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Park entrance fees

A fee is charged for your vehicle's daily entry into many of WA's major national parks. The money raised assists the local community to protect and maintain these parks for present and future generations.

National park passes

To conserve our environment and save you money, you may choose to purchase one of four National Park Passes. Passes range in price depending on the duration of your visit and the number of parks you visit. Each pass covers the cost of entry into national parks, but does not include camping fees, or access to Penguin Island or the Penguin Experience.

For more information on park passes, contact participating visitor centres or Department of Conservation and Land Management offices (see Helpful Contacts on back of guide).

Camping

Camping in ecologically sensitive areas is a special experience restricted to designated sites. Some sites attract camping fees which are payable in addition to national park entrance fees. Parks with camping sites and the ones that collect fees are highlighted inside this brochure.

Legend



Fishing



Swimming



Swimming/snorkelling



Diving



Canoeing



Disabled access



Drinking water



Other accommodation



Picnic area



Barbecue facilities



Access to Bibbulmun Track



Four wheel drive access



Bushwalking/backpacking



Bushwalking



Camping area



Caravan area



Information



Telephone



Toilets



Disabled facility toilets



World Heritage Area

Helpful contacts

For more information on parks and reserves visit
www.naturebase.net

For tours, accommodation and other regional tourist attractions visit
www.westernaustralia.net

Department of Conservation and Land Management

Wanneroo office
(08) 9405 1222

Perth office
(08) 9368 4399

Kensington office
(08) 9334 0333

Fremantle office
(08) 9432 5111

Mundaring office
(08) 9295 1955

Narrogin office
(08) 9881 9200

Merrredin office
(08) 9041 2488

Katanning office
(08) 9821 1296

Kalgoorlie office
(08) 9021 2677

Regional Parks Unit
(08) 9431 6500

Other

Main Roads Western Australia
Road Condition Report
Tel: 1800 013 314
Web: www.mrwa.wa.gov.au

Department of Conservation and Land Management's Customer Service Centre
17 Dick Perry Avenue KENSINGTON
Tel: (08) 9334 0333
Fax: (08) 9334 0498
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Maps and guides

The Central Map Agency (DOLA)
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E-mail: sales@dola.wa.gov.au
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Friends of the Bibbulmun Track
(08) 9481 0551

Park passes and visitor information

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Forrest Place (cnr Wellington St) PERTH
Tel: 1300 361 351
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A Visitor's Guide to Western Australia's CENTRAL National Parks and Reserves



Also see the Visitor's Guides to Western Australia's
NORTHERN and SOUTHERN National Parks and Reserves.



Welcome

If you're seeking adventure, scenery or solitude, discovering the natural wonders of WA can lead to some intensely rewarding experiences.

In the central regions of WA, more than nine million hectares of ecologically sensitive lands and waters are protected to conserve biodiversity so visitors can share the quality of life we enjoy today.

From the expanses of natural forests and woodlands to impressive granite outcrops, from sandy beaches to inland lakes and internationally important wetlands—the central regions of WA have some of Earth's most unique and contrasting ecosystems.

The abundant array of plants, native and migratory bird life, marine life, insects and animals that live in these natural areas provides the perfect ingredients for unforgettable and treasured memories.

The quality of your nature-based experience is enhanced with informed park staff and facilities designed to minimise your impact on the environment.

Learn about the valuable jarrah forest at the Forest Heritage Centre, explore arid and semi-arid desert nature reserves, raft down seasonal river torrents, or simply absorb the sights and sounds of undisturbed natural forests and woodlands.



A natural and cultural snapshot

The regions' abundant and diverse ecosystem fosters some of the world's most impressive native flora and wildlife.

Enjoy the profuse colour and fragrances of seasonal wildflowers as they blanket extraordinary landscapes during August to October.



Watch in awe as humpback and southern right whales playfully migrate along the metropolitan coastline between July and November.

Share white sandy beaches and crystal blue waters with WA's largest colony of little penguins in the Shoalwater Island Marine Park. Hear about the important marine and coastal environment, and penguins' way of life at the Penguin Experience Island Discovery Centre.



Discover the beauty and importance of five rare marsupials whose burgeoning numbers are reversing their previously diminishing existence through the Return to Dryandra breeding program.

Further your understanding of the Australian bush, its plants, animals, and people with hands-on nature-based experiences at the Hills Forest Discovery Centre.

Step back in time and experience traditional Aboriginal culture at Yanchep National Park. Your Aboriginal guide will teach you traditional forms of tool making, and enlighten you with native bush tucker, as well as hunting and gathering techniques.

Using this guide

This guide is designed to help you decide what you want to do and learn, so your nature-based experience will have a meaningful purpose for you and for the people and places you visit.

Remember that these lands and waters have deep cultural significance for indigenous people and should be respected and treated as such.

Every year more than nine million visits are made to Western Australia's protected areas. Consequently, huge pressures are placed on the natural environment and supporting communities.

Travelling responsibly can reduce your impact and help to conserve the environment.

- Appreciate nature and refrain from feeding native animals and picking wildflowers. Pets and firearms are not permitted in WA's protected areas.
- Travel safely and help to prevent erosion. Stay on designated roads, tracks and paths. Your safety in natural areas is our concern, but your responsibility.
- Leave no rubbish or other traces of your visit. Using soap and detergent in rivers or streams can kill aquatic life and damage valuable ecosystems.
- Light fires only in designated fireplaces and, if possible, use your own portable gas or fuel stove.
- Check weather forecasts and road conditions. Take appropriate clothing, first aid supplies, car equipment, extra fuel, water, and always carry a map of the area.
- Respect the local community and ask permission before entering private lands.
- Choose responsible tour operators and guides who are aware of environmental impacts and who contribute to conservation efforts.



YANCHEP NATIONAL PARK

guided tours fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 51 kilometres north of Perth, covering 2,840 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Crystal cave, Aboriginal cultural tours, Wagardu boat tour, historic Yanchep Inn, Chawn Mia Lakeview Tearooms, Balga Mia Village, koalas, kangaroos, wetlands, bird life.

HERDSMAN LAKE REGIONAL PARK

picnic shelter bird hide



LOCATION: five kilometres north-west of Perth city, covering 400 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: bird life, wetlands, parklands, dual use patris.

CANNING RIVER REGIONAL PARK

picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 10 kilometres south-east of Perth city, covering 266 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Canning River, fringing estuarine vegetation, parklands, bird life, dual use patris.

YELLAGONGA REGIONAL PARK

picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 20 kilometres north of Perth city, covering 1,400 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Wetlands, kangaroos, parklands, bird life, dual use patris.

BEELEJAR REGIONAL PARK

picnic shelter toilet



LOCATION: 23 kilometres south of Perth city, covering 3,400 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Wetlands, limestone coastline, bird life, parklands, nature study.

MARMION MARINE PARK

guided tours fees



LOCATION: 15 kilometres north-west of Perth city, covering 9,500 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: White sandy beaches, rocky shores, seagrass meadows, limestone reefs, small islands, sea lions, dolphins, seasonal whales, abundant bird and marine wildlife.

SWAN ESTUARY MARINE PARK

bird hide



LOCATION: 10 kilometres south-west of Perth city, covering 340 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Internationally protected migratory waders, waterbirds, fossil deposits, relatively undisturbed estuarine and wetland vegetation.

PORT KENNEDY SCIENTIFIC PARK

bird hide



LOCATION: 10 kilometres south of Rockingham, covering 963 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Internationally important wetlands, critically endangered sedgellands, wildflowers, abundant bird life, reptiles, 6,000-year-old dune system.

JOHN FORREST NATIONAL PARK

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 26 kilometres east of Perth city, covering 2,700 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: European history, railway heritage trail, granite outcrops, wandoo/jarrah/marri forest, Jane Brook, winter waterfalls, wildlife, seasonal wildflowers, city views, WA's first national park.

LANE POOLE RESERVE

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 100 kilometres south of Perth, covering 54,000 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Murray River, rocky pools, jarrah/wandoo forests, mountain bike trails.

HILLS FOREST DISCOVERY CENTRE

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 40 kilometres east of Perth city.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Mountain bike trails, year round guided fun activities and recreational facilities, award winning campgrounds, seasonal wildflowers, wildlife.

DWELLINGUP FOREST HERITAGE CENTRE

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 70 kilometres south-east of Perth.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Unique leaf shaped building, Aboriginal history, Fine Wood Gallery, elevated canopy walk, seasonal wildflowers.

SERPENTINE NATIONAL PARK

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 50 kilometres south-east of Perth city, covering 4,200 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Year round waterfall, granite outcrops, jarrah/marri/wandoo forest, seasonal wildflowers, Serpentine River, city views.

YALGORUP NATIONAL PARK

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 50 kilometres south of Mandurah, covering 12,888 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Coastal lakes, seasonal waterbirds, woodlands, native mammals, Thombolites, nature study.

GOONGARRIE STATION

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 90 kilometres north of Kalgoorlie, covering 100,686 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Pastoral station facilities including three cottages, shearing and machinery sheds, group camping.

ROWLES LAGOON CONSERVATION PARK

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 70 kilometres north of Coolgardie, covering 404 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Freshwater lake, wetland bird studies, water-skiing, shaded picnic areas.

BURRA ROCK NATURE RESERVE

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 60 kilometres south of Coolgardie, covering 809 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Large granite outcrops, woodlands, water catchment, nature studies and historical features.

BOYAGIN NATURE RESERVE

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 20 kilometres south-west of Brookton, covering 4,844 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Large granite outcrop with spectacular views, walk trails.

TOTADGIN CONSERVATION PARK

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 12 kilometres south-west of Merredin, covering 158 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Granite outcrop with historic features, walk trails.

SANDFORD ROCKS NATURE RESERVE

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 10 kilometres north-east of Westonia, covering 807 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Impressive granite outcrops with woodland vegetation.

KORRELOCKING NATURE RESERVE

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 9 kilometres east of Wyalkatchem, covering 259 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: York and salmon gum open woodland, historic sites, walk trails.

WONGAN HILLS NATURE RESERVE

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 12 kilometres north-west of Wongan Hills, covering 417 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Seasonal wildflowers, rare flora, endangered animals (mallee fowl), walk trails.

YORKRAKINE ROCK NATURE RESERVE

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 25 kilometres north of Tammin, covering 157 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Large granite outcrop with extensive views surrounded by attractive York gum and jam woodland, walk trails.

LAKE DUMBLEYUNG NATURE RESERVE

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 10 kilometres west of Dumbleyung covering 4,094 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Large inland salt lake.

PALLARUP NATURE RESERVE

fees picnic shelter toilets

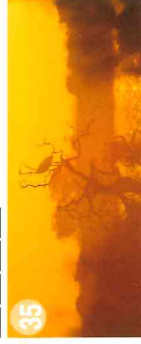


LOCATION: 15 kilometres south of Lake King, covering 497 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Remnant patch of natural bushland surrounding lake.

TOOLIBIN NATURE RESERVE

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 55 kilometres east of Narrogin, covering 497 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: When filled with water, waterbirds visit this last freshwater lake in the wheatbelt.

PENGUIN ISLAND CONSERVATION PARK

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 42 kilometres south of Perth city, covering 12.5 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Little penguins, Penguin Experience Island Discovery Centre, pelicans, abundant bird life, submerged limestone reefs, seagrass beds, marine life, sea lions, cruises available.

SHOALWATER ISLANDS MARINE PARK

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 40 kilometres south of Perth city, covering 6,545 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Spectacular coastal landforms, sandy beaches, seagrass beds, shallow limestone reefs, numerous islands, sea lions, dolphins, shipwrecks, marine life, clear waters.

AVON VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 65 kilometres east of Perth city, covering 16,000 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Wandoo/jarrah/marri forest, seasonal wildflowers, wildlife, Avon River, waterfalls, winter river torrents, deep gullies.

KALAMUNDA NATIONAL PARK

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 22 kilometres east of Perth city, covering 375 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Steep gullies, creeks, water pools, jarrah/marri/wandoo forest, heath plants, granite outcrops, green valleys.

LES MURDIE FALLS NATIONAL PARK

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 25 kilometres east of Perth city, covering 56 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Winter waterfalls, city views, seasonal wildflowers, jarrah/wandoo/marri forest.

WALYUNGA NATIONAL PARK

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 40 kilometres north-east of Perth city, covering 1,800 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Seasonal wildflowers, rugged valley, Avon River, winter river torrents, summer water pools, granite outcrops, Aboriginal history, wildlife.

DRYANDRA WOODLAND

fees picnic shelter toilets



LOCATION: 29 kilometres north-west of Narrogin, covering 29,000 hectares.

ATTRIBUTIONS: Open woodlands, endangered mammal species, wildlife viewing, seasonal wildflowers, drive trails with audio, walk trails.

