# Day-trip checklist

Packing ticks, Albany → Bluff Knoll order of stops, Plan B peaks, and "don't get this wrong" notes. Print this page or save as PDF from your browser.

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**Verify before you go.** Fees, alerts and closures change. Always check Explore Parks WA — Stirling Range and alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au. This checklist is independent and unofficial — not DBCA / Parks and Wildlife Service. In-park camping is Park Stay only (Moingup Spring) — never affiliated here.

## 1. Before you leave Albany / Mount Barker

**Status & weather**

- ☐ Explore Parks WA park page checked this morning
- ☐ alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au checked
- ☐ emergency.wa.gov.au if fire / smoke is in the news
- ☐ Peak weather: layers even if Albany is warm
- ☐ Someone knows your leave time + expected return

**Packing (day pack)**

- ☐ 2–3 L drinking water per person (none at Moingup)
- ☐ Snacks / simple lunch
- ☐ Sun hat + high SPF
- ☐ Sturdy shoes (not thongs on steps / scree)
- ☐ Waterproof / windproof + warm layer
- ☐ Phone + offline map / alert screenshots
- ☐ Emergency+ app (000 needs reception)
- ☐ Cash/card for WA park entry (we do not sell fees)

## 2. Albany day skeleton (~1–1.5 hrs each way + 4–7 hrs in the park)

- **Night before** — Agree out loud: primary = Bluff Knoll if weather and fitness hold. If not: trailhead lookouts + Stirling Range Drive. Do not add Toolbrunup after a tired summit.
- **Leave Albany / Mount Barker early** — Chester Pass Road. Fuel and water in town. Pay or display vehicle entry at the Stirling Range Entry Station on Bluff Knoll Road.
- **Trailhead lookouts first** — Wheelchair-accessible lookouts and picnic still count if the summit is in cloud.
- **One extra only** — Drive lookouts, not a second scramble. Do not start the unmarked Ridge Walk.
- **Reverse with daylight** — Fuel is in town, not in the park.

## 3. Full-day rule (protect the day)

- **One** primary peak + **at most one** extra lookout or short walk.
- Do *not* stack Bluff Knoll + Toolbrunup on a first Albany day.
- A complete first visit can stop at the Bluff Knoll trailhead lookouts.
- In-park camping exists (Moingup Spring, 7 sites) — **Park Stay booking only**, not walk-up. Town beds if you did not book.

## 4. Order-of-stops cheat sheet

**First-timer priority**

1. Vehicle entry at Bluff Knoll Road station
2. Trailhead lookouts / picnic
3. Bluff Knoll summit if weather holds
4. Or Plan B: Stirling Range Drive lookouts / Mount Trio

**Skip if short on time / heat / mist**

- Toolbrunup scramble after Bluff Knoll
- Ridge Walk / off-trail without registration
- Total Fire Ban / extreme fire-danger walking
- Treating Perth as the overnight base for this clock

## 5. Parking & vehicles

- ☐ Bluff Knoll fills on weekends / wildflower season — have a lookout or drive Plan B
- ☐ Do not block the car-park loop or wait on the verge
- ☐ Sealed 2WD is enough for Bluff Knoll in ordinary conditions
- ☐ Stirling Range Drive is mostly unsealed graded — high-clearance after rain
- ☐ Never park on vegetation

## 6. Safety non-negotiables

- No dogs. 1080 baiting is ongoing.
- Stay on marked tracks. Dieback — clean boots at trailheads.
- Peaks change fast: rain, hail, wind, mist. Carry layers.
- No campfires. Do not walk on extreme fire-danger days.
- **Emergency: call 000.** 000 needs reception. Download Emergency+ on Albany Wi-Fi.

## 7. Fees (stamp, not a live till)

Standard WA park entry as published on Explore Parks (planning figures last aligned 26 Aug 2026): vehicle $17 / concession $10 / motorcycle $10. We do not sell park entry. Confirm on exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/park-entry-fees. Camping is a separate Park Stay booking.

## 8. Useful links

- **This guide:** https://www.stirlingrangenationalpark.com.au/ — itineraries, trails, plan visit
- Official park: https://exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/park/stirling-range-national-park
- Bluff Knoll: https://exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/site/bluff-knoll
- Toolbrunup: https://exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/site/toolbrunup-peak

- Park Stay: https://parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au/
- Alerts: https://alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au/
- Emergency WA: https://emergency.wa.gov.au/
- Fees: https://exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/park-entry-fees

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