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# National, marine and regional parks in Western Australia



# Visitor guide









Department of Parks and Wildlife



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The maps in this booklet should be used as a guide only and not for navigational purposes.

### Welcome

Welcome to a place where world-class parks showcase stunning ancient landscapes, an incredible collection of plants and animals and land rich with Aboriginal culture and heritage.

Some of these natural treasures are of global significance. Shark Bay, with vast seagrass meadows, stromatolites and one of the world's largest dugong populations; the Ningaloo Coast, with striking natural landscapes, biologically diverse coral reef, turtles and whale sharks; and Purnululu, with its distinctive banded dome formations, have been listed as World Heritage Areas.

Swim with the world's largest fish, walk among the ancient treetops, sleep under a canopy of stars in the outback or explore gorges and wilderness areas. Visit foreshores fringed with white beaches, rocky islands and sheer cliffs along isolated coastlines or walk through more than 100 national parks and reserves across the state's rangelands, tussock country, forests, savanna bushlands, woodlands and deserts.

A trip to Western Australia is a truly unique experience. Please enjoy your visit.

## People in parks

Parks are place's where people can connect with nature and escape the stresses, noise and pollution of modern day life and urban environments. They are perfect places for relaxation and also for healthy, fun, challenging and inspiring physical activities with family and friends. Visiting a park is a great way to improve physical, mental and social health.

Parks in regional areas are not only places for local communities to enjoy but are also major ecotourism attractions. They draw thousands of visitors every year from other parts of WA, interstate and overseas to see and experience the nature of WA.

The Department of Parks and Wildlife recognises the important role that parks play in the health and wellbeing of the community, as well as in regional tourism, and is committed to providing more high quality visitor services and facilities.

## **Universal access**

Picnic areas, trails, toilets and camping facilities providing suitable access, enable people with disabilities to enjoy many of the State's natural attractions. The Department is committed to applying universal access principles to our parks, visitor facilities and services. Visit **accesswa.com.au** for park access details. For any further information contact the local Parks and Wildlife office (see Helpful contacts on page 65) before your visit.

## What's in a name?

#### World Heritage

World Heritage areas are places of outstanding universal values on a global scale. A World Heritage listing recognises these areas and their international



significance, ensuring that their heritage value is passed on to future generations. Parks and Wildlife manages three World Heritage areas: Shark Bay, Ningaloo Coast and Purnululu National Park.

#### National park

National parks are areas that have national significance for scenic, cultural or biological values, and can accommodate recreation that is consistent with maintaining these values.

#### Marine park

Marine parks are created to protect the area's natural features and maintain its beauty while enabling compatible recreation and commercial activities. Make sure you know your zones before fishing.

#### **Regional park**

Perth's regional parks are urban havens managed to preserve and restore valuable ecosystems and cultural heritage while encouraging a range of sustainable nature-based recreation activities.

#### **Conservation park**

Conservation parks are managed identically to national parks but mostly have regional or local, rather than national significance.

#### Nature reserve

Nature reserves are areas set aside for the primary purpose of conservation. They are managed to maintain and restore the natural environment, and to protect, care for and promote the study of indigenous flora and fauna.

#### State forest

State forest containing indigenous vegetation is managed for purposes such as recreation and nature conservation, the protection of water catchments and the production of a sustainable harvest of timber.

## Who manages the parks in this guide?

The Department of Parks and Wildlife is responsible for managing the State's national parks, marine parks, state forests and other reserves, including most of those in this guide.

Some parks and reserves including Lalang-garram / Camden Sound Marine Park, Murujuga National Park and Ngamoowalem Conservation Park are managed jointly by Parks and Wildlife and their traditional owners.

The management of regional parks may be coordinated between different management agencies, including Parks and Wildlife, local government authorities and private land owners.

## Camping

Camping in WA's parks is a special experience and is all about connecting with nature. Camping enables visitors to remain in parks overnight or for extended stays and enhance their outdoor experiences.

Just as every park is unique, every campground is a little different. Some campgrounds are ideal for first-time campers. They are sheltered, have excellent facilities and there will often be other campers nearby to lend a hand if necessary. In other campgrounds campers may need to be more experienced and self-sufficient.

Some campgrounds have facilities such as gas barbecues, camp kitchens, flushing toilets and showers. Some have purpose-built sleeping shelters or existing buildings adapted for accommodation. At some former pastoral stations, you can sleep in the old homestead or outbuildings. Others will have little more than cleared sites for tents and a no-flush toilet. There may be no-one else there at all but many people who camp in parks prefer it that way!

A lot of campgrounds have sites large enough for campervans, trailers or caravans and good access roads although these may be unsealed.

At some campgrounds you can use a generator at certain times of the day; at others they are not permitted. You can enjoy a campfire at many campgrounds for part of the year but at other times the risk of bushfire is too great for fires to be permitted at all.

Generally, there will be no shops, power, running water, rubbish bins and probably no mobile phone service. There will be no full-time staff on-site although volunteer campground hosts may also be camping on-site and staff do visit all campgrounds periodically.

Some campgrounds have camping fees M and while some can be booked online most are paid either directly to staff or volunteers at the park or at self-registration stations at park entrances and in campgrounds.

Parks where camping is permitted and where caravans can be accommodated in this guide are indicated by the camping A and caravan 🖵 symbols.

You can search for campgrounds and their facilities, compare them, create a shortlist of alternatives and even book some online at parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au.

#### Chemical toilets

Many toilets in parks and roadside bays rely on bioaction and composting. The chemicals used to stabilise on-board waste systems in mobile homes, campervans and trailers can destroy the biological systems in these toilets. Waste from portable toilets must not be dumped in campground toilets. Use dump points provided in town sites. You can use toiletmap.gov.au to locate dump points.

### Fees

Daily entrance fees \$ and camping fees  $\bigstar$  apply at the parks indicated in this guide. Money raised from these fees contributes to the management of parks, protection of the environment and the development and maintenance of visitor services and facilities.

Entry fees are payable only on the day you arrive but camping fees are paid per person/per night. If the park does not have entry fees, or if you hold a park pass, you will only need to pay for camping.

If there is no-one present at the park entrance to collect your fees please follow the payment instructions at the self-registration station. You can find out if fees are payable and how much they are before you arrive. Pick up a copy of *Park visitor fees* from a visitor centre or Parks and Wildlife office or check details at parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/ **know/fees** and have the right money ready.

You can upgrade any Day Entry Pass by taking it to a Parks and Wildlife office within seven days of purchase. You will receive the value of the entry fee off the cost of a Holiday Pass or any annual pass.

### Park passes

Park passes offer both value for money and convenience.

- The Holiday Pass provides unlimited entry to all parks for up to four weeks.
- The Annual All Parks Pass provides unlimited entry to all parks for 12 months. A concession Annual All Parks Pass is also available for holders of a range of Australian issued cards
- The Goldstar Pass combines an Annual All Parks Pass with an annual subscription to Parks and Wildlife's awardwinning LANDSCOPE magazine.



 The Annual Local Park Pass, for local residents or ratepayers only, provides unlimited entry to one park or specified group of local parks, for 12 months.

Park passes cover the cost of entry into parks for vehicles with up to 12 legally seated people. Separate fees apply for camping and for various attractions such as the Avon Descent; Calgardup, Giants or Cabaret caves; Dryandra Woodland; Araluen Botanic Park; Geikie Gorge boat trip; Monkey

Mia Conservation Park; Penguin Island Discovery Centre; Perth Observatory and the Tree Top Walk. Two vehicles can be included under the same pass but only one vehicle can be used at a time.

Passes are available online at shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au, at most Parks and Wildlife offices and at selected tourist outlets and retail stores. To purchase a pass over the phone or for details of your nearest park pass outlet, phone (08) 9219 9000.







# Safety in parks

When visiting parks be aware of the risks and take responsibility for your own safety and the safety of others with you, especially children. Plan ahead and choose your walks and activities to match your level of preparedness, experience and fitness.

### Plan ahead

- Check park, road and weather conditions before you leave.
- Check for fire restrictions, Total Fire Bans, fire alerts and warnings at **emergency.wa.gov.au**.
- Tell a responsible person where you are going, what you are doing and when you expect to return. Discuss with them what they should do if you are overdue. Consider an online service such as **trailnote.com**.

#### Take the right equipment

- Ensure your equipment is in good condition.
- Take essential supplies such as first aid kit, torch, matches, extra fuel and plenty of food and water.
- Take extra clothing and wet-weather gear. Weather can change quickly.
- Mobile phones can be useful but don't rely on them for safety as many parks have limited or no coverage. It is recommended you carry a personal locator beacon or satellite phone.

#### Take care in and near water

- Swim with caution. Beaches and rivers in parks are not patrolled. Check water depth, current and temperature as well as for underwater obstacles such as logs or rocks.
- In tropical waters in summer, check for the presence of jellyfish.
- Be Crocwise. In waters north of Exmouth and tidal creeks and rivers of the Kimberley beware of crocodiles.

#### Safe fishing

- Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to be back.
- Never fish alone, always fish with a buddy.
- Know the area and know the conditions. Read all safety signage.
- Wear appropriate clothing, cleats and life jackets if rock fishing.
- Observe first, fish later spend at least 20 minutes watching the ocean to get an idea of swells and waves.
- Be wary of strong winds and slippery rocks.
- Stay alert never turn your back on the ocean.
- Learn about rock fishing safety at recfishwest.org.au/fishing-in-wa.

#### Things that sting or bite

• Wear protective clothing and insect repellent to protect you from stings, scratches and insect bites, especially bites from ticks.

#### Water

The availability of water in parks, especially for drinking, cannot be guaranteed so always carry enough for your own needs.

Any available water should be treated to make it safe for consumption unless it is indicated as safe to drink.

#### Weather

- Avoid sunburn with hat, shirt and sunscreen, even on overcast days.
- To protect yourself against heat stroke:
  - Wear a hat and loose protective clothing
  - Drink 3 to 4 litres of water per day when walking
  - Walk in the cooler times of the day.



# Remember safety is our concern but your responsibility.

# **Tracks and trails**

Immerse yourself in WA's natural wonders by walking, cycling, canoeing, riding or snorkelling along a track or trail. Each region in this vast State has a network of trails that will stimulate your senses, taking you from remote mountain ranges to colourful coral reefs. There is something to satisfy everyone's nature-based appetite. Many of the best trails can be found on **trailswa.com.au**.

The Bibbulmun Track is one of the world's greatest walk trails. Stretching 1000km between Kalamunda and Albany, it traverses a range of landscapes from tall forests to the rugged southern coastline. For maps, guidebooks and more information



contact the Bibbulmun Track Foundation on (08) 9481 0551 or visit **bibbulmuntrack.org.au** (see maps on pages 30, and 48 and 49).

The Munda Biddi Trail extends from the Perth hills to Albany more than 1000km. It boasts a range of purpose-built cycling facilities, unrivalled by any other long distance cycle trail in the world. For maps, guidebooks and more information contact the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation on (08) 9481 2483 or visit **mundabiddi.org.au** (see maps on pages 30, and 48 and 49).



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### **Leave No Trace**

You can contribute to conservation and help ensure that our parks will be enjoyed by future generations. Each time you visit a park follow any local instructions as well as the low impact principles of 'Leave No Trace'.

#### 1) Plan ahead and prepare

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the areas you'll visit.
- While on Parks and Wildlife managed lands, all vehicles must be licensed under the *Road Traffic Act 1974* and must comply with the regulations of this Act.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.

#### 2) Travel and camp on durable surfaces

• Stay on established roads, tracks and paths and camp only in designated areas.

#### 3) Dispose of waste properly

- · Leave no rubbish or other traces of your visit.
- Respect drinking water catchments, don't swim or bathe in streams, dams or rivers.
- If toilets are not available, human waste should be buried 10-15cm deep and at least 100m away from the nearest watercourse.

#### 4) Leave what you find

- Respect Indigenous art and other sites of cultural significance. Always get appropriate permission to enter these areas. Observe, but do not touch art, cultural, and historic structures and artifacts.
- Avoid the spread of dieback by cleaning mud off boots and tyres.
- · Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.

#### 5) Minimise the impact of fire

- Check fire regulations first.
- Preferably use a fuel stove.
- · Light campfires in designated fireplaces only.
- · Extinguish fires completely and clean up.
- Extinguish cigarette butts completely and take them with you.

#### 6) Respect wildlife

- Do not feed native animals or birds.
- Observe wildlife from a distance. Don't approach or follow.
- Be very careful about approaching any injured animals such as a kangaroo. If you find sick, injured or orphaned native wildlife call the WILDCARE helpline (08) 9474 9055.
- Detour around snakes. Never provoke them.

#### 7) Be considerate of your hosts and other visitors

• Be courteous to other park users.

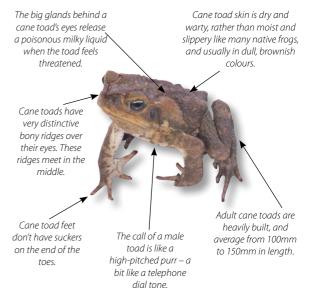
For more information on Leave No Trace visit LNT.org.au or phone (08) 9384 9062.

### **Cane toads**

Cane toads are one of the world's most invasive species and a major environmental pest in Australia. The Department and community groups are working together to slow their movement throughout WA.

Cane toads are great stowaways and can easily be transported accidentally. To prevent their further spread please inspect your vehicles and camping equipment while travelling in WA. Please report cane toad sightings outside of the East Kimberley by phone to 1800 449 453 or contact the nearest Parks and Wildlife office.

#### For more information visit dpaw.wa.gov.au/canetoads.



### Pets in parks

Dogs on leads may be taken to certain areas within regional parks around Perth, most State forests (except for Dryandra Woodland) and parts of Lane Poole Reserve. Dogs may also travel in boats in marine parks and marine management areas.

Apart from this, domestic pets are not permitted in national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves, marine parks and marine nature reserves. Reasons for the exclusion of pets include the need to protect native animals, consideration of the rights of other park users and protection of pets from baits used to control feral pests that will also kill domestic animals if eaten. Assistance dogs are permitted in parks but the risks from poison baits need to be considered by their owners.

If you are in doubt as to whether you can take your dog onto land managed by Parks and Wildlife, contact the local Parks and Wildlife office (see Helpful contacts on page 65).

# **Useful information**

# WA NATURALLY publications





Let WA Naturally publications guide you on an amazing journey through Western Australia's parks and reserves.



# View the entire range of *WA Naturally* publications online at shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au

# WA Naturally publications

WA Naturally publications are available from good bookstores, visitor centres, newsagencies Parks and Wildlife visitor centres (refer to the back page for details,) online at shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au, in person at Parks and Wildlife's head office located at 17 Dick Perry Avenue, Kensington

Phone (08) 9219 9071 or (08) 9219 9072 Fax (08) 9219 9839 Email customer.service@dpaw.wa.gov.au shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au

# **Tourism information**

The best place to start for things to see and do, accommodation and tours for your Western Australian holiday is at **westernaustralia.com**.

More information for each of the five tourism regions can be found at:

- australiasnorthwest.com
- australiascoralcoast.com
- experienceperth.com
- australiasgoldenoutback.com
- australiassouthwest.com.

### **Choosing accommodation and tours**

All accommodation providers and tour operators working in the parks in this guide are accredited. When you choose an operator who has the 'tick of approval' you can expect:

- professional customer service
- accuracy in advertising
- sound environmental practices



- compliance with health and safety standards
- an appropriately licensed and qualified operator.

Search for accredited accommodation and tours in WA at westernaustralia.com and at trustthetick.com.au.

### **Visitor centres**

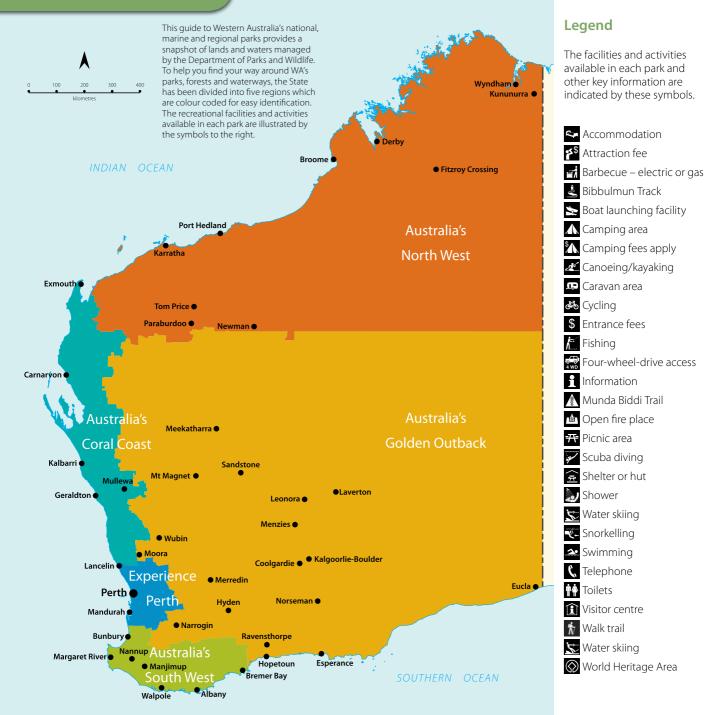
Accredited visitor centres display the blue and yellow "*i*" symbol and can help with maps, accommodation, tour bookings and local knowledge.



Location and other details for accredited visitor centres can be found at **trustthei.com.au**.



# **Useful information**

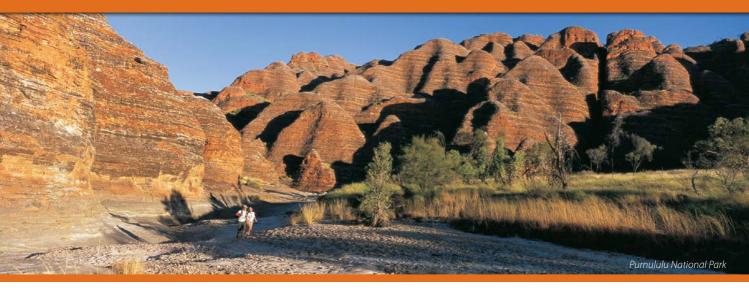


# **Australia's North West**



# Australia's North West sites

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East Kimberley								
1. Mirima National Park (Hidden Valley)								
2. Mitchell River National Park								
3. Ngamoowalem Conservation Park								
4. Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve								
5. Purnululu National Park								
6. Wolfe Creek Meteorite Crater National Park								
West Kimberley								
7. Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park								
8. Geikie Gorge National Park								
9. King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park								



# **East Kimberley**

### 1. Mirima National Park (Hidden Valley)

Just a stone's throw from Kununurra, and yet it seems a world away, this park is a valley with rugged cliffs forming amphitheatres, gullies and ridges. Aboriginal people have lived in this secluded spot for thousands of years. The park is popular for sight-seeing, walking, photography and nature observation.

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#### 2km E Kununurra

### 2. Mitchell River National Park

This four-wheel drive access only park encompasses parts of the spectacular Mitchell Plateau, as well as the Mitchell and Mertons falls, and Surveyors Pool. It is a significant Aboriginal cultural and heritage site and has small patches of rainforest around the margins of the plateau.

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#### 500km NW Kununurra

#### 3. Ngamoowalem Conservation Park

Just a short drive west of Kununurra, in the stunning landscape of the Livistona Range, the park offers seasonal waterfalls, permanent pools and a diversity of plant life including cycads and fan palms. There are picnic areas on Valentines Road and Molly Springs off Victoria Highway. The park is jointly managed by the Miriuwung Gajerrong Aboriginal Corporation and Parks and Wildlife.

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#### 19km W Kununurra

### 4. Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve

This internationally important wetland has abundant bird life and is a popular spot for birdwatching. A boardwalk and viewing platform provide interpretation panels to help identify birds at Marlgu Billabong.

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#### 80km NW Kununurra, 20km S Wyndham

#### 5. Purnululu National Park

The towering domes of the Bungle Bungles with their orange, black or grey bands are cut by gorges and chasms that conceal pools and provide habitat for ferns, figs and majestic palms. The Purnululu Visitor



Centre presents information on the area's heritage, conservation and cultural values and has books, souvenirs, local artworks and cool drinks for sale. Road access is by high clearance four-wheel-drive only. Visit **parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au** for advice on camp site bookings. Flights from regional centres, tours, accommodation at privately operated facilities and scenic flights are usually available.

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#### 250km S Kununurra or 109km N Halls Creek via Great Northern Highway

### 6. Wolfe Creek Meteorite Crater National Park

Most visitors come to this park to marvel at the crater itself. It is the second largest crater in the world from which fragments of a meteorite have been collected. The crater is 880m across and almost circular.

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#### 160km S Halls Creek via Tanami Road

# West Kimberley

# 7. Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park

With 220km of white sand and vibrant turquoise waters, this marine park is popular for beach fishing, wildlife viewing, beachcombing and bird watching. It is one of the world's most important feeding grounds for migratory shorebirds and waders. Caravan and camping facilities are available near the main access points.

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#### 100km S Broome, 190km NE Port Hedland

### 8. Geikie Gorge National Park

View spectacular multicoloured 30-metre deep cliffs carved by the floodwaters of the Fitzroy River through the Devonian fossil reef. Guided boat tours begin in May and end at the end of October (weather permitting). Phone (08) 9191 5121 or (08) 9195 5500 for more information.

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#### 20km NE Fitzroy Crossing

## 9. King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park

This park boasts rugged sandstone mountains and granite outcrops, gorges, tropical woodlands, palm groves and abundant bird life. Popular with campers, Silent Grove campground is the gateway to stunning Bell Gorge. Lennard Gorge is a spectacular narrow gorge. Accommodation is available at the privately operated Mt Hart Homestead. Phone (08) 9169 1995.

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#### 190km NE Derby, 480km W Kununurra off Gibb River Road

### 10. Lalang-garram / Camden Sound Marine Park

Accessible by boat, including vessels on multi-day cruises or scenic flight fly-overs, the park is the most important humpback whale nursery in the southern hemisphere. It features spectacular coastal scenery and the incredible spectacle of Montgomery Reef emerging from the sea at low tide. The park is jointly managed by the Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation and Parks and Wildlife.

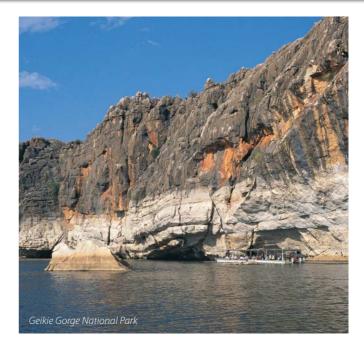
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#### 300km NE Broome



# Saltwater (estuarine) crocodiles

In coastal and inland waters of the Pilbara and Kimberley beware of crocodiles. In our north crocs are common, crocs move around and crocs are deadly. Be Crocwise and seek local advice from Parks and Wildlife offices.



## **11. Rowley Shoals Marine Park**

The Rowley Shoals encompasses three shelf atoll reefs encircling shallow lagoons. These clear, oceanic reefs support a high diversity of marine flora and fauna which is why the marine park is fast gaining a reputation for offering some of the best diving in Australia.



#### 300km NW Broome

### **12. Tunnel Creek National Park**

Home to WA's oldest cave system, Tunnel Creek flows through a water worn tunnel beneath the devonian reef. Walk 750m through the tunnel to the other side of the range. Wade through several permanent pools and watch for bats and the stalactites that descend from the roof in many places.

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#### 110km NW Fitzroy Crossing, 174km E Derby

## 13. Windjana Gorge National Park

Located where the Lennard River dissects the Napier Range, this is one of the Kimberley's most stunning gorges, reaching 100m high in some places. See the striking glory of a 350 million-year-old reef rising majestically above the surrounding plains.

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### 145km NW Fitzroy Crossing, 139km E Derby

## 14. Dampier Archipelago island reserves

The 42 islands, islets and rocks of Dampier Archipelago have exceptional natural beauty and are highly valued conservation and heritage areas. Many of the Archipelago's islands are reserves that are managed to protect unique habitats for plants and animals. Public access is not allowed on some islands as they are nesting sites for threatened seabird populations and marine turtles.

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45km radius from Dampier

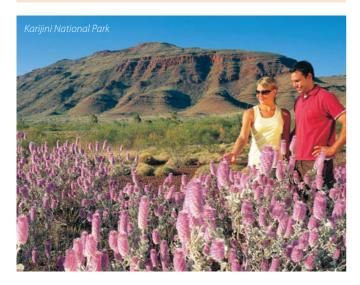
## 15. Karijini National Park

The second largest national park in WA, Karijini is one of the most spectacular sights in the Pilbara. Set in the Hamersley Range, walk trails lead deep into breathtaking gorges, with crystal clear rock pools and waterfalls. The area is steeped in Aboriginal culture and the Karijini National Park Visitor Centre highlights the natural and cultural values of the park. Souvenirs, cold drinks and ice are available. The centre's design represents kurramunthu, the goanna, and is made from Cor-ten steel to blend with the landscape and safeguard the building from bushfires.

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75km E Tom Price, 325km S Port Hedland, 225km NW Newman

Gorges are picturesque but please heed all warning signs for your safety.





### 16. Millstream Chichester National Park

Located along the Fortescue River is the Millstream oasis, a haven for birdlife. It has a landscape of rolling hills, spectacular escarpments and winding tree-lined watercourses. The Chichester Range rises sharply from the coastal plain and includes rocky peaks, tranquil gorges and hidden rock pools. The homestead visitor centre was built in 1919 and is adjacent to the Millstream wetlands. It is representative of the pastoral stations in the State's north-west that were managed by European pastoralists and supported by populations of aboriginal people who worked and lived on the station. The centre is not staffed but is open daily.

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#### 150km SE Karratha

### 17. Montebello Islands Marine Park

Turquoise green waters provide amazing diving and fishing experiences. They lace the white sandy beaches of this group of nearly 100 limestone islands. Some islands are a haven for threatened wildlife and quarantine measures are in place to protect these unique species. For more information about these quarantine measures phone (08) 9182 2000.

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125km W Karratha

### 18. Murujuga National Park

Murujuga became WA's 100th national park in 2013. The park and the Burrup Peninsula are considered to host the largest concentration of ancient rock art in the world, dating back more than 30,000 years. The park is jointly managed by the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation and Parks and Wildlife. Along with the Dampier Archipelago, it lies within a National Heritage Place.



#### 6km NW Karratha, 3km E Dampier

# Australia's Coral Coast



# Australia's Coral Coast sites

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19. Cape Range National Park					
20. Ningaloo Marine Park					
Shark Bay World Heritage Area					
21. Dirk Hartog Island National Park					
22. Francois Peron National Park					
23. Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve					
24. Monkey Mia Conservation Park					
25. Shark Bay Marine Park					
26. Shell Beach Conservation Park					
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68. Kennedy Range National Park (see pages 40 and 42)





# Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area



## **19. Cape Range National Park**

The Cape Range boasts deep canyons and rugged ridges that provide a unique and spectacular contrast to the adjacent Ningaloo Reef. Wildlife is abundant with birds, reptiles, wild flowers, kangaroos and the charismatic black footed rock wallaby commonly sighted. Highlights include camping along the pristine and beautiful coastline and visits to Yardie Creek, which flows between sheer cliffs. The Milyering Discovery Centre offers interpretive displays and visitor information, snorkelling equipment hire and souvenirs and refreshments for sale. Visit **parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au** for advice on camp site bookings.

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#### 50km W Exmouth

### 20. Ningaloo Marine Park

Home to turtles, dolphins, dugongs, manta rays, colourful tropical fish, an abundance of hard and soft corals and whale sharks - the largest fish in the sea, the 300-kilometre-long Ningaloo Reef offers recreation from whale shark tours and world-class diving through to family snorkelling in sheltered lagoons just off the beach. For your safety, take note of warning signs in the park to avoid snorkelling in strong currents. Fishing is permitted in Ningaloo Marine Park waters however there are a number of sanctuary (no take) zones set aside for the conservation of marine life. For a comprehensive map outlining these sanctuary zones and more information about fishing in Ningaloo Marine Park please contact the Milyering Discovery Centre on (08) 9949 2808.



From 10km N Exmouth

# Shark Bay World Heritage Area



Massive cliffs along this remote island's exposed west coast contrast sharply with the sheltered beaches and rocky headlands on its east coast. Limited camping is available in designated camp sites with no facilities. Vehicles can be transported to the island by private barge from March to October. Bookings are essential. Intending visitors are advised to research thoroughly and contact the Denham Parks and Wildlife office on (08) 9948 1208.

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### 40km W Denham by boat, 230km SW Denham by road (4WD)

## 22. Francois Peron National Park

This park offers rare wildlife and spectacular coastal scenery with dramatic contrasts of red cliffs, blue water and white beaches. The Peron heritage precinct can be accessed by two-wheel drive and has an interpretive display in the old station overseer's quarters, a self-guided walk trail, picnic facilities and a hot tub where visitors can soak in artesian water. A high clearance four-wheel drive is needed to explore the wilderness area north of the heritage precinct.





## 23. Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve

Hamelin Pool is one of only two places in the world with living marine stromatolites, or 'living fossils'. A boardwalk with information panels gives a fascinating insight into the formation and geology of the stromatolites. Food, information and camping facilities are available at the adjacent Hamelin Pool Telegraph Station and Hamelin Pool Pastoral Station.

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#### 100km SE Denham, 230km S Carnarvon, 300km N Geraldton

### 24. Monkey Mia Conservation Park

For the chance to befriend enchanting bottlenose dolphins, a visit to Monkey Mia is a must. The dolphins are famous for their almost daily ritual of visiting the shore to interact with humans. Three generations of dolphins are now regular visitors to the beach. Monkey Mia Visitor Centre has interpretive displays providing insight into dolphins and the unique Shark Bay region as well as a range of books and souvenirs. Park passes are not valid for entry to Monkey Mia Conservation Park.

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#### 25km NE Denham

### 25. Shark Bay Marine Park

With more than 1,500km of meandering coastline, Shark Bay is Australia's largest marine embayment supporting a profusion of marine life. The landscape varies from rugged sea cliffs to tranquil lagoons and beaches of sand or shell. A visit to Eagle Bluff, a 300-metre boardwalk along the cliff top, provides great vantage points for viewing marine life and coastal vistas.

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# Access via several boat ramps including Denham, Nanga and Monkey Mia

## 26. Shell Beach Conservation Park

Enjoy a walk along a beach like no other. Formed entirely of billions of tiny white sea shells, heaped into ridges up to 10m deep, Shell Beach is unique because it's made up of shells of just one type of animal. The consolidated shells were once cut into blocks to construct a number of historic buildings in the area.



50km SE Denham

# Kalbarri and Geraldton

## 27. Coalseam Conservation Park

This park's acacia shrubland, with its sparse understorey, comes alive with 'everlasting' wildflowers after good winter rains. Marine fossils and seams of coal are exposed along the banks of the Irwin River.

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#### 100km E Geraldton, 30km N Mingenew on Mullewa Road

### 28. Kalbarri National Park

Visitors can marvel at nature's ability to carve the landscape, explore the depths and heights of the river gorges and sea cliffs, admire the floral beauty of the rolling sand plains and discover the intriguing cultural history of the area. Magnificent wildflowers set the landscape ablaze with colour from July to November.

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#### Kalbarri

Gorges are picturesque but please heed all warning signs for your safety.



# **Cervantes and Jurien Bay**

## 29. Badgingarra National Park

This park boasts extensive wildflowers in spring. Experience this wonderland from an interpretive wildflower trail that starts near the roadhouse.

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### 50km SE Jurien Bay, 190km N Perth on Brand Highway

## 30. Beekeepers Nature Reserve

Visit Grigson's and Molah Hill lookouts. These are located near Indian Ocean Drive north and south of Jurien Bay. They offer stunning views of the coast and hinterland.



#### **Jurien Bay**

## 31. Jurien Bay Marine Park

Explore the islands and experience an incredible variety of marine life, including sea lions and dolphins, along the offshore reefs.

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Access via several boat ramps including Jurien Bay, 250km N Perth, Cervantes and Green Head.

## 32. Lesueur National Park

Lesueur ranks as one of the most important reserves for flora conservation in WA with much of its exceptionally diverse flora found nowhere else in the world. The park boasts a scenic drive, lookouts and trails that let you discover the wildflowers and magnificent views.



20km NE Jurien Bay



# 33. Nambung National Park

Nambung features wonderful beaches, huge white shifting sand dunes and beautiful wildflowers as well as one of the world's most spectacular karst landscapes, the Pinnacles Desert, where thousands of huge limestone pillars rise from the shifting yellow sands. The Pinnacles Desert Discovery centre has displays of the complex processes that, over the last half million years, have produced the wide variety of pinnacles visible today and the unique coastal heath biodiversity of the park. An elegant gift shop offers a wide range of souvenirs and gifts.



### 245km N Perth

### 34. Stockyard Gully Reserve

This park has a 300-metre subterranean limestone tunnel, so come prepared with torches and protective clothing. The gully is usually dry but visitors are reminded to remain cautious as it is subject to flash flooding.

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### 14km E Leeman, 54km N Jurien Bay





# **Experience Perth**



# **Experience Perth sites**

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# **Perth Coast and Plain**

## 35. Beeliar Regional Park

Abundant wildlife such as migratory waterbirds can be viewed from trails in this chain of lakes and wetlands.

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#### 10km S Perth

### 36. Canning River Regional Park

The Canning River winds through extensive wetlands and past foreshore parklands with excellent facilities.

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#### 10km S Perth

### 37. Herdsman Lake Regional Park

A sanctuary and breeding ground for water birds, the lake is a focus for nature appreciation and recreation.

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#### 7km NW Perth

### 38. Jandakot Regional Park

This mosaic of reserves supports ecological communities including banksia woodland and many small wetlands.

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### 19km S Perth

### **39. Marmion Marine Park**

The clear shallow lagoons, reefs and tiny islands of this park are a playground for marine mammals, like the sea lions that rest on Little Island, as well as bottlenose dolphins and humpback whales.



#### 14km NW Perth

### 40. Matilda Bay Reserve

A thin strip of grassy parkland in the city which houses a café and a restaurant, this reserve is an ideal place to picnic, sail, row or enjoy views of the Swan River, Perth city and Kings Park from shady riverbanks. Universally accessible pedestrian and cycle paths run through the reserve and six grassed sites are available for hire. For bookings and information phone (08) 9405 0700 or 0404 671 820.

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#### 3km SW Perth on Hackett Drive

### 41. Rockingham Lakes Regional Park

Landscapes include limestone cliffs, vegetated dunes, sandy beaches and tranquil shallow lakes. Enjoy sightseeing and water sports at Cape Peron and the walk trail and thrombolites at Lake Richmond.

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#### 40km S Perth

### 42. Shoalwater Islands Marine Park

Encompassing not only an incredibly rich and diverse marine environment, where bottlenose dolphins and sealions are common, this park also surrounds a chain of unique limestone islands. Guided tours are available.

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#### 2km W Rockingham, 50km S Perth



# 43. Swan Estuary Marine Park and adjacent nature reserves

With its scenic foreshore, this park forms a striking setting for the city of Perth. Birdwatching is popular in summer when more than 10,000 wader birds pass through.



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### 44. Woodman Point Regional Park

Woodman Point is popular for water sports, walking and picnicking and has historic sites, accommodation and excellent, family oriented recreation facilities.

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### 22km S Perth

### 45. Yalgorup National Park

Occupying a narrow coastal strip of land, this park protects 10 lakes which harbour a large variety of bird life and amazing thrombolite living fossils. There are excellent camping facilities at Martins Tank and fishing and swimming are available on the coast nearby. Visit **parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au** for advice on camp site bookings.

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#### 50km S Mandurah

### 46. Yanchep National Park

Experience both natural and man-made attractions including limestone caves, wetlands, wild kangaroos, koalas, wildflowers in spring, walk trails, Tudor style buildings, cultivated native gardens, manicured lawns and a nine-hole golf course in a stunning natural environment. Book your cave tour or Aboriginal Experience at McNess House Visitor Centre and view books, souvenirs and locally made handcrafted gifts. Phone (08) 9303 7759.

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#### 50km N Perth off Indian Ocean Drive





## 47. Yellagonga Regional Park

Wetlands and surrounding bushland provide sanctuary for birds, kangaroos and other wildlife. Twenty kilometres of trails link lookouts, historic sites and excellent picnicking locations.

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#### 20km N Perth

### **Tourist attractions**

### 48. Penguin Island

Just a short ferry ride from Mersey Point, Penguin Island offers a unique experience due to its diverse wildlife, breathtaking marine and coastal scenery and a large colony of little penguins. Learn about penguins at the Penguin Discovery Centre and get up close at three daily feeding sessions. A walk trail takes in views from lookouts at each end of the island. Guided tours are available. For bookings and more information call (08) 9591 1333

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4km SW Rockingham, 50km S Perth

# **Perth Hills**

## 49. Avon Valley National Park

This park features forests, granite outcrops and panoramic views over the Avon Valley and offers visitors the chance to see a wide variety of birds and wildlife.

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#### 80km NE Perth, via Toodyay Road

### 50. Banyowla Regional Park

Bushland experiences here vary from a universally accessible loop trail and picnic facilities to a challenging 2km trail with spectacular views.



22km SE Perth

### 51. Beelu National Park

Beelu is popular for its bushwalking and mountain biking trails, picnic areas immersed in bushland and lookouts with panoramic views of the Helena River Valley, Mundaring Weir and Lake C Y O'Connor. The Perth Hills Discovery Centre is open from 10am-4pm weekdays for purchase of light refreshments. The centre also has a campground for tents only, equipped with showers and camp kitchen. Visit **parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au** for advice on camp site bookings.

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40km E Perth on Mundaring Weir Road

### 52. Gooseberry Hill National Park

The Zig Zag, a one-way scenic drive, leads downhill through this park and provides amazing photography and birdwatching opportunities.

#### 16km E Perth via Kalamunda Road and Gooseberry Hill Road

### 53. Greenmount National Park

Located on the slope of Greenmount Hill overlooking Perth, this park offers great opportunities for mountain biking, wildlife observation, sightseeing and photography.

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#### 16km E Perth via Great Eastern Highway

#### 54. Helena National Park

Visitors can enjoy 360-degree views, overlooking State forest and national park, from the popular recreation site of Mt Dale.

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#### 25km SE Kalamunda



### 55. John Forrest National Park

Magnificent vistas of the Swan Coastal Plain can be seen at WA's oldest national park. Visitors can experience walk trails through rugged wilderness, along the old railway line or to quiet pools and spectacular seasonal waterfalls.

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#### 24km E Perth on Great Eastern Highway

### 56. Kalamunda National Park

Visitors will find high-quality walk trails in this park including the start of the Bibbulmun Track, and lush forest scenery studded with granite boulder outcrops.



25km E Perth

### **57. Korung National Park**

The Munda Biddi Trail winds through this picturesque park making it popular for cycling and bushwalking.

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#### 26km SE Perth via Welshpool Road

#### 58. Lane Poole Reserve

Thousands of visitors are drawn to the picturesque jarrah forest, just outside the quaint tourist hub of Dwellingup, each year to picnic, camp, walk, canoe, cycle or simply relax. The Murray River is a focus for water-based fun and adventure while walkers and mountain bikers can find trails of varying length and difficulty. Excellent campgrounds cater for groups in caravans, camper trailers or tents. Visit **parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au** for advice on camp site bookings. Dogs on leads are allowed.

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### 59. Lesmurdie Falls National Park

The park is a hub for visitors with an extensive network of walk trails and lookouts above the 50-metre cascading Lesmurdie Falls.

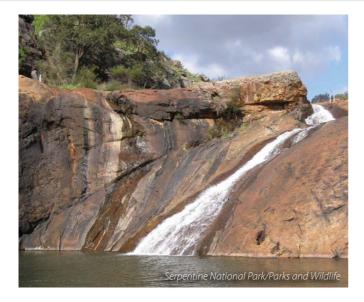
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#### 22km SE Perth via Welshpool Road

### 60. Midgegoroo National Park

Predominantly jarrah forest, this park has high conservation values as it contains many flora and fauna species.

#### 47km SE Perth along Brookton Highway



## 61. Mundy Regional Park

Walk trails amongst granite outcrops lead to vantage points providing excellent views of the city and Lesmurdie Falls.

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#### 20km E Perth

### **62. Serpentine National Park**

This popular summer picnic spot is well known for the Serpentine Falls that cascade over a sheer granite face. It has the scenic beauty of ancient landforms and forest.

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1km E Serpentine, 55km SE Perth via South Western Highway

### 63. Walyunga National Park

Boasting picturesque views of Perth, this park provides one of Australia's best white water canoeing courses, sensational wildflowers in winter and spring, many native animals and rugged valley scenery.



#### 30km NE Perth

### 64. Wandoo National Park

Predominant features are wandoo forest and granite outcrops. Visitors can enjoy picnic facilities at the popular Mt Observation recreation site.

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#### 80km E Perth



Explore the forest on hiking and mountain bike trails and enjoy wildflowers in spring. Lake Leschenaultia has excellent recreation facilities, camping and a cafe.



#### 40km E Perth

### 66. Wungong Regional Park

Churchman Brook and Wungong Valley have excellent picnic areas, while walk trails through rugged terrain feature steep climbs and sweeping views.



30km SE Perth

### **Tourist attractions**

### 67. Perth Observatory

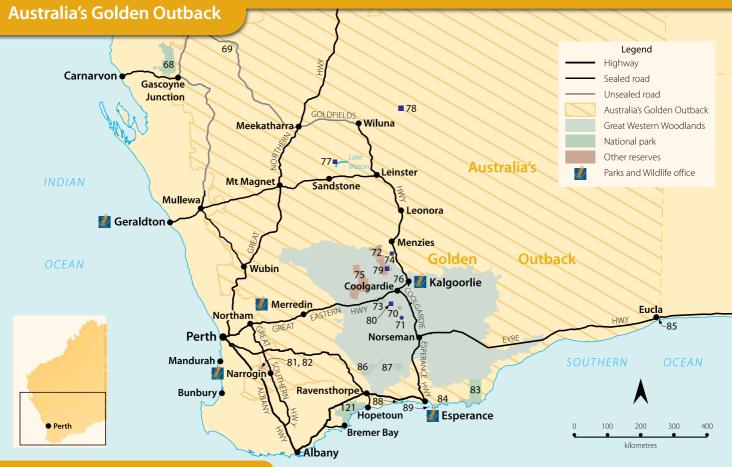
View the wonders of the southern skies from Australia's oldest continuously operating observatory at Bickley in the Perth Hills. Star viewing nights, daytime tours, self-guided tours and specialised school tours are available. Browse the museum for history of the observatory dating back to 1896 and the gift shop for astronomical items and souvenirs. For information including astronomical news and special events find **Perth Observatory** on Facebook or visit **www.perthobservatory.wa.gov.au.** 

Phone (08) 9293 8255 for tour information and bookings.



#### 30km E Perth via Canning Road





# Australia's Golden Outback sites

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68. Kennedy Range National Park							
69. Mt Augustus National Park							
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71. Cave Hill Conservation Park							
72. Credo proposed Conservation Park							
73. Goldfields Woodlands National Park							
74. Goongarrie proposed Conservation Park							
75. Jaurdi proposed Conservation Park							
76. Kalgoorlie Arboretum							
77. Lake Mason proposed Conservation Park							
78. Lorna Glen (Matuwa) proposed Conservation Park							

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79. Rowles Lagoon Conservation Park									
80. Victoria Rock Nature Reserve									
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81. Dryandra Woodland									
82. Barna Mia									
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84. Cape Le Grand National Park									
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89. Woody Island Nature Reserve									
121. Fitzgerald River National Park (see page 4	9 ano	d 58)							



# Gascoyne

### 68. Kennedy Range National Park

This park offers spectacular scenery of gorges and precipitous rock faces. The area retains a wilderness feeling, and camping beneath the stark sandstone cliffs is an experience not to be missed.

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240km E Carnarvon via Gascoyne Junction

### **69. Mt Augustus National Park**

At 1,105m high, Mt Augustus is one of Australia's most amazing peaks with ancient rock formations, Aboriginal art sites and a range of short and full-day walks.

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480km NE Carnarvon via Gascoyne Junction

# **Goldfields**

## 70. Burra Rock Conservation Park

A welcoming sight on a hot day is the Burra Rock Dam and rock catchment area. A short climb to the summit of the rock rewards visitors with a great view over the regenerated Great Western Woodlands that stretch as far as the eye can see.

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#### 60km S Coolgardie on the Burra Rock Road

### 71. Cave Hill Conservation Park

Dominated by a spectacular granite outcrop, with a large cave and wave formation, Cave Hill is an excellent camping spot with historic Woodline era freshwater dams.

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#### 90km S Coolgardie, 50km SW Widgiemooltha

# 72. Credo proposed Conservation Park

An important water catchment area for Rowles Lagoon freshwater lake, pastimes at Credo include camping, yabbying, four-wheel drive touring through the eucalypt woodland, relaxing at the homestead or exploring breakaways and historic town sites. Bookings can be made to stay in the old shearers' quarters at Parks and Wildlife's Kalgoorlie Office or with the caretakers on-site.

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#### 75km N Coolgardie on Coolgardie North Road adjacent to Rowles Lagoon

### 73. Goldfields Woodlands National Park

The Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail provides a tourist route through this park incorporating different biological and historical features along the historic railway and pipeline. Boondi Rock is a popular camp site.

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#### 80-120km W Coolgardie on Great Eastern Highway



## 74. Goongarrie proposed Conservation Park

Goongarrie has a rich cultural history with many important Aboriginal sites. It has waterholes, graves, watering points and a long history of pastoral use, prospecting, mineral exploration and mining. The former station homestead complex is an ideal place to camp. Bookings can be made through Parks and Wildlife's Kalgoorlie office.

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#### 90km N Kalgoorlie

#### 75. Jaurdi proposed Conservation Park

Sightseeing, walking, photography, nature study, environmental education, four-wheel drive trips and catching yabbies are all popular pastimes at this former pastoral station. Bookings can be made through Parks and Wildlife's Kalgoorlie office.

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# 138km W Coolgardie via Great Eastern Highway and Ryan's Find Road

#### 76. Kalgoorlie Arboretum

A shady, grassed picnic area, a small dam frequented by waterbirds and walk and cycle paths accompany information about the Goldfields bioregion and the native and exotic trees planted in the arboretum from 1954 - 1975.

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#### 2km W Kalgoorlie city centre on Hawkins Street

#### 77. Lake Mason proposed Conservation Park

Lake Mason offers camping facilities around the homestead and shearers quarters. Bookings can be made through Parks and Wildlife's Kalgoorlie office. Bush camping is also permitted throughout the reserves with approval from Parks and Wildlife's Kalgoorlie office.

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#### 56km N Sandstone, 5km off the Gidgee Mine Road

### 78. Lorna Glen (Matuwa) proposed Conservation Park

Nestled among the river gums, near the highest part of the WA inland plateau, the Lorna Glen homestead is an ideal camping location with self-contained bunkhouse accommodation and facilities. An ideal nature-based recreation destination in the outback, bookings can be made through Parks and Wildlife's Kalgoorlie office or with the caretakers on-site.

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#### 150km NE Wiluna, homestead is 37km E off the main road



### 79. Rowles Lagoon Conservation Park

When the lagoon is full this popular park offers excellent opportunities for passive water-based recreation and is also a birdwatcher's paradise.

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73km N Coolgardie on Coolgardie North Road adjacent to Credo

### 80. Victoria Rock Nature Reserve

A spectacular granite outcrop, extensive regrowth woodland and plentiful wildlife make this popular spot on the historic Holland Track ideal for camping and exploring.

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#### 43km S Coolgardie on Victoria Rock Road

# Wheatbelt

### 81. Dryandra Woodland

Dryandra Woodland's powder bark wandoo and kwongan heath is home to numbats, woylies and more than 100 species of bird. Being one of the prime places in the south-west for viewing native wildlife, it is an especially scenic area with magnificent woodlands and spectacular wildflowers in spring.

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## 82. Barna Mia

Nestled in the heart of Dryandra Woodland, Barna Mia is an animal sanctuary where visitors can discover threatened native marsupials such as the bilby, boodie, bandicoot and hare-wallabies while on a guided nocturnal tour. For details and bookings phone (08) 9881 9200.

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#### 22km NW Narrogin



# Esperance and South East Coast

## 83. Cape Arid National Park

This exceptionally scenic park boasts a range of landscapes from pristine beaches and magnificent coastal scenery to granite outcrops and inland arid vegetation as well as several ruins and small mountains providing superb lookouts.

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#### 120km E Esperance via Fisheries Road and Tagon Road

### 84. Cape Le Grand National Park

Wild coastal scenery, rugged granite peaks and sweeping heathlands characterise this park. Popular features include attractive bays with white sandy beaches set between rocky headlands. Enjoy excellent camping facilities at Lucky Bay.

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#### 50km SE Esperance via Fisheries Road, Merivale Road and Cape Le Grand Road

## **85. Eucla National Park**

Located against the head of the Great Australian Bight, highlights of this park include the vast Delisser Sandhills and Wilson Bluff, a high limestone cliff providing an inspiring view of the awesome coast.

#### 920km E Esperance, S Eucla

### 86. Frank Hann National Park

This 60,000-hectare park is made up of moorland, heathland and scrubland flora, which in spring boasts an array of attractive wildflowers.

#### 100km N Ravensthorpe

### 87. Peak Charles National Park

Peak Charles, an ancient granite peak and its companion, Peak Eleanora, provide superb views of the dry sandplain heaths and salt lake systems. Wildflowers are abundant in season.



174km NW Esperance

### **88. Stokes National Park**

Stokes Inlet is one of the most picturesque and interesting estuaries along WA's southern coast.

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#### 80km W Esperance

### 89. Woody Island Nature Reserve

This reserve, part of the Recherche Archipelago, is one of more than 100 islands that dot the coastline off Esperance. It has abundant wildlife and large shady eucalyptus trees. A swimming platform with a water slide in the bay, and an underwater snorkel trail, make it an aquatic playground. Guided tours, playground and kitchen facilities are also available.

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#### 15km S Esperance

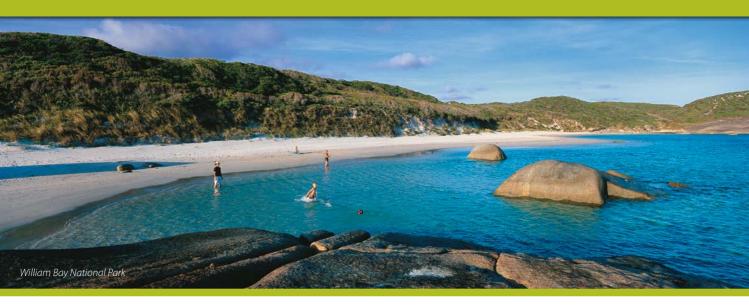




# Australia's South West sites

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## 90. Hoffman Mill Recreation Site

Follow bush walk trails through the forest to discover more about this beautiful area or just sit and admire the crystal clear creek. Open for camping between 1 November and Easter.

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#### 27km NE Harvey

### 91. Leschenault Peninsula Conservation Park

Situated between Leschenault Estuary and the Indian Ocean, this 14km coastal strip offers easy access to the beach where visitors can fish, swim or just relax in the sun. Learn about the history of the park at the Belvidere or John Boyle O'Reilly sites.

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#### 20km N Bunbury

### 92. Wellington National Park

Discover the rich history and beautiful natural environment associated with the construction of the Wellington Weir in 1932. Experience the breathtaking views across calm waters and down the picturesque valley from the dam lookout. Visit Honeymoon Pool and Potters Gorge, both popular camping sites, to enjoy fishing and catching marron in season with a permit.

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#### 20km W Collie via Coalfields Highway

## **Tourist attractions**

### 93. Wellington Discovery Forest

Self-guided walk trails provide an insight into the ecology and past management of this magnificient forest. Situated near Wellington National Park on Wellington Forest Road.

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#### 35km E Bunbury

# South West Capes and Blackwood River Valley

### 94. Blackwood River National Park

Explore the beautiful Blackwood River and its tributaries. Visitors can camp or picnic at either Sues Bridge or Warner Glen Recreation Site. Discreet camping areas are dotted through the forest, with some sites at Sues Bridge (kitchen facilities available) allowing caravan access and universal access.

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#### 25km E Margaret River, 65km SE Busselton

### 95. Bramley National Park

Explore the wonders of the karri forest on walk and cycle trails or enjoy a picnic at Rusden picnic site. Accommodation and camping are available at Wharncliffe Mill.

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#### 5km E Margaret River, 43km SW Busselton

### 96. Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park

Enjoy spectacular coastal scenery with fascinating geology and wonderful spring wildflowers. Admire ghostly karri trees at Boranup Forest or explore limestone caves with intricate decorations. Be captivated walking the 135-kilometre Cape to Cape Track that connects the lighthouses at Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin. Excellent camping facilities are available at Contos campground. Visit **parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au** for advice on camp site bookings.

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#### From 36km W Busselton

### 97. Ngari Capes Marine Park

The clear waters of one of WA's most highly used and valued marine areas are accessible from boat ramps, rocky headlands and beautiful sandy beaches. Popular for fishing, boating, swimming and diving, the park also protects some of the world's best surf breaks.

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#### Extends from east of Busselton to east of Augusta

### 98. Scott National Park

This park boasts attractive floral displays but is only accessible via foot or boat. With boat access, a picnic can be enjoyed at Twinhams Bend where there are barbecues, tables and toilets.

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#### 15km NE Augusta

### 99. St John Brook Conservation Park

St John Brook flows through this park, which has many significant natural and cultural values. Barrabup and Workers Pool were popular swimming areas for residents and workers of the Barrabup mill early last century and remain popular today.

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### **100. Tuart Forest National Park**

This park protects the largest remaining pure forest of tuart in the world and boasts a number of beautiful tourist scenic drives.

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#### **15km NE Busselton**

### **Tourist attractions**

### 101. Calgardup Cave

View a magnificent range of coloured calcite crystal deposits, including fragile straws, walls of coloured flowstone, stalactites and stalagmites as well as a lake and stream. This cave is easily accessible to all ages, with boardwalks throughout. Postcards and books are available for sale. Phone (08) 9757 7422.

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#### 15km SW Margaret River

#### 102. Giants Cave

Nestled in the magnificent karri trees of Boranup Forest lies one of the largest and deepest caves of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge – Giants Cave. This cave suits the more adventurous visitor who will need to scramble over rock-falls and negotiate a series of ladders. Phone (08) 9757 7422.

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20km SW Margaret River

# **Southern Forests-Pemberton**

### 103. Big Brook Dam

Big Brook Dam is one of the most picturesque places in karri country with views across the dam to the forest. There is a sandy beach area, which is great for swimming, and a sealed walk trail follows the shores of the dam allowing stroller and wheelchair access.

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#### **5km NW Pemberton**

### **104. Boorara-Gardner National Park**

The Boorara Tree, a disused 50-metre-high fire lookout, provides a lovely spot for a picnic. From the tree visitors can follow the walk trail to enjoy magnificent wildflowers in season and discover the spectacular Lane Poole Falls on the Canterbury River.

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15km SE Northcliffe, 47km SE Pemberton on Boorara Road

### **105. D'Entrecasteaux National Park**

Qualities of remoteness and pristine natural beauty are features of this popular park with spectacular coastal cliffs, beaches, mobile sand dunes, vast wildflower heaths and pockets of karri. The park has isolated beach camp sites, wild coastal vistas and offers a multitude of excellent fishing spots. Views from the trails and lookouts at Point D'Entrecasteaux are spectacular.

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#### 28km S Pemberton, 13km W Walpole

### **106. Gloucester National Park**

The 60-metre-high Gloucester Tree towering above the forest is WA's most famous karri tree. Lefroy Brook, set in the karri forest, provides a perfect place for a picnic, leisurely walk, or a few peaceful hours of fly-fishing.

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#### **3km S Pemberton**

### **107. Greater Beedelup National Park**

Including the former Beedelup National Park, this park is famous for its majestic karri trees and lush understorey, with damp and often misty atmosphere. Walk along Beedelup Falls Trail to view the beautiful falls, which are the star attraction in the wetter months. Follow the Karri Forest Explorer Drive or access the site directly from Vasse Highway.

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#### 22km W Pemberton on Vasse Highway

### **108. One Tree Bridge Conservation Park**

Containing areas of old-growth karri forest and a section of the Donnelly River, the unique attraction of this park is a bridge made from the trunk of a single tree.

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#### 20km W Manjimup

Mt Frankland Wilderness Lookout/Parks and Wildlife

### **109. Warren National Park**

The Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree and the one-way Heartbreak Trail along the Warren River are flanked by magnificent karri trees and are highlights of this park.



#### **15km SW Pemberton via Vasse Highway**

**Tourist attractions** 

### 110. Karri Forest Explorer Drive

Travel through magnificent karri forest to explore this drive at your own pace. Stop for a picnic at Big Brook Dam, climb 60m to the Gloucester Tree lookout, see Beedelup Falls from the suspension bridge, go bushwalking, go fishing or just sit and take in nature.

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#### **From Pemberton**

#### 111. Perup – Nature's Guesthouse

This centre and wilderness lodge offers a spectacular wilderness experience. The forest is home to sizeable populations of many native mammals. Designed to give visitors a deeper knowledge and understanding of nature conservation and forest management, the centre is equipped to cater for school and community education activities, as well as nature-based tourism. Kitchen facilities are available. To book phone (08) 9776 1207.

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55km ENE Manjimup, 55km SE Boyup Book

# Southern Forests - Walpole Wilderness

This area is a vast natural and wild landscape consisting of national parks and nature reserves. Sheer coastal cliffs, picturesque sandy beaches, tranquil inlets, meandering rivers, karri and tingle forests, diverse wetlands and imposing granite peaks mark this area.

### **112. Mt Frankland National Park**

Visit the Mt Frankland Discovery Centre site and experience spectacular views from the Mount Frankland Wilderness Lookout. Enjoy a walk around the base of Mt Frankland or take a more strenuous climb to its peak for breathtaking views of the surrounding forested hills and valleys.

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28km NW Walpole

### **113. Mt Frankland South National Park**

Visit Swarbrick, one of three Walpole Wilderness Discovery Centre sites, and explore your perceptions of wilderness while wandering along a 500m-return forest art loop. Alternatively you can camp at the beautiful Fernhook Falls on Deep River. Below the falls are walk trails, boardwalks and a stairway which provides safe access to the river for viewing the falls, swimming and canoe launching. Fernhook Falls is 38km north-west of Walpole.

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#### **8km N Walpole**

### 114. Mt Lindesay National Park

This park protects many rare plants and offers visitors an opportunity to experience their beauty. A 10km-return walk trail across the Denmark River to the top of Mt Lindesay offers spectacular views.

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#### 20km N Denmark

### **115. Shannon National Park**

This park is set in some of the most magnificent karri country in WA's southern forest. A great place to camp, there are facilities suitable for all types of visitors including those with caravans. Enjoy the walk trails that take you from the old town site across rock outcrops to the Shannon Dam or explore the magnificent karri and jarrah forests along the Great Forest Trees Drive.

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#### 53km SE Manjimup

### 116. Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park

The untouched nature, wildlife and scenic quality of the Walpole and Nornalup inlets provide a wealth of opportunities for canoeing, boating, recreational fishing and other water-based activities. There are also opportunities to appreciate the marine park via surrounding walk trails and recreation sites.

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#### Walpole

### 117. Walpole-Nornalup National Park

Deep rivers, majestic karri, unique tingle trees, waterfalls, an unspoilt coastline and the Tree Top Walk are just some of the features of this park. Don't forget to visit Circular Pool to experience the raging river in winter and tranquil pool in summer, the Giant Tingle Tree for its amazing girth and Conspicuous Cliffs for its beautiful coastal scenery. There are camping facilities at Crystal Springs and numerous picnic spots and caravan parks nearby.

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### **118. William Bay National Park**

This park is known for its stunning coastline, turquoise waters and sheltered swimming beach at Greens Pool. Take the loop walk to Elephant rocks - a unique granite formation that resembles a herd of elephants, or just take in the view from the car park lookout.

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#### 14km SW Denmark

### **Tourist attractions**

### 119. Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk

Discover WA's famous forest of gigantic tingle trees which can only be seen in the forests surrounding the Tree Top Walk. This spectacular lightweight bridge, a world-renowned attraction, soars gently upwards, 40m into the tingle foliage, before descending to the Ancient Empire Walk. The interpretive centre features interactive displays while souvenirs and a range of locally sourced artworks and crafts are available in the shop. Phone (08) 9840 8263.

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#### 18km E Walpole

### 120. Walpole Wilderness Discovery Centre

The Valley of the Giants, Mt Frankland and Swarbrick make up the Walpole Wilderness Discovery Centre. An interpretive centre at the Valley of the Giants provides an overview of the wilderness while a unique lookout at Mt Frankland provides intimate views over the wilderness and an art loop at Swarbrick explores people's perceptions of forest and wilderness over time. Phone (08) 9840 0400.

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#### 18km E, 28km NE and 8km N Walpole respectively



Wilderness wall of perceptions at Swarbrick/Parks and Wildlife

# **Albany and Great Southern**

## 121. Fitzgerald River National Park

Renowned for its biodiversity and rugged scenery, this park is blanketed with colour from August to November when hundreds of species of wildflowers are in bloom. During winter, southern right whales shelter close to shore with their newborn calves.

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## 122. Gull Rock National Park

This park features popular beach areas and is home to several threatened species and is a visual backdrop to King George Sound.



#### 35km E Albany

## 123. Porongurup National Park

Pathways lead through marri, jarrah and karri forest to reach the summits of weathered granite domes. From here, there are panoramic views of the coastline, nearby Stirling Range, surrounding farmland and vineyards especially from the new Granite Skywalk.

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#### 40km N Albany

## 124. Stirling Range National Park

Unique and abundant wildflowers, plus the brooding beauty of the mountain landscape, make this park one of the south-west's most popular destinations. The pathways and impressive cliff faces of the park provide challenges to bushwalkers, climbers and abseilers.

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#### 100km NE Albany



## **125. Torndirrup National Park**

The powerful Southern Ocean has sculpted spectacular features along the park's buffeted coastline. Awe-inspiring views from The Gap and the Natural Bridge or other vantage points are readily accessible. Windswept banksia and coastal heathland lie inland from granite headlands, limestone cliffs, sandy slopes and beaches.



#### 10km S Albany

### 126. Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve

This nature reserve protects unspoilt coastal vegetation and provides a vital habitat for threatened animal species. The reserve lies adjacent to Two Peoples Bay and is protected from the Southern Ocean by the granite massif headland of Mt Gardner.

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#### 35km E Albany

### 127. Waychinicup National Park

Bordering species-rich Mt Manypeaks, this small park is an important area for many native species including threatened birds. The sparkling inlet is fed by the Waychinicup River and by run-off from the boulderstrewn hilltops and deeply incised gullies.

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#### 65km E Albany via South Coast Highway

### 128. West Cape Howe National Park

Dramatic cliffs of black dolerite, granite and limestone, sandy beaches and patches of karri forest are the features of this rugged park. Bushwalking, four-wheel driving, fishing, hang-gliding and rockclimbing are popular activities.

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### **Emergency Contacts**

For all emergencies contact Emergency Services on 000 or 112 on mobiles.

- If you are at the location where urgent emergency help is required and you have an emergency beacon such as a PLB or EPIRB, activate it.
- Phone 1300 657 209 for updated emergency information from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).
- Check for bushfire and smoke alerts and other park alerts at emergency.wa.gov.au. (1) EmergencyWA
- Mobile phone coverage is often better from the tops of hills.
- · Contact the police in non-emergency situations on 131 444.

### **Fire emergencies**

In the event of a bushfire, visitors should:

- immediately contact Emergency Services on 000 or 112 on mobiles
- safely leave the area as soon as possible
- follow all advice from emergency services, police, rangers or Parks and Wildlife offices
- tune into ABC radio for updates on fires or fire bans.

#### Be ready to give this information

Your name:
Contact number:
Do you need: Police Fire or Ambulance ?
Location of emergency:
What is the emergency?

# **Helpful contacts**

### For more information on parks and reserves visit:

Department of Parks and Wildlife headquarters 17 Dick Perry Ave, Kensington, phone (08) 9219 9000 dpaw.wa.gov.au

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55 William Street, Perth, phone 1800 812 808 westernaustralia.com

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