



# Western Australian Sleddog Sports Association

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## BEGINNER'S TRAINING CAMP

### DARE ADVENTURES DWELLINGUP BUNKHOUSES

#### DWELLINGUP

**May 11- 13th 2018**

Welcome and thank you for registering for the 2018 WASSA Beginner's Training Camp.

The aim of this weekend is to learn the basics of the sport of Dryland Sledding Sports, Get to know you dogs a little more and introduce you to our family of Musers!

This pack will cover the following points:

- Directions to camp
- Sleeping arrangements
- Guide to activities
- Meals over the weekend, and
- What you need to bring.

We hope this will cover everything you wanted to know or were unsure about.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Safe Trails!

WASSA Committee

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/199583620056906/>



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## DIRECTIONS

Dare Adventures Dwellingup Bunkhouses

If you are travelling from Perth – off the main highway:

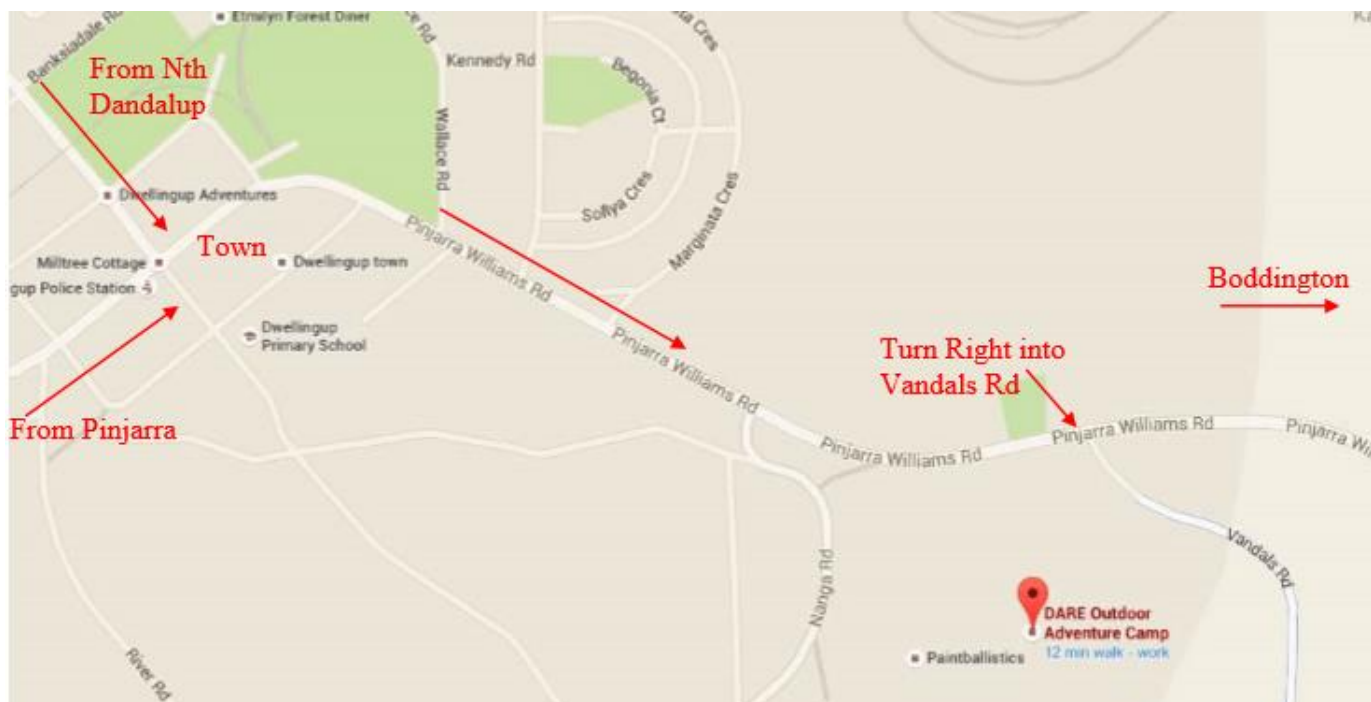
1. Turn left at the North Dandalup turnoff
2. Continue along Del Park Road to Dwellingup.
3. Turn left at Pinjarra Williams Road
4. Vandals Road is 1.5 km on the right.

NOTE: A good reference point is the cemetery which is directly opposite the Vandals Road turnoff. We will also have a WASSA sign out on the road to help you find Vandals Road.

Address: Lot 1379 Vandals Road Dwellingup WA 6213

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Please note that the tracks we use are not actually part of the site we will be staying at. The tracks run through the surrounding bush and we must respect the usual rules/laws that are associated with protected areas. **1080 Bating is used in the Dwellingup bushland, be sure to monitor you dog at all times and not to let off-lead.**





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## SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

The accommodation provided at Dwellingup is very basic but also perfect for what we need.

The site we rent contains 2 large bunkhouses with 22 beds in them plus shower and toilet facilities each, but showers are restricted in time due to water shortages. There are also full kitchen facilities and a large meals/group room as part of the site.

The beds do have mattresses and pillows but we recommend you bring your own pillow, and you will definitely need a sleeping bag or other bedding as it can get very cold during the night.

**Dogs must remain in a crate while inside the bunkhouses.** If you do not own a crate, and need to borrow one, please arrange one to borrow prior to camp and make sure your fluff friends sleeping arrangements are settled. Lots of members own crates, so feel free to either contact committee, or ask anyone on facebook to borrow one.

Alternatively, you can bring a tent, camper trailer, caravan etc if you don't wish to use the bunkhouses. If you are bringing a camper trailer or caravan, can you please let us know as there is only a limited amount of space for these. **Please also check with a committee member on where you would like to set up camp because we need to make sure the tracks start line is kept clear.**



## ACTIVITIES

Over the weekend committee will introduce to the world of dryland sledding with a range of activities to help you get started, including a Track Walk, Passing Exercises, Dog Handling Skills, Animal Health, Track Etiquette, Race Rules, Mushing equipment and a Scooter Race.

There will also be the opportunity for the Experienced Musers to run their dogs and for the new Musers to watch and learn about the start procedures etc.

New musers will have a Mock Race Start and then their first track run.

On Saturday night we will have an evening filled with fun and games for all the family.

The timetable will be part of your camp pack on arrival.



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## **SCHEDULE (to get you started)**

### **Friday 11th May**

**Arrival Time:** 3pm onwards

A club member will greet you at the Main Bunkhouse and provide you with your Camp pack and schedule.

Put up your tent or select a bunk! First in, First choice.

Please also check with a committee member on where you would like to set up camp because we need to make sure the tracks start line is kept clear.

**Information Session:** 8pm

Meet the Committee and other club members. You will be divided into groups for the weekend with experienced and other new mushers. You will be working together and helping each other out throughout the weekend.

**Session Schedule for Saturday and Sunday will be handed out at camp**

## **MEALS**

**Dinner (Friday)** BYO food or food available at own cost at the pub. There is also a restaurant and pizza place in town but they close early. BYO Alcohol is permitted and the club encourages the responsible drinking of alcohol at all of our events. Ovens/microwaves are available if you are bringing your own food.

**Dinner (Saturday)** will be provided by the club.

**Breakfast** on Saturday and Sunday will be provided by the club.

**Lunch** on both Saturday and Sunday will be a MYO (Make Your Own) sandwiches/rolls for a **gold coin donation**.

**\*\*NOTE** – there will be soft drinks/juice boxes/bottled water/chocolates and fruit for sale over the weekend. Also we are looking at organising a few raffles to raise funds for the club.

## **\*Special dietary requirements?\***

**please let committee know several weeks prior to the event so that these can be catered for.**



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## WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

This is a list of items we recommend bringing – this is not a complete list. Please bring anything that will make your weekend more enjoyable.

### DOGS

- Leash – Due to the number of dogs on site, **and due to bating in the area, your dog must be leashed and under control at all times.**
- Non-choking collar – the dogs do not run in collars that can get caught while running (Eg choker chain)
- Bed /Crate – please note that if your dog can sleep in a car or crate this is preferable due to the number of dogs that will be attending. They can go in the bunkhouses as long as they won't cause any damage to the buildings or fixtures. Dogs must be crated overnight if staying in the bunkhouses.
- Poo Bags – we will have some with us but we recommend you carry these on you at all times, including out on the tracks.
- Water Bowl/Food Bowl
- Food
- A Stake or crate (or some other means to tie or tether/contain your dog to during the day)

### PEOPLE

- Pillow
- Bedding – it can be very cold.
- Clothes – plan for wet and sunny weather as we are never sure of what we will get. We still train and race the dogs in the rain!
- Shoes – please ensure these are suitable for our sport and also a spare pair in case it is raining.
- Camping chairs – we normally build a fire for everyone to sit around.
- Food – for Friday night and Sunday lunch (if you need it for the trip home)

### SLEDDING

- Harness – if you have one
- Scooter/Bike – if you don't have a scooter, can you please bring a bike if possible so we are covered in case. If you can't bring either there will be some down there for you to borrow.
- Helmet – **this is NOT negotiable** – we will have spares if you don't have one.
- Headlight
- Any other gear you have – eg gang lines, necklines.

### CANICROSS

- Harness – if you have one
- Running belt and line – If you have them