



WILDFLOWER AND GRANITE 4 DAY EXPERIENCE

Saturday 14 Sept 2019

September the wildflowers on the escarpment are at their best. The walking does involve lots of ups and downs, but you are well rewarded with great views. The day temperatures are very pleasant and in the cool of the evening the camaraderie around the campfire is a great way to complete each day. Also, you will have completed the section Brookton Highway to Kalamunda an achievement in itself.



Day one: Brookton Highway to Mt Dale campsite 10.8km To begin our trek the track passes beneath major powerlines and has been constructed to accommodate wheelchair usage to arrive at rammed earth constructed Brookton Campsite. It is in a lovely setting overlooking a junction of creeks and an open wandoo flat. From there it moves into a trail that is fairly flat walking through a mixture of wandoo country, open jarrah/sheoak forest and creek flats with scattered Yarri (blackbutt). Some good views of Mt Dale and we ascend to reach Mount Dale campsite.

Day two: Mt Dale to Beraking to Waalegh 20km The forest around Mt Dale is largely jarrah and marri, with add-mixtures of rock sheoak, banksia, zamia and balga. There are also communities of plants typical of shallow granite soils ie hakeas and grevilleas. We ascend to Dale Road and a short walk to the picnic area and further to the summit of the mountain. The track descends into the Darkin River valley with some lovely scenic views until we ascend a little to Beraking campsite, our lunch stop. The next section is relatively level and quite easy to walk following the Darkin Valley and our highlight is reaching Waalegh campsite with stunning views out over the Helena Valley.

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Day three: Waalegh to Helena to Ball Creek 18.1km The track that descends from Waalegh has lovely views and passes through mature wandoo and the occasional small stands of the pale, pink-barked powderbarks on the high, open hillocks. We descend down the Helena River and up again to Helena campsite (which is due to be rebuilt in 2019) where we stop to have lunch enjoying the views over the valley. We also take the time to explore the slabs of granite at Helena as they are often surrounded by spring wildflowers. The track follows the rim of the Helena Valley to arrive at Ball Creek campsite nestled in a small clearing.



Day four: Ball Creek to Hewett's Hill to Kalamunda 20.8km Our day starts gently through the forest to reach Hills Forest Discover Centre then descends to the Mundaring Weir where we cross on the weir wall to ascend up to the South Ledge Picnic Area with expansive views over the Helena Valley. Hewett's Hill campsite is our delightful lunch stop and the track continues on through jarrah forest, passing the Camel Farm and some private properties until you descend down into the Piesse Brook valley and climb back out to our destination, Kalamunda Hotel for a celebration drink.

Cost: \$380 per person (plus transport your own or shared cost, BYO food, trekking gear available for hire, Hotel drink your cost).