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MANAGING THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

The Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) manages the Marmion Marine Park for the people of Western Australia.

CALM consults with other agencies in the area, such as the Cities of Stirling and Wanneroo which provide public facilities along the coast; the Department of Marine and Harbours which is responsible for safe boating in the Park; and the Department of Fisheries which manages both professional and recreational fishing.

CALM is currently developing a management plan for the marine park that will cater for both conservation and recreation.

As part of its management responsibility the Department is developing a wide range of recreation activities, including snorkel and dive trails, park tours, and educational programs.

A 'Friends of Marmion Marine Park' group will be established and developed.

CALM will also protect the biological resources and natural features of the Park.



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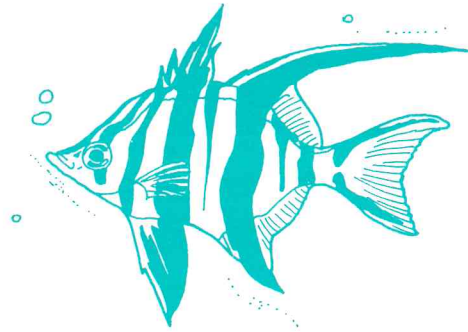
BE CAREFUL: When scuba diving or snorkelling display the appropriate flag.

BE CLEAN: Place your litter in bins provided or take it out of the Park when you leave.

BE CAUTIOUS: Observe and conserve marine wildlife such as seabirds and sea-lions by causing as little disturbance as possible. Dogs are not permitted on Little Island.

BE COURTEOUS: Make sure your activities don't spoil someone else's enjoyment of the Park.

COME BACK: Conserve fish numbers by only taking what you need.



FURTHER INFORMATION

CALM officers regularly patrol the waters and coastline of the Marmion Marine Park and will be glad to help you with any questions you may have.

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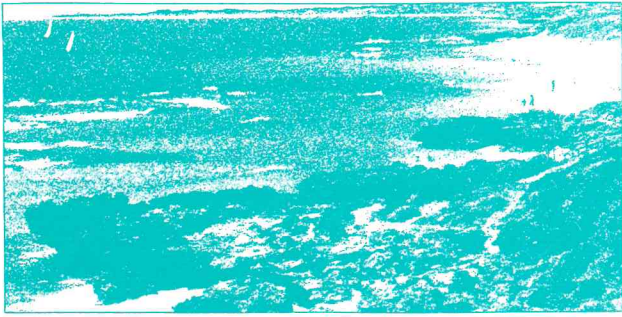


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MARINE PARK





Marmion Marine Park, W.A.'s first marine park and an area of exceptional natural beauty, has long been a holiday destination for many Western Australians.

The Park is located on Perth's doorstep, extending along the northern metropolitan coastline from Trigg Island to Burns Rocks and about 5 km offshore.

Its clear shallow lagoons, offshore reefs and tiny islands are a playground for marine mammals, like the seals that live on Little Island, as well as dolphins and even whales.

The reef has a remarkably diverse and colourful marine flora and fauna and vivid coral formations.

Marmion Marine Park was established to protect this natural beauty, while continuing to provide a recreational area for the people of W.A.



WHY A MARINE PARK?

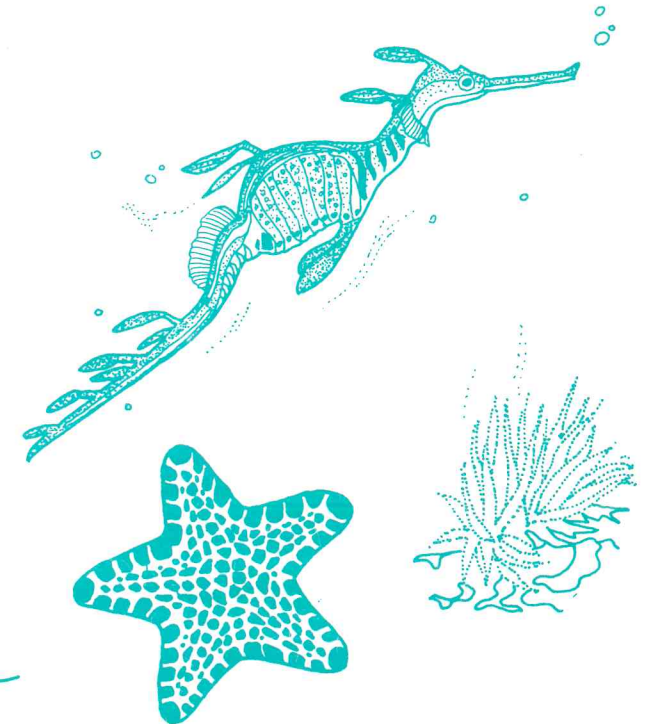
At one time Western Australians came from all over the State to fish the offshore reefs at Marmion for giant jewfish, groper and crayfish, swim in the protected lagoons, and sunbake on the beaches.

Dozens of beach houses were built along the Whitford Nodes and beach tracks covered the environmentally fragile sand dunes.

But the pressures on both the offshore and onshore environment could not be sustained, particularly in view of the increasing demands made on the area by an increasing population.

Today the large crayfish and jewfish that once dwelled among the reefs are rarely caught, and many once common marine invertebrates are rarely seen.

Because of this increased pressure the State Government recognised the need to manage the area as a multiple purpose marine park for recreation, conservation, education, scientific research and fishing.



THINGS TO SEE AND DO

The Cities of Stirling and Wanneroo have provided many public facilities along the coastline within the Park such as picnic areas and changerooms near patrolled swimming beaches.

Signs will guide you to surfing and sailing areas as well as beaches where animals can be exercised.

BOATING

Two major boat launching facilities, the Hillary's Boat Harbour, and the Ocean Reef Boat Harbour are available for public use.

DIVING

Reef walls and underwater caves that are lined with colourful marine life are a major attraction to divers and photographers.

It is proposed that spearfishing be restricted to 1800 m seaward of the shoreline, and be prohibited for divers using underwater breathing apparatus.

Snorkel and dive trails are being developed to direct divers to the more interesting marine communities.

FISHING

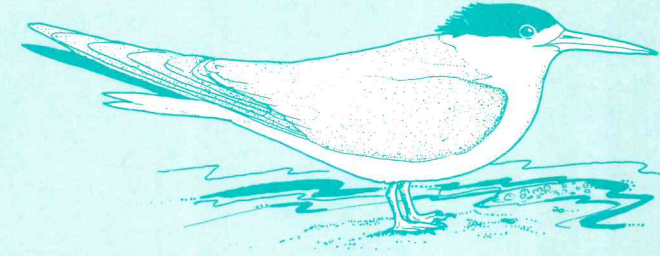
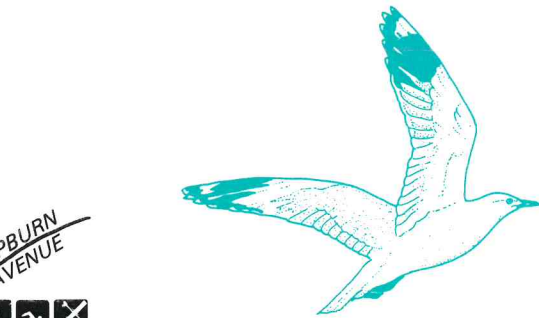
Fishing is the most popular activity in the Park. Beaches, reefs and rock walls provide fishermen with excellent vantage points.

Herring, garfish, skipjack, tailor and mullet are caught within the lagoons while crayfish and abalone are caught near the reefs.

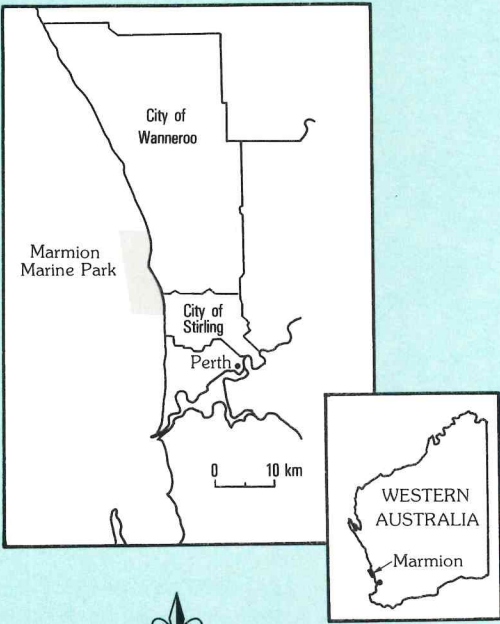
Department of Fisheries regulations apply to marine parks.

A marine sanctuary is proposed seaward of Little Island and Burn's Rocks to allow the already heavily fished reefs a chance to recover.

The Waterman's Reserve is also closed except to line fishing.



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| Fishing | Ranger's Station |
| Launching Ramp | Skiing |
| Lookout | Snorkelling |
| Patrolled Swimming | Spearfishing Prohibited |
| Picnic Area (Gas B.B.Q.s) | Windsurfing |
| Shallow Reef | |
| Marmion Marine Park Boundary | |