

# PACK HIRE AGREEMENT – HIKE WITH MAREE

Carnarvon Great Walk – 87 km Circuit  
PJ & ME Brennan | ABN 32 406 109 771

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## Gear Included & Replacement Costs

Backpack – \$300  
Tent – \$350  
Insulated Mattress – \$300  
Saucepan – \$60  
Stove – \$100  
Cup – \$15  
Spork – \$20  
Car Sunshade  
Towel

Any item **lost, punctured, broken, or damaged** will be charged at the replacement cost listed above.

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## Hire Cost & Security Deposit

- **Total paid upfront:** \$660
- **Pack hire fee:** \$320
- **Refundable security deposit:** \$340

If all gear is returned **complete and undamaged**, \$340 will be refunded.  
Replacement or repair costs will be deducted from the deposit if required.

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## Pack Issue & Eligibility

Packs are issued **8 weeks prior to the hike** (or longer if available).  
Pack hire is available **only to hikers living within 800 km of Injune QLD 4454**.

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## Gear Condition & Weight

- Brands, age, and weight vary between packs
- Gear may appear new or used
- Hired packs are **NOT ultralight**
- Fully loaded packs typically weigh **14–16 kg**
- Hikers are encouraged to aim for **under 14kg**, however this may not be achievable

All hired gear has been sourced from **Wild Women Hikers' unused gear** and assembled specifically for **HIKE WITH MAREE** hikers.

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## **Mandatory Training (NON-NEGOTIABLE)**

You must complete **TWO (2) overnight training hikes** before the trek:

- **30 km total over 2 days** (minimum 15 km per day)
- Camp at least **15 km from home**
- Carry **100% of your gear**

Training confirms pack comfort, sleep quality, and suitability for a 6-day hike.  
**All issues must be resolved prior to the actual hike.**

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## **Comfort Disclaimer & Options**

Comfort cannot be guaranteed.

If the gear is uncomfortable during training, you may:

1. **Return the full kit for a 100% refund** (prior to the hike), or
2. **Replace the uncomfortable item with your own gear** (no refund)

No alternative hire gear is available.

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## **Mattress Protection (STRICT RULE)**

All hired mattresses **MUST** be used with:

- A **car sunshade underneath**
- A **good footprint / groundsheet**
- **Tent floor protection**

**!** Failure to protect the mattress will result in **full replacement charges.**

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## ⚠️ HIRED GEAR – CARE & RESPECT (NON-NEGOTIABLE)

In past hikes, guides have been extremely frustrated by careless handling of hired gear—particularly **mattresses and packs**.

We understand issues happen (punctures, leaks, wear).  
What is **not acceptable** is careless or disrespectful handling.

### Rules:

- ❌ **DO NOT sit on hired packs – ever**
- ❌ **DO NOT drag mattresses** across the ground, clotheslines, fences, or abrasive surfaces
- ❌ **DO NOT hang mattresses** over clotheslines or rails
- ✅ Treat hired mattresses as **fragile, delicate items**
- ✅ Lay mattresses **flat only inside your tent**, with all three protection layers
- ✅ Dry gear gently and respectfully

When checking for leaks, lay the mattress **flat on the ground** with the **footprint and car sunshade underneath**.

**No pulling, dragging, or hanging over lines or rough surfaces.**

This gear belongs to others and must last many hikes.

**Lack of care WILL result in repair or replacement charges.**

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## Gear Return

All hired gear must be returned to **Breeze Big 4, Carnarvon Gorge, immediately after the hike**.

Please separate your personal gear from hired gear and check the pack carefully before returning.

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## Cancellation – Pack Hire

If you cancel the hike:

- **No refund** will be processed on the hike or the pack hire until **100% of gear is returned**
  - Once returned undamaged, a **10% administration fee (\$32)** is deducted
  - **Refund amount: \$628**
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## Hiker Details

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Agreement

I have read, understood, and agree to the terms of this Pack Hire Agreement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_