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Nearer to Nature Community

Holiday activities July–September 2019

Warm up for winter



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**PARKS AND
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| Sat 6 Jul | 5-7.30pm | Frog forage | | 9 | PLEEC | 7+ |
| Mon 8 Jul | 10-11.30am | Winged warriors | | 15 | YNP | 4-7 |
| Mon 8 Jul | 1-3pm | Paleontologist for a day | | 11 | YNP | 7-12 |
| Mon 8 Jul | 10am-2pm | Cadet ranger  | ✓ | 7 | PHDC | 7-12 |
| Tue 9 Jul | 10-11.30am | Squelching through swampland | | 13 | CREEC | 4-7 |
| Tue 9 Jul | 1-3.30pm | Swamp dwellers | ✓ | 14 | CREEC | 8-12 |
| Wed 10 Jul | 10-11.30am | Koolingar dreaming | | 10 | PLEEC | 4-7 |
| Wed 10 Jul | 1-3pm | Koolingar kaatajin | | 10 | PLEEC | 7-12 |
| Thu 11 Jul | 10-11.30am | Whoo's who  | | 14 | PHDC | 4-7 |
| Thu 11 Jul | 12-4pm | Bushfire battles | ✓ | 7 | PHDC | 7-13 |
| Fri 12 Jul | 10-11.30am | Sense of adventure | | 13 | SSBR | 4-7 |
| Fri 12 Jul | 1-4pm | Deadly and dangerous  | ✓ | 8 | SSBR | 7-12 |
| Sun 14 Jul | 9.30-11.30am | Mighty mushrooms | | 11 | PHDC | 5+ |
| Mon 15 Jul | 10-11.30am | Animal transformers | | 6 | RG | 4-7 |
| Mon 15 Jul | 1-3.30pm | Swamp dwellers | ✓ | 14 | RG | 8-12 |
| Tue 16 Jul | 10-11.30am | Nature's calling | | 11 | PLEEC | 3-6 |
| Tue 16 Jul | 1-3pm | How's the weather? | | 10 | PLEEC | 7-12 |
| Tue 16 Jul | 10am-3pm | Bush survival  | ✓ | 6 | PHDC | 7-13 |
| Wed 17 Jul | 10-11.30am | Slime busters | | 13 | SSBR | 4-7 |
| Wed 17 Jul | 1-3pm | Hidden treasures | | 9 | SSBR | 7-12 |
| Thu 18 Jul | 10-11.30am | Animal trails  | | 6 | CREEC | 4-7 |
| Thu 18 Jul | 1-3pm | Seize and capture  | ✓ | 12 | CREEC | 7-12 |

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| Fri 19 Jul | 10-11.30am | Enchanted bush environment | | 9 | PHDC | 3-7 |
| Fri 19 Jul | 10am-3pm | Senior ranger  | ✓ | 12 | PHDC | 7-12 |
| Sat 20 Jul | 5-7.30pm | Frog forage | | 9 | JFNP | 7+ |
| Sun 1 Sep | 9am-12pm | Catch of the 'Fathers' day | | 8 | WP | 7+ |
| Sat 14 Sep | 8.30-10.30pm | Starry nights | | 13 | PO | 8+ |

Locations

CREEC Canning River Eco Education Centre

JFNP John Forest National Park

PHDC Perth Hills Discovery Centre

PLEEC Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre

PO Perth Observatory

RG Riverside Gardens

SSBR Star Swamp Bushland Reserve

WP Woodman Point

YNP Yanchep National Park



Animal encounter



Drop off activity

Costs Please refer to activity information for prices



Animal transformers

Dragonflies, frogs and even ladybeetles start their life looking completely different to what we think. Would you recognise a baby bee if you saw one? There are many amazing animals who go through metamorphosis and 'transform' their appearance when growing up. Come learn more about the incredible lifecycles of some of our special creatures and discover not everything is at it seems in the animal world.

Age: 4-7

Duration: 1.5hrs

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

Animal trails

We cannot always see the animals hiding away in our bushlands or wetlands but they are there, waiting until it is safe to emerge. Come join us on a hunt to look for signs of animal trails. Can you identify the footprints left behind, or the diggings made by a curious critter? Bring out your inner mini detective, collect the clues and discover what animals are hiding in the environment.

Age: 4-7

Duration: 1.5hrs

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

Bush survival ✓

Join our experienced 'bushy' for a fun filled day. Trek through the bush and learn some survival tips such as which plant species are poisonous, how to collect water and signal for help. You will know what materials are best for starting a fire to stay warm and what equipment is important to keep on you for emergency situations, then finish the day with a reptile encounter.

Age: 7-13

Duration: 5hrs

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

What to bring: Lunch



Bushfire battles ✓

Do you know what it takes to respond to a bushfire? Take a look behind the scenes and learn more about the planning, logistics and operations that go into fighting a bushfire. Assess the weather and terrain conditions to understand fire behaviour, get hands on experience using maps and communication techniques. Participate in team challenges, jump aboard a Parks and Wildlife fire truck and get your hands on the equipment fire fighters need to safely protect themselves. Do you have what it takes to put out the flames?

Age: 7-13

Duration: 4hrs

Cost: DC \$26 Non-DC \$28

What to bring: Lunch

Cadet ranger ✓

Step into the shoes of a National Park ranger as you begin your ranger journey. Learn the basic tricks of the trade as you complete tasks such as wildlife monitoring, GPS navigation, 2-way radio communication, explore the workings of a light weight fire attack vehicle and come face to face with native wildlife. This is just your first step to understanding the role of a National Park ranger. Successful completion rewards you with your cadet ranger qualification at the end of the day.

Age: 7-12

Duration: 4hrs

Cost: DC \$28 Non-DC \$30

What to bring: Lunch





Catch of the 'Fathers' day

Bring your dad along for a morning of fishing. With instructors from Rec Fish West, you will have a great Father's Day morning baiting your hook, practising your casting skills and learning how to handle your catch. The best part is you don't have to bring anything or do any of the packing up! After you have mastered your fishing technique celebrate with a good ol' sausage sizzle to end a great morning with your dad.

Age: 7+

Duration: 3hrs

Cost: DC \$16ch \$20ad Non-DC \$18ch \$22ad

Please note: One father per booking is free

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 \$18 Non-DC \$20



Enchanted bush environment

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

Age: 3-7

Duration: 1.5hrs

Cost: DC \$14 Non-DC \$16

Frog forage

The search is on, so hop along to join this fun adventure! Pop on your gum boots and forage for frogs. Learn how to attract frogs into your garden with ideas on creating the perfect frog pond. Our 'froggie' guide will show you how to tune into and identify frog calls and then go on the hunt to see what species you can find.

Age: 7+

Duration: 2.5hrs

Cost: DC \$12ch \$16ad Non-DC \$14ch \$18ad

What to bring: Torch and shoes which can get wet

Hidden treasures

Ever wondered what goes on beneath your feet as you walk through the bush? Well there are many hidden treasures which live beneath the soil nobody ever really thinks about. There are Insects and burrowing mammals, underground flowers and even fungi which help our trees grow. Come and discover just how many hidden treasures lay beneath the dirt at our feet.

Age: 7-12

Duration: 2hrs

Cost: DC \$14 Non-DC \$16





How's the weather?

All around WA we experience heat, cyclones, floods, fires and freezing nights, but how do these conditions affect our wildlife? Jump into the shoes of a meteorologist and discover how animals have adapted to our extreme weather conditions. We will look at different species across the state and discuss how weather patterns may affect their breeding and living conditions.

Age: 7-12

Duration: 2hrs

Cost: DC \$14 Non-DC \$16

Koolingar dreaming

Join our Indigenous guides for a NAIDOC week special event. Spend the morning joining in on traditional activities and receive ceremonial face paint as you journey through stories of the dreamtime.

Age: 4-7

Duration: 1.5hrs

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

Koolingar kaatajin

For this NAIDOC special event, join our Indigenous guides on a trail through the six seasons, discover incredible facts about special artefacts used by Aboriginal people and listen closely to dreamtime stories.

Age: 7-12

Duration: 2hrs

Cost: DC \$14 Non-DC \$16



Mighty mushrooms

Fungi is fascinating, fantastic and fabulous. Head out on a walk and discover the mighty mushrooms hiding within the Jarrah forest. Learn some of the different species found around the Perth area and why they are a super important part of our environment.

Age: 5+

Duration: 2hrs

Cost: DC \$10ch \$14ad Non-DC \$12ch \$16ad

Nature's calling

Did you hear that? Nature is full of different sounds, from animals to the wind in the trees. Experience the calls of nature as you head out to identify the different sounds and discover why there are so many noises in nature. You will also get to create your very own bush musical instrument to take home.

Age: 3-6

Duration: 1.5hrs

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

Palaeontologist for a day

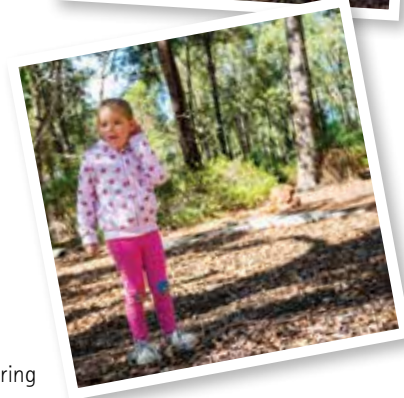
Join us and be transported back to the Pleistocene! Discover facts about marvellous mega-beasts that roamed the earth during this time and use your palaeontologist skills to uncover the bones and remnants of a giant marsupial.

Age: 7-12

Duration: 2hrs

Cost: DC \$14 Non-DC \$16

ranger (Ramble with a ranger equivalent) in order to participate in this activity.





Seize and capture

Could you tell the difference between a kite and a hawk, an eagle and a harrier? Head out on a scavenger hunt and collect clues to discover the differences between common Perth raptors. Discover how these feathered flyers hunt, shape their wings to dive and attack or soar. Then have a meet and greet with these majestic birds.

Age: 7-12

Duration: 2.5hrs

Cost: DC \$16 Non-DC \$18

Senior ranger

So, you successfully passed your cadet ranger training and you want more.... Head out on a hike and delve deeper into the maintenance roles of rangers, take a tour through the fire sheds to inspect the firefighting equipment used in wildfires, conduct a flora survey and come face-to-face with members of the reptile family. Successful completion rewards you with a senior ranger qualification at the end of the day.

Please note: Ideally your child should complete the Cadet ranger (Ramble with a ranger equivalent) in order to participate in this activity.

Age: 7-12

Duration: 5hrs

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

What to bring: Day pack, lunch, good walking shoes



Sense of adventure

Expand your senses and head out on a scavenger hunt through the bush and discover how different species use sight, sound, taste, touch and feel to survive. As you travel around completing challenges, your eyes will be opened to an unusual way of viewing the world and you will have a new appreciation of the species who live within.

Age: 4-7

Duration: 1.5hrs

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

Slime busters

Slime is slippery, sticky and pretty disgusting!! Some creatures love to make their very own gross slime, do you know what it's for? Become a slime buster and discover how some creatures use slime to help them move around or as a defence against predators. After delving into their world, create your own slime monster to take home.

Age: 4-7

Duration: 1.5hrs

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

Squelching through swampland

Join 'Alicia' and delve into the world of our swamp-land dwellers, they are unique with their extra special propellers. From boatmen to frogs and backswimmers galore you'll find species aplenty on the cool swampy floor. Squelch through our swamps, play the turtle game, make some watery craft, you'll be glad you came.

Age: 4-7

Duration: 1.5hrs

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

Starry nights

Bring the family along to the Perth Observatory and peer through telescopes at the galaxy above. Learn how to spot the constellations and clusters which appear in our night sky.

Age: 8+

Duration: 2hrs

Cost: DC \$24ch \$28ad Non-DC \$26ch \$30ad





Swamp dwellers ✓

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 I-scopes to create a scientific drawing of your critter.

Age: 8-12

Duration: 2.5hrs

Cost: DC \$14 Non-DC \$16

Whoo's who

Tawny frogmouths and owls are both incredible creatures with very similar looking features, but just who is who? Learn more about the characteristics of our feathered friends and discover how to tell the difference between these contrasting species. Join in on puzzles, spot the difference and 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.

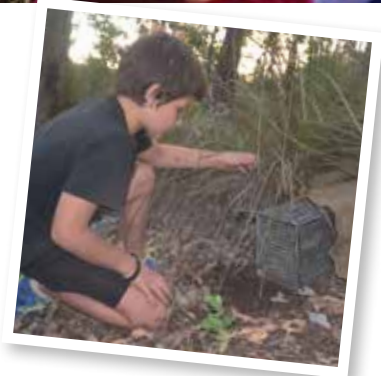
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Duration: 1.5hrs

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