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Tourism and recreation in World Heritage areas

The Western Australian Government recognises the Traditional Owners and custodians of Murujuga; the past, present and future generations of Ngarda-Ngarli, and their ongoing connection to this sacred country.



People will be able to continue enjoying the range of recreational activities available in the Murujuga area if Murujuga is included in World Heritage List. For example, visitors and locals will still be able to go fishing, camping, swimming, mountain-biking and four-wheel driving. Recreation activities will continue to be managed under existing Western Australian and local government laws.

World Heritage Listing will not in itself change the way land and waters are managed or existing land uses and activities. World Heritage Listing does create an obligation on governments to continue to protect the values of the area.

Will I still be able to see the rock art?

Murujuga and its rock art provide important tourism value to the Pilbara region. World Heritage Listing can help further promote the area as an iconic tourism destination and educate visitors on its cultural significance. Visitors will still be able to view the rock art and are encouraged to use designated trails and viewpoints as they are developed. Care must be taken not to climb on rock piles as they can be unstable and may present a cultural safety hazard or could risk damaging the rock art. The [Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation](#) (MAC), in partnership with the various government and non-government organisations, is currently designing a

Living Knowledge Centre and tourism precinct which will provide a state-of-the-art interpretive centre for the rock art and the Aboriginal law and culture of the area.

Fishing in World Heritage areas

Recreational and commercial fishing will still be permitted in or around the Murujuga World Heritage area and will continue to be managed by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, through relevant Western Australian legislation.

Will commercial tour operators be restricted by World Heritage?

No. World Heritage Listing will not change management arrangements for tourism operators in Murujuga National Park and the Dampier Archipelago Nature Reserves. Commercial operations in these areas will continue to be managed through existing arrangements under the Conservation and Land Management Regulations 2002 and consistent with existing management plans.

How can I be involved in the nomination?

MAC and the Western Australian Government welcomes stakeholder involvement in the nomination process. To register for updates, please visit pws.dbca.wa.gov.au/murujuga.