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Step into nature



Department of
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Camping adventures for small groups

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Do you enjoy exploring the outdoors with your kids? Would you like to go camping in a small group with family or friends?

Here is a selection of campgrounds designed to cater for groups of up to 20 campers. Go bushwalking, canoeing, mountain biking or simply enjoy the beautiful environment around you.

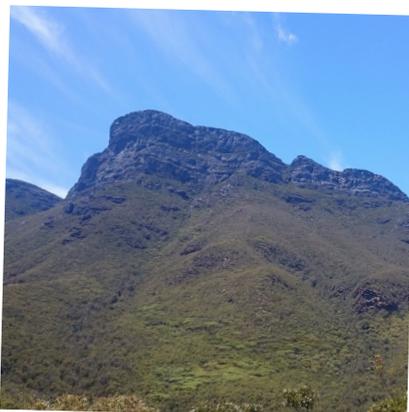
Here are eight great camping experiences, all waiting for you to step into nature.

Top tip

School holidays, long weekends and Easter are popular times to go camping. Most campgrounds cannot be booked, and the chances of securing a camp site with a group will be challenging at these times. We suggest camping with a small group outside of peak periods and remember to always have an alternative campground choice, just in case.



Lane Poole Reserve



Bluff Knoll, Stirling Range National Park



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National park names and camp sites

Lane Poole Reserve - Dogs Allowed

Yalgorup National Park - Martins Tank

Dwellingup State Forest - Logue Brook Dam Dogs Allowed

Wellington National Park - Potters Gorge

Bramley National Park - Wharncliffe Mill

Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park - Conto

Warren National Park - Draftys

Stokes National Park - Benwenerup



Summary

	Lane Poole Reserve – Nanga Mill only	Yalgorup National Park – Martin’s Tank	Dwellingup State Forest – Logue Brook	Wellington National Park – Potters Gorge	Bramley National Park – Wharncliffe Mill	Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park – Conto	Warren National Park – Draftys	Stokes National Park – Benwenerup
Distance from Perth km (approx)	100	110	125	193	280	290	320	670
Online booking essential		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Park entry fees apply	✓						✓	✓
Dogs allowed	✓		✓					
Bushwalking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Canoeing and kayaking	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Caving		✓						
Fishing	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mountain biking	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Snorkelling				✓				
Seasonal firepit	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

1 Blackwood River National Park South West

Warner Glen

Located: 65km south-east of Busselton

This peaceful campground is on the banks of Chapman Brook and has an open area ideal for small groups camping together. It is close to Chapman Pool and the Blackwood River and is the perfect location for launching canoes or kayaks.

Bookings and enquiries: parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au

No bookings can be made for this campground, so first in, best camp!

Things to do:



Canoeing, kayaking, fishing, picnicking



Warner Glen, Blackwood River National Park



Mountain biking in Bramley National Park

2 Bramley National Park South West

Wharnccliffe Mill

Located: 380km south of Perth

Wharnccliffe Mill is a family-run bush camp, nestled amid the tall timber of Bramley National Park in the heart of the Margaret River region. The caravan sites and camp sites are powered and well-spaced. A large four-room eco-lodge, dorm rooms and basic safari tents are nestled among the trees.

The camp has all the necessary comforts such as hot showers, flushing toilets and a camp kitchen. The lodge and cabins have their own bathrooms and kitchens as well as a huge undercover area with barbecues, picnic tables, table tennis and an adjacent camp fire pit for relaxing and toasting marshmallows.

Kick back and enjoy this beautiful nature-based eco-experience, just 2km from the Margaret River town centre.

Bookings and enquiries: wharncriffemill.com.au

Highlight

Bramley National Park has fantastic mountain bike trails. It's a great way to enjoy the breathtaking forest.

Things to do:



Mountain biking – exceptional off-road trails surround Wharnccliffe Mill

Bushwalking – there are a number of tracks suited to young children as well as adults

Explore the sensory trail – designed just for the little ones, blindfolded and using a rope for guidance, they will experience the bush from a different perspective

Try an orienteering or geocaching challenge – using a smartphone or GPS, players try to find hidden containers (geocaches) and share their experiences online



3 D'Entrecasteaux National Park South West

Leaning Marri

Located: 28km south of Pemberton

Leaning Marri campground features a group camp site with a shared shelter. It is well-protected from the wind and suitable for tents, small campervans and camper trailers. Nearby Yeagerup Lake provides excellent photo opportunities and Yeagerup Dunes will excite four-wheel-drive enthusiasts.

Banksia Camp

Banksia Camp features seven camp sites including a larger site suitable for camper trailers. A shared facility hut with four bedrooms can accommodate 12 people comfortably. This secluded spot is close to the water and popular for its spectacular coastal scenery as well as surfing, fishing and bushwalking.

Bookings and enquiries: No bookings can be made for these grounds, so first in, best camp!
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Things to do:



Adventure four-wheel driving, fishing, surfing, bushwalking



Logue Brook Dam,
Dwellingup State Forest

4 Dwellingup State Forest South West

Lake Navarino Tourist Resort

**Located: 1.5 hours south of Perth
(near Waroona)**

Experience the tranquil lakeside camping at Lake Navarino. These spacious sites can comfortably accommodate small groups. There are fantastic facilities on offer including a barbecue shelter and shared wood-fired barbecues to toast marshmallows on.

Bookings and enquiries: info@navarino.com.au

Things to do:



White water rafting, bushwalking, mountain biking, horse riding

5 Dwellingup State Forest South West

Logue Brook Dam

**Located: 1.5 hours south of Perth
Just 10 mins from Harvey!**

Just 1.5 hour drive south from Perth, Logue Brook Dam is a popular campground throughout the year. With recently upgraded facilities and a number of site configurations to choose from, you really are spoilt for choice. Take in the views overlooking the dam and forest while relaxing at the café with a Devonshire tea. The recently installed playground will keep the kids occupied for hours. Grab your torch; take the kids to the water's edge and spot local marron at night!

This popular watersport location allows for boating and skiing.

Bookings and enquiries: lakebrockman.com.au

Things to do:



Canoe or kayak from the recently upgraded boat launch area



Fish for trout all year and marron when in season



Water ski – part of Lake Brockman is a designated water ski area



Mountain biking – the Munda Biddi cycle trail passes nearby the campground and there are two pump tracks suitable for all abilities and fitness levels

6 Greater Hawke National Park South West

Snottygobble Loop

Located: 25km west of Pemberton

Snottygobble Loop features 11 camp sites as well as a large group camping area with sheltered barbecue facilities nestled away in peppermint forest along the Carey Brook. It is a great base from which to explore D'Entrecasteaux and Greater Beedelup national parks. Take the 86km Karri Forest Explorer drive or simply relax with some fishing in the brook. The nearby Donnelly Boat Landing is ideal for launching your boat or canoe to meander down the Donnelly River. Alternatively, drive to Lake Jasper for a refreshing swim. In winter and spring when the brook is in full flow, Beedelup Falls provides some wonderful photographic opportunities.

Bookings and enquiries: No bookings can be made for this campground, so first in, best camp!
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Things to do:



Bushwalking – the 5km (Class 3) walk trail begins at Grass Tree Hollow and takes you through the enchanting Goblin Swamp



Bird watching



Freshwater angling – is popular from the crystal-clear waters of Carey Brook

7 Lane Poole Reserve Perth and Surrounds

Nanga Mill

Located: 100km south of Perth (near Dwellingup)

The largest campground in Lane Poole Reserve is Nanga Mill, ideal for small groups camping together. Nanga Brook flows through the campground and the Murray River is accessible from the site. With wonderful recreational opportunities on offer and the freedom to set up anywhere under the shelter of the pines, Nanga Brook is a popular spot.

Bookings and enquiries: No bookings can be made for this campground, so first in, best camp!
Booking essential for alternative sites within the reserve.
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Things to do:



Mountain biking and fishing

Bushwalking – walk the 3.8km Chuditch walk trail or the 18km King Jarrah walk trail

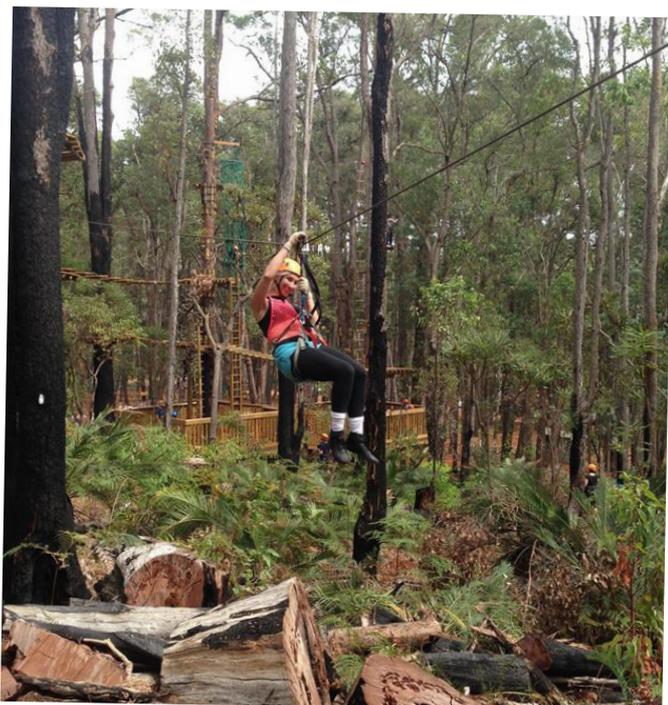
Kayaking, canoeing and rafting – Dwaarlindjirraap is the perfect spot to launch your canoe or kayak. Be mindful of the water conditions as they will vary according to the season



Trees Adventure Lane Poole Park

Challenge yourself to a treetop ropes course built near the beautiful jarrah and pine trees of Nanga Mill campground. Take in the exhilarating views as you glide on the flying fox through the treetops. An adventure-filled obstacle course great for the whole family.

Bookings essential: treesadventure.com.au



Trees Adventure at Lane Poole



8 Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park

South West

Conto campground

Located: 18km south-west of Margaret River

Take advantage of the recent \$1.1 million upgrade at Conto campground. With incredible facilities and so many activities on offer, this campground gets filled up fast! Surf at nearby Conto Springs Beach, walk part of the Cape to Cape Track (directly accessible from the campground), or visit one of the many magnificent caves in the area. Take a drive and explore Boranup Forest and enjoy the scenic lookouts along the way. Wanil camp site in Conto is a grassed area beneath peppermint trees and accommodates up to seven tents.

Bookings essential: parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Things to do:



Surfing, fishing

Bushwalking – part of the Cape to Cape Track



Cape to Cape Track

Highlight:

Camping around the month of November? Join Pemberton Discovery Tours' annual beach cleanup as they travel to the coast from Pemberton by four-wheel drive either as tag-along or onboard their vehicle. It is a great way to meet like-minded people!

Bookings and enquiries: wawilderness.com.au

9 Warren National Park

South West

Draftys campground

Located: 335km south of Perth

Draftys campground is a great place to relax among the karri and marri forests with 22 shady camp sites spread along the Warren River. The camp sites are only suitable for tents (no access for campervans, camper trailers or caravans) and cannot be booked, so during peak times you may need to have an alternative place to stay. Draftys has a barbecue shelter, food preparation surfaces and sinks. The Warren River loop trail passes close by the campground and, if you aren't afraid of heights, climb 65m up the Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree to get a 360-degree view of the karri forest all the way to the coast. The day-use area is perfect for launching canoes and kayaks.

Bookings and enquiries: No bookings can be made for this campground, so first in, best camp!
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Things to do:



Bushwalking – enjoy the 10.5km Warren River loop trail (Class 4), suitable for most ages and fitness levels

Driving – take in the highlights of the park with a drive through the 12km Heartbreak Trail, part of the 86km Karri Forest Explorer

4WD – the nearby Yeagerup Dunes provide a sensational four-wheel-drive experience

Climbing – 65m up the Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree to get a 360-degree view of the karri forest and out to the coast. A truly rewarding experience!



Pemberton Discovery Tours

10 Stirling Range National Park South West

Moingup Springs

Located: 76km north-east of Albany

Moingup Springs is an open campground which can accommodate up to 20 tents. Gas barbecues and flushing toilets make this spot a comfortable base to enjoy the many fun and challenging walk trails in the Stirling Range National Park. Enjoy the 42km Stirling Range scenic drive, which passes through the heart of the park, offering remarkable views when travelled in either direction.

Bookings and enquiries: No bookings can be made for this campground, so first in, best camp!
parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au



Things to do:



Bushwalking

Drive – the stunning 42km Stirling Range Scenic Drive

11 Stockton Lake South West

Located: 208km south-east of Perth
(8km east of Collie)

This old open cut mine, now an artificial lake, is the perfect location to laze around under the shade of the trees on a hot summer day. With boating and skiing allowed, this is a popular water sport location.

Bookings and enquiries: No bookings can be made for this campground, so first in, best camp!
parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Things to do:



Boating, waterskiing, bushwalking, picnicking, canoe or kayaking



Bluff Knoll, Stirling Range National Park

12 Stokes National Park Golden Outback

Benwenerup

Located: 80km west of Esperance

Benwenerup offers excellent facilities and three areas which are large enough for up to four large caravans or camper trailers to camp together - all beneath shady paperbark trees. Enjoy Stokes Inlet with a spot of fishing, or boating – and it's the perfect spot for your canoe or kayak. The Stokes Heritage Trail links the campground to Stokes Inlet picnic area and provides two lookouts with spectacular views of the estuary.

Bookings and enquiries: No bookings can be made for this campground, so first in, best camp!
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Things to do:



Walk – to the estuary mouth if the water levels are low

Fish and canoe from the inlet or launch a small boat. Black bream, King George whiting, mullet and Australian salmon are among the fish caught here

Snorkel and surf

Birdwatch

Visit the Moir Homestead ruins

Bushwalk – the Stokes Heritage Trail, an easy 2.8km (one-way) wheelchair accessible track from Benwenerup campground to Stokes Inlet day-use area



13 Wellington National Park South West

Potters Gorge

Located: 193km south-east of Perth

Camp under the shade of delightful jarrah and marri trees on the shores of Wellington Dam. This open campground is perfect for small groups camping together. Canoe, kayak, bushwalk or jump on your bike and explore the forest on the popular Munda Biddi Trail. Excellent facilities, (following a recent \$2.8 million upgrade), spectacular scenery, amazing outdoor activities and a family-run kiosk make this a campground perfect for families camping together.

Bookings and enquiries: kioskatteddam.com.au

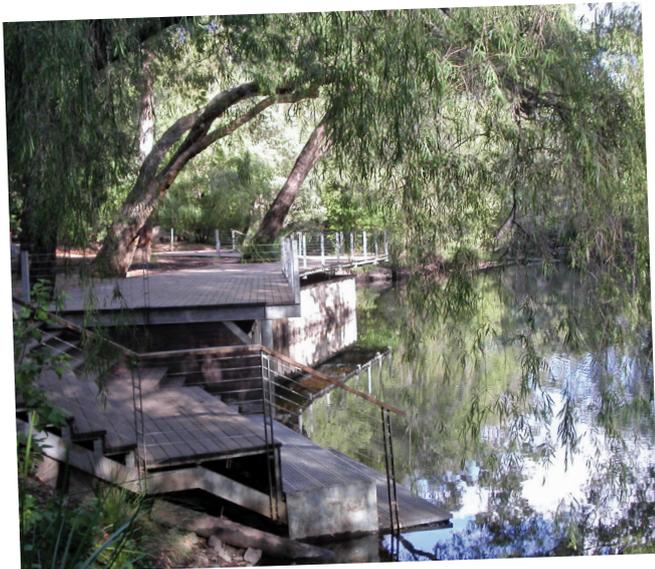


Things to do:



Water ski, canoe, kayak, bushwalk

Mountain biking - hit the mountain bike trails for an adrenalin rush or simply take in the natural bush setting at your leisure. The kids will love the brand new mountain bike pump track in the campground!



Honeymoon Pool,
Wellington National Park

14 Yalgorup National Park Perth and Surrounds

Martins Tank

Located: 127km south of Perth

Just 60km south of Mandurah, this recently refurbished campground is a popular choice for a weekend of camping. The campground has 30 individual camp sites and four open camp areas which can accommodate four tents and parking for larger vehicles. A barbecue shelter with dishwashing sinks, food prep area as well as tables and benches take the hard work out of camping. Relax among the peppermint trees and tuart forest or walk the Lake Pollard Trail and observe some spectacular migratory birds from the Lake Pollard Bird Hide. Don't forget your torch for some possum spotting at night!

Yalgorup National Park includes 10 lakes and a protected wetland system designated by the Ramsar Convention as a site of international importance. There are walks for all ages and fitness levels.

Bookings essential: it does get busy over the school holidays and long weekends, so get in early!
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Things to do:



Bushwalking – Enjoy the 6km (Class 2) walk trail to the bird hide on the shores of Lake Pollard



Fishing at nearby Preston Beach

Nature viewing - When the sun goes down grab a torch and spot ring-tail possums



Lake Clifton's thrombolites

Lake Clifton's thrombolites are structures built by micro-organisms too small for the human eye to see. They were the only form of life 650 million to 3,500 million years ago. View this fascinating sight on the purpose-built walkway and imagine the dawn of time.

A CAMP SITE... FOR UP TO 40 PEOPLE!

D'Entrecasteaux National Park South West

Yeagerup Hut

Located: 28km south of Pemberton

With only an 8km drive to the Southern Ocean and Warren River, the Yeagerup Hut is a favourite with large groups with four-wheel drive vehicles. Bookings can be made for a minimum of 10 adults to a maximum of 40 and visitors can either bush camp or choose to stay in the spacious hut for a more comfortable stay. Facilities include toilets, sheltered picnic tables, kitchen sink, hot showers and open fireplaces. Managed by Pemberton Discovery Tours, the Hut and camping area can be booked year-round.

This is the perfect base from which to explore the incredible Yeagerup Dunes, one of the largest dune systems in the world. Yeagerup Beach, located on the other side of the dunes, is a fantastic spot for fishing or lazing with a picnic.

Four-wheel drive and bookings essential!

Enquiries and bookings: Phone 0427 133 335
email info@pembertondiscoverytours.com.au
www.pembertondiscoverytours.com.au



Yeagerup Hut, D'Entrecasteaux National Park

Things to do:



4 WD



Adventure four-wheel driving,
fishing

Handy information

ExploreParks WA website will give you all the information you need to start planning your trip – see parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au.

ParkStay WA for all your campground information needs. Many camp sites are bookable online – see parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au.

Park passes. Buy a pass online at shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au and save. Remember entry fees apply at many parks. For Royal Automobile Club (WA) members, go to rac.com.au/travel/australia/wa-holidays/park-passes.

ParkFinder WA app is a great way to plan your trip and stay on route while you're away. The app contains information on 150 parks and reserves in Western Australia.

CampingMate app will help when planning your camping trip with lists you can save and use on your next adventure.

Fishing Licenses If you plan to go fishing don't forget your valid fishing license! Available from any Australia Post Office, Department of Fisheries offices or online at Department of Fisheries. Visit fish.wa.gov.au.

Trails WA search for trails near you – see trails.wa.com.au.

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