty to see and do, such as the Good Shed Markets held on alternate Sunday mornings, antique and craft shops, cafes, museums, etc.

All the tours may be commenced from either Wellington Dam or Collie township.

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17 Bibbulmun Track M12 - N1

The Bibbulmun Track is Western Australia's only true long-distance walk trail, stretching from Kalamunda in the north to Albany in the South. The longest section of the Bibbulmun Track passes through the Shire of Collie.

18 Walk Tracks

Sika Circuit 16 9.4km 4 hours. Passing through mature jarrah, this is a steep climb giving impressive views of the Collie River Valley.

H7 The Wellington Discovery Forest hosts two self guided walk trails. These include the Total Forest Trail and the Jarrah Trail.

Proposed walk trails include a walk trail from Honeymoon Pool to the Lookout.

Facilities

● Facility Available

● Conditions Apply

	Camping	Picnic Tables	Barbecues	Frimware Supplied	Toilets	Drinking Water	Showers	Information	Universal Access	Canoeing	Water Skiing	Swimming	Fishing	Marina	Sailing
Glen Mervyn Dam															
Stockton Lake															
Flora Road Scenic Drive															
Wellington Dam															
Honeymoon Pool															
Potters Gorge															
The Ferns															
Long Pool															
Big Rocks															
The Rapids															
Minnipup Pool															
Harris River Dam															
Collie River															
Little Rock															

Collie Industry

COAL

The Collie basin houses the only commercially exploited coal in WA. Although there have been 24 underground mines in the past 100 years of mining, there are now only open cut mines operating. Reserves of open cut coal are around 500 million tonnes and the current mining rate in the basin is seven million per year. The coal mining industry directly employs over 500 people.



An open cut coal mine

The coal is around 160 million years old and the basin contains over 100 coal seams in a sequence up to 1400 metres thick. The deposit was discovered in 1853 and mining began around 1894 at the Government Mine.

Two companies mine coal in the basin 10 - 15 km east of Collie. Westfarmers Premier Coal operates the Premier Mine and Griffin Coal operates Muja and Ewington 11 mines.

MUJA POWER STATION

Location: Muja Power Station is situated 22kms east of the Collie town site. The name Muja is the native word given to the Christmas Tree (Myrtia floribunda) which flourishes in the sandy region adjacent to the power station.

The Station: Officially opened in 1966 and with the generating capacity of 1040 megawatts, Muja is the state's largest thermal generating station. The station produces approximately 60% of the power provided to the grid which stretches from Kalbarri in the north, south to Bremer bay and east to Kalgoorlie.



Muja Power Station

The People: Muja has approximately 300 operational, administration, maintenance and human resources personnel which includes trainees and apprentices.

WESFARMERS PREMIER COAL OPERATIONS

Westfarmers Premier Coal produces three to four million tonnes of coal per year, supplying mainly Western Power for power generation as it is excellent quality for stream raising. Other uses for Collie coal include the production of synthetic rutile, cement and lime manufacture and heating for horticulture. Coal is delivered to customers via conveyor, rail or road transport.

Open cut mining of coal at Premier Mine requires the removal of large quantities of "waste rock" averaging around 25-28 million cubic metres (>50 million tonnes) per year. Premier Coal uses large electric rope shovels and 240 tonne capacity trucks to move this "waste rock" and similar capacity equipment for coal extraction.

Where possible, waste rock is replaced in the mined out areas. Rehabilitation is designed to blend with the surrounding countryside with particular attention paid to revegetation using local forest and plant species and the provision of fauna habitat.

Large lakes are a legacy of open cut mining and these are being researched for future applications in aquaculture and recreation.



A Westfarmers Coal rehabilitation project

GRIFFIN COAL OPERATIONS

Griffin Coal's mining operations are situated 11km east of Collie, and at Muja, a further 12km to the south east. The company has mined coal at Collie since 1927, and currently holds title to mining leases covering 6,800 hectares. A unique feature of the Muja open cut mine is that it is the deepest open cut mine in Australia (200m). This means long, slow hauls out of the pit for coal.

WORSLEY ALUMINA

The Worsley Alumina refinery is by far the largest manufacturing establishment within the Shire of Collie. Operations began in 1984 and production has increased steadily. It receives bauxite ore via conveyor belt from the Mount Saddleback Mine in the Boddington Shire which is refined into Alumina.



Aquaculture research and development

Aquaculture is another industry that has developed from the diversification of farming practices in recent years. The Collie TAFE has an ongoing study in this field and conducts tours of their facilities and Aquariums. Bookings for these tours can be arranged through the Collie Tourist Bureau or the Collie TAFE on (08) 9734 2022.