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## 3 Bunbury to Wellington National Park continued...

### Glamp it:



#### Kiosk at the Dam

Arrive to a fully set up tent – linen included. Have breakfast and dinner under the stars at the Kiosk or be provided with a barbeque dinner for you to cook at your own camp site. Cheese platters, bike hire, everything has been thought of!

**Bookings essential:** [kioskattthedam.com.au](http://kioskattthedam.com.au)

### Must do:

King Jarrah, the park's tallest jarrah tree. Thought to be between 300 and 500 years old, this 36m tall majestic tree has survived bushfires, storms and insect attack. Come and see this grand old tree from a purpose-built boardwalk and viewing platform.

Discover your inner ranger and join the *Nearer to Nature* program run through the school holidays. Designed to raise environmental awareness, knowledge and skills through fun, hands-on activities. Get up close and personal with some wonderful plants and animals and get nearer to nature!

*Nearer to Nature* South West Wellington Discovery Forest Centre and Margaret River. Corner South West Highway and Dodson Road.

**Bookings and enquiries:** [nearertonature.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://nearertonature.dpaw.wa.gov.au) or phone (08)9725 4300.



### Ranger's top tip

When the sun goes down and sky lights up with stars, get your torch out for some possum spotting!



### Environmental top tip

Redfin perch are an introduced fish and compete with our native species. Incredibly delicious and easy to catch with earthworms or a small lure. The perfect barbecue dinner. Don't forget your valid fishing license [fish.wa.gov.au](http://fish.wa.gov.au)



Glamping



King Jarrah

## 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 can be booked 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 RAC (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. It 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.

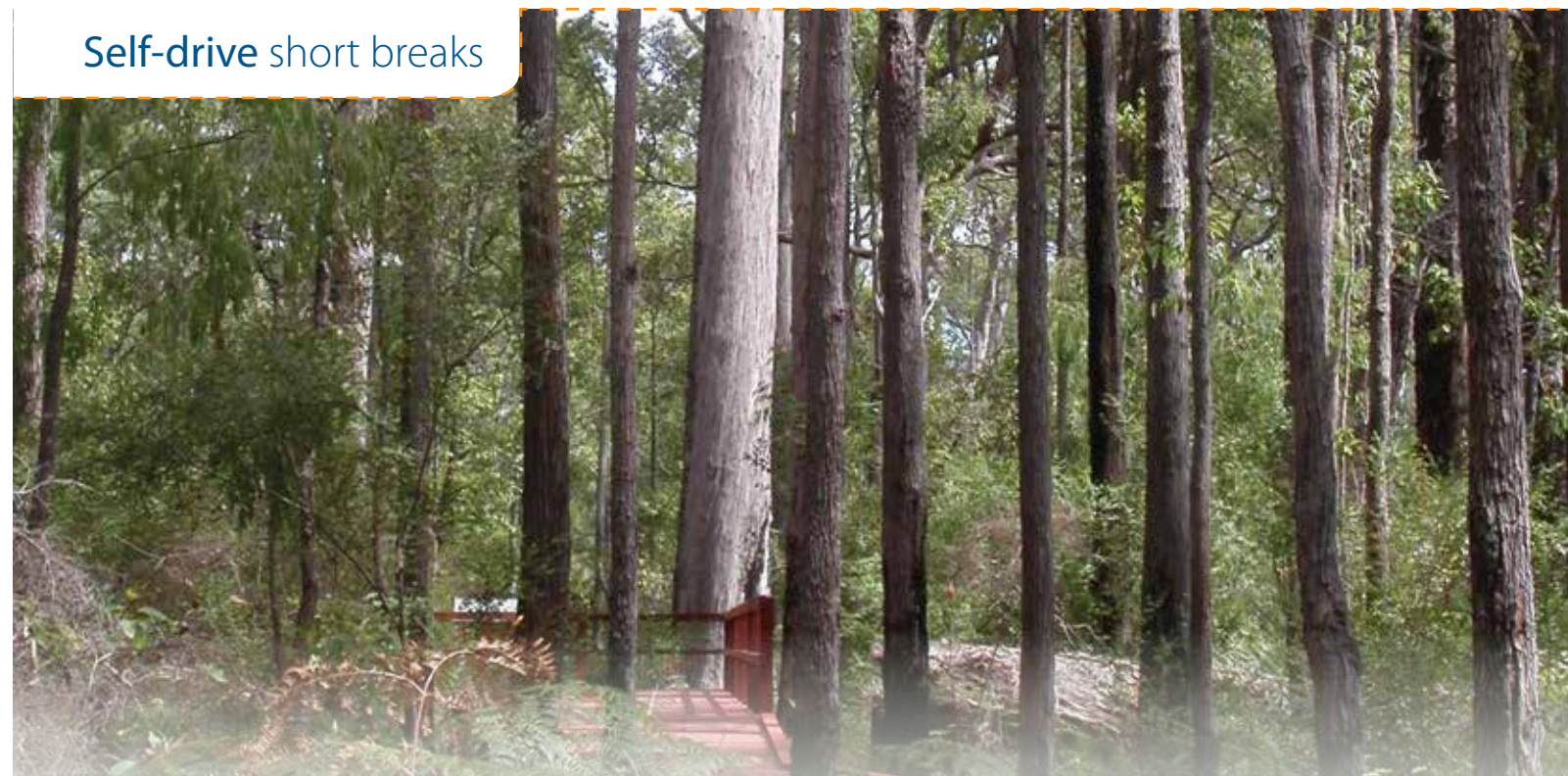
**Trails WA** search for trails near you – see [trailswa.com.au](http://trailswa.com.au).

### 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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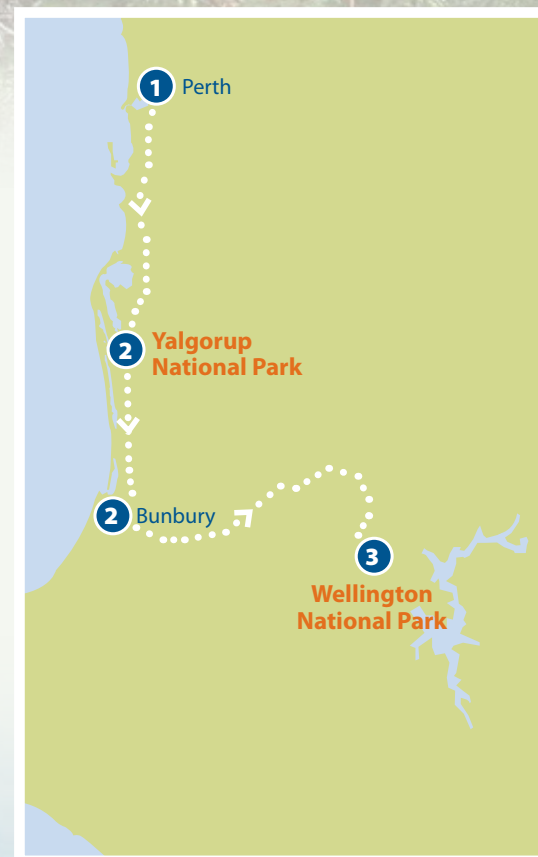
## Self-drive short breaks



## Perth to Wellington

Perth, Yalgorup National Park,  
Bunbury, Wellington National Park

Camp along stunning coastline and within towering forests on this ultimate four-day nature-based road trip.



Lake Clifton, Yalgorup National Park



Honeymoon Pool,  
Wellington National Park



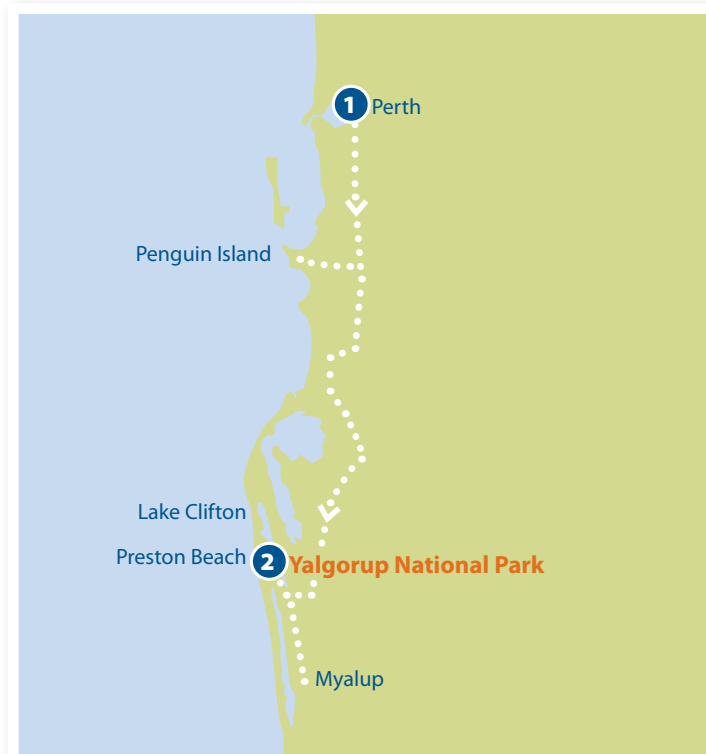
### Penguin Island

Drive 45 minutes south of Perth and take the five-minute ferry ride across Shoalwater Bay to discover Penguin Island, home to the smallest penguin in the world. Learn about this remarkable species as you watch them being fed in the Discovery Centre. Jump on board a fascinating cruise around Shoalwater Marine Park to meet sea lions, stingrays dolphins and more.



Little penguin

**Bookings and enquiries:** [penguinisland.com.au](http://penguinisland.com.au)



## 1 Perth to Yalgorup National Park 128km 1 hour 30 min

### Kwinana Fwy - Forrest Hwy – Preston Beach Road

Just 60km south of Mandurah, discover Yalgorup National Park. This narrow, coastal, Ramsar-listed lake system is significant for the incredible variety of water birds that live in and visit the area.

On the edge of Lake Clifton are structures built by micro-organisms too small for the human eye to see called thrombolites. You can view this fascinating sight on the purpose-built walkway, imagining the dawn of time 650 million to 3,500 million years ago when thrombolites were one of the only forms of life on Earth. Lakes, beaches and dunes can be seen from several high vantage points in the park and for those wishing to get their toes wet, nearby Preston Beach and Myalup are perfect locations for a spot of fishing. For more information on Yalgorup National Park visit [parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au)

### Camp at:



#### Martins Tank

The newly redeveloped Martins Tank campground has excellent facilities and is the ideal place to camp.

**Bookings essential:** [parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au)  
Nearby Preston Beach is a popular place to stay in the event Martins Tank is full. Go to Caravan Industry Association of Australia for alternative camping options.

### Must do:



Pack your binoculars and head off on a walk trail. Late winter and spring are wonderful times for viewing wildflowers in the park and you will be rewarded with fantastic views over Lake Preston.

Visit the bird hide on the shores of Lake Pollard and discover how many species of birds visit this special place.



Lake Clifton, Yalgorup National Park



### Ranger's top tip

The lakes are wonderful for nature observation. Don't forget your camera for some fabulous photo opportunities, especially around dawn and dusk. The lake's shoreline is a nesting spot for hooded plovers (*Thinornis rubricollis*). They lay their eggs in the open sand and will abandon their nest and hatchlings if approached, so please stay on designated paths.



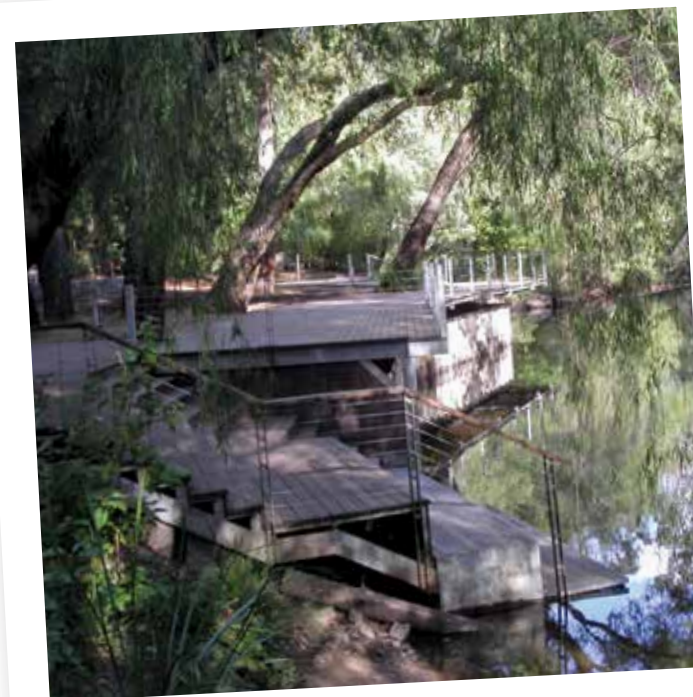
## 2 Yalgorup National Park to Bunbury 68km 50 min

### Preston Beach Road - Old Coast Road – Forrest Hwy

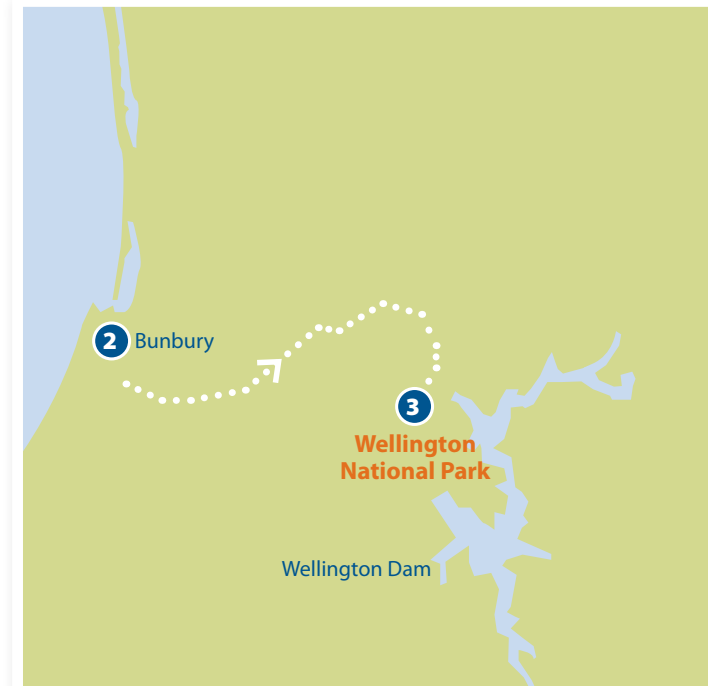
#### Short stop

Head south along Old Coast Road to Bunbury and visit the Dolphin Discovery Centre. Join a guided tour where you can swim with the wild dolphins in the open waters of Koombana Bay. A truly memorable experience.

**Bookings and enquiries:** [dolphindiscovery.com.au](http://dolphindiscovery.com.au)



Honeymoon Pool, Wellington National Park



## 3 Bunbury to Wellington National Park 46km 40 min

### South Western Hwy – Coalfields Hwy – Wellington Dam Road

Wellington National Park is just 40 minutes from Bunbury. The abundant wildflowers in the spring amongst the stands of jarrah, marri and blackbutt make this park idyllic for bushwalking and cycling on the tracks and trails. Laze about the water's edge of Wellington Dam and the Colлие River or fish and canoe to your heart's content. Take in the stunning view at Kiosk at the Dam while enjoying morning or afternoon tea or lunch.

### Camp at:



#### Honeymoon Pool

Honeymoon Pool campground is situated on the banks of the Colлие River. It has individual campgrounds for tents and small campervans.

#### Honeymoon Pool – Gelcoat

Accommodating up to three tents, Gelcoat is an open campground fantastic for small groups camping together.

#### Honeymoon Pool – Stones Brook

Take your pick of camp sites situated close to the brook near the Colлие River.

#### Potters Gorge

Camp under the shade of jarrah and marri forest on the banks of the Wellington Dam with sites available for individuals, couples or groups.