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# Step into nature



Department of  
Parks and Wildlife



## Camping adventures for families



Warren River, Warren National Park



Martins Tank campground



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Just purchased your new campervan, camper trailer or tent and not sure where to start your family camping adventure?

Or maybe it's been a few years since you went on a camping adventure as a family? We have a great list of campgrounds that offer clean, spacious barbecue shelters and seasonal fire pits to toast your marshmallows on. You'll find there are lots of fun and adventurous activities to do and all campgrounds are two-wheel drive accessible. Best of all, the kids will remember their camping experience forever.

Here's a great selection of family camping experiences just waiting for you to step into nature.



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## Camping adventures for families

### National parks and camp sites

Beelu National Park-Perth Hills Discovery Centre

Bramley National Park-Wharncliffe Mill

Dwellingup State Forest-Logue Brook Dam

Lane Poole Reserve-Baden Powell

Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park-Conto

Warren National Park-Draftys

Wellington National Park-Potters Gorge

Yalgorup National Park-Martins Tank



## Summary

	Beelu National Park Perth Hills Discovery Centre	Lane Poole Reserve Baden Powell	Yalgorup National Park Martins Tank	Dwellingup State Forest Logue Brook Dam	Wellington National Park Potters Gorge	Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park Conto	Bramley National Park Wharncliffe Mill	Warren National Park Draftys	D'Entrecasteaux National Park
Distance from Perth km (approx)	40	100	110	125	190	280	280	320	330
Online booking essential	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Park entry fees apply		✓						✓	✓
Tents only	✓							✓	
Pre set up camping - Booking essential					✓		✓	✓	
Dogs allowed		✓		✓					
Visitor centre	✓				✓				
Toilets	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wheelchair - accessible toilet	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ablutions	✓						✓		✓
Barbecue shelter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Barbecue	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Firepit - seasonal only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Picnic tables	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Drinking water available	✓						✓		✓



## 1 Beelu National Park Perth and surrounds

**Perth Hills Discovery Centre**  
**Located: 44km east of Perth**

Perth Hills Discovery Centre has a small, well-equipped campground that is ideal for first-time campers and families with small children. It's only 40km from Perth and provides comforts such as hot showers and flushing toilets. There are 12 individual camp sites that are suitable for small tents. The facilities are excellent with electric barbecues, a sink, fridge power and a fire ring. Spring is an ideal time to camp with beautiful wildflower displays throughout the park. The family will enjoy spotting the locals – quendas, brush wallabies, western grey kangaroos and darting splendid fairy wrens, to name a few.

**Bookings essential:** [parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au)

### ← — — — — Highlight

↑ Check out the panoramic views over Lake C.Y. O'Connor, Mundaring Weir and Helena River Valley from nearby South Ledge.



*Beelu National Park*

### Things to do:



**Bushwalking** – the Bibbulmun Track can be accessed from The Dell and South Ledge.



**Picnic** – Fred Jacoby Park, and The Dell are wonderfully scenic places to enjoy a relaxing picnic in a tranquil bush setting.



**Mountain biking** – the Munda Biddi Trail can be accessed from The Dell.



*Logue Brook, Dwellingup State Forest*

## 2 Dwellingup State Forest South West

**Logue Brook Dam campground**  
**Located: 10km south of Yarloop, just 10mins 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:** Lake Brockman Tourist Park, visit [lakebrockman.com.au](http://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 Trail passes nearby the campground and there are two pump tracks suitable for all abilities and fitness levels





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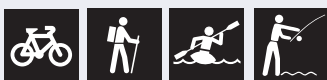
## 3 Lane Poole Reserve Perth and surrounds

**Located: 100km south of Perth (near Dwellingup)**

Lane Poole Reserve is a very popular camping destination close to Perth. The Murray River flows through the forest park, creating many opportunities for fishing and canoeing, and with the water fast flowing in some sections of the river during the year, it provides a great challenge for the experienced kayaker. You can enjoy one of the many leisurely or challenging walk trails and mountain biking enthusiasts can take advantage of the Munda Biddi Trail that passes through the reserve. There is a fantastic choice of camp sites offering something for everyone.

**Bookings and enquiries:** [parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au)

### 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*

#### 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](http://treesadventure.com.au)

## 4 Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park

### South West

#### Conto

**Located: 280km south of Perth**

Take advantage of the recent \$1.1 million dollar upgrade at Conto. Surf or fish in the appropriate zones at nearby Conto Springs Beach, walk part of the Cape to Cape Track which is directly accessible from the campground, or visit one of the many magnificent caves in the area. Take a drive and explore Boranup Forest and its mountain bike trail, bush trails and scenic lookouts. With so much on offer, this campground gets booked up fast!

**Bookings essential:** [parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au)



*Cape to Cape Track*



*Conto campground*



## 5 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 that 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 amongst 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 that has been Ramsar-listed as a site of international importance. There are walks for all ages and fitness levels to enjoy.

**Bookings essential:** [parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au)



### Lake Clifton's thrombolites

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



### 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.

*A camp site... for up to 40 people!*

## D'Entrecasteaux National Park South West

### Yeagarup Hut

Located: 28km south of Pemberton

With only an 8km four-wheel drive to the Southern Ocean and Warren River, the Yeagarup Hut is a favorite with large groups. Bookings can be made for a minimum of 10 adults to maximum of 40 and visitors can either bush camp or choose 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 Yeagarup Dunes, one of the largest dune systems in the world. Yeagarup Beach, located on the other side of the dunes is 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](mailto:info@pembertondiscoverytours.com.au)  
[www.pembertondiscoverytours.com.au](http://www.pembertondiscoverytours.com.au)



*Yeagarup Hut, D'Entrecasteaux National Park*

### Things to do:



**Adventure four-wheel driving, fishing**



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## Don't have all the camping gear?

Want to go camping in nature but don't want to 'rough-it'?

Try glamping – glamorous camping – and enjoy your camping experience without buying or borrowing a tent. Here's our selection of the best glamping experiences with fully accredited businesses that are licensed to operate in national parks and reserves. Depending on your choice, some businesses can provide all bedding and cooking equipment and others will include meals, activities and the five-star treatment. The choice is yours.



Wharncliffe Mill, Bramley National Park

### 6 Bramley National Park South West

#### Wharncliffe Mill

Wharncliffe Mill is a family-run bush camp, nestled amidst the tall timber of the Bramley National Park in the heart of Margaret River. Shady, well-spaced powered camp sites and caravan sites amongst the trees, spacious cabins, a large four room eco-lodge, dorm rooms and basic safari tents. On offer are 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 campfire pit for relaxing and toasting marshmallows.

**Enquiries and bookings:** [wharncliffemill.com.au](http://wharncliffemill.com.au)



#### Highlight:

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

#### Things to do:



**Mountain biking** – exceptional off-road trails surround Wharncliffe Mill.

**Bushwalk** – there are a number of tracks suited to young children.

**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.



## 7 Warren National Park South West

**Draftys campground (No access for campervans, camper trailers or caravans)**

**Located: 335km south of Perth**

With 22 shady camp sites spread along the Warren River, Draftys is a great place to relax among the karri and marri forest. Draftys offers a barbecue shelter, food preparation surfaces and sinks. There are river access platforms perfect for launching canoes and kayaks and taking in the exceptional views across the river.

If you don't have camping equipment, let WA Wilderness run by Pemberton Discovery Tours treat you to a sensational glamping experience. Tents are fully set up and maintained for you to enjoy your piece of bush paradise; tents, beds and cooking facilities are all provided. You can even arrive and hire the equipment – just bring your food, clothes and family and you're set!

**Bookings and enquiries:** [wawilderness.com.au](http://wawilderness.com.au)



### Things to do:



**Bushwalk** – enjoy the 10.5km (Class 4) Warren River Loop Trail, suitable for most ages and fitness levels.

**Drive** – the 12km Heartbreak Trail, part of the 86km Karri Forest Explorer and take in the highlights of the park.

**Four-wheel drive** – nearby Yeagerup Dunes provide a sensational four-wheel drive experience.

**Climb** 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!

### 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!



*Wellington National Park*

## 8 Wellington National Park South West

**Potters Gorge**

**Located: 29km west of Collie**

Take the opportunity to glamp at Honeymoon Pool and Potters Gorge with a fully set up camp site or choose to camp at one of the many other sites at Honeymoon Pool, Gelcoat, Stones Brook or the recently upgraded Potters Gorge. Canoe, kayak, bushwalk or jump on your bike and explore the forest on the popular Munda Biddi Trail. Try the brand new pump bike track for something more challenging. Potters Gorge is a fabulous, affordable family and group camping option with excellent facilities including new toilets, barbecue shelter and a dump point. 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](http://kioskatteddam.com.au)

### Things to do:



**Fishing, canoeing, rafting, bushwalking**

**Mountain biking** – Try the brand-new pump bike track for a fun challenge.





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## Join in the Nearer to Nature program



Join in the *Nearer to Nature* program, which provides interactive and engaging nature-based activities for people of all ages.

**Bookings essential.**

**Visit *Nearer to Nature* at [nearertonature.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://nearertonature.dpaw.wa.gov.au)**



*Nearer to Nature  
Community*

### Handy information

**ExploreParks WA** website will give you all the information you need to start planning your trip – see [parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://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](http://parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au).

**Park passes.** Buy a pass online at [shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://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](http://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](http://fish.wa.gov.au).

**Trails WA** search for trails near you – see [trailswa.com.au](http://trailswa.com.au).

### Working Together on Country

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