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EcoEducation Opportunities 2005

for Primary and Middle Schools

Promoting biodiversity conservation

The Hills Forest
Discovery Centre
Nature's base

What's New in 2005!

- **Caring for Places** – John Forrest National Park – Term 2 onwards **Years 6,7**
Visit WA's first national park and explore its wonderful walks and fascinating history. This is part of an exciting program, which investigates national parks and provides a context for understanding sustainability and the role schools can play in sustaining our natural environment.
Special cost: first five classes to book: \$6.60 per student
- **Healthy Parks Healthy People** – excursion to The Hills Forest – Term 2 onwards **Years 5,6,7**
The Hills Forest, now part of a national park, provides the perfect setting for our excursion promoting the importance of safe, regular exercise. Links to the Health and Physical Education Learning Area.
Special cost: first five classes to book: \$6.60 per student

Professional Development

PDs at The Hills Forest Discovery Centre

Spend a day in the delightful setting of The Hills Forest Discovery Centre. Participate in hands-on activities in the natural environment. Discover how our programs assist your students achieve Curriculum Framework outcomes. Do the PD and receive a \$50 discount voucher; reimbursed against a day excursion.

When: Friday 18 March/Friday 5 August **Time:** 9am – 3pm

Cost: \$55 (\$33 per student teacher) – includes lunch, resources and much more!

Whole school staff PD

Enjoy the benefits of having a staff PD session (full or part day), off-site, in a beautiful bush setting.

Inservice at your school

We will visit your school to provide an overview of our programs and resources. Contact us to discuss your requirements.

Be a Nature Conservation Officer for a Night!

This is a PD night to remember! Find out about CALM's *Western Shield* schools program, participate in activities for wildlife recovery and encounter WA's threatened species. Overnight accommodation at Perth Hills YH.

When: 5pm Friday 20 May – 12.30pm Saturday 21 May

Cost: \$55 (\$44 STAWA members) – includes accommodation, all meals, resources

School Camps

Camp under canvas or stay at the Perth Hills YH. Special discounted rates apply with booked activities.

The Hills Forest Discovery Centre campground

12 shady tent sites, camp kitchen, electric BBQs, hot showers and toilets. Cost: \$110 main campground. \$165 includes overflow area, total 65 people.

Perth Hills YH

Dormitory accommodation, 36 beds, capacity for 50, Cooking facilities or meals prepared. Cost: \$13 per student; \$19 per adult.

Patens Brook camp site (3kms from the Centre)

No vehicle access. 15 camp sites, water tank, toilets, three fire rings. Cost \$5 per person



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2005 EcoEducation Opportunities for Primary and Middle Schools

EcoEducation programs help to fulfill outcomes of the Curriculum Framework across all learning areas, particularly Society & Environment, Science, English and Technology & Enterprise. These programs have classroom resources for pre and post visit work and they contribute to the clusters of core values, Environmental Responsibility and Social & Civic Responsibility. We recommend you attend one of our professional development (PD) days (see overleaf).


The Hills Forest
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovering The Hills Forest
Explores the values of the jarrah forest ecosystem. | 6,7 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment Carers' Trail *
Follows an interactive walk trail with a focus on water resource management, the water cycle and a tour of Mundaring Weir. | 5,6,7 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back from the Brink * – Threatened species program
Provides hands-on science with Western Shield's field monitoring methods and a close encounter with threatened native animals. | 5,6,7 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Detectives Trail
Encourages investigative skills in solving a mystery. Includes a 'case briefing' session and animal encounter. | 5,6,7 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bushcare
Develops practical skills to minimize impact on the bush. Includes bush walk planning, water collection, compass navigation, knots and ropes, safety and signals. | 5,6,7 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity's Base – Incredible Invertebrates
Brings to life the world of amazing macro and microbeasts that recycle to maintain biodiversity. | 4-5 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busy in the Forest
Stimulates young minds and senses through a sensory ropewalk trail, treasure trail and animal encounter. | PP-3 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity focus walks and activities **
Offer activities to suit your needs, focusing on plants, birds, spiders and reptiles. | 1-7 |



Aboriginal Culture Excursions

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six-season walkabout
Enhances understanding of Aboriginal culture and land use through role-play of hunting and shelter building. | 6-7 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koolangars, Corroborees and Kaleeps
Engages the imagination by involving students in traditional hunting and fishing activities. | 4-5 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Moodjitch binar nyorps and yorgars"
Captures, through role-play, a day in the traditional life of a young Aboriginal child. | PP-3 |



Cost: \$8.80 per student; excursions marked *: \$6.60 and **: price on asking

NB. All prices include 10% GST; reclaim from curriculum-based activities. Group sizes limited to Department of Education and Training's recommended class sizes. Minimum payment required for 25 students per group, 23 students for Early Childhood groups.

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