



Tutanning Nature Reserve

Percy Marshall Field Study Centre

Overnight Visitor Guide and Facility Instructions



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Welcome to Tutanning Nature Reserve and the Percy Marshall Field Study Centre. This guide and instruction sheet will provide the relevant details to make the most of your stay at one of our important sites in the Wheatbelt Region.

The Field Study Centre provides comfortable, bunk style sleeping quarters (sleeps 10+) and a basic, self-contained kitchen. The raised verandah provides ample room for those “swagging” it, or to just enjoy the wildlife at dawn and dusk. The rear of the Centre has ample parking for a few vehicles, and allows for easy unloading of supplies, and the main access kitchen, shower and main bunk room.

Overnight Fees Per person, per night is \$10 and is payable to the District Office. The fees paid contribute towards the supplied fuel for the onsite generator, gas bottles and general facility upkeep.

Telecommunications There is no landline connection, although mobile reception is available if you wish to access your mobile phone and operate a laptop.

Kitchen This is self-contained including a gas-powered fridge, small dining table and chairs, and basic cooking, crockery and cutlery supplies as well as cleaning tools, cloths and tea towels.

Checking Out Visitors are requested to clean the facility at the end of their stay, and all Centre items returned original locations.



What to Bring

Guests are required to bring along the following to make their stay more comfortable. Although pillows are provided, you may wish to bring your own.

- Sleeping bags or doona, bed sheets and pillows
- Swag if sleeping outside or on verandah
- Towels, toiletries, toilet rolls
- Torches and headlamps
- Drinking water and food supplies

Sleeping Areas The main bunk room contains three single-size double bunks, with mattresses and pillows. The secondary bunk room doubles as a work office, includes a sink and contains an additional two single-size double bunk beds.

Shower & Toilet Facilities A basic shower is provided in the old laundry and an outdoor compost toilet separate to main building, with a working light switch. Hot running water is available once the utilities and gas bottles have been switched on via the generator. Visitors are requested to keep the toilet door close, including seat cover, to prevent fauna getting trapped.

Powering the Tutanning Hut

The Hut is “off the grid” therefore, a generator setup has been provided for power and lighting, with fuel, gas and water supplied. Guests are requested to follow the instructions to operate these, or contact the District Office if there are any issues.

A generator operates the pump to access water for showering and to generate power for lighting. Gas bottles service the stove and fridge. Visitors are requested to pack away all equipment at the end of their stay.

Operating Guide: Generator (for lighting)

The generator is stored in the hut. Wheel the generator outside and plug the long lead into the external plug on the east side of the verandah. Ensure it contains unleaded fuel, turn on the fuel tap, put on the choke and pull start the motor. Once it is idling, decrease the choke. At the end of the night, to save fuel and reduce noise emissions, switch off the generator.

Operating Guide: Gas-operated Refrigerator

The gas bottles power the fridge (missing text!)

Operating Guide: Water

The water is operated via a pressure pump. Once the power is running (with generator), the water will flow once the tap is turned on. The water pump is also stored in the hut, but needs connecting each time Guests stay at the hut.

Hook to tank stand (large new tank on western end). Start generator, plug to an external power point. Flick switch (on), this will draw water from the large tank to the small overhead tank. Allow for the overhead tank to fill until it overflows then switch off the pump. The water is then gravity fed to the indoor shower and taps. This will be adequate for a week’s water supply.



Directions to Tutanning Nature Reserve

From Pingelly the reserve is approximately 39km further east (approx. 45 min drive).

From Perth, head towards the Brookton, then south towards Pingelly via the Great Southern Highway. In Pingelly, turn off the Highway onto for 1.1 km. This then becomes the Bullaring-Pingelly Road, travelling to East Pingelly for 6.8km. Then from East Pingelly, travel in a south-east direction along Bullaring-Pingelly Road for another 1.1km only (do not then turn off along Bullaring-Pingelly, a sharp left turn which will take you due east). This road becomes the Pingelly-Wickepin Road, travel for another 13.5 km then sharp left turn at Marshall Road, travelling along for another 5.3km until you arrive at the Nature Reserve boundary.



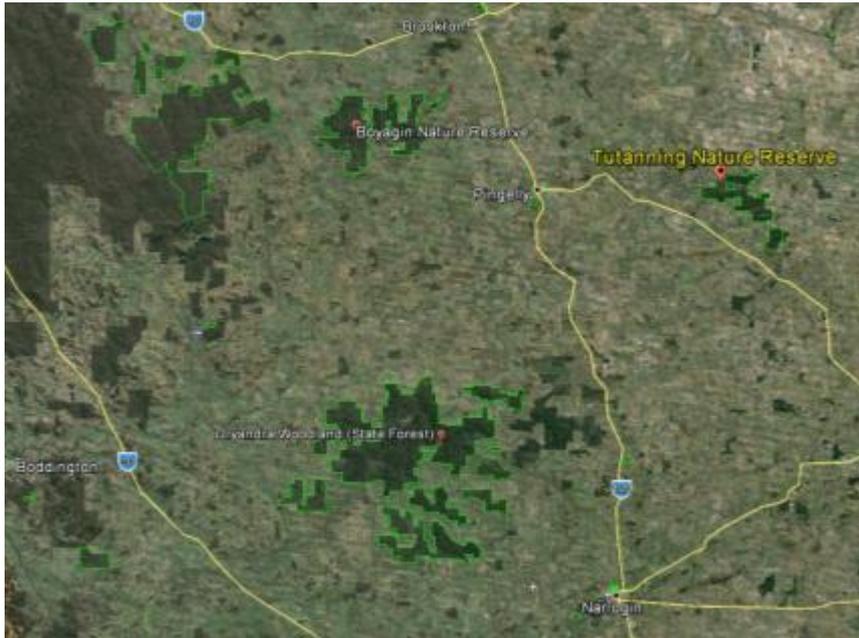
From here, travel east along the boundary access track following the fenceline, for 1.5km until you the Centre.



What to Do in Tutanning Nature Reserve?

A number of things! See below:

- Go spotlighting at night, walking or by vehicle
- Walk the Tutanning Walk Trail
- Go birdwatching
- Go wandering for wildflowers
- Go fungi foraging! In the wetter months, the presence of fungi is a sign of a healthy ecosystem.
- Drive the sign-posted tracks (4WD recommended as there are sandy and boggy patches)
- Enjoy an evening BBQ at the centre
- Relax and just enjoy the peace and tranquillity.
- Visit nearby Boyagin Nature Reserve
- Visit nearby Dryanda Woodland, and the Barna Mia Animal Sanctuary



Be prepared and bring some essentials to make the most of your sightings! Threatened flora and fauna sighting forms are available at:

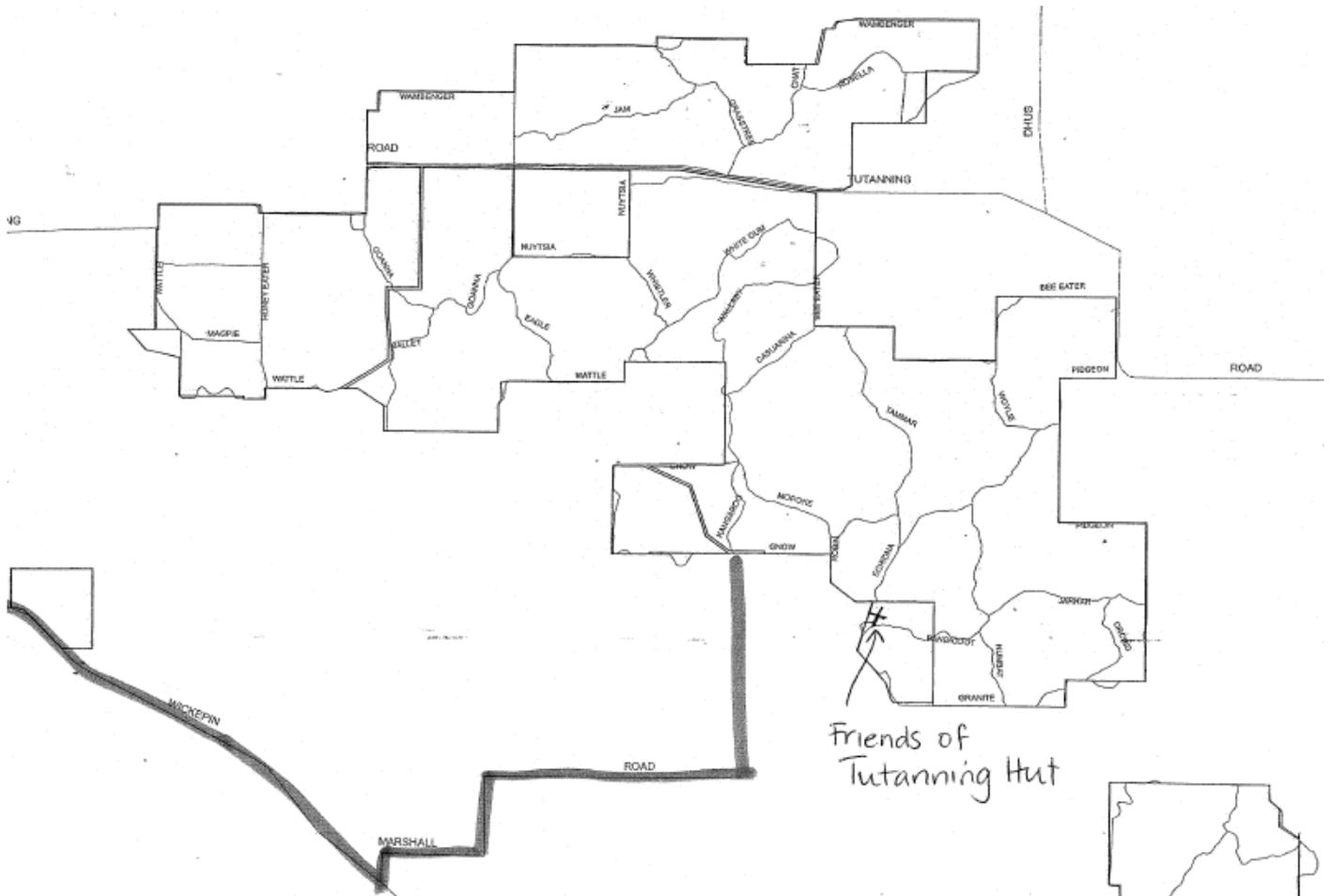
<http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/plants-and-animals/monitoring/96-standards/140-standard-report-forms>.

- Camera or mobile phone (mobile reception is available at the hut)
- Head torch and/or handheld torches/spotlights for nightstalking/spotlighting fauna
- GPS, extra batteries
- Warm clothing in winter / beanie / gloves / raincoat
- Backpack and portable water bottle
- Bird, mammal, flora, fungi, orchid field guides to suit your interest
- Local maps



Track Map of Tutanning

Vehicle tracks within the nature reserve and meander through various vegetation types and is another way to explore the Nature Reserve. All tracks are signposted and maintained by the District Office. The tracks is accessible to conventional vehicles but 4WD vehicles are strongly encouraged as some tracks may become inaccessible depending on the season, or very sandy and loose.



Departure Checklist

To be certain that valuables are not left behind, and venue left unlocked etc, if travelling in a group, assign a responsible person to double check and tick off the following:

- Check all rooms and remove personal items and valuables
- Check all rooms have been swept and mopped and kept tidy
- Check all light switches are off
- Return furniture to original placement
- Remove rubbish from building; take with you when leaving
- Check toilet seat lid is down and door closed so animals don't get stuck!
- Lock all doors to field study centre
- Switch off all utilities (generator pump, gas bottles etc)
- Return key
- Note issues / damage / other on attached Visitor Survey Form and send to DPaW Narrogin Office



