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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.

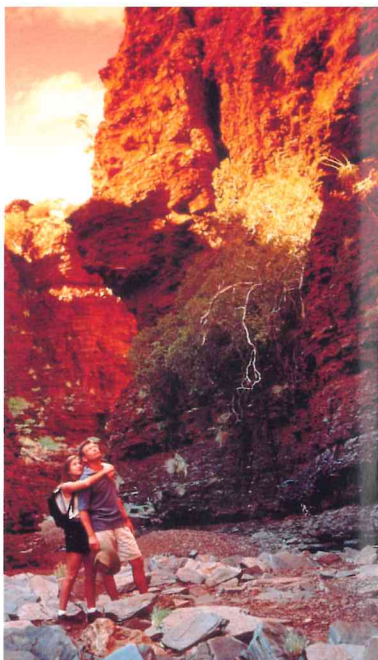
National park passes

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 entry into the Monkey Mia Reserve.

For more information on park passes, contact participating visitor centres or local 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	Four wheel drive access
Swimming	Bushwalking/backpacking
Swimming/snorkelling	Bushwalking
Diving	Camping area
Canoeing	Caravan area
Disabled access	Information
Drinking water	Telephone
Other accommodation	Toilets
Picnic area	Disabled facility toilets
Barbecue facilities	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

Kununurra office
(08) 9168 4200

Broome office
(08) 9192 1036

Karratha office
(08) 9143 1488

Karijini Visitor Centre
(08) 9189 8121
karijini@calm.wa.gov.au

Exmouth office
(08) 9949 1676
exmouth@calm.wa.gov.au

Milyering Visitor Centre
(08) 9949 2808
milyering@calm.wa.gov.au

Carnarvon office
(08) 9941 3754

Denham office
(08) 9948 1208

Monkey Mia Visitor Centre
(08) 9948 1366

Geraldton office
(08) 9921 5955

Jurien Bay office
(08) 9652 1911

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
Web: www.naturebase.net

Maps and guides

The Central Map Centre (DOLA)
1 Midland Square MIDLAND
Tel: (08) 9273 7075 or
(08) 9273 7209
Fax: (08) 9273 7205 or
(08) 9273 7656
E-mail: sales@dola.wa.gov.au
Web: www.dola.wa.gov.au

Park passes and visitor information

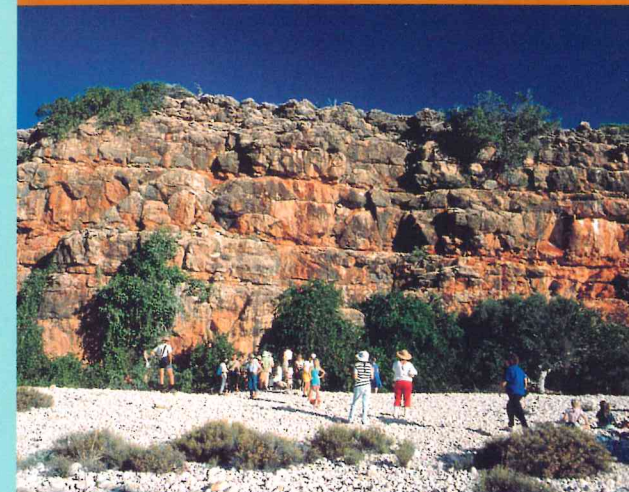
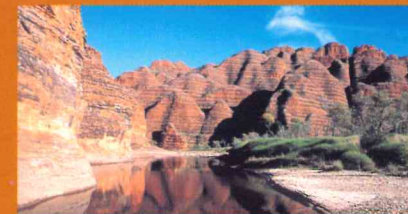
Perth Visitor Centre
Forrest Place (cnr Wellington St) PERTH
Tel: 1300 361 351
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Kimberley
East Kimberley Visitor Centre
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eastkimberley@bigpond.com
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Kununurra Visitor Centre
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Kalbarri Visitor Centre
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Milyering Visitor Centre
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A Visitor's Guide to Western Australia's NORTHERN National Parks and Reserves



Also see the Visitor's Guides to Western Australia's SOUTHERN and CENTRAL 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 northern regions of WA, more than nine million hectares of ecologically sensitive lands and waters are protected to conserve biodiversity so future visitors can share the quality of life we enjoy today.

From tropical hidden valleys to dry arid deserts, from colourful fringing reefs to ancient gorge formations, from white sandy beaches to open savanna grasslands—the northern 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.

Brave the 20–40 metre parallel sand dune ridges of the Little and Great Sandy Deserts, climb one of the world's most spectacular solitary peaks, discover networks of hidden caves and tunnels, or simply appreciate remarkably ancient and geographically renowned landscapes.



A natural and cultural snapshot

A variety of environmental influences fosters some of the world's most spectacular native flora and wildlife.

Delight in the magnificent colours and fragrances of seasonal wildflowers as they carpet vast and rugged landscapes most of the year.



Witness a dazzling underwater performance as more than 250 species of coral release millions of bright pink egg and sperm bundles following the March and April full moon in the Ningaloo Marine Park.

Snorkel the marine park's warm waters between March and June for the opportunity to encounter the world's largest species of fish—the gigantic whale sharks.



Catch a glimpse of majestic humpback whales as they calve along the tropical coastline between September and October.

Cautiously walk along warm sandy beaches as Green and Loggerhead Turtles nest along the northern coast during September to October. Watch in fascination as hatchlings dig their way to the surface before rushing off to the safety of the ocean.

Interact with local bottlenose dolphins as they approach the shores of the Monkey Mia Reserve. Conservation staff further your experience by interpreting the Shark Bay World Heritage Area and its abundant marine life.

Cruise along the Fitzroy River as your ranger-guide provides a comprehensive commentary on the wildlife, the history of the area and the formation of the scenic limestone Geikie Gorge.

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.



MIRIMA NATIONAL PARK (Hidden Valley)



LOCATION: 2 kilometres east of Kununurra, covering 2,068 hectares.
ATTRICTIONS: Ancient rock formation, Aboriginal heritage, spinifex grassland, eucalypts, tropical tree species.

PURULLULLU NATIONAL PARK (Bungle Bungle)



LOCATION: 250 kilometres south of Kununurra, covering 239,723 hectares.

ATTRICTIONS: Orange and black striped beehived domes, hidden gorges, pools.

PARRY LAGOONS NATURE RESERVE



LOCATION: 20 kilometres south-east of Wyndham, covering 36,111 hectares.
ATTRICTIONS: Internationally important wetland, abundant bird life.

WOJEE CREEK METEORITE CRATER RESERVE



LOCATION: 145 kilometres south of Halls Creek, covering 1,460 hectares.
ATTRICTIONS: Meteorite crater, extensive spinifex grassland.

MITCHELL RIVER NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 270 kilometres north-west of Wyndham, covering 115,325 hectares.
ATTRICTIONS: Spectacular Mitchell Falls, Surveyor's Pool.

GEIKIE GORGE NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 16 kilometres north-east of Fitzroy Crossing, covering 3,136 hectares.
ATTRICTIONS: Ancient limestone reef system, Geikie Gorge, Aboriginal heritage, natural water pools, riverine vegetation, bird life, fruit bats, freshwater crocodiles.

TUNNEL CREEK NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 115 kilometres north-west of Fitzroy Crossing, covering just 91 hectares.
ATTRICTIONS: WA's oldest cave system, Aboriginal history, ancient reed system, stalactites.

WINDJANA GORGE NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 145 kilometres east of Derby, covering 2,134 hectares.
ATTRICTIONS: Ancient barrier reef system, limestone gorge, natural water pools surrounded by trees and savanna, fruit bats, freshwater crocodiles, bird life.

KING LEOPOLD RANGE CONSERVATION PARK



LOCATION: 260 kilometres north-east of Derby, covering 392,104 hectares.
ATTRICTIONS: Rugged sandstone mountains, Bell and Lennard gorges, permanent creeks, savanna and palm groves, freshwater turtles, abundant bird life, wilderness lodge.

CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 39 kilometres south of Exmouth, covering 50,581 hectares.
ATTRICTIONS: Deep rocky gorges, ancient rivers, pristine coastlines, rock wallabies, hidden caves and tunnels, abundant bird life, kangaroos and emus.

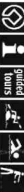
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LOCATION: 20 kilometres north-west of Karratha, covering 350,000 hectares of land and water.

ATTRICTIONS: White sandy beaches, beautiful islands, abundant bird, marine and wildlife.

SHARK BAY MARINE PARK



LOCATION: Surrounds Shark Bay and covers 748,725 hectares.

ATTRICTIONS: World's largest area of seagrass, diverse and abundant marine life, dugongs, turtles, seabirds, secluded bays, sandy beaches.

MOUNT AUGUSTUS NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 490 kilometres west of Carnarvon, covering 4,795 hectares.

ATTRICTIONS: Biggest rock in the world (717 metres high), stoney red sandplains of arid shrubland, reptiles, kangaroos, abundant bird life, Aboriginal heritage, seasonal pools, wildflowers.

KALBARRI NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: Kalbarri, covering 183,004 hectares.

ATTRICTIONS: Red and white banded gorges carved by the Murchison River, spectacular sea cliffs, rolling sand plains, stunning wildflowers.

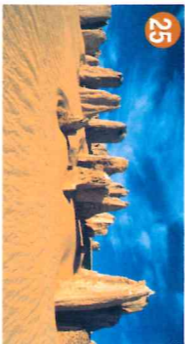
COALSEAM CONSERVATION PARK



LOCATION: 90 kilometres east of Geraldton, covering 754 hectares.

ATTRICTIONS: Seasonal wildflowers, interesting geology, cultural history.

NAMBUNG NATIONAL PARK (Pinnacles)



LOCATION: 245 kilometres north of Perth, covering 17,491 hectares.

ATTRICTIONS: Huge limestone pillars exposed in a stark landscape of yellow sand, kangaroos, bird life, white sandy beaches, pristine coastal bays, marine life.

LESUEUR NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 250 kilometres north of Perth, covering 26,987 hectares.

ATTRICTIONS: Mount Lesueur, diverse and significant areas for flora conservation, abundant bird life, ancient laterite landscape, shrublands, woodlands, rare wildflowers.

WATHEROO NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 240 kilometres north of Perth, covering 44,470 hectares.

ATTRICTIONS: Wildflowers, Jingenion Cave.

BADGINGARRA NATIONAL PARK



LOCATION: 200 kilometres north of Perth, covering 13,120 hectares.

ATTRICTIONS: Plant interpretation, wildflower trail.

STOCKYARD GULLY



LOCATION: 250 kilometres north of Perth, covering 1,500 hectares.
ATTRICTIONS: Caves, wildflowers.