Practical day planner

Albany vs Moingup, Bluff Knoll vs Toolbrunup, fee split, packing. Not walked. Confirm live official pages.

Independent unofficial planner. Verify fees, alerts and track status on Explore Parks WA / DBCA before you travel. Park fees and Park Stay are never affiliated on this site.

1. Decision tree (night before)

Sleep Albany / Mount Barker

- Best if Moingup is full or you need town services
- Leave early on Chester Pass Road
- One peak only

Sleep Moingup (Park Stay booked)

- Seven unpowered sites — book first
- Carry all drinking water
- Buys a cooler morning for a second peak

Perth is about 4.5 hours each way. It is not a Bluff Knoll day-trip.

2. Which peak?

- **Bluff Knoll** — 6.8 km return, Grade 4, 3–4 hrs. Default first mountain. Out-and-back; turn around any time.
- **Toolbrunup** — 4 km return, scramble/scree. Not a second Bluff Knoll. Skip if tired or wet rock.
- **No summit** — Trailhead lookouts + Stirling Range Drive (~42 km, mostly unsealed graded).

3. Fees — three systems

- **A. Vehicle entry** — WA table: $17 standard vehicle ≤12 / concession $10 / motorcycle $10 (confirm live). Pay at Bluff Knoll Road entry station. Passes = entry only.
- **B. Camping** — Moingup Spring, Park Stay only. Per-person camping fee + separate vehicle entry. Pay the live Park Stay total (Explore Parks does not publish a Stirling camping dollar table). No drinking water.
- **C. Walk permits** — none for marked day walks. Register only for off-trail / climb / abseil.

4. Packing

- ☐ Water 2–3 L+ per person
- ☐ Layers + waterproof/windproof
- ☐ Sturdy shoes
- ☐ Offline map (Smart Park Maps / Avenza) + Emergency+

☐ First aid, sun, snacks

☐ Optional PLB for serious walks

5. Operating layer

- Last town fuel / food / medical: Albany. Mount Barker is closer staging with fewer services.
- No dogs. 1080 baiting. No campfires. Dieback — stay on tracks.
- Mobile limited. 000 needs reception.

6. Official links

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