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Western Australia's national parks

Your guide to visiting national, regional and marine parks in WA

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- 143 places to explore
- Park facilities
- Need-to-know information
- Feature parks
- Trail networks



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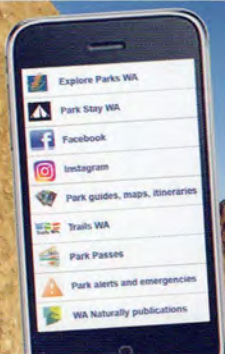


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Welcome

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

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) respectfully acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of the lands and waters it manages.



Accessibility

DBCA's Parks and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access for people with limited ability wherever possible.

For further information contact the nearest Parks and Wildlife Service office (see p65) before your visit.

Leave No Trace

You can contribute to conservation and help ensure that WA's 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
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimise the impact of fire
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of your hosts and other visitors

For more information on *Leave No Trace* visit LNT.org.au.



Fees

Daily entrance fees and camping fees apply at some parks. 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.

You can find out if fees are payable and how much they are before you arrive. Pick up a copy of the *Park fees and passes* brochure from a visitor centre or Parks and Wildlife Service office (see p65) or check details at exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/know/fees.

Park passes

Park passes are available for 5 days, 14 days, 4 weeks or a full year and offer great value for money for visits to parks where entry fees apply. They can be purchased at selected tourist outlets and visitor centres or online at shop.dbca.wa.gov.au and printed for display in your vehicle window.

Choose the pass that is best for you to enjoy unlimited park entry with no park entry fees.

Need to know

Camping

Camping in a park overnight or for extended stays is a special experience. Generally, there will be no shops, power, running water, rubbish bins and probably no mobile phone service. There will be no full-time staff at the campground although all campgrounds are visited periodically, and volunteer campground hosts may also be camping on-site.

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

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 townsites.

You can search for campgrounds and their facilities and book some online at parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au.



Tracks and trails

Immerse yourself in WA's natural wonders by walking, cycling, paddling, riding or snorkelling along a track or trail.

Many of the best trails can be found on trails.wa.com.au. Use this online guide to search trails by name or by map, type, region or experiences. You will also find trail descriptions and details including length, difficulty, useful links, an image gallery, ratings and reviews.



Need to know

Trail hubs near Collie, Dwellingup and other regional towns are being developed to meet demand for more recreational and adventure trails, especially mountain-biking trails. These trail towns provide all the services and facilities that trail users need. Find details at projects.trailswa.com.au.

WA has three long trails which can be completed end-to-end or in sections. The Bibbulmun Track is a 1000km walk trail, the Munda Biddi Trail is a 1000km cycle trail and the Cape to Cape Track is a 135km walk trail.

For maps, guidebooks and other information for long trails:

- Bibbulmun Track Foundation: (08) 9481 0551 or bibbulmuntrack.org.au
- Munda Biddi Trail Foundation: (08) 9481 2483 or mundabiddi.org.au
- Friends of the Cape to Cape Track: capetocapetrack.com.au

Pets in parks

Dogs on leads may be taken to certain areas within regional parks around Perth, some areas of State forest and parts of Lane Poole Reserve.

Domestic pets are not permitted in national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves, marine parks or marine nature reserves. This is to protect native animals, uphold the rights of other park users and to protect pets from baits used to control feral pests that will also kill domestic animals if eaten. Assistance animals are permitted in parks, as long as they are certified as trained assistance animals, but owners must consider the risk from poison baits.

A 'Dogs on leads' symbol is used in this booklet to indicate where dogs may be taken. If you are unsure if you can take your pet into a park, contact the nearest Parks and Wildlife Service office (see p65).

Cane toads

Cane toads are a major environmental pest in Australia. They 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. If you think you have seen a cane toad somewhere unexpected, please send a clear photo to 0400 693 807.

For more information visit dbca.wa.gov.au/canetoads.

Drones

Drones, also known as remotely piloted aircraft (RPAs) or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), can have visual, noise, privacy and cultural values impacts and pose potential dangers if they crash.

Recreational users of drones in parks must comply with all requirements of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority. Visit **know your drone**

For more information on use of drones in parks go to dbca.wa.gov.au/management/remotely-piloted-aircraft.



Need to know

Safety in parks

When visiting parks be aware of the risks and take responsibility. Plan ahead and choose your hikes and activities to match the weather and your level of preparedness, experience and fitness. Remember safety is our concern but your responsibility.

Hazards

Take notice of visitor risk warnings on signs that display the danger symbol.

Plan ahead

- Check park, road and weather conditions before you leave.
- Check for bushfire and smoke alerts at **emergency.wa.gov.au** and for alerts directly related to parks and major trails at **alerts.dbca.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.



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 (PLB) or satellite phone.

Take care in and near water

- Download and use the **Beachsafe** app.
- 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.

Crocodiles

In waters north of Exmouth and in tidal creeks and estuaries in the Kimberley, beware of saltwater crocodiles. Crocodiles are dangerous and attacks can be fatal. *Be Crocwise* by following these guidelines:

- Camp at least 5m above the high-water mark and at least 50m from the water's edge.
- Always read and obey warning signs. No sign does not mean no crocodile.
- Be vigilant when launching or retrieving your boat.
- Don't paddle, clean fish, prepare food or wash at the water's edge. Do chores at least 50m away.

Visitors are encouraged to search 'Be Crocwise' before travelling.

BE CROCWISE

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 – it's there for a reason.
- 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/our-services/safefishing.
- Wear appropriate clothing such as cleats and life jackets when rock fishing

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 before drinking.

Weather

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

Emergency information

Emergency contacts

- Download and use the **emergencyplus** app to contact Emergency Services for all emergencies. Without mobile reception the app will still give you a GPS location.
- If you don't have the app, contact Emergency Services on **000** or **112** on mobiles.
- If you require urgent emergency help, and you have an emergency beacon such as a PLB or EPIRB, activate it.
- Mobile phone coverage is often better from the tops of hills.
- Contact the Police in non-emergency situations on **131 444**.

Alerts

- Phone **13 33 37** for updated recorded messages from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).
- Check for bushfire and smoke alerts at emergency.wa.gov.au and for alerts directly related to parks and major trails at alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au.

Fire emergencies

In the event of a bushfire visitors should:

- Contact Emergency Services on **000** or **112** on mobiles immediately
- Leave the area safely as soon as possible
- Follow all advice from Emergency Services, police, rangers or Parks and Wildlife Service officers
- Tune into ABC radio for updates on fires or fire bans. Find a station at reception.abc.net.au.

Need to know

Tourism information

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

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

- **australiasnorthwest.com**
- **australiascoralcoast.com**
- **destinationperth.com.au**
- **australiasgoldenoutback.com**
- **australiassouthwest.com**

Choosing accommodation and tours

All accommodation providers and tours operating in national parks are accredited. When you choose an operator with 'the tick' you can expect:

- quality and reliability
- professional customer service
- accuracy in advertising
- sound environmental practices
- an appropriately licensed and qualified operator
- adherence to a code of ethics.



Search for accredited accommodation and tours at

westernaustralia.com and at **trustthetickwa.com.au**.

Aboriginal cultural experiences

Aboriginal operators conduct events and tourism businesses in a number of WA's parks. They represent a range of language groups, each with unique culture, and share stories, songs, dances and 'bush tucker' on their traditional country.

You can find many of these unique experiences on the Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Council (WAITOC) website at **waitoc.com** or ask for details at local visitor centres as you travel.

Visitor centres

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

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

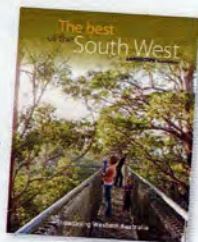


WA Naturally publications



Let *WA Naturally* publications add to your enjoyment and understanding of WA's natural environment and its inhabitants. Find them in good bookstores, visitor centres, newsagencies, Parks and Wildlife Service visitor centres (see p65) and online.

For all online purchases visit **shop.dbca.wa.gov.au**.

































Tourism regions

This guide has been divided into Western Australia's five colour-coded tourism regions to help you find your way to more than 100 of the most popular parks in the State.



Legend

Key visitor information as well as the facilities and activities available in each park are indicated by these symbols.

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|  Accommodation |  Information |
|  Attraction fee |  Munda Biddi Trail |
|  Barbecue – electric or gas |  Open fire place |
|  Bibbulmun Track |  Picnic area |
|  Boat ramp |  Scuba diving |
|  Camping area |  Sheltered picnic table |
|  Camping fees apply |  Shower |
|  Canoeing/kayaking |  Snorkelling |
|  Caravan area |  Swimming |
|  Cycling |  Telephone |
|  Dogs on leads |  Toilets |
|  Entrance fees |  Visitor centre |
|  Fishing |  Walking trail |
|  Four-wheel drive access |  Water skiing |
|  Horse riding |  World Heritage Area |



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EXPERIENCE ...

remote ancient landscapes from scenic flights and coastal cruises to self-drive tours.



Legend

- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- World Heritage Area boundary
- Australia's North West boundary
- Marine park
- National park
- Other reserves
- Parks and Wildlife Service office



Australia's North West



Fern Pool, Karijini National Park



BE CROCWISE

Warning: Saltwater (estuarine) crocodiles. In waters north of Exmouth and in tidal creeks and estuaries in the Kimberley, beware of saltwater crocodiles. Be Crocwise and follow the guidelines on p6.

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National parks in the Kimberley are open from approximately May-October depending on road access after the wet season. Please contact Parks and Wildlife Service Broome on (08) 9195 5500 or Kununurra on (08) 9168 4200 to confirm opening times.

Please check for any approvals and permits that may be required to access land from marine parks or conduct remote activities in parks.

The Kimberley is Estuarine (saltwater) crocodile country.

Crocodiles are dangerous and attacks can be fatal.

Please follow Crocwise guidelines (see p6).

Purnululu World Heritage Area



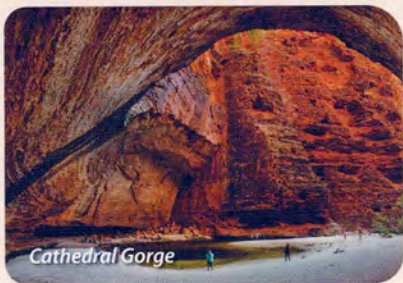
Bungle Bungle Range, Purnululu National Park

1. 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. Find information on the area's heritage, conservation and cultural values at the Purnululu Visitor Centre (open April-September). Road access is by high-clearance four-wheel drive and high-clearance trailers, camper trailers and single-axle caravans only. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings. Flights from regional centres, tours, accommodation at privately operated facilities and scenic flights are usually available.

304km S Kununurra
or 160km N
Halls Creek



Cathedral Gorge

Australia's North West



Mount Cyril, Mirima National Park

East Kimberley

2. Mirima National Park



This must-see location close to Kununurra features a valley with rugged cliffs, amphitheatres, gullies and ridges and is popular for photography and nature observation. Miriwoong and Gajerrong people have lived in this secluded spot for thousands of years.

2km E Kununurra

3. Ngamoowalem Conservation Park



In the stunning Livistona Range, this park has seasonal waterfalls, permanent pools and diverse plant life including cycads and fan palms. The park is jointly managed with the Miriwoong Gajerrong Aboriginal Corporation.

19km W Kununurra

4. Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve



Enjoy great views from the historic Telegraph Hill and identify abundant bird life at the Marlgu Billabong boardwalk and bird hide.

80km NW Kununurra, 20km S Wyndham

5. 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.

510km SW Kununurra or 152 km S Halls Creek

Australia's North West

6. North Kimberley Marine Park

Usually accessed by cruise vessels, the second largest marine park in Australia is known for remote and spectacular coastal vistas, the King George Falls and the Mermaid boab tree in Careening Bay. Balanggarra sea country is jointly managed through the Woonbalu Joint Management Body.

7. Mitchell River National Park



Located on Wunambal Gaambera Country on the spectacular Mitchell Plateau, this four-wheel drive access only park has significant Aboriginal cultural and heritage sites such as the Mitchell Falls, Mertons Falls and Surveyors Pool. Visitors must buy an Unguu Visitor Pass online from wunambalgaambera.org.au before arrival.

500km NW Kununurra



Mitchell Falls



Talbot Bay - Lalang-gaddam / Horizontal Falls Marine Park

West Kimberley

8. Lalang-gaddam marine parks

The wild and remote Kimberley coastline is one of the last remaining relatively unspoilt coastlines and one of the most ecologically diverse marine areas on earth. Most visitors arrive via multi-day expedition cruises in the dry season.

Lalang-gaddam / Camden Sound Marine Park is an important humpback whale nursery and features the incredible spectacle of Yowjab (Montgomery Reef) emerging from the sea at low tide. Visitors can experience the awe-inspiring Garaangaddim (Horizontal Falls) by fast boat in the **Lalang-gaddam / Horizontal Falls Marine Park**.

Both parks, along with the **North Lalang-gaddam Marine Park**, are jointly managed with the Dambimangari Native Title holders.

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9. Wunaamin Conservation Park



Explore and see stunning waterholes, dramatic escarpments, and spectacular waterfalls, including the impressive Dalmanyi (Bell Gorge). Call (08) 9191 4645 for accommodation bookings at the privately operated Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge and visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au

for campsite bookings at Dulundi (Silent Grove). This park is on Wilinggin country.

Dulundi (Silent Grove) is 237km NE Derby.

10. Miluwindi Conservation Park



Spectacular views of the falls in Lennard Gorge are reached by a walk along the Lennard River through the Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges. The park is jointly managed with the Bunuba Native Title holders.

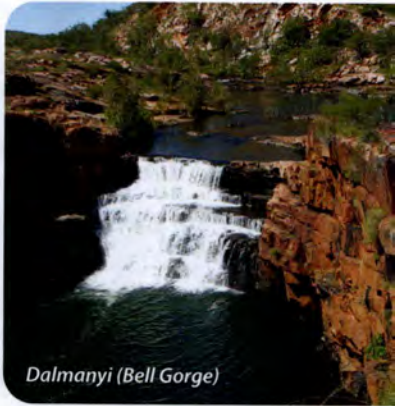
210km NE Derby.

11. Bandilngan (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. The park is jointly managed with the Bunuba Native Title holders. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

145km NW Fitzroy Crossing, 139km E Derby



Dalmanyi (Bell Gorge)

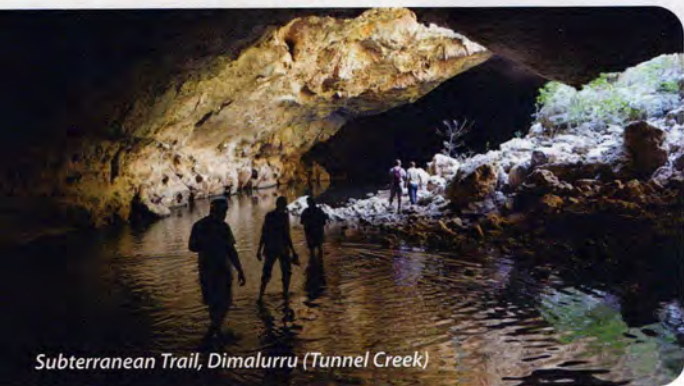


Lennard Gorge



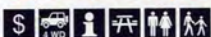
Bandilngan (Windjana Gorge)

Australia's North West



Subterranean Trail, Dimalurru (Tunnel Creek)

12. Dimalurru (Tunnel Creek) National Park



Part of 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, wading through several permanent pools. Watch for bats and the stalactites that descend from the roof in many places. The park is jointly managed with the Bunuba Native Title holders.

110km NW Fitzroy Crossing, 174km E Derby

13. Danggu Geikie Gorge National Park



Spectacular 30-metre-high cliffs have been carved through the ancient Devonian fossil reef by floodwaters of the Fitzroy River. Guided boat tours run

from May to the middle of October (weather permitting). Book online at parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park/danggu-geikie-gorge. The park is jointly managed with the Bunuba Native Title holders.

20km NE Fitzroy Crossing



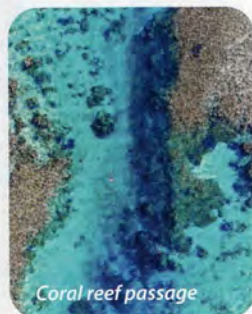
Danggu Geikie Gorge boat tour

14. Rowley Shoals and Mermaid Reef marine parks



Three shelf atoll reefs rise from very deep, clear water forming shallow lagoons, supporting a high diversity of marine life and offering some of the best live-aboard diving in Australia. Obtain written permission and book moorings before arriving.

300km NW Broome



Coral reef passage

Australia's North West

15. Yawuru Birragun Conservation Park



Located in and around Broome, popular sites include Wirrjinmirr (Willie Creek), Ngunungurrukun (Coconut Wells) and Man-galagun (Crab Creek). Enjoy nature appreciation, walking, picnicking, fishing, and boating at the foreshore or visit the Broome Bird Observatory. The

park is jointly managed with the Yawuru Native Title holders and holds special cultural significance for Yawuru people.



Man-galagun (Crab Creek)

N and E Broome

16. Yawuru Minyirr Buru Conservation Park



This park in the Broome town site incorporates areas which are a living cultural landscape that the Yawuru people value and use for customary practice. Walmanyjun (Cable Beach), Minyirr (Gantheaume Point) and Minyirr Park are popular locations for wildlife viewing, walking, picnicking, swimming and fishing. The park is jointly managed with the Yawuru Native Title holders and the Shire of Broome.

Broome

17. Yawuru Nagulagun / Roebuck Bay Marine Park



This marine wonderland contains significant areas of seagrass and macroalgae and some of the world's most productive tropical intertidal flats. Popular subjects for nature appreciation are shorebirds and humpback whales passing through on their annual migrations, turtles and marine mammals such as dugongs, Australian snubfin dolphins and Australian humpback dolphins. The park is jointly managed with the Yawuru Native Title holders.



Snubfin Dolphin

S and E Broome

18. Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park



With more than 220km of white sand and vibrant turquoise waters, this marine park is popular for beach fishing, wildlife and flatback turtle viewing, beachcombing and bird watching. It is one of the world's most important feeding grounds for migratory shorebirds and waders. The park is jointly managed with the Ngarla, Nyangumarta, Karajarri and Shared Country Native Title holders. Camping facilities are available near the main access points.

380km S Broome, 250km NE Port Hedland

Australia's North West



Ngajarli, Murujuga National Park

Pilbara

19. Murujuga National Park



See one of the world's largest, densest and most diverse collections of ancient rock art from the 700m accessible trail and boardwalk at Ngajarli. Nominated for World Heritage listing, the park is jointly managed with the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation.

6km NW Karratha, 3km E Dampier

20. Dampier Archipelago island reserves



The 42 islands, islets and rocks of Dampier Archipelago have exceptional natural beauty and are highly valued for their cultural significance and heritage. Many are reserves that protect unique habitats for plants and animals. Public access is not allowed to some islands as they are nesting sites for threatened seabirds and marine turtles.

45km radius from Dampier

21. Montebello Islands Marine Park



Crystal clear water surrounding this group of over 250 low-lying islands and islets provide amazing diving and fishing experiences. Please obtain information on fishing, camping, quarantine measures to protect threatened wildlife and low-level radiation from nuclear tests in the 1950s before visiting. Phone (08) 9182 2000.

125km W Karratha

Australia's North West

22. 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 Millstream homestead, adjacent to the Millstream wetlands, was built in 1919 and is open daily. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

150km SE Karratha



Fortescue River

23. Karijini National Park



Set in the Hamersley Range, Karijini is one of the most spectacular sights in the Pilbara and the second largest national park in WA. Walk trails lead deep into breathtaking gorges, with cool water in 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. 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. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

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



Fortescue Falls



Oxer lookout

Australia's Coral Coast



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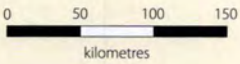
the abundance of seasonal wildflowers, snorkelling coral reefs, swimming with whale sharks or walking along sea cliff trails.

Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area



Legend

-  Sealed road
-  Unsealed road
-  World Heritage Area boundary
-  Australia's Coral Coast boundary
-  Marine park
-  Marine reserve
-  National park
-  Other reserves
-  Parks and Wildlife Service office



Australia's

Coral

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Cervantes

Pinnacles Desert Discovery

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Australia's Coral Coast

Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area



Yardie Creek, Cape Range National Park

1. Cape Range National Park



Rugged gorges and wave-cut escarpments provide a striking contrast to the white sparkling beaches and turquoise waters of Ningaloo Reef. Walk trails offer spectacular views from above the range and in Yardie Gorge. Watch birds flock into in Mangrove Bay, enjoy Indian Ocean sunsets and camping along the pristine coastline. Visit Milyering Discovery Centre for visitor information, snorkel hire, souvenirs and refreshments. Walk through the interpretive panels and uncover the wonders of the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area. The park is jointly managed with Baiyungu, Thalanyji and Yinikurtura Traditional Owners. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campground bookings.

50km W Exmouth

2. Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands Marine Management Area



The shallow lagoons, fringing reef and deeper offshore waters of the Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands Marine Management Area are teeming with diverse marine life including colourful corals, fish, whale sharks, turtles, dugongs, dolphins, manta rays, humpback whales and orcas, and are famous for snorkelling, swimming, fishing, boating and wildlife viewing. Snorkel from the beach in sheltered lagoons or book a world-class wildlife viewing or scuba diving tour. The Ningaloo Marine Park is jointly managed with Baiyungu, Thalanyji and Yinikurtura Traditional Owners.

From 10km N Exmouth



3. Nyngulu (Ningaloo) Coastal Reserves



Jointly managed with Baiyungu, Thalanyji and Yinikurtura Traditional Owners, the reserves stretch over 220km adjacent to the Ningaloo Marine Park. Walk along the beach, launch a boat, swim, surf, fish or snorkel and camp overnight at one of many campgrounds. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campground bookings .

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Cape Peron, Francois Peron National Park

Shark Bay World Heritage Area

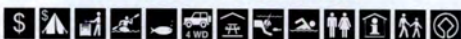
4. Dirk Hartog Island National Park



A high clearance four-wheel drive is essential to explore the island's majestic cliffs and sandy beaches. Limited campsites are available. Visit www.sharkbay.org/restoration for important information on protecting native animals and book your barge crossing with Dirk Hartog Island Eco Lodge (08) 9948 1211.

40km W Denham by boat or 230km SW Denham by road (4WD) to Steep Point.

5. Francois Peron National Park



Home to rare wildlife, the park has 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, a self-guided walk trail, picnic facilities and an artesian water hot tub. A high clearance four-wheel drive is needed to explore and visit facilities north of the heritage precinct.

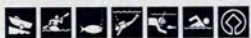
4km N Denham



Skipjack Point

Australia's Coral Coast

6. Shark Bay Marine Park



Shark Bay is Australia's largest marine embayment and supports abundant and globally unique marine life. The remote and wild coastline varies from sea cliffs to tranquil lagoons and beaches of sand or shell. The 300m-long boardwalk high on the cliff top at Eagle Bluff is a great vantage point for photography and viewing marine life.

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

7. Monkey Mia Conservation Park



Enjoy the sunshine, red sand dunes and white sandy beach at this famous holiday location. Take a cruise for a chance to see dugongs, dolphins, whales, mantas and turtles and sunsets to be remembered. See dolphins up close at a dolphin experience between 8am and noon and walk the beach to see pelicans and other seabirds. Park passes are not valid for entry to Monkey Mia Conservation Park. A 'per person' fee applies.

25km NE Denham



8. Shell Beach Conservation Park



Enjoy a walk along a unique beach formed entirely of one type of tiny white sea shell, heaped into ridges up to 10m deep. Several historic buildings in the area are constructed from consolidated shells cut into blocks.

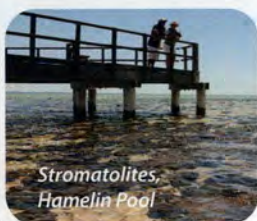
50km SE Denham

9. Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve



Hamelin Pool is one of only two places in the world with living marine stromatolites, or 'living fossils'. Information panels on the boardwalk explain the formation and geology of the stromatolites.

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



Australia's Coral Coast

Kalbarri and Geraldton



Z Bend, Kalbarri National Park

10. Kalbarri National Park



Marvel at nature's ability to carve landscapes as you explore the Murchison River gorge and the coastal cliffs. Short, sealed trails give easy access to outstanding views of the gorge and the Indian Ocean from a number of stunning lookouts including the fabulous new Kalbarri Skywalk. There are also longer and more challenging day and overnight hikes in the gorge. Please take extra care during hot weather. See magnificent wildflowers that set the landscape ablaze with colour from July to November and learn about the reintroduction of threatened species and the area's cultural history. Guided tours, abseiling and canoeing are available.



Kalbarri Skywalk

E and S Kalbarri

11. Houtman Abrolhos Islands National Park



This archipelago of 210 islands is rich in maritime and cultural heritage. Visit by air or boat charter to experience spectacular scenic landscapes and snorkel or dive on tropical reef in crystal clear waters. Visitors travelling in private vessels must register with Fisheries at www.fish.wa.gov.au.

60km – 80km W Geraldton

12. Coalseam Conservation Park



The park's acacia shrubland comes alive with 'everlasting' wildflowers after winter rains. Bird watching is popular and camping is available overlooking the Irwin River.

115km E Geraldton

Australia's Coral Coast

Cervantes and Jurien Bay

13. Beekeepers Nature Reserve



Visit Grigson's and Molah Hill lookouts from Indian Ocean Drive north and south of Jurien Bay for great views of the coast and hinterland.

Jurien Bay

14. Stockyard Gully Reserve



Come prepared with torches and protective clothing to explore a 300m subterranean limestone tunnel. The gully is usually dry but be cautious of flash flooding after heavy rain.

14km E Leeman, 54km N Jurien Bay

15. Lesueur National Park



Lesueur is one of the most important reserves for flora conservation in WA. Discover wildflowers and more of the exceptionally diverse flora from the sealed 18km-long scenic drive, lookouts and a selection of walk trails.

20km NE Jurien Bay



Mount Lesueur

16. Karda Reserve



Visit nearby Lesueur National Park and star-gaze at night from April to October. Book campsites on parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au.

25km NE Jurien Bay

17. Badgingarra National Park



Experience this wildflower wonderland in spring from an interpretive wildflower trail that starts near the roadhouse.

50km SE Jurien Bay, 216km N Perth on Brand Highway

Australia's Coral Coast

18. Jurien Bay Marine Park



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

Access via several boat ramps including Jurien Bay, Cervantes and Green Head 219km N Perth



Australian sea lion



Pinnacles Desert, Nambung National Park

19. 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 yellow sands.

The Pinnacles Desert Discovery 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. A gift shop offers a wide range of souvenirs and gifts.

198km N Perth



Pinnacles Desert Discovery

20. Wanagarren Nature Reserve



See grasstree-studded hillsides and view the coast from the Wedge Lookout on Indian Ocean Drive. Book a campsite on parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au to enjoy secluded camping on the rugged and beautiful coastline.

23 to 40km S Cervantes

Destination Perth



EXPERIENCE ...

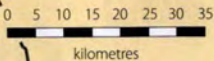
a natural water playground
in marine and river parks.
Discover trails and explore
from coast to range.

Kings Park and Botanic Garden



Legend

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- Unsealed road
- Bibbulmun Track
- Munda Biddi Trail
- Destination Perth region boundary
- Marine park
- National park
- Other reserves
- Riverpark boundary
- Parks and Wildlife Service office



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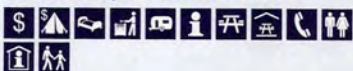
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Destination Perth

Perth Coast and Plain

1. Yanchep National Park



Explore Yanchep by day or camp over night to experience both natural and man-made attractions. Explore the walk trails, see kangaroos and rich birdlife, watch koalas from a raised boardwalk through the trees and enjoy stunning wildflowers in spring. Book a cave tour or Aboriginal experience, have a picnic on the lawns and enjoy walking around the Tudor style buildings and native gardens. A great range of books, souvenirs and locally made handcrafts are available for sale at the McNess House Visitor Centre.



Visit parks.dbca.wa.gov.au/park/yanchep for tour bookings or parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

50km N Perth off Indian Ocean Drive



2. 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.

20km N Perth

3. Marmion Marine Park



The clear shallow lagoons, limestone reefs and tiny islands of this park are a swimming, snorkelling and diving playground visited by marine mammals including sea lions, bottlenose dolphins and humpback whales.

14km NW Perth CBD



Destination Perth

4. Herdsman Lake Regional Park



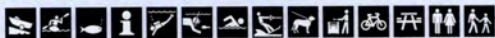
A sanctuary and breeding ground for waterbirds, the lake is a focus for nature appreciation and informal recreational activities.

7km NW Perth CBD



Melville Water, Swan Canning Riverpark

5. Swan Canning Riverpark



No visit to Perth is complete without engaging with the Swan and Canning rivers. With connections to the Whadjuk people spanning 40,000 years the entire waterway as well as many adjoining reserves today make up a riverpark which encompasses the visual and cultural centrepiece of the modern city of Perth. Take a river cruise, explore the network of multi-use paths, enjoy water sports or just find a vantage point to experience the park's natural beauty.

S and E Perth CBD

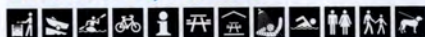
6. Swan Estuary Marine Park and adjacent nature reserves



The marine park and foreshore form a striking setting for the city of Perth. The most popular activities are walking and cycling along the scenic river foreshore while birdwatching is popular in summer when more than 10,000 migratory shorebirds can be seen in the shallow waters.

2km SW Perth CBD

7. Matilda Bay Reserve



This shady reserve by the Swan River is ideal for social gatherings, swimming, boating and enjoying views of the river and Perth city. There are five riverside sites available for hire, a restaurant and a café. Visit parks.dbca.wa.gov.au/park/matilda-bay-reserve for bookings and information.

3km SW Perth CBD on Hackett Drive

Destination Perth

8. Bold Park



A network of trails and lookouts provides a true bush experience at Bold Park. Take the accessible boardwalk to the peak of Reabold Hill for sweeping views of the Indian Ocean and Perth city.

9km Perth CBD



Reabold Hill

9. Kings Park and Botanic Garden



A short walk or free bus from the CBD, Kings Park and Botanic Garden is one of the world's largest and most beautiful inner-city parks. It is home to the Western Australian Botanic Garden, the State War Memorial, Aspects of Kings Park gallery shop and has bushland trails, expansive parklands and play areas. It is dedicated to the diverse and unusual flora of Western Australia and is rich in Aboriginal and colonial history, contemporary culture and innovative design. There are free guided walks every day, an annual wildflower festival in September and music concerts and outdoor cinema over summer.

Kings Park has great views of the Swan and Canning Rivers, Perth CBD and the Darling Range beyond. A visit to Kings Park is a must for any visitor to Perth.

500m W Perth CBD



Lotterywest Federation Walkway

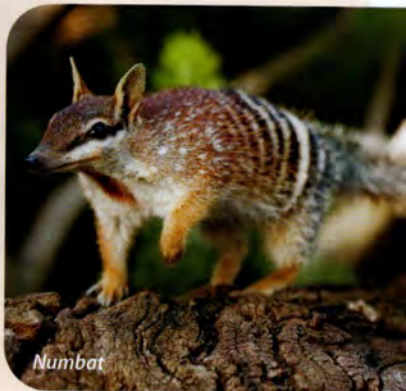
10. Perth Zoo

Australia's best small zoo is five minutes from Perth CBD and the perfect place to see some amazing animals!

- Spend a while among kangaroos, quokkas, echidnas, numbats, wombats and dingos in the Australian Bushwalk.
- Watch the world's smallest penguin feed underwater at the Penguin Plunge.
- See lizards and snakes at the Reptile Encounter.
- Spot waterbirds and Australia's most endangered reptile, the western swamp tortoise, which Perth Zoo has helped bring back from the brink of extinction, at the Australian Wetlands.

Visit perthzoo.com.au and plan your visit.

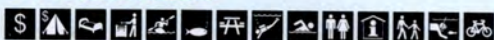
2km S Perth



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11. Rottnest Island



Catch the ferry from Perth, Fremantle or Hillarys or fly to this iconic, picturesque island for a day trip or extended stay.

- Discover the spectacular views by bike or the hop-on, hop-off Island Explorer bus service.
- Swim or snorkel at stunning bays and beaches.
- Walk the Wadjemup Bidi, a 45km network of trails through natural, historical and cultural landscapes.
- Experience more of the island and marine reserve by land, sea or air on one of the many excellent tours and cruises.
- Spot magnificent ospreys protecting 70-year-old nests, or watch New Zealand fur seals play at Cathedral Rocks.

Head to rotnestisland.com to plan your visit.

19km offshore Perth

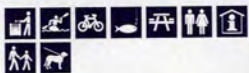
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Little Salmon Bay

Destination Perth

12. Canning River Regional Park



The Canning River winds through wetlands and recreational areas featuring extensive trails and other facilities.



10km S Perth CBD

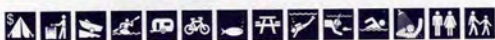
13. Beeliar Regional Park



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

10km S Perth CBD

14. Woodman Point Regional Park



Woodman Point has several historic sites, private camping and accommodation, café kiosk, excellent walking, picnicking and playground facilities and easy access to the beach.

22km S Perth CBD



15. Jandakot Regional Park



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

19km S Perth CBD

16. Rockingham Lakes Regional Park



Enjoy water sports and coastal scenery at Cape Peron, thrombolites at Lake Richmond and tranquil shallow lakes inland.

40km S Perth



Penguin Island



17. 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 colony of little penguins. Learn about and see the penguins at the Discovery Centre at three daily feeding sessions. Pack your lunch and spend a day on the island swimming, snorkelling, exploring the walk trail and taking in views from lookouts at each end of the island. Guided tours are available. To book the ferry, Discovery Centre or a guided tour visit penguinisland.com.au or call (08) 9591 1333.

4km SW Rockingham, 50km S Perth

18. Shoalwater Islands Marine Park



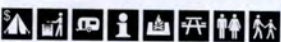
A chain of reefs and unique limestone islands shape a rich and diverse marine environment within easy reach of Perth. Bottlenose dolphins, sea lions and seabirds are common and a wide range of water sports are enjoyed year round. Guided sightseeing tours are available.

2km W Rockingham,
50km S Perth



Sea kayak tour

19. Yalgorup National Park



Occupying a narrow coastal strip of land, there are 10 lakes in the park harbouring a large variety of birdlife and amazing thrombolite living fossils at Lake Clifton. There are excellent camping facilities at Martins Tank and fishing and swimming are available on the coast nearby. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

50km S Mandurah

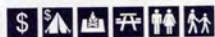


Lake Clifton

Destination Perth

Perth Hills

20. Avon Valley National Park



This park features forests, granite outcrops and panoramic views over the Avon Valley and offers a wide variety of birds and wildlife. The best time to visit or camp is autumn, winter and spring.

80km NE Perth, via Toodyay Road



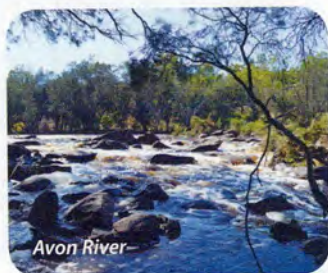
Wildflowers

21. Walyunga National Park

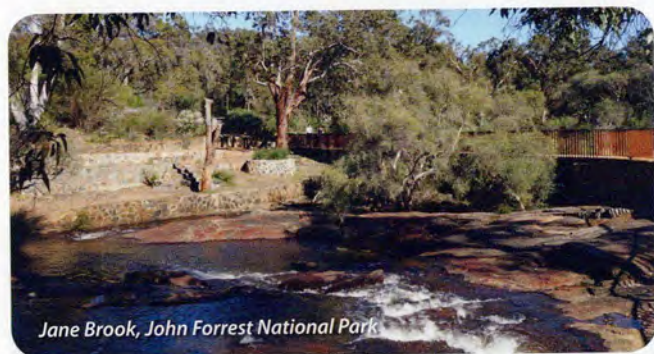


The park has rugged valley scenery, picturesque views of Perth and sensational wildflowers in winter and spring. Following winter rains, white water in Syd's Rapids can be spectacular. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

30km NE Perth

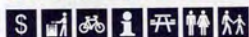


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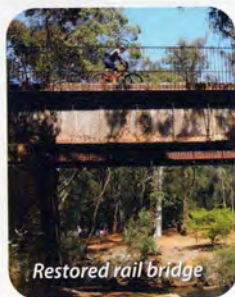
Jane Brook, John Forrest National Park

22. John Forrest National Park



WA's oldest national park has popular picnic facilities and a range of trails, along the old railway line and through woodland and open hillsides, leading to seasonal waterfalls and views across the Swan Coastal plain to the ocean.

24km E Perth on Great Eastern Highway



Restored rail bridge

Destination Perth

23. Gooseberry Hill National Park

This park provides amazing photography and birdwatching opportunities.

16km E Perth via Kalamunda Road and Gooseberry Hill Road

24. Greenmount National Park

Located on the slope of Greenmount Hill overlooking Perth, this park offers opportunities for sightseeing and photography. The adjacent Goat Farm Mountain Bike Park has an extensive network of trails.

16km E Perth via Great Eastern Highway

25. Kalamunda National Park



This park includes the start of the Bibbulmun Track and lush forest scenery studded with granite boulder outcrops.

25km E Perth

26. Beelu National Park



This beautiful forest location 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 has a campground for tents only, equipped with showers and a camp kitchen that is open to the public on non-school days. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

40km E Perth on Mundaring Weir Road

27. Woorloo Regional Park



Explore the forest on walk trails and mountain bike trails and enjoy wildflowers in spring. Lake Leschenaultia has excellent facilities.

75km E Perth



Golden View Lookout at South Ledge, Beelu National Park



Lesmurdie Falls, Mundy Regional Park

28. Mundy Regional Park



The park is popular for panoramic views of the city from lookouts above the 50-metre cascading Lesmurdie Falls and an extensive network of walk trails. Wildflowers are abundant in spring.

20km E Perth

29. Perth Observatory



View the wonders of the southern skies from Australia's oldest continuously operating observatory. For information on night sky tours and specialised school tours visit perthobservatory.com.au or phone (08) 9293 8255.

30km E Perth via Canning Road

30. Banyowla Regional Park



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

22km SE Perth

31. Wungong Regional Park



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

30km SE Perth

32. Helena National Park



Enjoy views across the Darling Ranges from the lookout at Mount Dale.

25km SE Kalamunda

33. Wandoo National Park



Visit the bird hide and enjoy the open wandoo forest and granite outcrops from the picnic area at Mount Observation.

75km E Perth

Destination Perth

34. Serpentine National Park



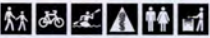
Park attractions change with the seasons at Serpentine. Rushing waters cascade down a sheer granite face after rain in winter, wildflowers are usually at their best in early spring, and walking is best from late autumn to mid-spring. A picnic area near the base of the falls becomes very busy on weekends in warmer weather. Arrive early to avoid disappointment.



Serpentine Falls

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

35. Dwellingup Adventure Trails



The new Dwellingup Adventure Trails network includes walk, cycle and canoe experiences. The 35km of cross-country and downhill mountain bike trails include options for riders of all levels. Visit trails.wa.gov.au.



Murray Valley Trails – Josh Cowling

36. Lane Poole Reserve



The picturesque jarrah forest just outside Dwellingup draws thousands of visitors each year to picnic, camp, walk, canoe, cycle, enjoy the tree rope course 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. Dogs on leads are allowed.

Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

6km S Dwellingup



Murray River

Australia's Golden Outback

EXPERIENCE ...

sleeping under a blanket of stars, driving through arid woodlands or walking pristine white beaches.

Granite domes, Cape Le Grand National Park



Australia's Golden Outback

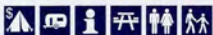




Eastern escarpment, Kennedy Range National Park

Gascoyne-Murchinson

1. Kennedy Range National Park



The park features scenic gorges, wilderness and impressive geology against the backdrop of a vast plateau some 75km long and 25km wide. Choose from several hiking options to explore the gorges and escarpment and camp up-close to spectacular sandstone cliffs.

240km E Carnarvon via Gascoyne Junction

2. Mount Augustus National Park



This giant 'inselberg' (meaning 'island mountain') towers 715m above the surrounding landscape - twice the height of Uluru. Walk trails range from 250m to the epic, 6-7 hour, 12km-return hike to the summit. Camping and accommodation are available nearby.



Mount Augustus

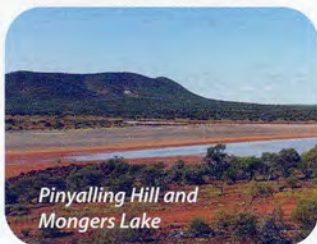
480km NE Carnarvon via Gascoyne Junction

3. Karara Rangeland Park



These former pastoral lands have unique conservation values and are brimming with natural and cultural history. The cooler months are best for self-drive touring and wilderness camping on the well-marked network of outback roads and 4WD tracks. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campground bookings.

40km E Morawa



Pinyalling Hill and Mongers Lake

Australia's Golden Outback

Wheatbelt

4. Wongan Hills Nature Reserve



The Mount Matilda Walk Trail winds through diverse vegetation on an almost flat-topped mesa. Two trail loops join a series of lookouts that give dramatic views of breakaways and the surrounding landscape.

12km NW Wongan Hills

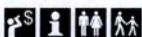


5. Nature reserves in the Wheatbelt



Follow self-drive trails such as the **Wheatbelt Way** and **Granite Way** through the many nature reserves in the region to visit historic sites such as wells, museums and homesteads, and explore shallow lakes and iconic granite outcrops and gnamma holes.

6. Barna Mia Nocturnal Wildlife Experience



See threatened marsupials on an unforgettable guided nocturnal tour and learn about their conservation in a dedicated sanctuary in the heart of Dryandra Woodland. For details and bookings phone (08) 9881 9200.

22km NW Narrogin



7. Dryandra Woodland National Park



Enjoy magnificent powder bark wandoo woodlands and kwongan heath, spectacular wildflowers from mid-winter to late spring, picnic areas and a network of walk trails. The woodland is also home to numbats, woylies and over 100 bird species. Accommodation is available at the Lions Dryandra Village and two campgrounds located within the woodland.

22km NW Narrogin off the Wandering–Narrogin Road

Australia's Golden Outback

Goldfields

8. North-western Goldfields



Conservation areas north and west of Jaurdi, Credo and Goongarrie have no visitor facilities. For information about access and remote camping phone (08) 9080 5555.

N and W of Jaurdi, Credo and Goongarrie

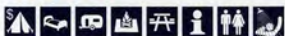
9. Jaurdi



Enjoy four-wheel-driving, sightseeing or nature study on this former pastoral station.

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

10. Credo



Enjoy touring the eucalypt woodland, exploring breakaways and historic town sites or relaxing around the former homestead and shearing shed. Accommodation includes camping, the Old Shearers' Quarters and Credo Lodge. Bookings can be made for camping or to stay in the old shearers' quarters on (08) 9080 5555 or with caretakers on site.

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

11. Rowles Lagoon Conservation Park



When the lagoon is full, there are excellent opportunities for birdwatching and passive water-based recreation on paddle craft.

73km N Coolgardie on Coolgardie North Road adjacent to Credo

12. Goongarrie



Goongarrie has a rich cultural history with important Aboriginal sites and more recent history of pastoral use, mineral exploration and mining.

90km N Kalgoorlie

13. Kalgoorlie Arboretum



The 26-hectare reserve, just five minutes from central Kalgoorlie, features the diversity of eucalypts in the Goldfields. Walk or cycle on shared trails or relax in the shady, grassed picnic area.

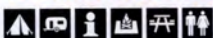
2km W Kalgoorlie city centre on Hawkins Street



Gimlet tree, Credo

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14. Goldfields Woodlands National Park



Close to the highway, the large granite outcrops Boondi Rock and Woolgangie Rock have examples of rainfall catchment systems from the steam train era. There is a small campground near the dam at Boondi Rock.

80-120km W Coolgardie on Great Eastern Highway

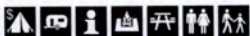


Boondi Rock Dam



Victoria Rock Nature Reserve

15. Victoria Rock Nature Reserve



Explore a spectacular granite outcrop and extensive regrowth woodland with plentiful wildlife on the historic Holland Track.

43km S Coolgardie on Victoria Rock Road

16. Burra Rock Conservation Park



A short climb to the summit of the rock gives a great view over the rock catchment area and Great Western Woodlands.

60km S Coolgardie on the Burra Rock Road



Burra Rock Dam

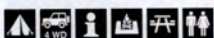
17. Cave Hill Conservation Park



An excellent campground near woodline-era dams is dominated by a spectacular granite outcrop, with a large cave and wave formation.

90km S Coolgardie, 50km SW Widgiemooltha

18. Remote nature reserves in the Goldfields



The unsealed outback 'highways' through WA's southern deserts offer remote area touring for experienced and well-prepared travellers. Bush camping is allowed in Neale Junction and Yeo Lake nature reserves. To help protect these areas please follow the low impact principles of *Leave No Trace* (see p3).

200km E Laverton

Australia's Golden Outback

Esperance and South East Coast



Peak Charles National Park

19. Frank Hann National Park

Made up of moorland, heathland and scrubland flora, this park features an array of attractive wildflowers that can be enjoyed from the road in spring.

110km north of Ravensthorpe

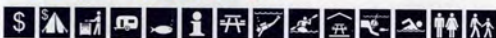
20. Peak Charles National Park



The prominent ancient granite peaks of Peak Charles and its companion Peak Eleanor provide superb views of the dry sandplain heaths and salt lake systems. Wildflowers are abundant after rains in spring. A campground is located at the foot of the peak.

174km NW Esperance

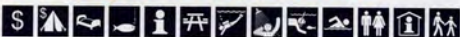
21. Stokes National Park



Stokes Inlet is a picturesque estuary, popular for birdwatching, fishing and canoeing. Sandy four-wheel drive tracks lead to small isolated campgrounds, quiet beaches and rocky headlands.

80km W Esperance

22. Woody Island Nature Reserve



This reserve is 15km offshore from Esperance and one of more than 100 islands in the Recherche Archipelago. It has abundant wildlife and large shady trees along with walk trails and an underwater snorkel trail. Seasonal guided tours and camping are available.

woodyisland.com.au.

15km S Esperance



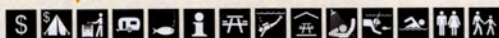
Woody Island

Australia's Golden Outback



Cape Le Grand National Park

23. Cape Le Grand National Park



Wild coastal scenery, rugged granite peaks and rolling heathlands characterise this park. Popular features include the imposing Frenchman Peak and sheltered bays with white sandy beaches set between rocky headlands. Enjoy excellent camping and visitor facilities at Lucky Bay.

Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

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



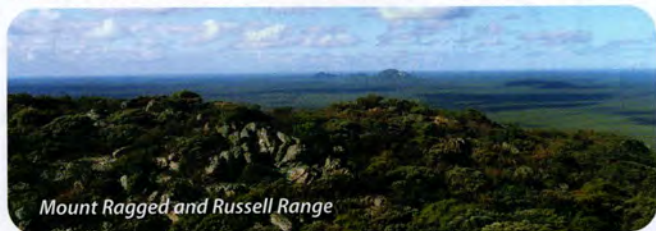
Frenchman Peak

24. Cape Arid National Park



This exceptionally scenic park boasts a range of landscapes from pristine beaches and magnificent coastal scenery to granite outcrops and arid inland vegetation, ruins and small mountains. Cape Arid has a number of popular campgrounds along the coast as well as at the foot of Mount Ragged.

120km E Esperance via Fisheries Road and Tagong Road



Mount Ragged and Russell Range

25. Eucla National Park

Near the head of the Great Australian Bight, highlights include the vast Delisser Sandhills and inspiring coastal views at Wilson Bluff.

920km E Esperance, S Eucla

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EXPERIENCE ...

walking among giant trees, canoeing rivers and inlets and exploring caves and coastlines.

Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk, Walpole-Nornalup National Park

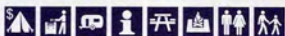


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1. Hoffman Mill Recreation Site



This old town site in beautiful jarrah forest on the Harvey River is open for camping between 1 November and Easter.

27km NE Harvey

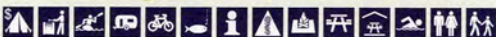
2. Leschenault Peninsula Conservation Park



The park is part of the Kalgulup Regional Park which protects woodlands, coastal dunes, wetlands and mangroves, around Bunbury, the Leschenault Peninsula and the foreshores of the Brunswick, Collie and Preston rivers. Enjoy walk and cycle trails, the beach, and campgrounds.

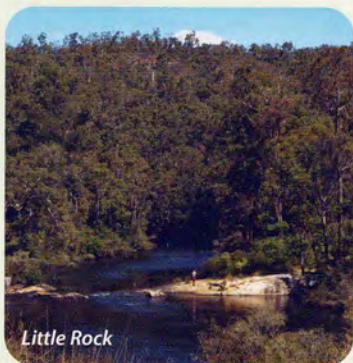
20km N Bunbury

101. Wellington National Park



Enjoy the beautiful forest scenery, recreational opportunities and rich cultural history of the Collie River Valley and Wellington Dam. Honeymoon Pool and Potters Gorge campgrounds provide bases for swimming, fishing and boating as well as access to mountain bike and bushwalking trails in the park and nearby. Call into Kiosk at the Dam for information and refreshments and visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

20km W Collie via
Coalfields Highway



Little Rock



Potters Gorge

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Wellington Dam mural, Wellington National Park

4. Wellington Discovery Forest



Self-guided walk trails provide an insight into the ecology and management of this magnificent forest.

35km E Bunbury on Wellington Forest Road

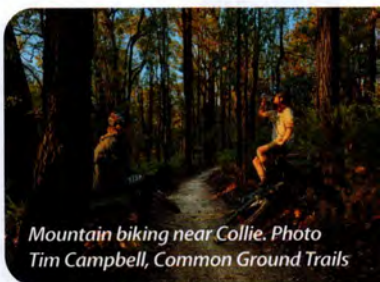
5. Wambenger Trails



A world-class network of mountain bike and bushwalking trails is set in a varied landscape of jarrah and marri forest in the spectacular Collie River Valley.

Visit trails.wa.com.au.

Collie



Mountain biking near Collie. Photo Tim Campbell, Common Ground Trails

6. Lake Kepwari



The lake provides an ideal setting for water-skiing and other water-based activities and has excellent picnic, camping and boat launching facilities.

Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

15km SE Collie



Lake Kepwari

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Redgate Beach, Ngari Capes Marine Park

South West Capes and Blackwood River Valley

7. Tuart Forest National Park



Drive through the largest remaining pure tuart forest and enjoy the Malbup Bird Hide on Layman Road or the tree ropes course.

15km NE Busselton

8. Ngari Capes Marine Park



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

Extends from east of Busselton to east of Augusta

9. Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park



Enjoy spectacular coastal scenery with fascinating geology and wonderful spring wildflowers between the lighthouses at Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin. Admire ghostly karri trees at Boranup Forest and explore caves with intricate decorations, or walk sections of the 135km Cape to Cape Track. Excellent camping facilities are available at Conto and Jarrahdene campgrounds. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

From 36km W Busselton



Boranup Drive

Australia's South West

10. Calgardup and Giants cave



Stroll at your own pace on paths, boardwalks and stairs to see magnificently decorated chambers, a lake and seasonal stream in Calgardup cave. Light your own way as you negotiate rocks scrambles, ladders and tight spots on an adventure

caving experience through Giants Cave, the deepest and one of the largest caves in the area. Phone (08) 9757 7422.

20 and 20km SW Margaret River



Calgardup Lake

11. Wooditjup National Park



Explore the wonders of the karri forest on walk and mountain bike trails or enjoy a picnic at Rusden picnic site. Private accommodation and camping are available at Wharncliffe Mill.

5km E Margaret River, 43km SW Busselton

12. Scott National Park



Enjoy cruising the lower reaches of the Blackwood and Scott rivers and access picnic facilities at Twinems Bend.

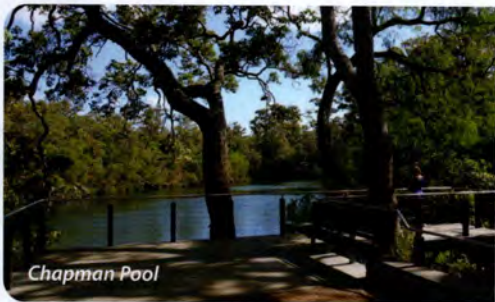
15km NE Augusta

13. Blackwood River National Park



Explore the beautiful Blackwood River and its tributaries either on the water, or by staying overnight in discreet camping areas at Sues Bridge and Warner Glen.

25km E Margaret River, 65km SE Busselton



Chapman Pool

14. St John Brook Conservation Park



Barrabup and Workers Pool campgrounds on St John Brook were popular swimming areas for residents and workers of the Barrabup Mill early last century and are still popular for camping and picnicking today.

7km NW Nannup

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Southern Forests – Pemberton

15. One Tree Bridge Conservation Park



The park contains areas of old-growth karri forest, Glenoran Pool, Green's Island campground and the remains of the original bridge over the Donnelly River.

20km W Manjimup

16. Greater Beedelup National Park



This park is famous for its majestic karri trees and lush understorey, with damp and often misty atmosphere. The beautiful Beedelup Falls is the star attraction in the wetter months. Follow the Karri Forest Explorer drive trail through the park or enter from Vasse Highway.

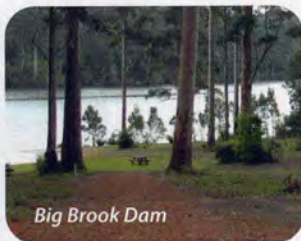
22km W Pemberton on Vasse Highway

17. Big Brook Dam

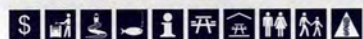


Big Brook Dam is one of the most picturesque places in karri country with views across the dam to the forest. There is a sandy beach area, which is great for swimming, and a sealed walk trail follows the shores of the dam allowing stroller and wheelchair access.

5km NW Pemberton

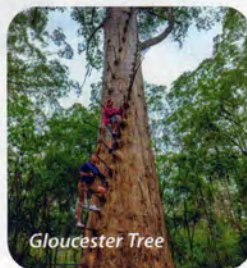


18. Gloucester National Park

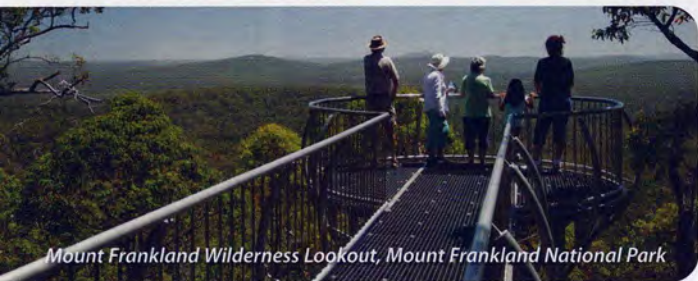


Visit the 53m-high Gloucester Tree, WA's most famous climbing tree, take short walks in the karri forest. View the waterfalls on Lefroy Brook from the comfort of lookout platforms at The Cascades.

3km S Pemberton



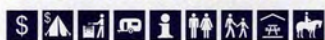
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Mount Frankland Wilderness Lookout, Mount Frankland National Park

Southern Forests – Walpole Wilderness

23. Shannon National Park



Follow the Great Forest Trees Drive to visit a number of picnic and information stops and learn about the magnificent karri and jarrah forests. Shannon is a great place for bushwalking, mountain biking and horse riding and there are excellent camping facilities at Shannon Campground. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

53km SE Manjimup

24. Mount Frankland National Park



Take in spectacular views from the Mount Frankland Wilderness Lookout, enjoy a walk around the base of Mount Frankland or climb to the summit for views across surrounding forested hills and valleys.

28km NW Walpole

25. Mount Frankland South National Park



Explore your perspective of the forest and wilderness on the 500m art loop at Swarbrick or picnic, camp and explore the walk trails and boardwalks at Fernhook Falls on the pristine Deep River.

8km N Walpole



Wilderness Wall of Reflections, Swarbrick

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Frankland River, Walpole–Nornalup National Park

26. 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. There are numerous picnic spots and caravan parks nearby.

E and W Walpole



Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk

27. Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk



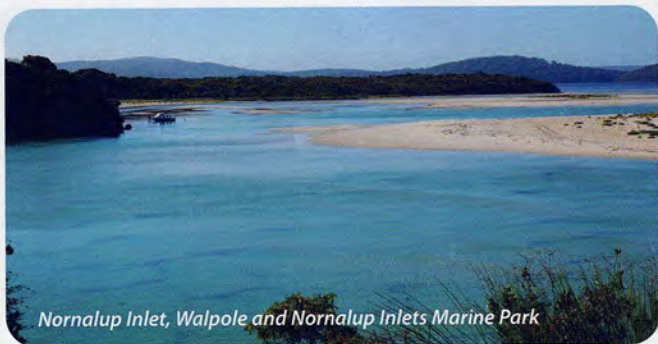
Discover WA's gigantic tingle trees up close in the forests surrounding the world-renowned Tree Top Walk. Follow the 600m accessible walkway through the tingle forest canopy 40m above the ground and explore the forest floor around and through 400-year-old tree trunks on the sealed Ancient Empire Walk. 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.

18km E Walpole

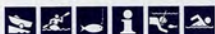


Ancient Empire Walk

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28. 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 sightseeing and water-based activities. The marine park can also be appreciated from surrounding walk trails and recreation areas.

Walpole

29. 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 take in the view from the parking area lookout.

14km SW Denmark



30. Mount Lindesay National Park



Extensive forests protect many rare plants. A challenging walk trail leads across the Denmark River to the granite peak of Mount Lindesay.

20km N Denmark

Albany and Great Southern



Shelley Beach, West Cape Howe National Park

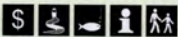
31. West Cape Howe National Park



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 rock-climbing are popular activities.

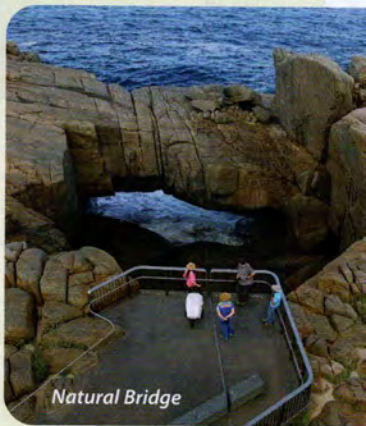
36km W Albany

32. Torndirrup National Park



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

10km S Albany



Natural Bridge



The Gap

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33. Gull Rock National Park



With the adjacent Mount Martin Botanical Reserve, the park provides outstanding views, beautiful white beaches, rocky headlands and outcrops.

35km E Albany

34. Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve



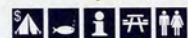
The reserve lies adjacent to Two Peoples Bay and is protected from the Southern Ocean by the granite massif headland of Mount Gardner. Unspoilt coastal vegetation provides vital habitat for threatened animal species. Birdwatching, picnicking, fishing and swimming are popular activities.

35km E Albany



Little Beach

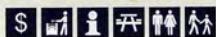
35. Waychinicup National Park



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

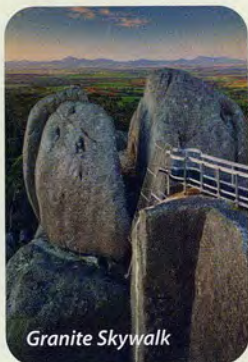
65km E Albany via South Coast Highway

36. Porongurup National Park



Walk trails lead to weathered granite domes through beautiful marri, jarrah and karri forest showcasing the park's geology and vegetation. From the summits there are panoramic views of the coastline, the nearby Stirling Range and surrounding farmland and vineyards while roads surrounding the range also give impressive views. The sensational Granite Skywalk on Castle Rock is a must-see experience in the region.

48km N Albany



Granite Skywalk



Stirling Range, Stirling Range National Park

37. Stirling Range National Park



Unique and abundant wildflowers and the brooding beauty of the mountain landscape make this park one of the South West's most popular destinations. The trails and impressive cliff faces of the park provide challenges to bushwalkers, climbers and abseilers. The 42km Stirling Range Drive traverses the heart of the park linking picnic areas and lookouts with excellent views.

78km NE Albany



Point Ann, Fitzgerald River National Park

38. Fitzgerald River National Park



Renowned for its biodiversity and rugged scenery, the 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. There are excellent visitor facilities including picnic areas, lookouts, walk trails and campgrounds at both ends of the park. Visit parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au for campsite bookings.

Point Ann is 200km NE Albany via Devil Creek Road, East Mt Barren is 245km W Esperance



Cave Point

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Wildlife Watch

For reporting illegal wildlife activity. Freecall 1800 449 453

Fishwatch

To report sightings or evidence of aquatic pests, aquatic diseases (including fish kills) and illegal fishing. Freecall 1800 815 507

**Front cover – Kalbarri Skywalk is 37km from the town of Kalbarri.
Venture beyond the edge of a 100m drop for spectacular views
of the Murchison River gorge and across Kalbarri National Park.**



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