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## Beaches

Perth is blessed with almost 100km of fabulous Indian Ocean coastline.

With limestone reefs offshore, shallow seagrass-filled basins and plentiful white-sand beaches, Marmion Marine Park has excellent opportunities for all forms of water-based activities. Swim in the beach enclosure at Sorrento, snorkel the lagoon at Mettams Pool or surf at Mullaloo.

Diving, fishing and whale watching charters are available at Hillarys Boat Harbour.

Shoalwater Islands Marine Park has protected beaches and great conditions for water activities. Book a tour to see dolphins and sea lions or take the ferry to Penguin Island. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy a day on the island. Explore the boardwalks and beaches and see the penguins at the Discovery Centre.

Perth faces west and a sunset over the water is a perfect end to the day.

## Tips on the weather

Typical summer days begin with a clear morning with cloudless skies and end with a sunset over the ocean. Rising temperatures are usually followed by Perth's famous 'Fremantle Doctor', a cooling sea breeze that strengthens through the afternoon.

Be prepared for plenty of sunshine, warm to hot temperatures and windy afternoons. Unless you are sailing, windsurfing or kitesurfing, plan most of your outdoor activity for mornings to make the most of cooler conditions and lighter winds, especially in the hills, on the water or at the beach. Carry drinking water, apply sunscreen and always wear a hat.

As summer drifts into autumn the days begin to cool but remain ideal for outdoor activities.

Keep an eye on the weather using your favourite weather app or [bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au) and plan your activities for the most suitable times.

Marmion Marine Park. Photo – Greg Maher



## Plan your nature experience

- Plan where to go and what to do at [exploreparcs.dbca.wa.gov.au](http://exploreparcs.dbca.wa.gov.au).
- Find details of popular trails at [trailswa.com.au](http://trailswa.com.au).
- The best places to start for accommodation, tours and things to do on a Western Australian holiday are [westernaustralia.com](http://westernaustralia.com) and Trust the Tick.
- Find information about Perth at [experienceperth.com](http://experienceperth.com).

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Mullaloo Beach, Marmion Marine Park. Photo – DBCA

### Back cover

Deep Water Point, Swan Canning Riverpark. Photo – DBCA



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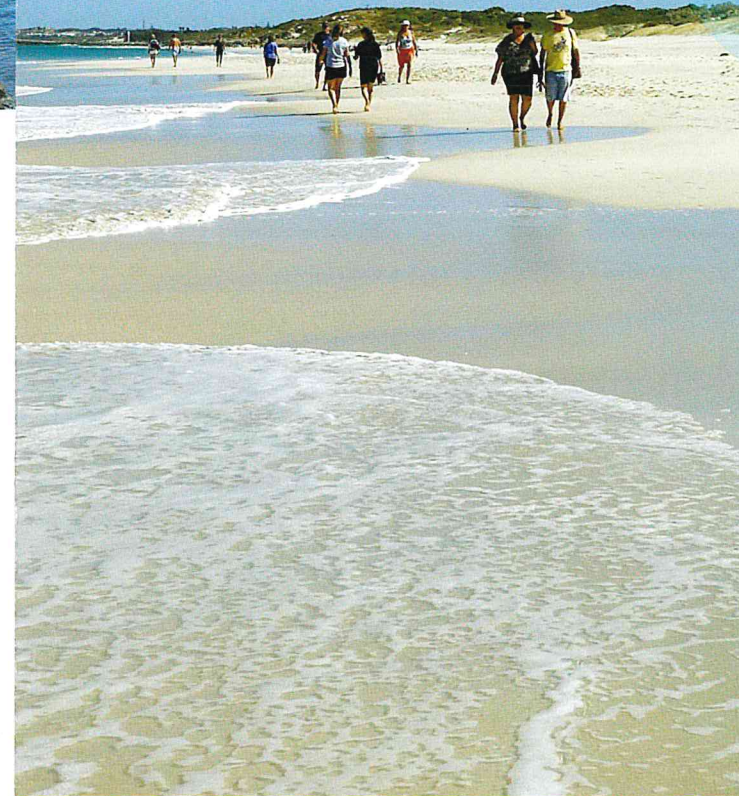


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# Enjoy nature in Perth

Have a great time in Perth  
in summer and autumn – especially  
outdoors, enjoying nature



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On the west coast of Australia, at 32 degrees south, the Swan River winds across a narrow sandy plain below an ancient plateau forming a broad estuary.

The climate is mild and the plant life diverse. A coastline of sandy beaches and low rocky cliffs is sheltered by lines of reef and small islands.

The relaxed Perth lifestyle is bound to this natural setting and many of the best nature experiences in the area can be found in national parks and other conservation reserves.

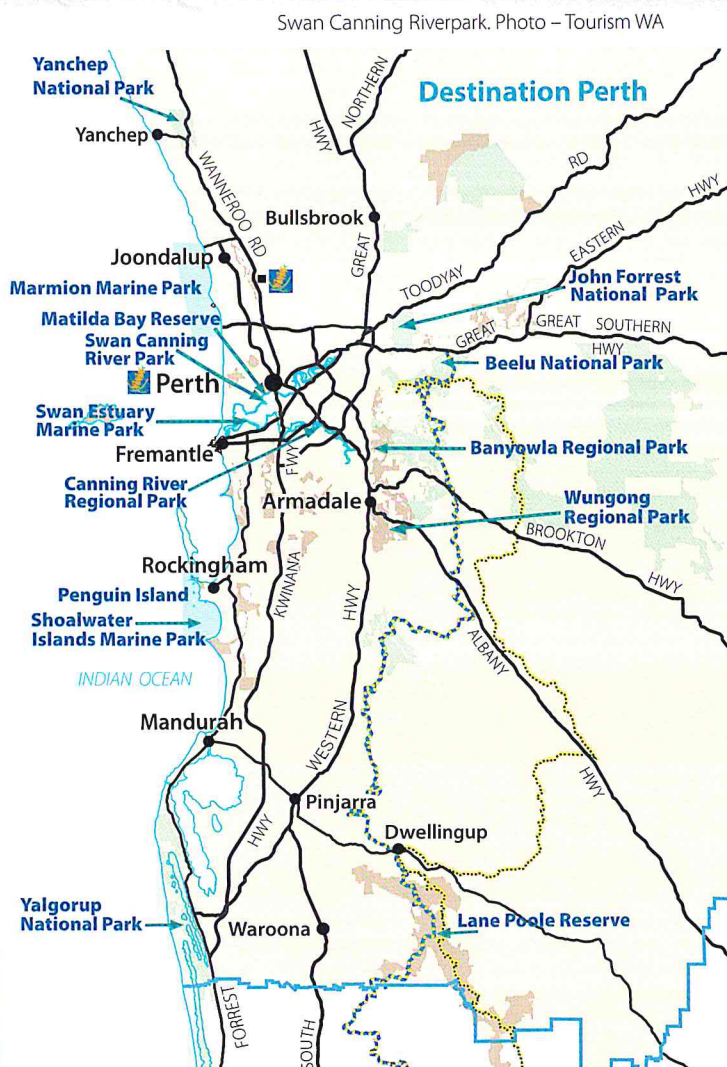
Explore the river, the coastal woodlands and lakes, the beaches or the hills and enjoy the nature of Perth.

### The Swan and Canning rivers

No visit to Perth is complete without spending time on or near the river.

The river is the city's visual and cultural heart. Known as Derbarl Yerrigan to the Whadjuk people, whose connection to the river spans some 40,000 years, it is today a focus of activity for walkers, joggers and cyclists, birdwatchers and sightseers, paddlers, sailors and other recreational boat users. The entire waterway, as well as many adjoining reserves on the foreshore, make up the Swan Canning Riverpark.

Follow the network of trails, take a river cruise, enjoy water activities, or find a spot to take in the river's natural beauty at Matilda Bay Reserve, Swan Estuary Marine Park or Canning River Regional Park.



Swan Canning Riverpark. Photo – Tourism WA

### Lakes and woodlands

Within the Perth metropolitan area, Yellagonga, Herdsman Lake and Beeliar regional parks have picnic areas, trails and other facilities alongside shallow, freshwater lakes that provide important wetland habitat for birds and other wildlife.

North of the city, Yanchep National Park has kangaroos, koalas and abundant birdlife, picnic areas, walk trails through bushland, cave and cultural tours, a visitor centre, a campground, tea rooms, the Yanchep Inn and the Trees Adventure course.

South of the city, Yalgopus National Park features thrombolites and Ramsar-listed wetlands that attract migratory birds from around the world. Explore walk trails throughout the park or book a campsite at Martins Tank Campground and share an overnight stay with kangaroos, possums and other wildlife.

### Perth Hills

The hills near Perth are within easy reach for scenic drives, picnics and short walks in natural woodlands.

John Forrest and Beelu national parks as well as Mundy, Banyowla and Wungong regional parks are excellent options mid-week, especially on cooler days and in the mornings.

About 100km south of Perth near Dwellingup, Lane Poole Reserve has picnic areas and river access for canoeing and kayaking. You can also book to stay overnight in one of the campgrounds.

South Ledge, Beelu National Park. Photo – DBCA



Yanchep National Park. Photo – DBCA