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Tall forests dominate life in and around Pemberton. The majestic karri forest of the Gloucester National Park is home to one of Western Australia's most popular trees - the Gloucester Tree. Standing more than 60 metres high, the tree lookout gives a spectacular view of Pemberton and the surrounding forest. Visitors are able to climb to the cabin in the upper branches of the tree to appreciate the sensational view, and the life of a fire-spotter from years gone by.

Walpole

Deep rivers, tall karri forest, waterfalls, wildflowers and towering granite domes that rise above the forest canopy are found in the Walpole area. Walpole's moist climate is perfect for the growth of large tingle tree forests. These can be seen at their best during a guided walk or drive through the Valley of the Giants in the Walpole-Nornalup National Park.

Take to the rivers for canoeing, sailing, boating and fishing adventures. Where the ocean meets the land, salty currents nurture a wide variety of marine life above and below the surface of the water. These marine ecosystems provide the perfect summer retreat for migratory shore birds and a visual feast for visitors.



For more information:

Contact the Department of Conservation and Land Management's South-West offices.

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Busselton - (08) 9752 1677

Manjimup - (08) 9771 7948

Pemberton - (08) 9776 1207

Walpole - (08) 9840 1027

Margaret River - (08) 9757 2322

Perth Customer Service Centre - 1300 361 351

Visit the Department's website at www.naturebase.net

For more eco experiences in the South-West, contact the Western Australian Tourism Commission on (08) 9220 1700, visit their website at www.tourism.wa.gov.au or contact your nearest visitor centre.

Go with a guide



Guided tours and experiences
in WA's South-West



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Conserving the nature of WA

Welcome to the South-West

Western Australia's South-West is the perfect escape for people seeking experiences in the great outdoors. The South-West offers scenic and cultural contrasts ranging from Bunbury's sandy beaches to Margaret River's vineyards, from Pemberton's majestic karri to Walpole's tingle forests.

The national parks host a variety of guided and interpretive activities that explore the South-West's unusual plants and animals, rich indigenous culture and natural ecosystems.

A range of short day trips, weekend explorations and discovery holidays are available.

Getting out there with a park eco-guide is a great way to enrich your experience of the South-West. It's also an opportunity to support local communities, land management and ecologically sustainable tourism. So get out there and

Go with a guide!



Bunbury

Bunbury is a bustling town that overlooks some of the longest and most beautiful sandy beaches in the South-West. These features make Bunbury a popular fishing and crabbing spot for locals and visitors. It is also an excellent site to view humpback whales embarking on their seasonal migration up and down the west coast as well as dolphins and other marine creatures.



The Fassifern Valley in the Wellington National Park provides a dramatic change in scenery from the Bunbury coast. It's a fabulous area for picnicking, bird watching and bushwalking among the 300 species of wildflowers that bloom in the park at various times of the year. There are long rivers to canoe, small creeks to explore and the ghosts of yesteryear to uncover.

Margaret River, Busselton and Augusta

Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park extends 120 kilometres along the coast from Bunker Bay in the north to Augusta in the south. The 15,500 hectare park is one of the most frequently visited in Western Australia.

Situated in easy driving distance from Margaret River, Busselton and Augusta, the Park doubles as a palette for a diverse blend of food and wine, excellent fishing spots, superb beaches, surfing sites and caves to explore.

A rocky coastline overlooks secluded bays and long beaches and nearby coastal woodlands expand into tall jarrah and karri forests. This area offers the opportunity to take a forest tour and explore the cultural history of the park.



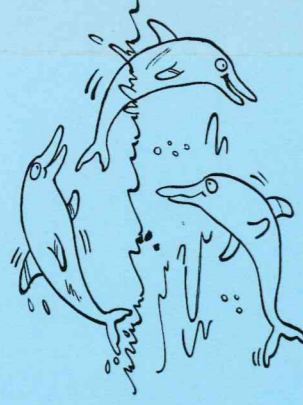
Pemberton

The national parks around Pemberton are a cross section of south coast and karri forest ecosystems.

D'Entrecasteaux National Park, 40 kilometres south-west of Pemberton, boasts scenic coastal cliffs and secluded beaches –the perfect backdrop for your South-West fishing experience. Nestled behind the sand dunes is a series of wetlands' a wide variety of wildflowers and the opportunity for bird watching.

Coastal heathlands give way to freshwater lakes, swamps and streams that meander through the parks on their way to the coast. The Shannon, Donnelly and Warren rivers are bordered by a variety of sites for camping, fishing, bushwalking and four-wheel driving.

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● BUNBURY

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Wellington National Park—Learn about the rich cultural history of Wellington National Park from its indigenous heritage, through early settlement to the WWII army training camps. Confront the complexities of the dam and river system and the major issues facing it today, and encounter some of the 27 mammal, 40 reptile and 13 frog species that inhabit the park. Experience the delights of Honeymoon Pool, which provides an aquatic sanctuary for a variety of creatures that live in, on or under the water.

Wellington Discovery Forest—Find out about the ecology and management practices of the jarrah forest by joining the myriad of forest folk who have lived, worked, played and prayed in this inspiring environment.

Vasse-Wonnerup Wetlands—Explore this ecologically significant area, which is home to more than 77 waterbird species, including the pied stilt, great egret, yellow-billed spoonbill and red-necked avocet. Just 40 minutes from Bunbury, the wetlands are perfect for a scenic drive.

Tuart Forest National Park—Visit the largest forest of tuart trees. This area provides a great setting for bushwalking and night spotting the threatened western ringtail possum.



● BUSSELTON

MARGARET RIVER

Wharnclyffe EcoDiscovery Centre—Experience local art and take part in bushcraft and survival skills. Discover the creatures of the night—the feathered, the scaly, the furry and other creepy crawlies.

Wharnclyffe—The 'Big Bush Heritage Celebration' at Easter is a one-day celebration of the natural, cultural and historical values of Margaret River. Take part in hands-on activities and view demonstrations of arts, crafts and dance.



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Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park



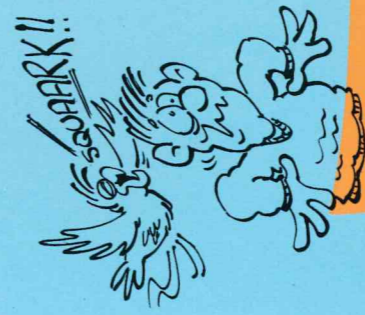
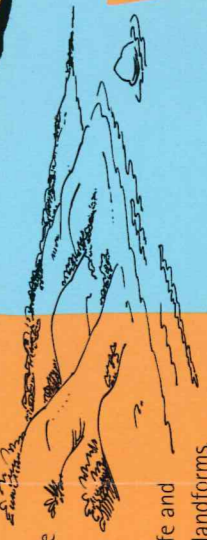
● AUGUSTA

LEEWIN-NATURALISTE NATIONAL PARK

Conto Campground—A great place to explore the coast and appreciate the landscapes, seascapes and natural processes that have formed them. Listen as your guide reveals tales of the Park's past while the sun sets over the Indian Ocean.

Hamelin Bay—Learn about coastal processes and how to fish for the future. Discover coastal wildlife and view local artists' impressions of the area and its landforms.

Ellensbrook—Meet the park ranger and delve into the mysteries of the historic Ellensbrook Homestead and the surrounding forest. Learn about the people and spirits that have lived in the park from the time of the Dreaming.



● MANĀIMUP



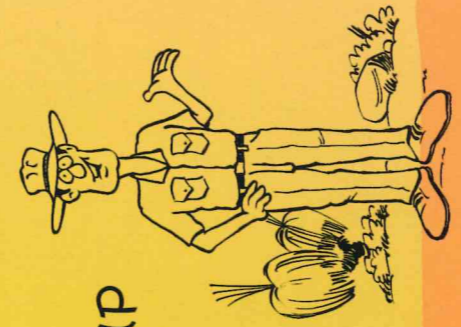
● PEMBERTON



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Gloucester Tree—Join a park ranger and explore the secrets of the night forest. Climb the tree and learn what it was like for a fire spotter of yesteryear. Venture into the karri forest on foot and meet some of the local plants and animals.

D'Entrecasteaux National Park—Get off the beaten track and try your hand at low impact four wheel driving through the scenic surrounds of D'Entrecasteaux. Visit some of the best fishing spots and learn how to fish for the future.



● WALPOLE DENMARK

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Valley of the Giants—Experience the thrill of walking the Tree-Top Walk guided by the stars. Interact with injured and orphaned wildlife and their dedicated carers and learn about the rescue, care and release of the native animals of the tingle-karri forest.

Walpole-Nornalup National Park—Experience the wonders of the Park at an evening slide show. During the day children can participate in beach eco-activities about Park wildlife and the role of the Park Rangers.