



L-PLATE WILDFLOWER AND MOUNTAINS 3 DAY TREK

Saturday 27 July 2019

The orchids and wildflowers will be sprinkled through each day of this trek as we traverse through jarrah/marri forest and up over and around major granite outcrops and mountains.



Day one: Brookton Highway to Canning campsite 9km The track winds its way through jarrah/marri forest and skirts the lower rim of a large granite outcrop known as Abyssinia Rock. It is well worth walking up the slope to the crest of the rock, through massive jumbled boulders and a latticework of cracks and crevices, to see the diminutive granite outcrop plants. The track then crosses a low swampy area and an old railway formation and may be very wet after heavy winter rains. The track re-enters jarrah/marri/sheoak forest before descending gradually to the Canning campsite beside a small creek.

Day two: Canning to Monadnocks 15.6km We walk through dense jarrah forest and cross a broad swampy watercourse among massive paperbark trees and many, many varieties of low, shrub species which provide a wildflower spectacle. After a pleasant walk along a small creek we ascend and then pass through a stand of virgin jarrah forest giving a rare insight into the original forests of this area. We descend to cross the Canning River and ascend through jarrah and sheoak forest, with some good views back over the river valley. Another type of grasstree, the tall, slender, pale leaved Kingias, are a feature on this section as we ascend to Monadnocks campsite which sits attractively overlooking forest.



Day three: Monadnocks to Sullivan Rock 7km The trail begins to ascend almost immediately and within a few short kms we are on the summit of Mt Cuthbert, enjoying spectacular views to the east, north and north-west. See if you can find the lively and entertaining Ornate Crevice Dragon lizard on the granite dome. Also explore the beautiful rock pools (gnammas) and rock gardens. You traverse the saddle between the peaks and climb again to Mt Vincent then descend to the south south which gives excellent views over exposed rock faces. We take the spur trail that crosses Sullivan Rock to our destination parking area on Albany Highway. We travel into Armadale for a celebration lunch.

Cost: \$255 per person (plus transport shared cost, BYO your food, trekking gear available for hire, lunch in Armadale your cost).