

THE HUMPS AND MULKA'S CAVE

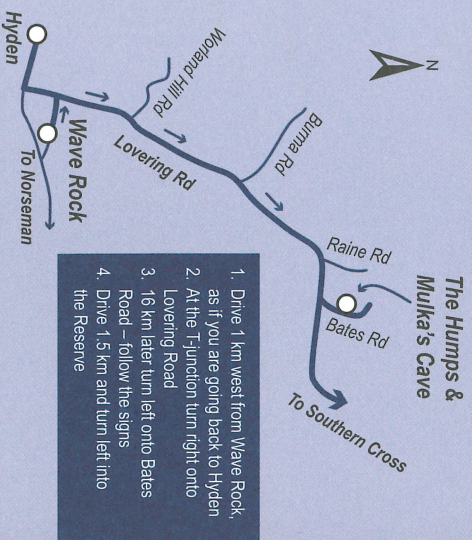
The Humps is another giant granite outcrop, approximately 16 km north of Wave Rock. Its best-known feature is Mulka's Cave, which holds one of the most significant Aboriginal rock art sites in Western Australia.

There are over 450 separate hand prints and images on the walls of the two main chambers. Extensive interpretive signage explains these paintings, and who might have done them and when. It also tells the story of The Legend of Mulka...

Other attractions at The Humps include:

- ☉ Two fascinating and well-marked walk trails (see details to right)
- ☉ Lovely picnic areas beneath massive salmon gums
- ☉ Glorious 360° views from the summit
- ☉ Sealed road access most of the way from Wave Rock

How to get there



The two trails at The Humps have quite different but complementary focal points:

1) The Gnamma Trail: A flat easy walk of 1 220 metres, the Gnamma Trail has a strong Noongar (aboriginal) focus to its interpretation.

Ten panels use the words and illustrations of local elders and artists to describe the landscape, its features and the birds, animals and plants that live in it.

2) The Kalari Trail: "Kalari" is the Noongar name for the small lizards that live on the rock – and you are likely to see many as this walk climbs steadily (but not steeply) to the summit of the outcrop.

Interpretation focuses on the intriguing geology of the rock, and the plants that grow on it. This walk is a circuit of some 1 670 metres.



There are 3 more walk trails at Wave Rock that are not shown on this map. They explore the geology of the rock from a scientific perspective (with supporting information about vegetation), and have their own guidebook.

Copies of "Walks on Hyden Rock" can be purchased at the Wave Rock Visitor Centre / Wildflower Shoppe. Walking these trails requires well-developed map-reading skills, as only the "sites of interest" are marked on the rock face.

Did you know...

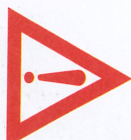
- Wave Rock is over 100 metres long, and taller than a 3-storey building (15 metres)!
- It is believed to have begun forming underground as much as 60 million years ago.
- The Wave only became a national attraction when a photograph of it won the the 1963/64 Kodak International Colour Picture Competition at the New York International Fair.
- The Hyden Dam (up on the rock outcrop) was a major component of the town's water supply right through until 2000.
- Noongar aboriginal people are known to have been in this area for tens of thousands of years.
- Hand prints make up 69% of the 452 Aboriginal motifs found in Mulka's Cave – and left hands outnumber right hands 3 to 2!
- This rock outcrop – and the town – were named after a young sandalwood cutter who camped at Hippo's Yawn way back in the 1920s.

Fascinating facts indeed – but to learn more you'll have to walk the trails here at Wave Rock – and at The Humps, just 15 minutes drive to the north. So, put on your walking shoes and a hat, grab some water, and go and explore...

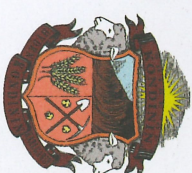


For your comfort and safety, and for the enjoyment of others, we suggest you:

- Be cautious:** Some of these trails cross potentially slippery slopes, and go close to dangerous cliffs. Please stay on the marked trail route – and keep children with you at all times!
- Be comfortable:** Wear sensible shoes – high heels and smooth leather soles are not recommended if you plan to go onto the rock.
- Be cool:** In warm weather wear a sunhat, long-sleeve shirt and sunscreen – and take some water with you! In winter you may need a rain jacket or umbrella.
- Be clever:** Walk each trail in the direction shown on the map. Follow the trail markers for your trail!
- Be courteous:** There may well be others on the trail too – please do not disrupt their experience by being noisy or by crowding them.
- Be clean:** Carry all litter back with you. Smokers – please extinguish before you set out on our trails.
- Be conscientious:** Small animals, lizards, birds and tiny plants all live along these trails – please do your best not to harm or frighten them.



Granite and Woodlands Discovery Trail



Walk trails at Wave Rock and The Humps

So much more to do after
you have caught
the Wave...

