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## Bookings and Payment

### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To book, call Nearer to Nature on (08) 9295 2244 (8am - 4.30pm)  
Payment is required for final confirmation. All prices include GST.  
Payment by Phone: Visa, Bankcard and MasterCard  
Payment by Mail: Cheques or money orders made out to Conservation and Land Management, sent to:

Nearer to Nature, The Hills Forest Discovery Centre, Mundaring Weir Road, MUNDARING WA 6073.

### Discounts:

- Nearer to Nature Fun Club members -10%
- Seniors Card Holders - 10%
- YHA Members - 10%
- Groups of six or more - 10%

### Cancellations:

If you cancel at least 2 working days before the activity, we will gladly refund your payment or offer a credit voucher (valid for one year). Once paid for, your booking is transferable. Please notify us of any changes. In the circumstance where we must cancel an activity, we may reschedule the activity or offer a Nearer to Nature credit voucher or payment refund.

### Group bookings

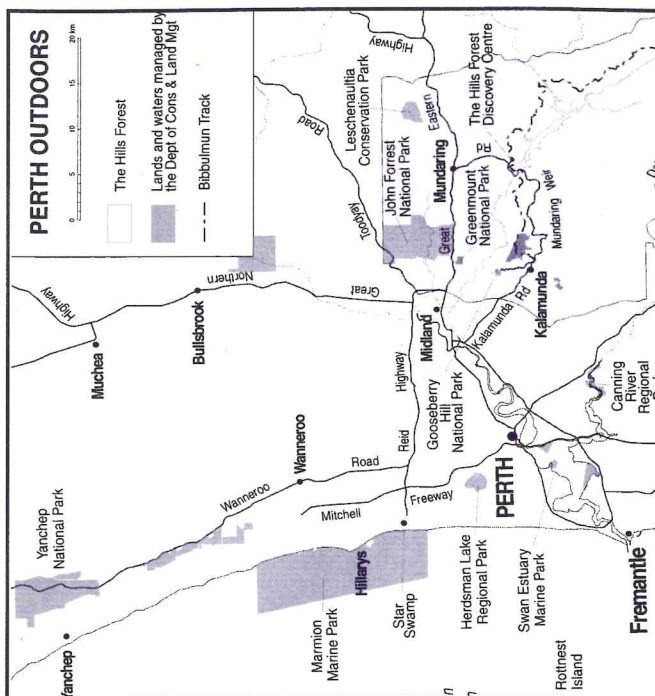
Arrange something special for your staff, sports team, club, social group or family and friends. We have the facilities and activities to coordinate a program to meet your needs. You might like to improve skills, refresh minds, develop knowledge, encourage teamwork, or maybe just have fun. We can do it all! Call our Programs Officer on (08) 9295 2244.

### Camping at Hills Forest Discovery Centre

- For small or large groups (up to 35).
- Toilets and hot showers.
- Undercover kitchen with fridge, power points and electric BBQs.
- Outdoor picnic tables and chairs
- All facilities have wheelchair access.
- \$8.80 per adult, \$6.60 per child (under 16), \$165 for the whole campground, per night.

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## Nearer to Nature Locations



### Legend

#### Location:

HFDC - The Hills Forest Discovery Centre, Mundaring.  
JFNP - John Forrest National Park, Hovea.  
SS - Star Swamp, North Beach.  
YRP - Yellagonga Regional Park, Wanneroo.  
HLRP - Herdsman Lake Regional Park, Churchlands.

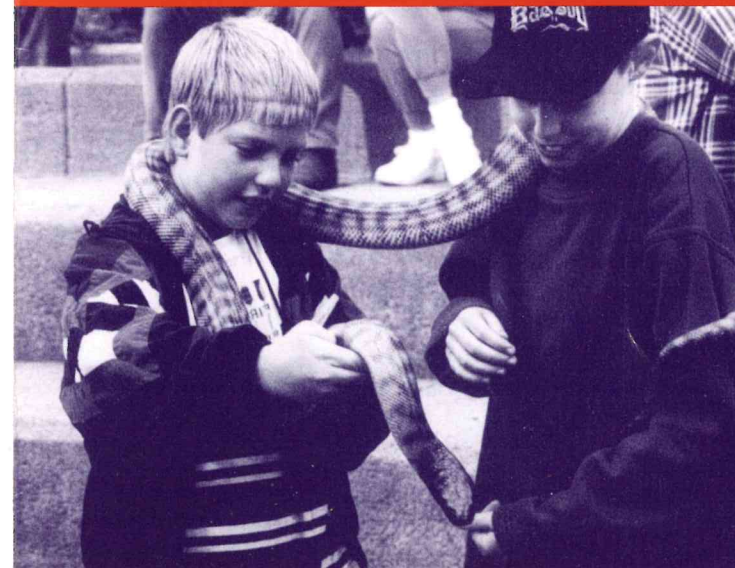
#### Symbols:

- Wheelchair access
- Binoculars
- Wet weather gear

## Nearer to Nature

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# Go Bush Winter 2002



Nature-based fun for everyone!

Winter 2002  
6 July-15 September

## Nearer to Nature

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## What is Nearer to Nature?

Nearer to Nature is an exciting new initiative of the Department of Conservation and Land Management. It provides opportunities for locals and visitors to participate in unique, enlightening guided activities at a range of natural environments in and around Perth. Above all else, it's about having fun!

Watch out for exciting activities coming to conservation areas near your home as we extend the program throughout the metropolitan area. Nearer to Nature will be looking for community input into our program development, and volunteers are always welcome. Call the Nearer to Nature office on 9295 2244 for more information.

## Join the Nearer to Nature Fun Club

Talking about having fun, join the growing membership of our Nearer to Nature Fun Club. For only \$15 your entire family will receive these fantastic benefits:

- A 10% discount on most activities
- Advanced brochure mail-out and early bird bookings.
- Exclusive and discounted camping experiences.
- Plus a host of other great features.

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## Important information for you

**All activities will begin on time - please arrive at least 15 minutes early for registration.**

Don't forget to bring:

- Weather protection gear- plan to protect yourself from the sun or rain;
- Drinking water;
- Sturdy footwear;
- A bag for your litter;
- A sense of fun and adventure.

Please do not endanger our native animals - leave all pets at home.

Activities that include entry into National Parks are for participants only. If you and your family wish to use the park facilities before or after the activity, normal National Park fees apply.

**Safety is our concern, but your responsibility**

## At a Glance

### Hills Forest Discovery Centre - Mundaring

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

Date	Activity	Time
6 July (Sat)	<b>9</b> Find the Forest Frogs	4 - 6pm
11 July (Thur)	<b>18</b> Boomerangs & Bushtucker	10am - 12noon
12 July (Fri)	<b>13</b> Taddy Tales & Froggy Fantastic	10am - 12 noon
14 July (Sun)	<b>10</b> Kids Go Frogging	1 - 3pm
14 July (Sun)	<b>9</b> Find the Forest Frogs	4 - 6pm
15 July (Mon)	<b>4</b> Wriggly Reptiles	11am - 12.30pm
16 July (Tue)	<b>1</b> Meet the Marsupials	11 - 12noon
16 July (Tue)	<b>10</b> Kids Go Frogging	1 - 3pm
17 July (Wed)	<b>11</b> Bush Babies & Cuddly Critters	11am - 12noon
18 July (Thur)	<b>19</b> Didg and Dreamtime	11am - 1pm
19 July (Fri)	<b>14</b> Bush Survival Skills	10am - 2.30pm
20 July (Sat)	<b>17</b> Lost World Waterfall	10am - 2pm
20 July (Sat)	<b>9</b> Find the Forest Frogs	4 - 6pm
20/21 July	<b>15</b> 4WD Out n Back Weekend	8.30am Sat - 4.00pm Sun
3 Aug (Sat)	<b>9</b> Find the Forest Frogs	4 - 6pm
10 Aug (Sat)	<b>10</b> Kids Go Frogging	1 - 3pm
17 Aug (Sat)	<b>9</b> Find the Forest Frogs	4 - 6pm
18 Aug (Sun)	<b>9</b> Find the Forest Frogs	4 - 6pm
25 Aug (Sun)	<b>16</b> Don't Get Bugged Down	9am - 4.30pm
31 Aug (Sat)	<b>9</b> Find the Forest Frogs	4 - 6pm
14/15 Sept (W/end)	<b>15</b> 4WD Out n Back Weekend	8.30am Sat - 4.00pm Sun

### John Forrest National Park - Hovea

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

Date	Activity	Time
7 July (Sun)	<b>1</b> Meet the Marsupials	2 - 3pm
14 July (Sun)	<b>3</b> Smiling Snakes	2 - 3.30pm
21 July (Sun)	<b>2</b> Talking Talons	2 - 3.30pm

### Herdsmen Lake Regional Park - Churchlands

All activities for this venue start at the WA Gould League Herdsmen Wildlife Centre, off Flynn St, Churchlands.

Date	Activity	Time
7 July (Sun)	<b>5</b> Birds of a Feather	10am - 12noon
7 July (Sun)	<b>7</b> Frogs and Bogs	1 - 3pm
17 July (Wed)	<b>8</b> Polywogs in Pools	1 - 3pm
21 July (Sun)	<b>3</b> Smiling Snakes	1 - 2.30pm

### Yellagonga Regional Park - Wanneroo

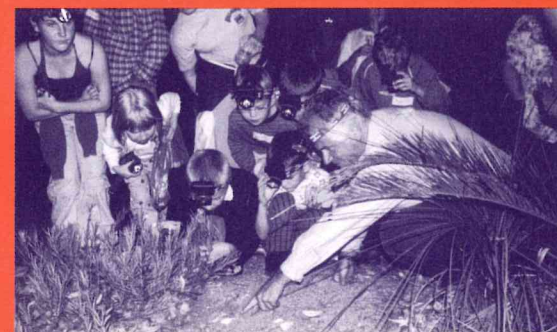
All activities start at the Recreation Centre, Yellagonga Regional Park, off Scenic Dr, Wanneroo.

Date	Activity	Time
9 July (Tue)	<b>1</b> Meet the Marsupials	3 - 4pm
10 July (Wed)	<b>4</b> Wriggly Reptiles	1 - 2.30pm
12 July (Fri)	<b>7</b> Frogs and Bogs	10 - 12noon
12 July (Fri)	<b>8</b> Polywogs in Pools	1 - 3pm

### Star Swamp - North Beach

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

Date	Activity	Time
8 July (Mon)	<b>11</b> Bush Babies & Cuddly Critters	11am - 12noon
8 July (Mon)	<b>8</b> Polywogs in Pools	1 - 3pm
10 July (Wed)	<b>12</b> Snugglegum & Cuddlenut	10am - 12noon
10 July (Wed)	<b>11</b> Bush Babies & Cuddly Critters	1 - 2pm
13 July (Sat)	<b>2</b> Talking Talons	11am - 12noon
13 July (Sat)	<b>7</b> Frogs and Bogs	1 - 3pm
17 July (Wed)	<b>6</b> Our Feathered Friends	9 - 11am
18 July (Thur)	<b>1</b> Meet the Marsupials	11 - 12noon



## Animal Encounters

### 1 Meet the Marsupials

Come face to face with some of WA's marsupials. An expert wildlife carer will present a collection of orphaned animals and their life stories. You'll hear how they are raised and prepared for release into the wild when they are older. Depending on availability, you might meet a cheeky quokka, a cute-as-boots bandicoot, a woylie who can carry his shopping in his tail and of course a variety of button-eyed joeys. You'll learn heaps about these special Australians and the features that make them so unique. We keep numbers low in this session to allow you more one-on-one time with each animal.

**Cost:** \$12.50 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 10+ and adults  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 1 hour  
**Location:** JFNP; HFDC, SS, YRP  
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### 2 Talking Talons

Spend an hour with the coolest birds of all - our fantastic birds of prey. Listen to their amazing life stories and how they were rescued from the brink of death. Learn about the special skills and features they have which make them efficient hunters of the sky. You'll meet Hobbes the Wedge-tailed eagle, fluffy Scruffy the Barking Owl and Mirage the Peregrine Falcon. If you're lucky, one might sit on your arm and give you that cold predator stare.

**Cost:** \$10 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 5+ and adults  
**Limit:** 25 **Time:** 1 hour  
**Location:** JFNP, SS  
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### 3 Smiling Snakes

Meet a range of beautiful snakes and their scaly associates. Hear about their ways of life and the myths that surround them. Don't be scared, be prepared, when next you go bushwalking. Learn to recognise the venomous snakes and how to give first aid for snakebite. If you're lucky, one might curl its tail around your little finger! This is a fantastic snake display accompanied by an informative talk. The venomous snakes are behind glass, but are very much alive.

**Cost:** \$15 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 6+ and adults  
**Limit:** 30 **Time:** 1.5 hours  
**Location:** JFNP, HLRP  
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### 4 Wiggly Reptiles

Get up close (in absolute safety) to some of the most venomous snakes in WA. Say Giddy to some special skinks and lizards and find out why Bert the bearded dragon never has a shave. You'll hear some fantastic snaky stories as you meet the stars of this demonstration and information session, Ruby the carpet python and Mr Shivers the Stimson's python who'll do the arm wrestling bit with your expert guide and snake handler.

**Cost:** \$15 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 7+ and adults  
**Limit:** 25 **Time:** 1.5 hours  
**Location:** HFDC, YRP  
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## Discovery walks for young and old

### 5 Birds of a Feather

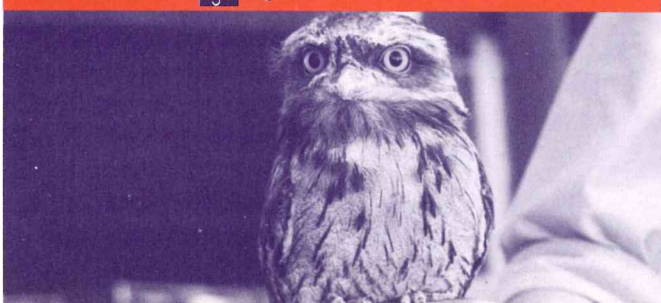
Take a stroll with a 'birder' (bird watcher) and learn some basics about our wonderful wetland birds. This is a lakeside stroll designed to help bird watching novices look for distinguishing features of birds that help to group them and make quick identification easier. You'll learn how to tell a pigeon from a bird of prey, a wader from a waddler and a cormorant from a coot. You'll get to know most of the birds from their bills, beaks and feet, but also from their habits and habitats. Bring, beg or borrow a pair of binoculars and join us for this 'first steps in birdwatching' session.

**Cost:** \$12.50 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 10+ and adults  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 2 hours  
**Location:** HLRP  
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### 6 Our Feathered Friends

Learn the fine art of birdwatching from a local guide and bird identification expert. You'll spy some of our most secretive bush birds, while learning some clever tricks of the birdwatching game. Through a series of activities you'll learn about correct use of binoculars and how to distinguish the different bird forms and their behaviours. A short sketching session highlights the main features of the birds to look for when birdwatching, while a session in bird call identification helps you tell which birds are around even if you can't see them.

**Cost:** \$12.50 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 10+ and adults  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 2 hours  
**Location:** SS  
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### 7 Frogs and Bogs

It's raining, it's pouring, staying home is boring! Join in on these special frogging sessions. Sneak into some of Perth's most mysterious 'bogs' (swamps/wetlands, etc) and visit the land of frogs. A local 'frogger' (frog watcher) guides you through a series of fun activities and a special 'frog search' that helps build on your knowledge about frogs, the environmental issues that affect them and how you can safely 'frogwatch' on your own.

**Cost:** \$12.50 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 8+ and adults  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 2 hours  
**Location:** SS, YRP, HLRP  
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### 8 Polywogs in Pools

This is educational water play for all ages. Join a local naturalist for a look under the lake's surface. You'll scoop net and catch some of the many different 'swamp dwellers' (small invertebrates that live in or near the lakes and swamps). All water life is handled carefully and returned back to the water after a short stay in special viewing trays. You'll be amazed at the science-fiction like creatures that come out of the swamps.

**Cost:** \$12.50 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 6+ and adults  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 2 hours  
**Location:** SS, YRP, HLRP  
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### 9 Find the Forest Frogs

Don your old boots and help search for our forest frogs that live deep in the Perth Hills. Under the guidance of our local frog expert, you'll meet real live frogs. You'll get some tips on frog-friendly gardening and learn to recognise some of the more common frog calls. Join in on a frog search and how to identify the more commonly seen frogs around the area. Be prepared to get your hands dirty and have fun as you go 'knee deep' to locate these mysterious and beautiful amphibians.

**Cost:** \$15 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 7+ adults  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 2 hours  
**Location:** HFDC  
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### 10 Kids Go Frogging

Hey kids! We've got a couple of special Kids Go Frogging sessions where you'll be taken to the very edge of the watery world of frogs. You'll learn how to be a good frog watcher and make your own frog badges to take home. First you'll meet a real live backyard favourite - the Motorbike frog. Then learn some fantastic frog calls and basic frog identification techniques. Finally join in on a special Hills Go Frogging session (frog search) and practise your frog watching skills. This is a session especially for kids. We'll provide a cuppa for parents or supervising adults who must stay on site.

**Cost:** \$15 pp **Age:** Best suited for 7 - 12 years  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 2 hours  
**Location:** HFDC  
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## Nature Fun for the Littlies

### 11 Bush Babies and Cuddly Critters

Our bush babies (joeys, possums, woylies, frogmouths, parrots) are so cute and cuddly. Come along to a wonderful session where you'll meet them up close and personal. Hear about their life stories and how they got into the Kooikuna Fauna Centre to be raised by hand and later released back into the wild. This session is designed for the little ones and aims to make them more aware of our special native animals and their needs.

**Cost:** \$12.50 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 4+ and Adults  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 1 hour  
**Location:** SS, HFDC  
(Parents must stay on site) ♿

### 12 Snugglegum and Cuddlenut

Go on a special Snugglegum bushwalk, hunt for forest colours and create your very own forest fantasia collage. Catch glimpses of the tiny world of cuddlenuts and learn how everything in this world lives in harmony. Then make your own harmonies, and sing along with the gumblossom choir. You'll hear some forest stories, sew up your own take-home, snugglegum bag for seed collecting, and make your own gumnut babies as a souvenir of your great day out.

**Cost:** \$16.50 per child (adults free) **Age:** Best suited for chn 3+  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 2 hours  
**Location:** SS

### 13 Taddy Tales and Froggy Fantastic

Take a hop up to the Hills and join in for some fantastic froggy fun. Apart from the tadpole trek to the Lily Pond, littlies will hop from one froggy activity to another discovering all the different features of frogs through music, art and play. Learn froggy songs and stories and make creative froggy crafts to take home as a memory of your Froggy Fantastic Day.

**Cost:** \$16.50 per child (adults free) **Age:** Best suited for chn 3+  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 2 hours  
**Location:** HFDC  
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## Forest Adventures

### 14 Bush Survival Skills

Develop some bushy skills and how to tread lightly in our forests. Your guide will take you through different activities including fire lighting, first aid for snake bite, and string making. Learn about native plants and their uses and how to tell direction from the sun and moon. 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. You'll get time to practise these and learn lots of useful hints in this 4 hour session. Bring a hearty lunch and at least 2 litres of water in a container you can carry with you.

**Cost:** \$19.50 **Age:** Best suited for chn 10+ and adults  
**Limit:** 30 **Time:** 4.5 hours  
**Location:** HFDC  
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### 15 4wd Out 'n' Back Weekend

Enjoy a whole weekend of 4-wheel-driving and camping under the stars. This weekend of fun and 4WD training offers lessons in safe and minimal impact off-road motoring. The weekend involves off-road challenges for all, whether you're a novice or experienced off-road driver. You'll learn techniques that will enable you to safely (for both you and the environment) tackle a variety of sand and bush tracks. Bring the whole family along for this bush-to-beach experience. BYO meals and aircompressor.

**Cost:** \$195  
**Limit:** 10 vehicles  
**Time:** 1 weekend  
**Location:** HFDC

### 16 Don't Get Bugged Down

Sign up for our 4WD wet weather special, "Don't Get Bugged Down", and learn how to control your vehicle in boggy conditions. This one day trek takes you through beautiful forests on tracks that offer you a well-rounded 4WD experience. You'll 'learn by doing' as you tackle various challenges and practise safe, forest-friendly 4 Wheel Driving.

**Cost:** \$125 per vehicle  
**Limit:** 10 vehicles  
**Time:** 1 day  
**Location:** HFDC

### 17 Lost World Waterfall

Join a local guide for a great 4hr trek. Walk through a spectacular part of the Hills Forest behind the Mundaring Weir to a magical spot lost amongst moss-covered rocks and 'trinkling' waterfall. This is an ecology walk designed to build an awareness of natural processes, as well as take you into a beautiful part of the world. Bring wet weather gear, a hearty lunch and sturdy walking shoes. There is a reasonably steep climb back up from the waterfall (approx 1km) and it is recommended that patrons have a reasonable to good level of fitness.

**Cost:** \$15 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 10+ and adults  
**Limit:** 15 **Time:** 4 hours  
**Location:** HFDC  
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## Aboriginal Connections

### 18 Boomerangs and Bush Tucker

Learn about the many different uses and Aboriginal names for our native plants and animals. Walk with a Nyoongar guide, through the forest and meet bush tucker and bush medicine plants face to face. You'll learn about traditional hunting methods and try your hand at spear and boomerang throwing. Finish this great session by painting a souvenir boomerang to take home with you.

**Cost:** \$15 pp (incl boomerangs blanks) **Age:** Best suited for chn 9+ and adults  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 2 hours  
**Location:** HFDC

### 19 Didg and Dreamtime

Join a professional didgeridoo player and Aboriginal performer to learn the basics of blowing this ancient instrument. You'll learn how to make all those tricky calls and vibrating sounds as you learn how to breathe the special 'didg' way. Through learning the songs, dance and music, you'll learn more about the Dreamtime - an Aboriginal sacred time when all life and landscape started to take shape.

**Cost:** \$15 pp **Age:** Best suited for chn 5+ and adults  
**Limit:** 20 **Time:** 2 hours  
**Location:** HFDC