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### Park entrance fees

A fee is charged for your vehicle's daily entry into many of WA's major national parks. All fees collected are retained by the Department to assist in conservation and park management, including the improvement of visitor services and facilities.

### National park passes— your ticket to nature

To conserve our environment and save you money, you may choose to purchase one of four National Park Passes. Passes range in price depending on the duration of your visit and the number of parks you visit. Each pass covers the cost of entry into national parks, but does not include camping fees or entry into the Monkey Mia Reserve and Tree Top Walk.

For more information on park passes, contact participating visitor centres or local Department of Conservation and Land Management offices (see Helpful Contacts on back of guide).

### Camping

Camping in ecologically sensitive areas is a special experience restricted to designated sites. Some sites attract camping fees which are payable in addition to national park entrance fees. Parks with camping sites and the ones that collect fees are highlighted inside this brochure.



### Legend

	Fishing		Four wheel drive access
	Swimming		Bushwalking/backpacking
	Swimming/snorkelling		Bushwalking
	Diving		Camping area
	Canoeing		Caravan area
	Disabled access		Information
	Drinking water		Telephone
	Other accommodation		Toilets
	Picnic area		Disabled facility toilets
	Barbecue facilities		Park entrance fees payable
	Access to Bibbulmun Track		Camping fees payable

## Helpful contacts

For more information on parks and reserves visit [www.naturebase.net](http://www.naturebase.net)

For tours, accommodation and other regional tourist attractions visit [www.westernaustralia.net](http://www.westernaustralia.net)

### Department of Conservation and Land Management

**Wanneroo office**  
(08) 9405 1222

**Perth office**  
(08) 9368 4399

**Kensington office**  
(08) 9334 0333

**Fremantle office**  
(08) 9336 0113

**Mundaring office**  
(08) 9295 1955

**The Hills Forest Discovery Centre**  
(08) 9295 2244

**Narrogin office**  
(08) 9881 9200

**Merrredin office**  
(08) 9041 2488

**Katanning office**  
(08) 9821 1296

**Kalgoorlie office**  
(08) 9021 2677

**Regional Parks Unit**  
(08) 9431 6500

### Other

**Main Roads Western Australia**  
Road Condition Report  
Tel: 1800 013 314  
Web: [www.mrwa.wa.gov.au](http://www.mrwa.wa.gov.au)

**Department of Conservation  
and Land Management's  
Customer Service Centre**  
17 Dick Perry Avenue KENSINGTON  
Tel: (08) 9334 0333  
Fax: (08) 9334 0498  
Web: [www.naturebase.net](http://www.naturebase.net)

### Maps and guides

**The Central Map Agency (DOLA)**  
1 Midland Square MIDLAND  
Tel: (08) 9273 7075 or  
(08) 9273 7209  
Fax: (08) 9273 7205 or  
(08) 9273 7656  
E-mail: [sales@dola.wa.gov.au](mailto:sales@dola.wa.gov.au)  
Web: [www.dola.wa.gov.au](http://www.dola.wa.gov.au)

**Bibbulmun Track Foundation**  
(08) 9481 0551  
[friends@bibbulmuntrack.org.au](mailto:friends@bibbulmuntrack.org.au)

### Park passes and visitor information

**Perth Visitor Centre**  
Forrest Place (cnr Wellington St) PERTH  
Tel: 1300 361 351  
Fax: (08) 9481 0190  
Web: [www.westernaustralia.net](http://www.westernaustralia.net)  
[travel@tourism.wa.gov.au](mailto:travel@tourism.wa.gov.au)

**Fremantle Visitor Centre**  
(08) 9431 7878  
[holzward@wantree.com.au](mailto:holzward@wantree.com.au)

**IT Beyond**  
(08) 9403 3733  
[info@exploreez.com](mailto:info@exploreez.com)

**Kalgoorlie-Boulder Visitor Centre**  
(08) 9021 1966  
[kbt@gold.net.au](mailto:kbt@gold.net.au)

**Perth Tourist Lounge**  
Level two, Carillion Arcade,  
Murray Street PERTH  
(08) 9481 4400

**Rockingham Visitor Centre**  
(08) 9592 3464  
[rtc@inet.net.au](mailto:rtc@inet.net.au)

# A Visitor's Guide to Western Australia's CENTRAL National Parks and Reserves



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Also see the Visitor's Guides to Western Australia's  
SOUTHERN and NORTHERN National Parks and Reserves.

All tourism information **freecall 1300 361 351**







## Welcome

If you're seeking adventure, scenery or solitude, discovering the natural wonders of WA can lead to some intensely rewarding experiences.

In the central regions of WA, more than nine million hectares of ecologically sensitive lands and waters are protected to conserve biodiversity so future visitors can share the quality of life we enjoy today.

From the expanses of natural forests and woodlands to impressive granite outcrops, from sandy beaches to inland lakes and internationally important wetlands—the central regions of WA have some of Earth's most unique and contrasting ecosystems.

The abundant array of plants, native and migratory bird life, marine life, insects and animals that live in these natural areas provides the perfect ingredients for unforgettable and treasured memories.

The quality of your nature-based experience is enhanced with informed park staff and facilities designed to minimise your impact on the environment.

Learn about the valuable jarrah forest at the Forest Heritage Centre, explore arid and semi-arid desert nature reserves, raft down seasonal river torrents, or simply absorb the sights and sounds of undisturbed natural forests and woodlands.



## Natural and cultural snapshots

The regions' abundant and diverse ecosystem fosters some of the world's most impressive native flora and wildlife.

Enjoy the profuse colour and fragrances of seasonal wildflowers as they blanket extraordinary landscapes during August to October.



Watch in awe as humpback and southern right whales playfully migrate along the metropolitan coastline between July and November.

Share white sandy beaches and crystal blue waters with WA's largest colony of little penguins in the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. Hear about the important marine and coastal environment, and penguins' way of life at the Penguin Experience Island Discovery Centre.



Discover the beauty and importance of five rare marsupials whose burgeoning numbers are reversing their previously diminishing existence through the Return to Dryandra breeding program.

Further your understanding of the Australian bush, its plants, animals and people with the hands-on Nearer to Nature programs at The Hills Forest Discovery Centre.

Step back in time and experience traditional Aboriginal culture at Yanchep National Park. Your Aboriginal guide will teach you traditional forms of tool making, and enlighten you with native bush tucker, as well as hunting and gathering techniques.

## Using this guide

This guide is designed to help you decide what you want to do and learn, so your nature-based experience will have a meaningful purpose for you and for the people and places you visit.

These lands and waters have deep cultural significance for indigenous people and should be respected and treated as such.

Every year more than nine million visits are made to Western Australia's protected areas. Consequently, huge pressures are placed on the natural environment and supporting communities.

Travelling responsibly can reduce your impact and help to conserve the environment.

- Appreciate nature and refrain from feeding native animals and picking wildflowers. Pets and firearms are not permitted in WA's protected areas.
- Stay on roads, tracks and paths and camp only in designated areas. Your safety in natural areas is our concern, but your responsibility.
- Leave no rubbish or other traces of your visit. Using soap and detergent in rivers or streams can kill aquatic life and damage valuable ecosystems.
- Light fires only in designated fireplaces and, if possible, use your own portable gas or fuel stove.
- Check weather forecasts and road conditions. Take appropriate clothing, first aid supplies, car equipment, extra fuel, water, and always carry a map of the area.
- Respect the local community and ask permission before entering private lands.
- Choose responsible tour operators and guides who are aware of environmental impacts.
- For more information on organised tours into WA's natural areas, visit Tourfinder at [www.naturebase.net](http://www.naturebase.net)











The Hills Forest Discovery Centre (C5)



John Forrest National Park (B5)



Dryandra Woodland (D6)



Barra Mia



Perquin Island Discovery Centre (B6)



Yanchep National Park (B5)

### Legend

- Place of Interest
- Major Town
- Department of Conservation and Land Management Regional Office
- Land Management Region
- Department of Conservation and Land Management
- National Park (NP)
- Nature Reserve (NR)
- Conservation Park (CP)
- Marine Park/Marine Nature Reserve
- State Forest
- Section 5(1)(g) Reserve
- Sections 16A, 33(2) land
- Regional Park (RP)

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