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# *Frankland River Wine Region*

Frankland River Wine Region is part of the wider Great Southern Region in the deep south of Western Australia. It's a picturesque place that is characterised by rolling hills, rich and productive farming land, olive groves, natural forest and bush, with rare flora and fauna.

There are experiences aplenty here for travellers, hikers, cyclists, history-lovers, nature-admirers, and of course avid wine enthusiasts.

Frankland River is often called Western Australia's best-kept secret with many hidden gems that only local knowledge can guide you towards. We've come up with a shortlist of our favourites.

Read on for all the hints and tips you need for a great trip to our region.

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*Experiences await you*



# *Experience Alkoomi*

## FRANKLAND RIVER

We welcome you to visit our two Tasting Rooms. Our Frankland River tasting room offers the ultimate wine experience in a picturesque winery setting. Join us and taste through the range, experience what makes Alkoomi so unique, and make your own cheese platter to enjoy on the grass overlooking the farm.

## ALBANY

The Albany Tasting Room is just over an hour away and offers a mini Alkoomi experience for travellers who like to include this on a wider road trip loop! Tucked away on Lower Stirling Terrace, pop in for a guided tasting with our friendly staff.

# Wild Flora + Fauna



Each Spring, we head out as a family to the reserves around Frankland River to view the wildflowers. We spend hours in the bush, on the lookout for donkey orchids (pictured top), little pink fairy orchids, cowslip orchids (pictured middle), and spider orchids (pictured bottom). We've been lucky enough to spot a rare and unusual native orchid or two over the years.



A good place to start looking is the Frankland River Wildflower Walk which begins at the end of Herbert Street in Frankland River, where you will find some interpretive signage. There's also the Tone-Perup Nature Reserve situated to the immediate West of Frankland River, which is prime wildflower territory.



Visiting outside of spring? Our region is also a great spot to see threatened mammals such as Numbats, Western Ringtail Possums, Quendas, Woylies, and Chuditches. Perup's Nature's Guesthouse is a good source of information for walk trails, as is the Great Southern Treasures Tourism page.

# Adventure in Nature

There are more trails than time in Frankland River and the wider Great Southern Region. With so many to choose from, we're definitely spoiled for choice! Here is a selection of our tried and true favourites:

**Rockwood Trail, Mt Frankland** | This is a 1.5km loop around the base of Mount Frankland on an undulating path amongst the trees. Make sure you wear the right footwear and bring water, it's not as easy as it sounds! This is a beautiful track that really shows off the scale of the mountain. Around 1.25 hours drive from Frankland River.

**Mount Frankland summit, Mt Frankland** | A short yet relatively steep sealed path that takes you halfway to the top of Mt Frankland where you will find the start of the stairs to take you the rest of the way! We used to come here as a family when the kids were young, have a barbeque lunch, climb the mountain, and sit by Fernhook Falls. Despite its steep incline, this is a great family-friendly activity, as it isn't too long. Around 1.25 hours drive from Frankland River.

**Bluff Knoll, Stirling Range National Park** | This is a place that everyone has to experience at least once - it's tough (it rises over a kilometre into the air!), but you'll be rewarded with outstanding 360-degree views from the summit. We've been lucky enough to see snow at the top in winter, which is rare in WA! Around 1.5 hours drive from Frankland River.



# Cool Climate Wines

Alkoomi Wines is in good company in the Frankland River Wine Region. We suggest taking a moment to visit some of our superb counterparts in the area.



## FRANKLAND ESTATE

Pay a visit to the team at Frankland Estate - a small, family-owned winery focused on organic wines, with an outstanding range of alternate varieties as well! We love their organic Grüner Veltliner - it's a rare variety to be planted in Australia and the perfect springtime drop.



## LANGE ESTATE

Give Chelsea from Lange Estate a call and book in for a private tasting. With five generations of family history in WA, the Lange family knows Frankland River inside and out. Their range of classic Frankland varieties is sure to impress.



## FERNGROVE WINES

Around the corner from us, you'll find Feringrove Wines. They have an incredible lookout tower showcasing sweeping views of our beautiful region. Enjoy the views with a glass of their Malbec - it's our favourite!

*Planning your trip*







## *Getting to Frankland River*

On your next trip exploring the South West, make sure a stop in Frankland River is on your list! We're so fortunate to be surrounded by incredible wine regions to include in your itinerary. Here are a few of our favourite ways to experience the South West:

### PERTH TO ALBANY

Perth - Bunbury - Margaret River - Pemberton - Frankland River - Albany | Heading out from Perth to Bunbury, make sure you take the scenic route through the rolling hills of the Ferguson Valley. From Bunbury, head straight to Margaret River, where you will find beautiful greenery and many family friendly activities. In Pemberton, visit the Gloucester Tree on your way to Frankland River. After exploring Frankland, drive down to historic Albany to experience their rich history and spectacular beaches.

### MARGARET RIVER TO DENMARK

Margaret River - Augusta - Nannup - Manjimup - Frankland River - Denmark | Drive due south from Margaret River to Augusta for some whale-watching, then drive to Nannup in the Blackwood Valley. From there, head to WA's food bowl Manjimup. Next stop - come and see us in Frankland River. From there, head on to Denmark.

# Staying in Frankland River

We invite you to stay with us at the Alkoomi Chalets. Our Chalet accommodation makes for the perfect isolated farm escape, with minimal phone reception and nothing but fresh air and wide-open views.

We have two chalets that sleep up to 7 people each, surrounded by views of grapevines, native bushland, and rolling fields. Only 500m from the winery itself, they are the perfect place to sit back, relax and enjoy a glass of wine. Fully equipped with a kitchen and BBQ, why not bring some of your favourite ingredients and enjoy a secluded meal beneath the stars?

If you can't make it in here, try one of our other favourite local spots:

- Frankland River Retreat
- Ferngrove Chalets
- Frankland River Caravan Park



# Where to next?

When you're ready to move on we can suggest...

**Lake Poorrarecup Campground** | Located just outside of Frankland River, this is a beautiful spot to pitch a tent by the water. Great for swimming and water-skiing, just remember to bring your own drinking water, as this isn't available on site.

**The Premier Mill Hotel in Katanning** | Just 1hr 15min north of Frankland River you'll find the Premier Roller Flour Mill, built in 1891. This iconic piece of Katanning history has been lovingly restored into luxury accommodation and is well worth a visit.

**Kendenup Cottages and Lodge in Kendenup** | Nestled within the Stirling Ranges just outside of Mount Barker, these cute, cosy, self-contained cottages are the perfect place to stay when exploring the Stirling Range National Park.



# Where to eat



## EATING OUT

When you need a break and a bite to eat in your busy day of exploring, head to Dandelion Cafe, Frankland District Country Club, or Gilberts Winery and Cafe. In the nearby town of Manjimup, we suggest Park Cafe or Tall Timbers - both family favourites!

If you are new to the region, be aware there is travelling distance between food stops and opening hours can be variable. We suggest always carrying some food essentials, water and snacks.



## LOCAL PRODUCE

Get your essentials from Frankland General Store, or stock up at Kojonup IGA, located 45 minutes outside of Frankland River.



## PICNIC

There are ample places in and around Frankland River to throw out a rug and enjoy a bite to eat with a bottle of your favourite wine. Our favourites are:

- Lake Poorrarecup
- Perup Nature Reserve
- Alkoomi Cellar Door
- Towerman's Hut - Mount Frankland National Park



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HAPPY PLANNING!  
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON

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