

COMMUNITY UPDATE – November 2023

Bicentennial and Gloucester Trees

Why are the trees closed?

As with all built structures within national parks that are exposed to the elements, our ongoing maintenance programs ensure they remain fit for purpose.

Recent engineering assessments identified structural issues with the steel platforms atop both the Gloucester Tree and Bicentennial Tree and we have been asked to keep climbers off the trees while they are rectified.

The trees will remain unavailable to climb while options for replacement lookout platforms are investigated.

How long will they be closed for?

We know you are excited for them to reopen, which we expect to take around 12 months.

Can I still visit the Warren and Gloucester national parks?

The parks are still open and there is so much to see and do! Adventure awaits at Warren National Park including canoeing, camping and bushwalking, while Gloucester National Park offers beautiful picnic areas, walk trails and cascades.

Plus, something new is just around the corner for Gloucester National Park—a **brand new ropes course will soon be opened**, nestled among the trees!

What other attractions are there in and around Pemberton?

The Warren region is a spectacular part of the State with stunning karri and jarrah forests and plenty of places to visit and explore. The region is renowned for some fantastic accommodation and restaurant options, and with an adventure to suit every appetite, you'll want to stay more than a day to experience all it has to offer!

Visitors can pick up a local national park pass which gives them access to the Warren group of parks including D'Entrecasteaux, Greater Beedelup, Shannon and of course the Warren and Gloucester national parks. There really is something for everyone to enjoy from camping, 4wding, fishing, spectacular beaches, inlets, canoeing, walking trails, scenic drives and much more.

Where do I get more information?

Visit exploreparks.wa.gov.au for more information, or contact DBCA's Warren regional office on 9771 7988.



Top: Gloucester Tree. Photo – Bron Anderson/DBCA
Above: Ropes course. Photo – DBCA