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YANCHEP NATIONAL PARK

SUMMER ACTIVITIES GUIDE

Summer 1992 - 93

Priceless

NEW FUN ACTIVITIES OVER SUMMER !



In the past a visit to Yanchep National Park included viewing the koalas, a cave tour and a picnic and perhaps a row on the lake. You can still do all these things, but now there are exciting guided activities too. The program of summer activities at Yanchep NP is the most varied yet.

Join one of the rangers or visiting experts for a day of fun and discovery at one of Perth's most treasured parks. We have activities for the youngest and oldest members of the family. You can find out what Perth was like before European settlement, meet the local wildlife, and get in touch with the coastal plain environment in which we live.

Inside you will find a guide to three months of fun and adventure at Yanchep NP. Keep it handy, stick it on the fridge and spend a weekend or two at Yanchep NP this summer!

LAKE EXPEDITION

A rafting expedition to take a look at life on the islands and in the depths of Loch McNess. Adult \$5, child \$2.
Age limit: 8+
Duration: 2 hours.

YANCHEP HISTORICAL TOURS

Journey back through time to discover the long forgotten secrets of Yanchep's past. Adult \$5, child \$2.
Age limit: 8+
Duration: 2 hours.

BIRDS OF PREY

A unique opportunity to learn about Australia's birds of prey. Trained birds will be on display allowing you to see the birds at close range. Adult \$2, child \$1.
Age limit: None
Duration: Throughout afternoon.

KOALA KAPERS

A get-together to discuss the unique life cycles and physical adaptations of two of Mother Nature's most celebrated marsupials - the koala and kangaroo. Adult \$2, child \$1.
Age limit: None
Duration: 1 hour.

YONDERUP CAVE TOURS

Newsflash! For the first time in eight years, Yonderup Cave will be open to be explored by torchlight. Adult \$5, child \$2.
Age limit: 6+
Duration: 1 hour.

ARTS/CRAFTS

Arts/crafts activity for children. Learn about the bush in a very different way with museum expert Claire Wright. \$5 per head.
Age limit: 6+
Duration: 2 hours.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Workshop covering basic theory and an excursion through the park with professional instructors. You will need your own camera and film.
Adult \$5, child \$2
Age limit: 8+
Duration: 2 1/2 hours.

CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

When the visitors go away the animals come out to play. Join museum expert Margaret Turpin when the bush comes alive. Adult. \$5, child \$2
Age limit: 8+
Duration: 2 hours.

STARLIGHT ADVENTURE

Journey through a starlight wilderness along secret pathways of the night. Adults \$5, child \$2.
Age limit: 8+
Duration 2: hours.

BUSHCRAFTS

Learn bushcrafts and survival skills from expert instructor Bob Cooper. Activity includes edible and medicinal plants and fire-lighting demonstrations. \$10 per head.
Age limit: 8+
Duration: 2 hours.

ADVENTURE CAVING

Looking for adventure and something different? Explore and experience the magic of a 'wild' cave. Adults \$5, child \$2.
Age limit: 8+
Duration: 2 hours.

GHOST-HOUSE CAMP

An expedition to explore the lesser known regions of Yanchep National Park. You will need to supply but not carry your own camping equipment and food. Adults \$14, child \$12.
Age limit: 8+
Duration: Saturday and until lunch-time Sunday.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT

Join experts from the Perth Observatory and enjoy a galaxy of night time experiences using their high powered telescopes. Adults \$10, child \$6
Age limit: None
Duration: 2 hours.

SWAMP SAFARI

A journey of discovery and adventure through uncharted waters to a new world. Be prepared, you'll need all your wits and senses plus old clothes and joggers. Adults \$5, child \$2.
Age limit: 8+
Duration: 2 hours.

EARLY BIRDS

An early morning walk with John Dell, of WA Museum, to discover Yanchep's NP's rich birdlife. Adults \$5, child \$2.
Age limit: None
Duration: 2 hours.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Have fun with the family while learning about Western Australian endangered species with museum expert John Walsh. Adults \$5, child \$2.
Age limit: None
Duration: 1 hour.

LOCH MCNESS EXPLORER

Take your seats for a scenic cruise aboard the comfortable M.V. *Kiwanis*. Adults \$5, child \$2.
Age limit: None
Duration: 1 hour.

THE GREAT ECO-QUIZ NIGHT

Join the Kiwanis Club for a great quiz in the park. There are prizes galore and all proceeds go to charity. \$6 per head.
Age limit: None
Duration: All evening
NOTE: You can buy a meal from the Yanchep Inn between 5 - 6 pm. Quiz kicks off at 6pm.

WHAT TO BRING

Wear strong shoes (no thongs). Wear old clothes; some activities are a bit dirty. Why not bring a picnic lunch and spend the day discovering the park.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
PHONE 561 1004

For all activities meet at the park office. Please note there is a park entrance fee of \$5 per vehicle.



IMPROVING YANCHEP NP



If you haven't visited Yanchep National Park lately you may notice some change. The facelift is part of CALM's 'Perth Outdoors' strategy, which aims to help people around Perth get outdoors and enjoy nature.

Yanchep National Park was developed mostly during the Great Depression of the 1930s, when sustenance workers toiled long and hard to construct buildings, walk trails and develop access into the limestone caves. The beautiful Tudor - style buildings and grand gardens of the time owe much to these workers.

Today, work is needed to ensure the park continues to meet visitor needs and to ensure that heritage values of the park are not diminished. This year, over \$500 000 will be spent in the park to:

- improve visitor access and parking by providing carparking and roads;
- restore McNess House to become the

- park visitor centre;
- redevelop the lakefront and surrounding area for picnicking, sightseeing and visitor use, including a new reticulation system;
- improve signposting and display material throughout the main visitor area;
- restore visitor areas that have been 'loved to death';
- expand the range of park-based interpretation and ecotourism programs;
- develop a low-key backpack camping area.

CALM recreation and landscape planners have been studying historic photos of the park and where possible are incorporating part of the original Yanchep NP layout into the current redesign.

The restoration to McNess House and the surrounding landscape planning have been made possible by the generous sponsorship of LandCorp.

VISITING YANCHEP NP



With its wetlands, woodlands, caves and a rich cultural heritage, Yanchep National Park has the ingredients to make a great day out for all the family. If you book in for a guided activity, bring a picnic lunch and stay all day. Yanchep NP has plenty to offer.

Walktrails

Along the walk trails at Yanchep NP you can spend an hour or two exploring the Loch McNess wetland, walking inside a collapsed cave, or spend the whole day on the Ghost-House trail.

Heritage

Yanchep NP is steeped in history. Throughout the recreation area are heritage buildings built in the 1930s. One of these, Gloucester Lodge, is now a museum documenting the history of the local area. The museum is open from 10.30am to 4.00pm daily, but closed on Thursdays and Fridays. There is also a licensed Inn where you can stop for lunch, dinner or even overnight.

Wildlife and Wildflowers

Yanchep is home to many species of native plants and animals. Kangaroos are common and come out at dawn and dusk. Friendly waterbirds and interesting bush birds abound. Yanchep NP also has a colony of koalas in a specially built enclosure which is open between 8.30am - 5.00pm. There is also a wildflower garden with plants from all over the State.

Caves

Yanchep NP's surprises also extend below ground. There are about 100 limestone caves in the park. Crystal Cave is open for inspection and guided tours are run every day of the year.

Picnicking

There are plenty of shaded picnic areas throughout the park. Loch McNess wetland provides a scenic backdrop to the main picnic area, while elsewhere there are secluded areas for smaller groups. Some picnic areas can be booked in advance.

Loch McNess

Loch McNess is at the centre of the park's attraction. Rowing boats are available for hire and a launch takes tours around the perimeter.

Golf

Yanchep NP also boasts a nine-hole golf course, which may not challenge St. Andrews, but has many other redeeming features. Where else do you have to compete with the local kangaroos for the putting greens?

Opening hours

The park is open during all daylight hours. When you come please leave your pets at home; the wildlife and other visitors do not want to meet them!

For further information telephone the park office on 561 1004 or write to Yanchep National Park, Yanchep W.A. 6035.

SUMMER CALENDAR 1992-93

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