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Martins Tank campground

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 can be booked 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 RAC (WA) members, go to 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.

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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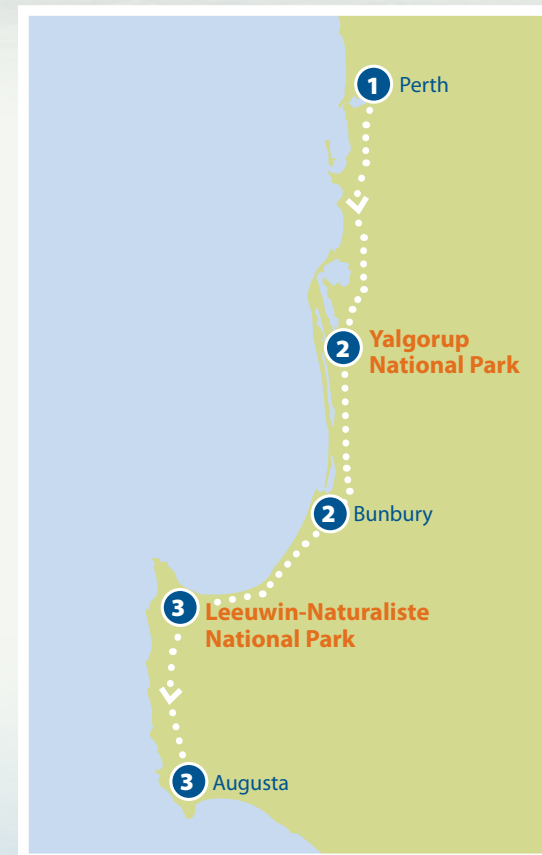
Self-drive short breaks



Perth to Augusta

Perth, Bunbury, Augusta

Take a coastal drive along magnificent coastline to discover sensational campgrounds in beautiful national parks. Take four days or more to enjoy everything this incredible stretch of coast has to offer.



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Cape to Cape Track

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

Camp at:



Martins Tank

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

Bookings essential: parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Nearby Preston Beach is a popular place to stay if Martins Tank is booked out. Go to Caravan Industry Association of WA for alternative camping options caravanwa.com.au.

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.

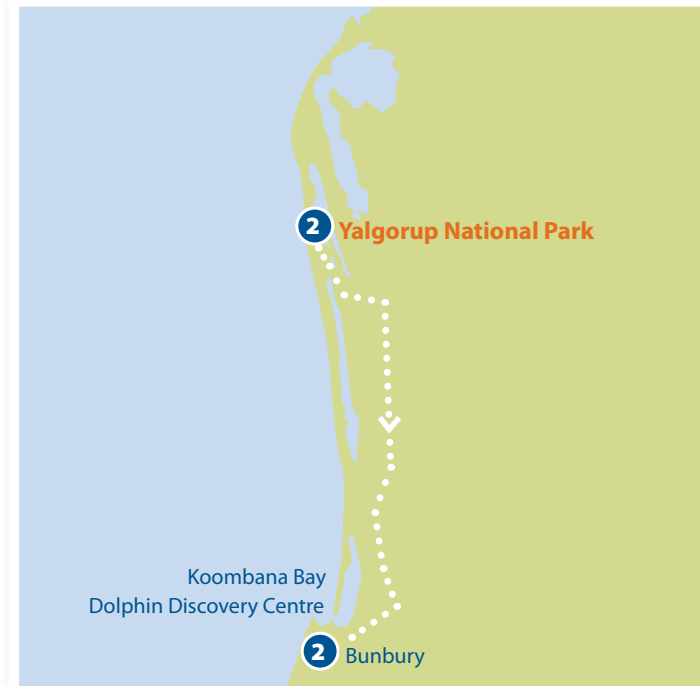


Lake Clifton, Yalgorup National Park

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 microorganisms 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



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 and swim with the wild dolphins in the open waters of Koombana Bay; a truly memorable experience.

Bookings and enquiries: dolphindiscovery.com.au



Dolphin Discovery Centre



3 Bunbury to Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park and Augusta

119km 1 hour 35 min to Conto

142km 1 hour 40 min to Augusta

Bussell Hwy

This spectacular stretch of coast boasts wild scenery, stunning white beaches, superb fishing and some of the State's best surfing breaks. Explore limestone caves or walk part of the Cape to Cape Track, a 135km walk connected by historic lighthouses at Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin, the furthest south-west corner of the continent. Conto campground is close to the coast, just 18km from Margaret River, and is the perfect base to explore all this remarkable region has to offer including the stunning Ngari Capes Marine Park.

Camp at:



Conto campground

Nestled within the shade of peppermint woodland, take advantage of the recent \$1.1

million upgrade at Conto. With incredible facilities and so many activities on offer, this campground gets booked up fast! Surf at nearby Conto Springs Beach, walk part of the Cape to Cape Track (directly accessible from the campground), or visit one of the many magnificent caves in the area. Take a drive and explore Boranup Forest and enjoy the scenic lookouts along the way.

Bookings essential: parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au



Conto beach, Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park



Conto campground



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.

