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Step into nature



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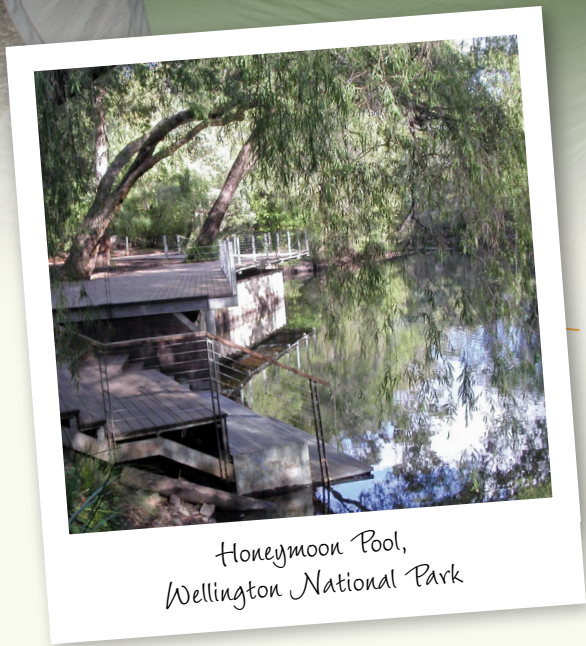
Camping adventures close to Perth



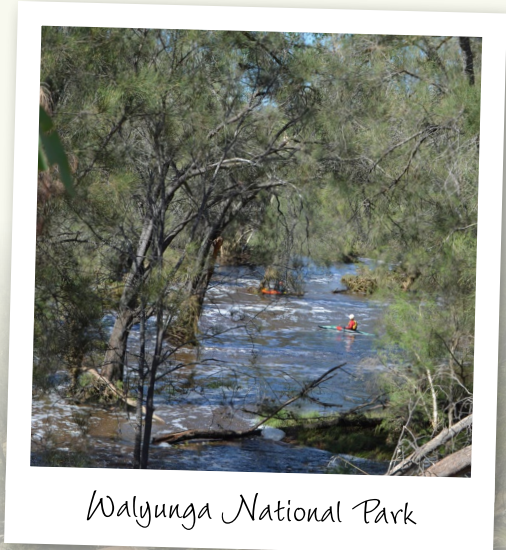
Camping close to Perth

Experience the freedom of camping in nature close to home.

Camping close to home is easy. Here's a selection of campgrounds all within a two-hour drive of Perth's CBD. Get packed and ready to step into nature - it's all right at your doorstep.



*Honeymoon Pool,
Wellington National Park*



Walunga National Park



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National parks and camp sites

Woodman Point Regional Park

Beelu National Park - Perth Hills Discovery Centre

Yanchep National Park - Henry White Oval

Walyunga National Park

Avon Valley National Park

Lane Poole Reserve

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Stockton Lake



Summary

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Distance from Perth km (approx)	28	44	55	56	80	100	118	125	110	155	169	190	208
Online booking essential	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Park entry fees apply			✓	✓	✓	✓							
Dogs allowed	✓					✓	✓	✓					✓
Bushwalking		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Canoeing and kayaking				✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Caving			✓										
Fishing	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Horse riding							✓						
Mountain biking		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				✓	
Snorkelling	✓											✓	
Seasonal firepit		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

1 Avon Valley National Park Perth and surrounds

Bald Hill, Avon Valley, Drummonds and Homestead campgrounds

Located: 80km north-east of Perth

Drive just 80km north-east of Perth and be rewarded with panoramic views of the undulating Avon Valley landscape and the chance to see a variety of birds and native wildlife. Autumn, winter and spring are wonderful times to visit and enjoy the spectacular wildflower display.

Bookings and enquiries: No bookings can be made for these sites, so first in best camp!



Avon Valley National Park

Things to do:



Bushwalk, birdwatching, nature observation

2 Beelu National Park Perth and surrounds

Perth Hills Discovery Centre

Located: 44km east of Perth

Beelu National Park is set in a beautiful forest location just 40km east of Perth. The word Beelu is the Noongar word for river or stream. The Beelu people were the original inhabitants of the area whose patch was bounded by the Helena, Swan and Canning Rivers.

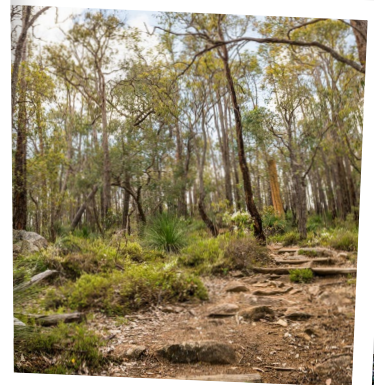
The campground is located within the Perth Hills Discovery Centre in Mundaring, which is a fabulous place to start your weekend of discovering nature. There are 12 individual camp sites suitable for small tents. The facilities are excellent with electric barbecues, a sink, fridge power and a fire ring. It also has wheelchair access. The Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail are both accessible from the campground, and nearby Fred Jacoby Park is a top picnic spot. A short drive to the Mundaring Weir is a must with views over Lake C.Y. O'Connor and Helena Valley.

You are bound to see many of the park's inhabitants such as splendid fairy wrens, Carnaby's cockatoos, quendas, western grey kangaroos and western brush wallabies, so don't forget the camera!

Bookings and enquiries: parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au



Avon Valley National Park



Beelu National Park



Things to do:



Bushwalking – the Bibbulmun Track can be accessed from The Dell and South Ledge



Picnic – Fred Jacoby Park, The Dell and Gungin Gully are wonderfully scenic places to enjoy a relaxing picnic in a tranquil bush setting



Mountain biking – the Munda Biddi Trail and the Kalamunda Circuit can be accessed from South Ledge



Highlight

- Check out the panoramic views over Lake C.Y. O'Connor, Mundaring Weir and Helena River Valley from nearby South Ledge.



Beelu National Park



3 Dryandra Woodland Golden Outback

Congelin and Gnaala Mia
Located: 2 hours south-east of Perth

For a truly remarkable bush experience less than two hours from Perth, you can camp at Congelin or the new Gnaala Mia campground. Winter and spring are particularly rewarding times to stay with spectacular wildflower displays in the remarkable woodlands of powderbark and white-barked wandoo. You may encounter woylies, tamar wallabies, tawny frogmouths and numbats on your camping adventure.

Bookings and enquiries: parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au
Bookings cannot be made for these sites, so first in, best camp!



Locals at Barna Mia

← Highlight

↑ Once the sun has set, watch native marsupials venturing out for the night, on a fascinating guided tour at Barna Mia. Booking essential before 4pm: parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au (Fees apply)

Things to do:



Bushwalking



Picnic – Contine Hill picnic area offers spectacular views and at Lol Gray explore the surrounding woodlands.

Visit – Dryandra Arboretum, a living gallery of trees.

4 Dwellingup State Forest South West

Lake Navarino Tourist Resort
Located: 1.5 hours south of Perth (near Waroona)

Experience tranquil lakeside camping at Lake Navarino. Spacious sites can comfortably accommodate small groups. Facilities include a barbecue shelter and shared wood-fired barbecues to toast marshmallows in winter. Experience nature at its best in the stunning Dwellingup State Forest.

Bookings and enquiries: navarino.com.au

Things to do:



White water rafting, bushwalking, mountain biking, horse riding

5 Dwellingup State Forest South West

Logue Brook Dam campground
Located: 1.5 hours south of Perth

Logue Brook Dam is a popular campground throughout the year and only a short 125km drive south of Perth. With recently upgraded facilities and so many site configurations to choose from, you really are spoilt for choice. Relax at the café with a Devonshire tea while taking in the views overlooking the dam and the forest. The recently installed playground will keep the kids happy for hours. Grab your torch; take the kids to the water's edge and spot local marron at night!

Boating and water skiing are allowed at this popular watersport location.

Bookings and enquiries: Lake Brockman Tourist Park, visit lakebrockman.com.au

Things to do:



Canoe or kayak from the recently upgraded boat launch area



Fish for trout all year and marron when in season



Water ski – part of Lake Brockman is a designated water ski area



Mountain biking – the Munda Biddi cycle trail passes nearby the campground and there are two pump tracks suitable for all abilities and fitness levels

6 Lane Poole Reserve Perth and surrounds

Located: 100km south of Perth (near Dwellingup)

Lane Poole Reserve is a very popular camping destination close to Perth. The Murray River flows through the forest park, creating many opportunities for fishing and canoeing, and with the water fast flowing in some sections of the river during the year, it provides a great challenge for the experienced kayaker. You can enjoy one of the many leisurely or challenging walk trails and mountain biking enthusiasts can take advantage of the Munda Biddi Trail that passes through the reserve. There is a fantastic choice of camp sites offering something for everyone.

Bookings and enquiries: parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Things to do:



Mountain biking and fishing

Bushwalking – walk the 3.8km Chuditch walk trail or the 18km King Jarrah walk trail

Kayaking, canoeing and rafting – Dwaarlindjirraap is the perfect spot to launch your canoe or kayak. Be mindful of the water conditions as they will vary according to the season



Trees Adventure



Lane Poole Reserve

7 Leschenault Peninsula Conservation Park South West

Belvidere

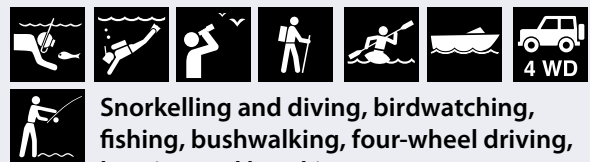
Located: 20km north of Bunbury

Belvidere campground within the Leschenault Peninsula is 20km north of Bunbury and ideal for a beach break close to Perth. This is a popular spot for fishing and four-wheel driving. The beach is known for whiting, herring, mulloway, skippy and salmon (in season), and black bream, whiting and herring can be caught in the inlet.

The peppermint and tuart woodland is home to many animals including brushtail and ringtail possums. This is a wonderful spot for birdwatching and there is always the opportunity to spot dolphins at Belvidere beach.

Bookings and enquiries: parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au. No bookings can be made for this site, so first in best camp!

Things to do:



Snorkelling and diving, birdwatching, fishing, bushwalking, four-wheel driving, boating and kayaking



Leschenault Peninsula Conservation Park

Trees Adventure Lane Poole Park

Challenge yourself to a treetop ropes course built near the beautiful jarrah and pine trees of Nanga Mill campground. Take in the exhilarating views as you glide on the flying fox through the treetops. An adventure-filled obstacle course, great for the whole family.

Bookings essential: treesadventure.com.au

8 Stockton Lake South West

Located: 208km south-east of Perth,
(8km east of Collie)

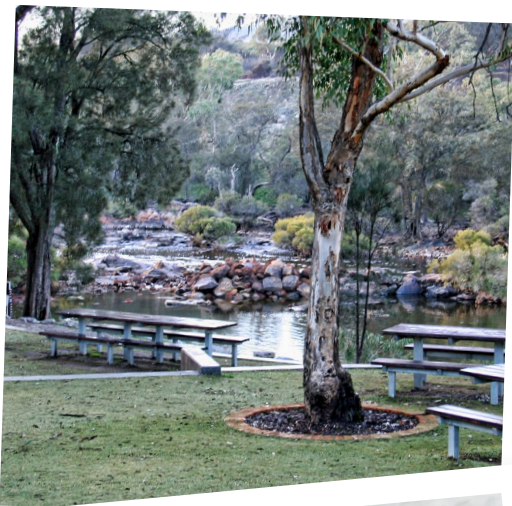
This old open cut mine, now an artificial lake, is a great spot to relax under the shade of the trees on a hot summer day.

Bookings and enquiries: parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au. No bookings can be made for this campground, so first in best camp!

Things to do:



Boating, waterskiing, bushwalking, picnicking, canoe or kayaking



Walyunga National Park
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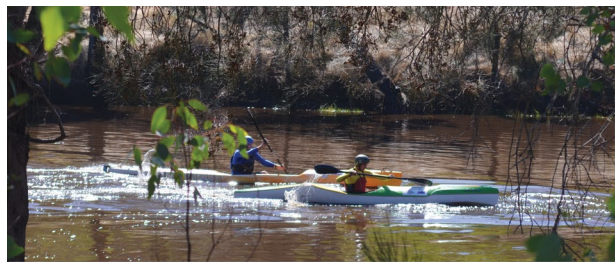
9 Walyunga National Park Perth and Surrounds

Located: 56km north-east of Perth

Set on the edge of the Darling Scarp just north of Perth, Walyunga National Park is a hidden gem in the Swan River valley. It is here that the Swan River transforms from a series of pools in summer to a raging torrent in winter. Every August, the river's long stretch of rapids becomes the location for one of Australia's best white-water canoeing events, the Avon Descent. The park is also significant as the site of one of the largest known Aboriginal camping grounds in the Perth region. With a history going back 6000 years, the area was still used by the Noongar people up until late last century.

Late winter and early spring are the best time for wildflowers. Western grey kangaroos, western brush wallabies, short-beaked echidnas, sacred kingfishers, grey fantails, shingleback lizards and carpet pythons inhabit the park.

Bookings and enquiries: Camping is available in Walyunga National Park by prior arrangement. Please contact our friendly ranger by searching 'Walyunga' at parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au or phone (08) 9290 6100.



Things to do:



Canoeing, bushwalking, birdwatching, picnicking, wildflower viewing

Walyunga National Park walk trails

Aboriginal Heritage Trail (1.2km return, 45 minutes, easy) gives an insight into local Aboriginal myths and culture.

Syd's Rapids (5.2km return, 2.5 hours, medium difficulty), a lovely walk under shady wandoo and flooded gum, leads along the grassy flood plain of the river.

Kangaroo Trail (4km loop, 2 hours, medium difficulty) traverse's granite outcrops.

Kingfisher Trail (8.5km loop, 4 hours, medium difficulty) focuses on flora;

Echidna Trail (10.6km return, 5 hours, difficult) offers panoramic views of the Swan and Avon valleys.



Wellington National Park

10 Wellington National Park South West

Potters Gorge and Honeymoon Pool
Located: 193km south-east of Perth

Wellington National Park features 17,000 hectares of Western Australia's unique jarrah, marri and yarri (blackbutt) forests. The central feature of the park is the beautiful Collie River Valley with its ancient valley gorge.

Experience the breathtaking views across the calm waters of Wellington Dam and down the picturesque valley from the dam lookout. Get more from your visit by camping at beautiful Honeymoon Pool or the recently upgraded Potters Gorge.

The area is popular all-year-round with magnificent shows of some of the 300 species of colourful wildflowers every spring and more than 70 bird species. You may even spot a unique animal such as a chuditch, quenda, quokka, brushtail possum, woylie or western ringtail possum.

Honeymoon Pool is known for tranquil riverside camping.

Meals, snacks, drinks and mountain bike hire are available at Kiosk at the Dam.

Bookings and enquiries: parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au
Bookings cannot be made for these sites, so first in, best camp!

Things to do:



Fishing, canoeing, rafting, bushwalking

Mountain biking – Try the brand-new pump bike track for a fun challenge

11 Woodman Point Regional Park Perth and Surrounds

Discovery Parks - Woodman Point
Located: 28km south of Perth

Only 9km south of Fremantle, Woodman Point features a traditional beach coastline, with a bushy backdrop. Woodman Point Regional Park is a very popular recreation area and comes complete with playgrounds, beach kiosk, jetties and caravan parks.

The park has the remnants of beautiful tuart woodland where you can explore numerous historical sites with an intriguing history, or simply sit and relax with a picnic. Excellent facilities are available including a shared kitchen and laundry and there are plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy including fishing, snorkelling, kite surfing and sailing.

Bookings and enquiries: discoveryholidayparks.com.au



Woodman Point Regional Park



Things to do:



Snorkelling, kite surfing, sailing and sightseeing



12 Yalgorup National Park Perth and Surrounds

Martins Tank

Located: 127km south of Perth

Just 20km south of Mandurah, this recently refurbished campground is a popular choice for a weekend of camping. The campground has 30 individual camp sites and four open camp areas, which can accommodate four tents and parking for larger vehicles. A barbecue shelter with dishwashing sinks, food prep area as well as tables and benches take the hard work out of camping. Relax among the peppermint trees and tuart forest or walk the Lake Pollard Trail and observe some spectacular migratory birds from the Lake Pollard Bird Hide.

Yalgorup National Park includes 10 lakes and a protected wetland system designated by the Ramsar Convention as a site of international importance. There are walks for all ages and fitness levels.

Bookings and enquiries: parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Things to do:



Bushwalking – Enjoy the 6km walk trail to the bird hide on the shores of Lake Pollard



Fishing at nearby Preston Beach

Nature viewing - When the sun goes down grab a torch and spot ring-tail possums



Lake Clifton's thrombolites

↑ Lake Clifton's thrombolites are structures built by micro-organisms too small for the human eye to see. They were the only form of life 650 million to 3,500 million years ago. View this fascinating sight on the purpose-built walkway and imagine the dawn of time.

13 Yanchep National Park Perth and Surrounds

Henry White Oval

Located: 55km north of Perth

Nestled in tuart and banksia woodlands, Henry White Oval is the perfect spot to camp and experience culture, history, bushwalking, caves, koalas and native wildlife all in the one location. You can even picnic with the local kangaroos!

Bookings and enquiries: Booking essential visit parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au



Things to do:



Cave and Aboriginal tours, bushwalking, cycling and picnicking



Explore the caves

↑ Climb, crawl and explore one of the four wild/semi-wild caves on a 90-minute guided 'adventure caving' tour. The best cave will be selected depending on your group, age and fitness level for an amazing subterranean caving experience. **Bookings essential.** Phone (08) 9303 7772.



Yanchep National Park at night time

Join in the Nearer to Nature program



Join in the *Nearer to Nature* program, which provides interactive and engaging nature-based activities for people of all ages.

Bookings essential.
Visit *Nearer to Nature* at
nearertonature.dpaw.wa.gov.au



Nearer to Nature
Community

Handy information

ExploreParks WA website will give you all the information you need to start planning your trip – see 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.

Park passes. Buy a pass online at 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.

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

CampingMate app will help when planning your camping trip with lists you can save and use on your next adventure.

Fishing Licenses If you plan to go fishing don't forget your valid fishing license! Available from any Australia Post Office, Department of Fisheries offices or online at Department of Fisheries. Visit fish.wa.gov.au.

Trails WA search for trails near you – see trails.wa.com.au.

Working Together on Country

The Department of Parks and Wildlife respectfully acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of the lands and waters it manages.

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