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Things to do at Monkey Mia

Swim and snorkel

Monkey Mia provides a wonderful opportunity to snorkel over the seagrass beds that support much of Shark Bay's marine life.

Boating and kayaking

Boating and kayaking are great ways to enjoy the waters around Monkey Mia. When out on the water you may see dolphins, dugongs, stingrays, turtles and other marine animals. During whale migration times in spring and autumn there are many humpback whales in the bay that are sometimes seen from the shore.

Camping and accommodation

The adjacent Monkey Mia Resort offers a variety of accommodation, including camp sites. Camping is not permitted within the Monkey Mia Conservation Park, reserve and car park. Entry fees still apply.

Tours

A number of tours operate from Monkey Mia. More information is available from the Parks and Wildlife tour booking office.

Display Centre

Discover what makes Monkey Mia and Shark Bay a World Heritage area, and find out more about dolphins and other marine life.

Theatrette

Watch nature documentaries about Shark Bay in air-conditioned comfort.

Picnicking

Enjoy a picnic on the beach, lawn or one of the picnic tables.

Bird watching

Look for thick-billed grass-wrens, babblers, emus and many other birds around Monkey Mia.

School holiday activities

The Wonderfully Wild school holiday program runs during most school holidays. Ask for a timetable at the Monkey Mia Booking Office.

Please help look after the dolphins

With so many people visiting the bay to see the dolphins there is a risk to their health and natural habits. At Monkey Mia we appreciate your help looking after the dolphins.

- Please follow the instructions given by Parks and Wildlife officers and volunteers.
- Quietly leave the water when there is a new calf close to shore.
- Only feed dolphins when invited to do so by Parks and Wildlife officers and their volunteer assistants.
- Help maintain the wild dolphins' health and friendly nature by not touching them.
- Children should be supervised by adults at all times.

- If a dolphin approaches you in the water, watch it and remain still; do not pursue the dolphin.
- Do not try to attract dolphin attention by splashing the water – your fingers may look like a fish.
- If you are in the water, try to keep at least 30m away from any dolphins – swimming with dolphins can result in mothers and calves being separated.
- Do not wear sunscreen in the water at the dolphin experience area, as lotions and creams can irritate dolphin skin and eyes.
- Pets are not allowed in the dolphin experience area and must be on leads when in the reserve.
- If a dolphin approaches you while fishing, please remove your fishing line from the water.

