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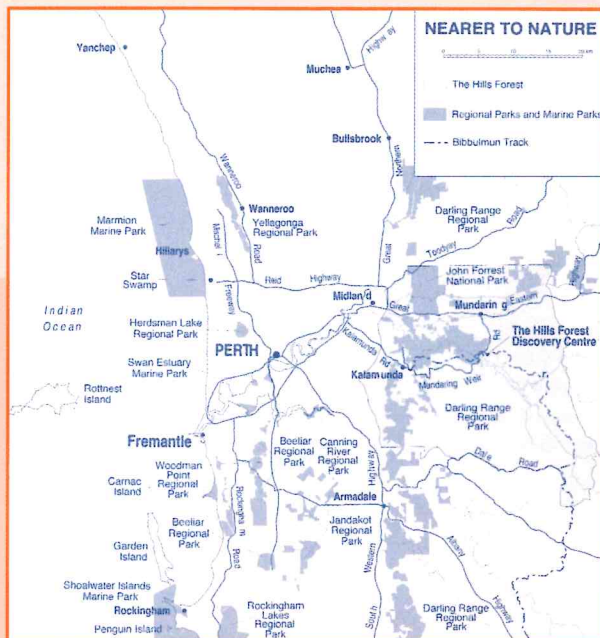
Perth's Regional Parks

Perth's open space system includes land reserved in eight regional parks, ranging in location from Joondalup to the north, Rockingham in the south, and Darling Range to the east (see map below). Across these varied locations is a wide variety of geological features, vegetation types, areas of interest and social settings.

The Department of Conservation and Land Management is responsible for coordinating the protection and enhancement of the parks conservation, recreation and landscape values since 1997. These urban parks are used daily for sport, leisure activities, social gatherings and nature study, while the natural environments they contain have important biodiversity conservation values.

Nearer to Nature's seasonal program is a perfect opportunity for the community to become familiar with Perth's regional parks by taking part in activities close to where they live, or to explore parks within the metropolitan area further from home.

Management Plans are being prepared for each of the parks and will be implemented in partnership with community groups and local government. For additional information on Regional Parks please call 9431 6500.



What is Nearer to Nature?

The Department of Conservation and Land Management's Nearer to Nature program provides opportunities for locals and visitors to take part in unique, engaging guided activities at a range of natural environments in and around Perth. Above all else, it's about having fun and enjoying Perth's marvellous outdoors!

Join the Nearer to Nature Discovery Club

Join the growing membership of our Nearer to Nature Discovery Club. For only \$15 your entire family will receive these fantastic benefits:

- A 15% discount on most activities
- Exclusive camping experiences and activity programs.
- Brochure mail-out service.
- Quarterly newsletter.
- Plus other services and benefits!

Group Bookings

Nearer to Nature can provide a wonderful nature-based activity for your community group, family party, social club, work function or any other gathering. You might like to go exploring, develop knowledge, refresh minds, improve skills, encourage teamwork or simply enjoy yourselves. We can do it all! Call our Programs Coordinator for more information.

Camping at The Hills Forest Discovery Centre

- For small or large groups (up to 35 people).
- Toilets and hot showers.
- Undercover kitchen with fridge, power points and electric BBQs.
- Outdoor picnic tables and chairs.
- All facilities have universal access.

\$8.80 per adult, \$6.60 per child (under 16), \$165 for the whole campground, per night. **Bookings are essential.**

Volunteering

Become part of the Nearer to Nature team! If you have a little spare time and enjoy the outdoors, there is a wide range of opportunities in assisting Nearer to Nature to coordinate programs at venues all over the Perth metropolitan area. Interested? Phone our Programs Officer for further information.

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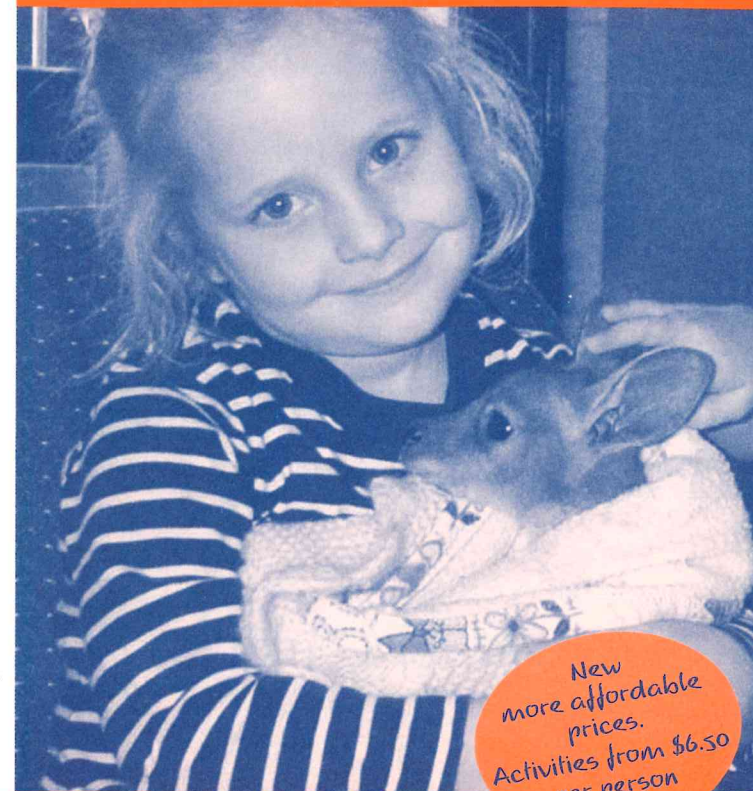
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At a Glance

The Hills Forest Discovery Centre

All activities at this venue begin at The Hills Forest Discovery Centre, Allens Rd (off Mundaring Weir Rd), Mundaring.



Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Fri	11 Apr	7	Nightshift	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Sat	19 Apr	1	Easter Bilby Family Day	A: 10am – 12 noon B: 12.15pm – 2.15pm
Sun	27 Apr	2	Meet the Marsupials	10am – 11am
Tue	29 Apr	16	Ranger for a Day	10am – 3pm
Wed	30 Apr	12	Forest Fairies and Gumnut Gnomes	10am – 12 noon
Fri	2 May	5	A Forest by Night	7pm – 9pm
Sun	4 May	11	Bush Survival Skills	10am – 2.30pm
Sun	11 May	4	Bibbulmun Track Preparation Trek	9am – 2pm
Sun	25 May	9	Six Seasons Walk	10am – 12 noon

John Forrest National Park

All activities at this venue begin at the Margaret Forrest Centre (near the Rangers' Office) in John Forrest National Park. Turn into Park Rd off Great Eastern Highway, Hovea.

Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Fri	9 May	7	Nightshift	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

NB. Activity charges at this venue include entry fee into John Forrest National Park. Companions who travel with you, but are not booked into the Nearer to Nature activity, will be required to pay National Park fees.

Beeliar Regional Park

All activities at this venue begin at the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre, Hope Rd, Bibra Lake.

* One exception—Thomsons Lake Nature Trek on 18 May—Look for the Nearer to Nature sign on the north side of Russell Rd, between Hammond Rd and Pearse Rd, Beeliar.



Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Fri	2 May	13	Crafty Creatures	10am – 12 noon
Fri	2 May	14	Polywogs in Pools	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Sun	18 May	3	Thomsons Lake * Nature Trek	10am – 2pm
Sat	24 May	8	Autumn Night Skies	7.30pm – 10pm

Darling Range Regional Park

Activity starting points for this venue will be in Perth's Southern Hills area. Further details will be provided when booking.



Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Sun	27 Apr	10	Munda Biddi Mountain Bike Magic	9am – 12pm
Sun	25 May	10	Munda Biddi Mountain Bike Magic	9am – 12pm

Rockingham Lakes Regional Park

All activities at this venue begin at the car park at the end of Point Peron Rd, Point Peron. Look for the Nearer to Nature sign.



Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Mon	28 Apr	15	Flotsam and Jetsam	10am – 12 noon

Marmion Marine Park

All activities at this venue begin on the beach directly behind Clarko Reserve, Trigg. Look for the Nearer to Nature sign.

Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Wed	23 Apr	6	Stars of the Sea	A: 9.30am – 10.30am B: 11am – 12 noon
Thur	1 May	15	Flotsam and Jetsam	10am – 12 noon
Sun	4 May	6	Stars of the Sea	A: 9.30am – 10.30am B: 11am – 12 noon

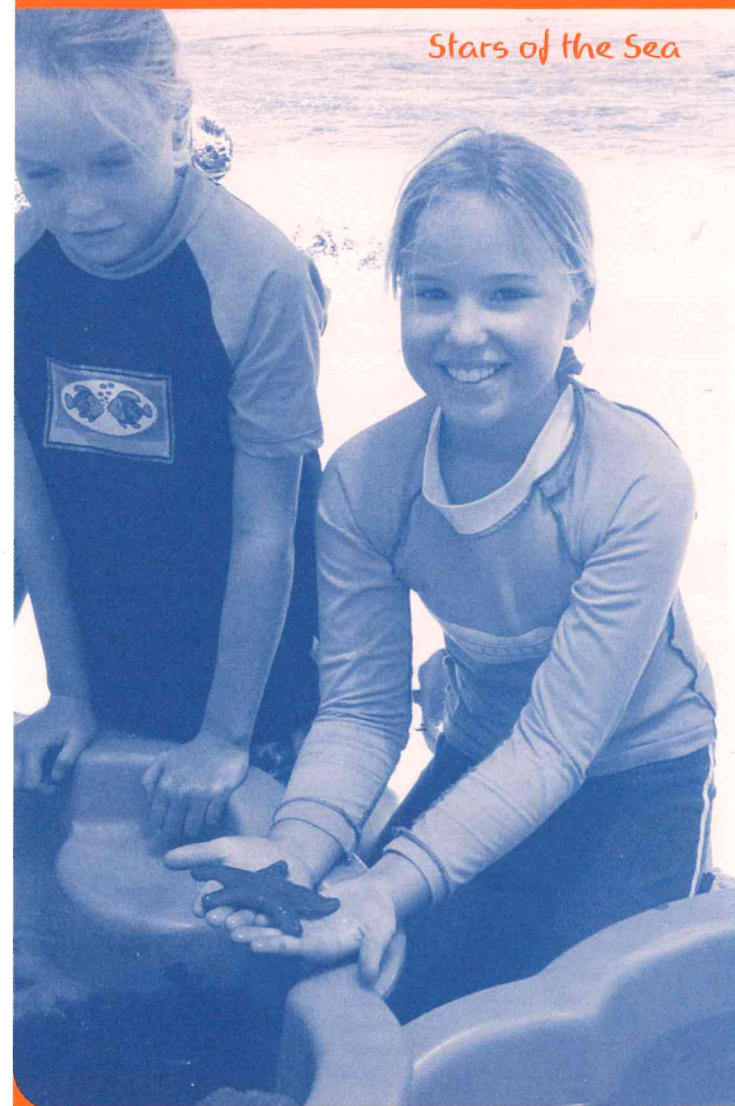
Star Swamp

All activities at this venue begin at the Henderson Environmental Centre, at the end of Groat St (off North Beach Rd), North Beach.

Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Thurs	24 Apr	14	Polywogs in Pools	10am – 12 noon
Mon	28 Apr	13	Crafty Creatures	10am – 12 noon
Sat	17 May	7	Nightshift	7.30pm – 9.30pm



Stars of the Sea



1 Easter Bilby Family Day

Saturday 18 April –
10am to 12noon or
12:15pm to 2:15pm



Make it an all Aussie Easter with this fun-filled family day at The Hills Forest Discovery Centre. Spend a wonderful two hours making bilby masks, egg collecting baskets and bilby puppets. Sit down to hear the enchanting Easter Bilby Story and come face to face with the stars of the day, real Aussie Bilbies! Of course, there's the old favourite, the Easter egg search. Yum! Bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy in the relaxing surrounds of the Hills Forest. Bookings are essential.

Cost: \$6.50 per child (under 14), adults free!
Time: 2 hours



Encounter Animals

Come face to face with Western Australia's amazing fauna when our experienced animal carers bring Australia's unique native wildlife to you! After hearing their stories, take the opportunity to share an intimate moment with these incredible animals—we guarantee it'll put a smile on your face!



2 Meet the Marsupials

Australia's marsupials are unique in the world of animals. Our well-known animal carer from the Chidlow Marsupial Hospital will describe their remarkable features. You'll fall in love with these beautiful animals and gain a new appreciation of Australia's amazing wildlife.

Cost: \$10.00 pp
Time: 1 hour

Age: 3 years to adults
Locations: HFDC



Go Bush

This series of walks will get you out of your home and into nature. Our friendly guides will explain the sights, smells and sounds of Perth's wondrous natural environments. Enclosed shoes, comfortable clothes, drinking water and a hat (for daytime activities) are essential.



3 Thomsons Lake Nature Trek

Discover the beauty of natural Perth. Join our experienced walking guide for a minimal impact trek through this magnificent environment. Discover the intricate balance of this important wetland and how to respect the flora and fauna while enjoying the peaceful natural setting. Bring your lunch and water in a daypack.

Cost: \$15.00 pp
Time: 3 hours

Age: 6 years to adults
Locations: BRP



4 Bibbulmun Track Preparation Trek

Want to get on to the Bibbulmun Track but not sure of how to do it? This great day will give you all the knowledge, skills and practice required for you to start planning your own Bibbulmun Track adventure. Learn what and how to pack before we head out onto the track and get you walking! Bring a hearty, trekking lunch in a daypack and wear comfortable walking boots or sturdy runners.

Cost: \$25.00 pp
Time: 5 hours

Age: 10 years to adults
Locations: HFDC



5 A Forest By Night

Sample the sights and sounds of night with this fantastic forest walk. Spotlight for animals, marvel at the stars to be seen from the hills and enjoy the serenity of a night in the forest. You'll thoroughly enjoy your forest experience in this completely different night setting.

Cost: \$12.00 pp
Time: 2 hours

Age: 6 years to adults
Locations: HFDC



Legend

Locations:

HFDC – The Hills Forest Discovery Centre, Mundaring

BRP – Beeliar Regional Park, Bibra Lake

JFNP – John Forrest National Park, Hovea

RLRP – Rockingham Lakes Regional Park, Point Peron

MMP – Marmion Marine Park, Trigg

SS – Star Swamp, North Beach

DRRP – Darling Range Regional Park

Symbols:

– Binoculars

– Wheelchair access

– Cameras

– Torch

Go Beach

Get down to Perth's fabulous beaches and unique Marine Parks. Discover the remarkable ecosystems of these natural areas while under the care of trained guides. You will come to realise how complex and beautiful this environment is, and learn how to enjoy and respect these special areas.



6 Stars of the Sea

Discover the sea's fascinating creatures with our interactive touch pool on the shores of Marmion Marine Park. Hold and touch sea stars, sea urchins and many other harmless sea creatures while our guides explain all their amazing features. A wondrous, informative activity for adults and children alike!

Cost: \$7.50pp
Time: 1 hour

Age: 6 years to adult
Locations: MMP



(See activity 15 (Flotsam and Jetsam) in the Captivate the Kids section for another great beach activity).

Discover Nature

Get into nature and discover its secrets. This range of activities combines information and presentations with a nature walk or activity to put your newfound knowledge and skills to good use. Don your walking boots and come along to forage for nature's wonders.



7 Nightshift

Bring a torch and spotlight some of the mysteries of the forest. In two sessions, this activity will tune you in to the forest's nightlife, and bring you face to face with our native fauna. Enjoy a cuppa and a great night in the forest.

Cost: \$15.00 pp
Time: 2 hours

Age: 6 years to adults
Locations: HFDC JFNP SS

8 Autumn Night Skies

Join us for an evening exploring the cosmos. See planets, view stars, and observe deep sky objects through various telescopes under the guidance of our knowledgeable astronomers. Bring warm clothes in case it gets cool.

Cost: \$17.50pp
Time: 2.5 hours

Age: 9 years to adults
Location: BRP

Experience Indigenous Culture

Discover the marvellous culture, knowledge and skills of Indigenous Australians. Walk with Nyoongar guides and hear stories of their history, customs and spiritual connection with the natural environment.



9 Six Seasons Walk

Did you know the traditional Aboriginal year contains six distinctive seasons? Join a Nyoongar guide for an Indigenous discovery walk following some wonderful trails through native forest. Your guide will explain the six seasons of the Aboriginal year and the cultural importance of each period. Learn what bush tucker foods were available at different times of the year and how Indigenous people used the land to survive the harsh elements of the seasons.

Cost: \$10.00 pp
Time: 2 hours

Age: 9 years to adults
Locations: HFDC

Seek Adventure

Time to get active and experience some natural adventure! Develop new skills and discover exciting new ways to enjoy nature with minimal environmental impact under the care of our specialist guides. Bring your lunch, snacks and water as required.



10 Munda Biddi Mountain Bike Magic

Join a guide from the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation for a fabulous cycle on part of the new Munda Biddi Trail. Bring your own bike along and learn how to ride safely and with low environmental impact on the first stage of this exciting trail that will eventually run from Mundaring to Albany. Bring your lunch and water in a daypack to take with you. Helmets essential and other protection gear recommended.

Cost: \$15.00 pp
Time: 3 hours

Age: 12 years to adults
Locations: DRRP

11 Bush Survival Skills

Join our experienced 'bushy' for all the tips on how to be safe and environmentally friendly when you go bush. You'll learn ancient and modern techniques for making survival tools from the bush, what to do if you ever get lost in the bush and how not to get lost in the first place. Bring a hearty lunch and two litres of water.

Cost: \$18.50 pp
Time: 4.5 hours

Age: 9 years to adults
Locations: HFDC

Captivate the Kids (Adults Free)

This series of activities is specially designed to intrigue and inspire children of varying ages. They can sing to the sounds of nature, create unique craft or act out their favourite forest fantasies. Parents must stay on site to supervise their children's safety and contribute to their enjoyment!



12 Forest fairies and Gumnut Gnomes

A fairy or a gnome? The little ones will delight in dressing up, making fairy crafts and exploring the fairy trail. Watch them discover the treasures of this beautiful fairy forest in the most endearing way. Who will be able to find the forest fairies?

Cost: \$10.00 per child
Time: 2 hours

Age: 3 to 6 years
Locations: HFDC

13 Crafty Creatures

Your children will be thrilled to cuddle gorgeous joeys as they discover the amazing lives of Aussie marsupials. A wonderful creative session follows that enables them to make crafty creations of their favourite native animals. The kids will love this interactive and informative activity.

Cost: \$12.00 per child
Time: 2 hours

Age: 3 to 9 years
Locations: BRP SS

14 Polywogs in Pools

Join us on a submarine search for nature's funky swamp dwellers. With scoop net and trays, you'll discover amazing invertebrates and learn about their incredible lives before returning them safely to their wetland homes.

Cost: \$7.50 per child
Time: 2 hours

Age: 6 to 12 years
Locations: BRP SS

15 Flotsam and Jetsam

Hit the beaches of Perth's marine parks to create amazing environmental art. Spend the morning beachcombing and learning where the different bits and pieces come from. On return, you'll use the man-made materials you collected to create unique art, right there on the (now clean) beach.

Cost: \$7.50 per child
Time: 2 hours

Age: 6 to 12 years
Locations: MMP RLRP

16 Ranger for a Day

Join a National Park Ranger for a big day of forest fun. Talk on the two-way, go on patrol in the Ranger's vehicle, learn how to spot a bush fire, and much more! Bring a hearty lunch, snacks, heaps of water; wear tough clothes, sturdy shoes and a hat. Parents, drop your kids off for this activity.

Cost: \$27.50 per child
Time: 5 hours

Age: 9 to 12 years
Locations: HFDC

Bookings and Payment

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To book, call Nearer to Nature. (8.30am – 4.30pm)

Payment is required for final confirmation. All prices include GST.

Payment options:

Payment by phone: Visa, Bankcard and MasterCard

Payment by mail: Cheques or money orders made out to Conservation and Land Management. Mail address over page.

Discounts:

- Nearer to Nature Discovery Club members – **15%**
- Seniors Card Holders – **10%**
- YHA Members – **10%**
- Families or groups of 4 or more – **10%** (combine this discount with a Discovery Club, YHA or Seniors Card discount for a maximum of 25% off!)

Cancellations:

If you cancel your booking more than two (2) working days before the activity, we will gladly refund your payment or offer a credit voucher (valid for one year). Once confirmed, your booking is transferable—so if you can't make it, send your friends and family! Please notify us of any changes in attendance.

If we must cancel an activity, we may reschedule or offer a Nearer to Nature credit voucher or payment refund.

Five tips to maximise your Nearer to Nature fun!

1. Don't forget to bring:
 - a bag for your litter;
 - drinking water and lunch or snacks if required; and
 - A sense of fun and adventure!
2. Wear clothing appropriate for your bush or beach activity:
 - weather protection gear—plan to protect yourself from the sun or rain;
 - comfortable and durable clothes; and
 - sturdy, enclosed footwear in the bush. Sandals are best for the beach.
3. Activities will begin on time—please arrive 10 minutes early for registration.
4. Please do not endanger our native animals—leave all pets at home.
5. Safety is our concern, but your responsibility. Have fun and stay safe.

Bookings and Information
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