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Nearer to Nature Community

Holiday activities January–March 2019

Sparkling summer



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Nearer to Nature provides opportunities for children and families to participate in outdoor, hands-on activities in the natural environment. Whether it be in the bushland, wetlands, at the river or beach, participants can explore their surroundings in a safe manner close to their homes in suburban Perth.

Bookings and enquiries

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Membership

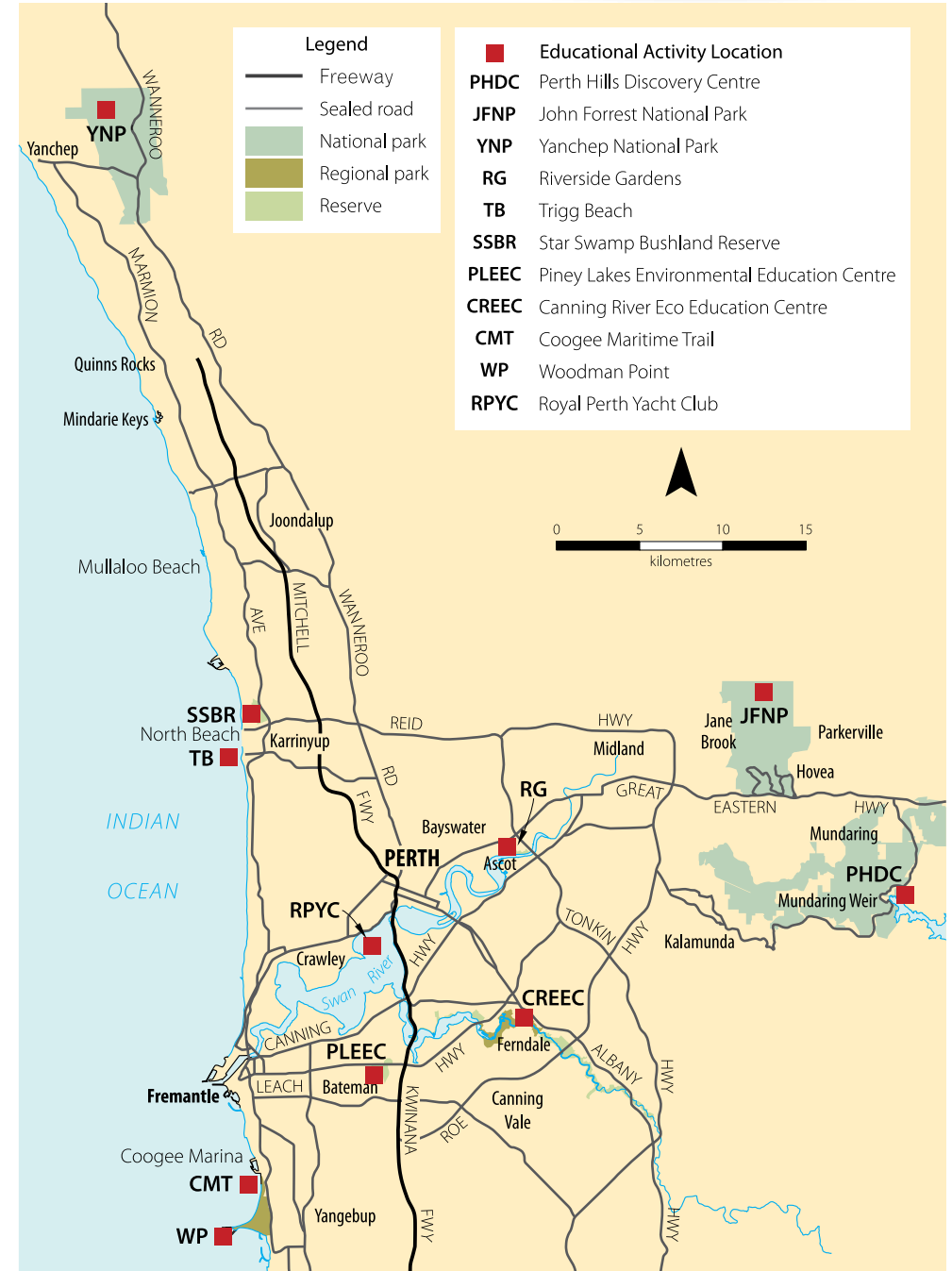
Become a *Nearer to Nature* Discovery Club member for discounts on all activities, seasonal newsletter and other member benefits.



Useful information

What to bring to all activities: water, weather-appropriate clothing and protective elements such as sunscreen and hat. Please see activity information for more details on what is needed for specific programs.

Please note attending adults are free unless an adult price is stated.



Date	Time	Activity	Drop off	Page no.	Location	Age
Mon 7 Jan	10-11.30am	Coolangar dreaming		8	YNP	4-7
Mon 7 Jan	1-2.30pm	Discovering the six seasons		9	YNP	7-12
Tue 8 Jan	10-11.30am	Tiny seed to mighty tree		15	PLEEC	4-7
Tue 8 Jan	11.30am-2.30pm	Going wild	✓	10	PLEEC	7-12
Wed 9 Jan	10-11.30am	Marvellous marine mammals		11	WP	4-7
Wed 9 Jan	1-2.30pm	N2N survivor challenge		9	WP	7-12
Wed 9 Jan	9.30am-12pm	Somethin' fishy	✓	13	WP	12-16
Thu 10 Jan	10-11.30am	Winged warriors		15	CREEC	4-7
Thu 10 Jan	10.30am-2.30pm	Paddle pursuit	✓	12	CREEC	10-13
Fri 11 Jan	10-11.30am	Enchanted marine environment		10	TB	3-7
Fri 11 Jan	1-3pm	Intertidal investigators		10	TB	7-12
Sat 12 Jan	4-6pm	Nature photography for the family		12	JFNP	5+
Mon 14 Jan	3pm-10am	Big kids campout	✓	7	PHDC	7-11
Mon 14 Jan	10-11.30am	Whoo's who? 		15	PLEEC	4-7
Mon 14 Jan	12.30-3.30pm	Deadly and dangerous 	✓	8	PLEEC	7-12
Tue 15 Jan	10-11.30am	Buzzy buzzy Aussie bee		7	CREEC	5-8
Tue 15 Jan	1-3.30pm	Swamp dwellers discovery	✓	14	CREEC	8-12
Wed 16 Jan	10-11.30am	Dolphin discovery		9	RG	4-7
Wed 16 Jan	11.30am-2.30pm	Going wild	✓	10	RG	7-12
Thu 17 Jan	10-11.30am	Meander through marine-land		11	TB	4-7
Thu 17 Jan	1-2.30pm	N2N survivor challenge		9	TB	7-12
Fri 18 Jan	10.15am-12pm	Adventure caving	✓	6	YNP	8-10

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Fri 18 Jan	12.45-2.30pm	Adventure caving	✓	6	YNP	10-14
Fri 18 Jan	10-11.30am	Sticky fingers and friends 		13	SSBR	4-7
Fri 18 Jan	9.30am-2.30pm	Sailing the Swan	✓	13	RPYC	10-16
Fri 18 Jan	6-10pm	Summer stargazing		14	PO	7+
Mon 21 Jan	10-11.30am	Creature feature 		8	PHDC	4-7
Mon 21 Jan	10am-2pm	Space cadets	✓	13	PO	8-11
Tue 22 Jan	10-11.30am	Enchanted river environment		10	CREEC	3-7
Tue 22 Jan	10.30am-3.30pm	The great canoe challenge	✓	15	CREEC	12-16
Wed 23 Jan	10am-12pm	Life underwater 		11	CMT	5-8
Wed 23 Jan	10.30am-2.30pm	Mighty maritime marathon 	✓	12	CMT	8-13
Thu 24 Jan	10-11.30am	Banksia buddies 		6	PLEEC	3-6
Thu 24 Jan	10.30am-3.30pm	Surviving the Aussie outback 	✓	14	PLEEC	7-12
Sat 16 Feb	4-7.30pm	Canoodling on the Canning 		7	CREEC	18+
Sat 9 Mar	1-3pm	Basic wildlife rescue 		6	PHDC	14+

Locations

CMT Coogee Maritime Trail

CREEC Canning River Eco Education Centre

JFNP John Forrest National Park

PHDC Perth Hills Discovery Centre

PLEEC Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre

PO Perth Observatory

RG Riverside Gardens

RPYC Royal Perth Yacht Club

SSBR Star Swamp Bushland Reserve

TB Trigg Beach

WP Woodman point

YNP Yanchep National Park



Animal encounter ✓ Drop off activity

Costs Please refer to activity information for prices



Adventure caving

Plunge into a world of darkness with a caving guide as you crawl, climb and slide your way through a wild cave environment. Marvel at fascinating formations and discover what makes limestone caves an exciting place to explore.

Age: AM session 8-10, PM session 10-14

Duration: 1hr 45min

Cost: DC \$30 Non-DC \$32

What to bring: Wear long-sleeved shirt, long pants and enclosed shoes



Basic wildlife rescue

What would you do if you saw an injured kangaroo on the side of the road? Join our wildlife carer for a basic course to find out what you can do when you see a sick, injured or deceased animal.

Age: 14+

Duration: 2hrs

Cost: DC \$15 Non-DC \$17



Banksia buddies

Banksia woodlands are common around Perth, but do you know what creatures are hiding within? Go on an adventure and see if you can find evidence of our banksia buddies. Discover what you can do to help look after our banksia woodlands and enjoy a special up-close encounter with some of the creatures who call these woodlands home.

Age: 3-6

Duration: 1.5hrs

Cost: DC \$15 Non-DC \$17



Big kids campout

Experience the forest after dark when you join us for a cool campout and an exclusive wildlife trap and release session.

Age: 7-11

Duration: 19hrs - overnight

Cost: DC \$35 Non-DC \$37

What to bring: Camping gear, dinner, breakfast (more information provided when booked)



Buzzy buzzy Aussie bee

Join us to discover more about our special native Aussie bees. Get the buzz on pollination techniques and the importance of wildflowers. Finish by making your own bee condo to take home.

Age: 5-8

Duration: 1.5hrs

Cost: DC \$12 Non-DC \$14



Canoodling on the Canning

For a special Valentines date, bring your partner for a sunset paddle along the Canning River and then have a special encounter with some adorable animals - it will be the best Valentines date ever!

Age: 18+

Duration: 3.5hrs

Cost: DC \$30 Non-DC \$32

What to bring: Wear shoes that can get wet





Coolangar dreaming

Gather up the coolangars (children) and take a journey into the Dreamtime. Discover the rich culture of Nyoongar people when you experience traditional hunting methods, storytelling through dance and how knowledge is passed down from generation to generation.

Age: 4-7
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$12 Non-DC \$14

Creature feature

Meet some of our unique and incredible native creatures and learn about their extra special features that help them to survive in the bush.

Age: 4-7
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$15 Non-DC \$17

Deadly and dangerous

In the vast state of WA, deadly and dangerous creatures come in all shapes and sizes. Discover why some of the world's most dangerous creatures call Australia home and then get up close and personal to some real-life scary species... if you dare!

Age: 7-12
Duration: 3hrs
Cost: DC \$16 Non-DC \$18



Discovering the six seasons

Did you know Aboriginal people have six seasons instead of four? They use the changing of these seasons to herald their move to new hunting grounds. Take a journey through the six seasons with a Nyoongar guide in this interactive activity held in the traditional hunting grounds of our national parks.

Age: 7-12
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$12 Non-DC \$14



Dolphin discovery

Did you know you can identify a dolphin by its dorsal fin? Get to know the dolphins that call our Swan River home playing the "who am I game" and go on a walk along the river to see if you can spot them. Join us to discover how these friendly mammals survive in the river and what you can do to keep them safe.

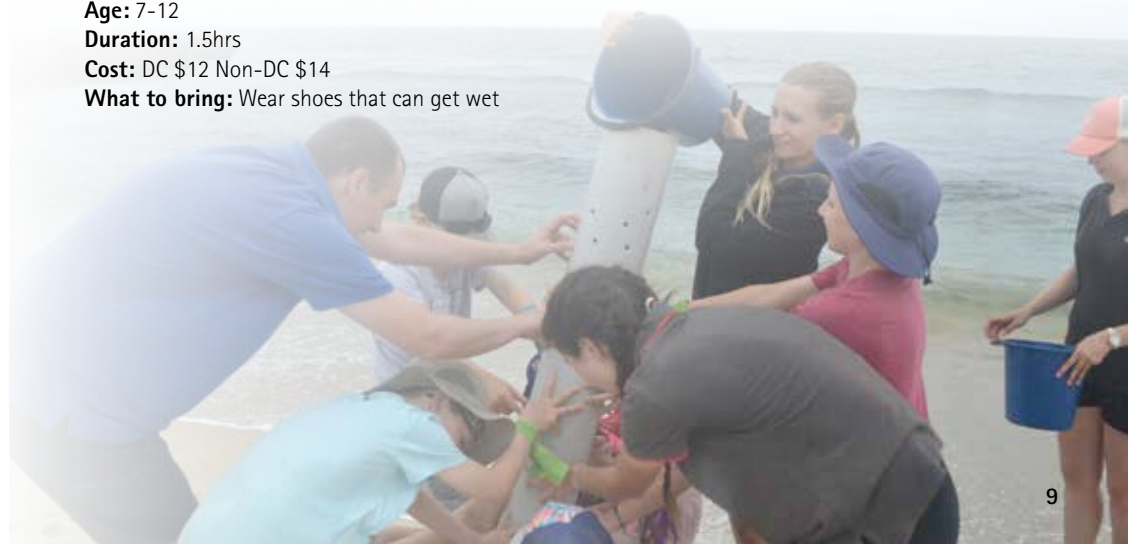
Age: 4-7
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$12 Non-DC \$14



N2N survivor challenge

Join us for *Survivor*-style team activities as you explore the challenges overcome by marine ecosystems every day. Crawl through the reef obstacle course, dodge predators in the intertidal zone and see which team comes out victorious.

Age: 7-12
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$12 Non-DC \$14
What to bring: Wear shoes that can get wet



Going wild

Bring out your inner scout as you use navigation techniques and go wild in nature. Who will be the first team to complete the GPS orienteering challenge, navigate the obstacles, uncover the hidden clues and discover the secret code?

Age: 7-12
Duration: 3hrs
Cost: DC \$16 Non-DC \$18
What to bring: Lunch



Enchanted marine environment

Join Faerie Cara on a journey of discovery through our enchanted marine environment. Take a walk along the beach and look closely to find something magical to discover how looking after nature is good for everyone.

Age: 3-7
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$14 Non-DC \$16
What to bring: Wear shoes that can get wet



Enchanted river environment

Join Faerie Cara on a journey of discovery through our enchanted riverine environment. Take a walk along the river's edge and look closely to find something magical to discover how looking after nature is good for everyone.

Age: 3-7
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$14 Non-DC \$16



Intertidal investigators

The intertidal rocky shore zone of our beaches can be a risky place to live. Join our guide for a ramble among the rock pools and learn more about the creatures and the amazing characteristics that enable them to live in this hazardous place.

Age: 7-12
Duration: 2hrs
Cost: DC \$12 Non-DC \$14
What to bring: Wear shoes that can get wet



Life underwater

Animals that live underwater have special adaptations which help them to survive. Join us and the team from Critters Up Close for a hands-on encounter with some fresh and salt water loving creatures and see if you can spot some of their extra special features.

Age: 5-8
Duration: 2hrs
Cost: DC \$15 Non-DC \$17
What to bring: Wear shoes that can get wet



Marvellous marine mammals

Did you know that mammals not only live on land but also in the sea? From dolphins to whales and even seals there is a lot to explore so join us to discover fun facts about these air-breathing marine creatures.

Age: 4-7
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$12 Non-DC \$14
What to bring: Wear shoes that can get wet



Meander through marine-land

You can learn a lot about marine creatures and their extra special features. Join 'Alicia' to understand our amazing Australian marine-land. From sea stars to urchins and crafty crustaceans and those cool cucumbers cleaning our oceans. Take a walk on the beach, play the sea creatures game, make some funky beach craft, you'll be glad you came.

Age: 4-7
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$12 Non-DC \$14
What to bring: Wear shoes that can get wet



Mighty maritime marathon

The Coogee maritime trail has lots to explore and discover. Using navigation techniques find and complete the puzzles with your teammates in this marvellous maritime marathon. Do you have what it takes to go the distance?

Join us and the team from Critters Up Close on this adventure.

Age: 8-13
Duration: 4hrs
Cost: DC \$16 Non-DC \$18
What to bring: Lunch, wear shoes that can get wet



Nature photography for the family

Learn how to capture a moment in nature with our professional guide. Parents can head out with their own cameras and learn how to use different techniques to enhance your photos, while the kids can go crazy and have fun using basic cameras to find their special moment.

Age: 5+
Duration: 2hrs
Cost: DC \$12 (child) \$16 (adult) Non-DC \$14 (child) \$18 (adult)
What to bring: At least one digital camera per family



Paddle pursuit

Head out for a paddle in three-seater Canadian canoes and collect cryptic clues to discover what species call the Canning River home.

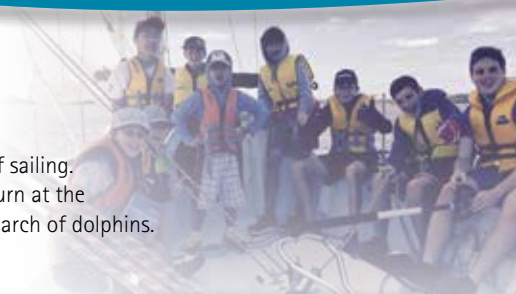
Age: 10-13
Duration: 4hrs
Cost: DC \$30 Non-DC \$32
What to bring: Lunch, shoes that can get wet



Sailing the Swan

Take to the water in 36ft yachts and discover the basics of sailing. Become part of the crew, hoist and trim the sails, take a turn at the helm as we navigate our way around the Swan River in search of dolphins.

Age: 10-15
Duration: 5hrs
Cost: DC \$35 Non-DC \$37
What to bring: Lunch, wind-proof jacket



Somethin' fishy

Join Recfishwest and have fun learning about fishing techniques and how to handle your catch. Bait your hook, practice your casting skills and see if you get the catch of the day.

Age: 12-16
Duration: 2.5hrs
Cost: DC \$18 Non-DC \$20
Note: All fishing equipment is supplied, wear shoes that can get wet



Space cadets

Join the Perth Observatory guides as you learn all about outer space. Could you survive on the moon? What does it feel like to zoom through space? What is astrophotography? Learn the answers to these questions as you get hands-on experience with the equipment and methods used to get a closer look at the universe.

Age: 8-11
Duration: 4hrs
Cost: DC \$15 Non-DC \$17
What to bring: Lunch



Sticky fingers and friends

Discover why our geckos have sticky fingers and learn about other reptiles and their adaptations to the Australian climate. Go on a lizard hunt and experience a close encounter with some friendly reptiles.

Age: 5-8
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$15 Non-DC \$17





Summer stargazing

Bring the family along to the Perth Observatory and enjoy a sausage sizzle before you peer through telescopes at the galaxy above.

Age: 7+
Duration: 4hrs
Cost: DC \$24 (child) \$28 (adult) Non-DC \$26 (child) \$30 (adult)
Note: A sausage sizzle dinner is provided

Surviving the Aussie outback

G'day mate, ever wondered how you would go surviving in the Aussie outback? Come along to learn basic survival tips from the knowledgeable Jack Jarrah and then be put to the test to see if you could survive. Learn how to treat a snake bite or look for signs of wildlife or even to find shelter in the sweltering heat.

Age: 7-12
Duration: 5hrs
Cost: DC \$28 Non-DC \$30
What to bring: Lunch



*'Don't be scared, be prepared'
 – Jack Jarrah.*

Swamp dwellers discovery

Become a scientist as you search for fascinating swamp dwellers. Using a scoop net and inspection trays, identify tiny aquatic macroinvertebrates and determine what creates a suitable habitat. Then have a close-up examination with l-scopes to create a scientific drawing of your critter.

Age: 8-12
Duration: 2.5hrs
Cost: DC \$14 Non-DC \$16
What to bring: Wear shoes that can get wet



The great canoe challenge

In teams of 2-3 in canoes, head out onto the river and learn the basics of canoeing. Compete in on-water challenges while exploring the beautiful riverine environment.

Age: 13-16
Duration: 5hrs
Cost: DC \$32 Non-DC \$34
What to bring: Lunch, wear shoes that can get wet



Tiny seed to mighty tree

How long does it take a tree to grow? Discover the magic of growth that enables a tiny seed to become a mighty tree and the many threats that seeds face.

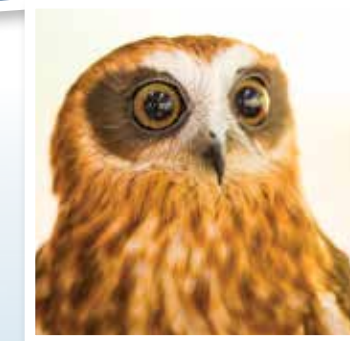
Age: 4-7
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$12 Non-DC \$14



Whoo's who?

Tawny frogmouths and owls are both incredible creatures, but just who is who? Learn more about the characteristics of our feathered friends during a special up-close encounter.

Age: 4-7
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$15 Non-DC \$17



Winged warriors

With superhero masks on, explore how the amazing winged warriors of the insect world can help save our planet. Discover how these tiny creatures can make a huge impact on ecosystems as you head out to explore their world.

Age: 4-7
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: DC \$12 Non-DC \$14





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