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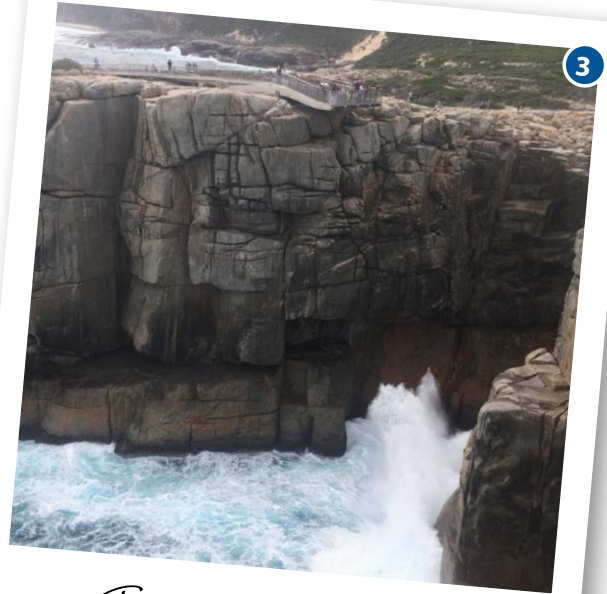
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## Getting high in nature

### Australia's South West

A growing number of national parks in Western Australia's South West are providing thrills for visitors with a penchant for heights. Attractions such as the Granite Skywalk, Mount Frankland Wilderness Lookout and the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk are extremely popular. New, impressive viewing facilities at The Gap and Natural Bridge in Torndirrup National Park provide another spectacular way to experience the area from a totally different perspective. Take a journey to see how these can be experienced in as few as four fun-filled days.



*Feel the ocean spray*

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*Wilderness revealed*

### Highlights

- Mount Frankland Wilderness Lookout • Granite Skywalk
- Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk • The Gap and Natural Bridge
- Optional tours

**Start and finish** Perth

**Best time** Year-round

**Duration** 4 days

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*Walk through the tingle canopy*

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*Walk high in the sky*





## Plan your adventure

Below is a suggested itinerary for a four-day self-drive 'Getting high in nature' adventure. Optional tours with local commercial tour operators licensed by the Department of Parks and Wildlife are available for those travellers with fewer time restrictions. There's nothing like viewing the Southern Ocean crashing beneath your feet, spotting bird life in a tangle forest canopy 40m in the air, or having 360-degree views across untouched wilderness to make you feel connected to nature.

### DAY 1 Drive Perth to Pemberton.

If you're setting off from Perth, an early-morning start will maximise your trip.

An overnight stay at the WA Wilderness Glamping facility in the magnificent Warren National Park means you'll arrive with nothing to do but relax and enjoy your day. Everything will be set up for you, including your own family or couples tent, bedding and cooking facilities.

**Options:** Join Pemberton Discovery Tours to experience dense forests, water cascades and the massive Yeagerup Dunes or hop aboard a Donnelly River Cruise and experience the magnificent D'Entrecasteaux National Park from the water.

### DAY 2 Visit Mount Frankland Wilderness Lookout, Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk, venture through the Swarbrick Art Trail and other attractions in the Walpole Wilderness.

You'll find a range of accommodation types in and around Walpole or Denmark.

**Options:** Cruise the waters of the Walpole and Nornalup Inlets with WOW Wilderness Cruises or take an Out of Sight Tours (from Denmark) to West Cape Howe National Park.

### DAY 3 Drive towards Albany via William Bay National Park and onto Torndirrup National Park. Visit The Gap and Natural Bridge and enjoy the exciting new facilities.

Visit the Granite Skywalk at Castle Rock in Porongurup National Park in the afternoon and return to Albany for the night or stay locally in Mount Barker or Porongurups.

**Option:** If time permits take a detour to Discovery Bay (near Torndirrup National Park) and enjoy a helicopter ride to Breaksea Island with Skyhook Helicopters. In Albany a visit to the National Anzac Centre is a must.

### DAY 4 Set off on a leisurely drive home via Albany Highway.

**Option:** Stop off at Kojonup and visit The Kodja Place a fascinating visitor centre that tells the story about country life that will delight and move you including Noongar (Aboriginal) creation stories.

All tour operators and accommodation providers working in parks are accredited (see [trustthetick.com.au](http://trustthetick.com.au)).

For more information about licensed commercial tour operators mentioned in this article go to:

WA Wilderness Glamping – [wawilderness.com.au](http://wawilderness.com.au)

Pemberton Discovery Tours – [pembertondiscoverytours.com.au](http://pembertondiscoverytours.com.au)

Donnelly River Cruises – [donnellyrivercruises.com.au](http://donnellyrivercruises.com.au)

WOW Wilderness Cruises – [wowwilderness.com.au](http://wowwilderness.com.au)

Skyhook Helicopters – [skyhookhelicopters.com.au](http://skyhookhelicopters.com.au)

#### Other visitor attractions mentioned include:

Discovery Bay – [discoverybay.com.au](http://discoverybay.com.au)

The Kodja Place – [kodjaplace.com.au](http://kodjaplace.com.au)

National Anzac Centre – [nationalanzaccentre.com.au](http://nationalanzaccentre.com.au)

## Handy information

**ExploreParks WA** website will give you all the information you need to start planning your trip – see [parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au).

**ParkStay WA** for all your campground information needs. Many camp sites are bookable online – see [parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au).

**Park passes.** Buy a pass online at [shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au) and save. Remember entry fees apply at many parks. For Royal Automobile Club (WA) members, go to [rac.com.au/travel/australia/wa-holidays/park-passes](http://rac.com.au/travel/australia/wa-holidays/park-passes).

**ParkFinder WA** mobile app is a great way to plan your trip and stay on route while you're away. The app contains information about 150 parks and reserves in Western Australia.

**CampingMate** will help if planning a camping trip. The app is loaded with a list of useful items and gives you the opportunity to save your lists for next time.

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