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Welcome to Touring WA, where we share some of the latest news from the Department of Parks and Wildlife for visitors to Western Australia's national parks.

In this issue, tips to plan your trip to a national park, a discount for you to one of WA's newest adventure attractions and heaps more!

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Parks and visitor information

Enjoy national parks during summer

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season where bushfires most commonly occur.

Here are some tips to help you play it safe while enjoying getting away from it all:



* Choose parks that are more enjoyable from November to March, especially those with water or with plenty of natural shade. If you travel inland, plan for high temperatures and take precautions.

* If you plan to camp at a busy time like the Christmas/New Year festive season or a long weekend do some research and make sure you book early.

* At this time of year, you won't be able to light a fire. Use your own gas-fuelled barbecue or camping stove or use one of the many hot plates provided free for visitor use in campgrounds and picnic areas.

Search for picnic areas and campgrounds with gas barbecues in [Park Finder online](#) or download the [Parkfinder app](#) for free from iTunes.



Emergency WA

Bushfire & Smoke Alerts

www.emergency.wa.gov.au



* Be prepared to modify your plans if the weather is hot and windy. Use the [Emergency WA website](#) for access to emergency information and community safety warnings. Be aware that on days of very high to catastrophic fire danger ratings, parks and reserves may be closed.

NEW activity – Forest Adventures South West discount offer

Swing through the trees on a new high ropes and adventure park in the beautiful tuart forest of WA's south west.

Forest Adventures South West is an adrenaline-filled adventure park which consists of six huge courses of amazing fun for all ages!



Other exciting activities seen nowhere else in Australia include riding a BMX more than 9m in the air and using a monocycle. You can also experience skateboarding through the trees; a Tarzan jump; log leaps; free fall quick jumps; inclined zip line and balancing lines! Do you dare?

For all Touring WA subscribers, Forest Adventures South West would like to offer you a 10 per cent discount on your booking (for the first 100 bookings).

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www.forestadventures.com.au and use the code **DePaW10** to claim your discount.

Happy swinging!

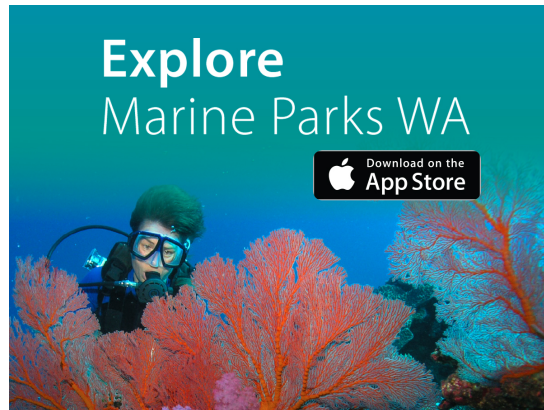
Discover the new Marine Parks App

You can now discover Western Australia's beautiful marine parks via an app!

The Marine Parks WA App provides heaps of information about each marine park and the wildlife that live there.

A 'Where am I?' function allows you to see which marine park zone you are in and even works when you are out of mobile range. There is also information on sites and attractions, links to the latest fishing rules and regulations, and directions to each park.

Download the app free from the [iTunes store](#) (currently only available for Apple products).



New trails for mountain bikes

If you're a mountain bike rider there is a new trail adventure waiting for you in the south-west!

In the stunning karri forest of Bramley National Park, you will find an awesome new 9km network of trails.



With smooth flowing trails for beginners, to technically challenging trails for experienced riders, there is something for everyone.

This is the first of a network of trails planned for the south-west, which will include the Collie and Pemberton areas.

To view a map of the trails, visit [Common Ground Facebook page](#). For all other information about how to get there and other amazing things to do and see visit the [Explore Parks website](#).

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photographic legacy of Babs and Bert Wells and come on a journey in search of the elusive snub-nose dolphin. Articles featured include:

- * Parks for People: Yanchep National Park
- * The case of the mystery chuditch: a chance discovery
- * Adventure out: Too posh to pitch – Camping in style at Wellington National Park
- * For the birds – remote surveys uncover fascinating results
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Coastal wonders of Western Australia 2017 Calendar – now available!

Have you ordered your stunning *Coastal Wonders of Western Australia 2017 Calendar* yet?

It features incredible photographs of WA's magnificent marine and coastal areas.

It is beautifully presented with spiral binding with large boxes to include your own special event information, a lightweight envelope for posting or gift giving and has Western Australian school and public holiday dates.

Plus with every calendar you purchase, there's the chance to WIN a wonderful wilderness camping prize in WA's beautiful south-west.



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gift to your family and friends - and it will last all year!

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School holiday fun and adventure!

Get the kids excited for Sparkling Summer Fun with *Nearer to Nature*. Kids will love adventure caving, looking for ladybeetles or going for a sunset paddle.

To view all the activities and to book, please visit [Nearer to Nature](#) or phone (08) 9295 2244 or email n2n@dpaw.wa.gov.au.

For more school holiday outdoor adventures Nature Play WA has a heap of super fun activities to get involved in at home in your backyard or out in a national park!

Visit [Nature Play WA](#) for more information.



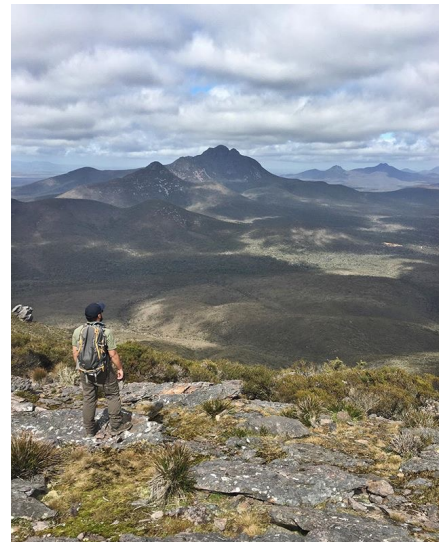
Park Explorers are getting around!

The first round of Park Explorers are out and about exploring our beautiful national parks.

Park Explorers @thelongwaysbetter wrote about their adventures in the [Stirling Range National Park](#).

"Looking out at Mt Toolbrunup from the peak of Mt Trio (pictured). Our legs were a little shaky after climbing Bluff Knoll yesterday but totally worth it for the mountain bells and view!"

To see what they and other Park Explorers have been up to, make sure you search for #parkexplorers on Instagram and Facebook.



Be warned though, there are some amazing pics which are bound to make you want to grab your sleeping bag and tent and start exploring!

Parks Foundation to support WA Parks

The WA Parks Foundation has been established to raise funds to benefit Parks and connect people to our Parks.

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Kerry Sanderson AC for the last year to establish the Foundation with help from the community, corporate sector and peak organisations, including many respected members of the environmental community.



The WA Parks Foundation's vision is for WA Parks to be increasingly loved and visited and the plants, animals, landscapes and cultural values they embody to be protected and a source of pride for all Western Australians.

To learn more about the WA Parks Foundation and become a member visit www.ourwaparks.com.au and show your support for WA parks.

More marine parks for WA!

Exciting news – the incredibly beautiful Lalang-garram / Horizontal Falls and North Lalang-garram are now marine parks!



Jointly managed by the Dambimangari people and Parks and Wildlife, the marine parks will protect the natural assets of the Kimberley.

Coral reefs and a variety of marine species including dugongs and turtles will be conserved and protected for future generations.

Industry news

The new Docket Book App

If you're a commercial operator licensed by Parks and Wildlife, then this app could be for you!

Commercial operators are required to complete a docket when entering a park or attraction where fees apply. This app will allow the operator, driver or tour leader to charge passengers by credit card or invoice without the need to submit a paper docket.



It's simple and easy to use. Download the app now from [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#).

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Congratulations to Rusty Creighton, Western Australia's best tour guide and Sail Ningaloo, winner of the Gold Medal in the Ecotourism category.



Parks and Wildlife proudly sponsors these two awards in recognition of the vital role that tour guides play in enhancing visitor experiences and, the importance of ecologically sustainable tourism.

To see a full list of the winners and medallists visit the [Tourism Council of WA website](#).

FACET Forum - Giving Back - Tourism's Social Entrepreneurship

Wednesday 5 April 2017

Save the date in your calendars for this exciting forum.



FACET
Forum Advocating Cultural & Eco-Tourism Inc

Learn how your tourism business can take it to the next level and engage with local communities to make a real difference. Social entrepreneurship focuses on sustainable goals contributing to conservation, health care and community development.

For more information, visit the [FACET website](#).

Have your say for the Ningaloo Coast

Where else in the world can you camp along the coastline with a World Heritage area on your doorstep, stunning coral reef, and the opportunity to get away from it all?



The State Government is creating conservation and recreation reserves along the spectacular Ningaloo Coast to ensure that this area is protected and remains accessible to the public now and for future generations.

Parks and Wildlife would like to hear your views to help us plan for the Ningaloo Coast.

Please take a moment to answer questions in this [online survey](#).

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All Parks and Wildlife except:

Gunjun Dave, Forest Adventures South West, Glen Willmott, Donovan De Sousa, Sail Ningaloo, Rick Dawson, Colin Ingram.



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