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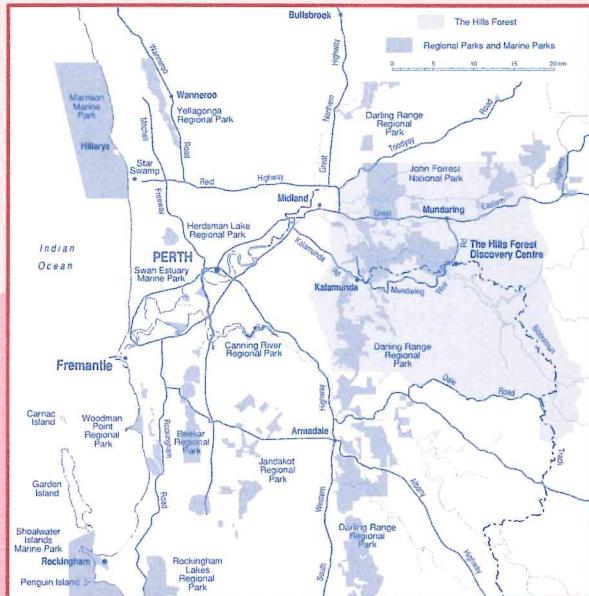
## Perth's Regional Parks

Perth's open space system includes land reserved in eight regional parks, ranging in location from Joondalup to the north, Rockingham in the south, and Darling Range to the east (see map below). Across these varied locations is a wide variety of geological features, vegetation types, areas of interest and social settings.

The Department of Conservation and Land Management has been responsible for coordinating the protection and enhancement of the parks conservation, recreation and landscape values since 1997. These urban parks are used daily for sport, leisure activities, social gatherings and nature study, while the natural environments they contain have important biodiversity conservation values.

Nearer to Nature's seasonal program is a perfect opportunity for the community to become familiar with Perth's regional parks by taking part in activities close to where they live, or to explore parks within the metropolitan area further from home.

Management Plans are being prepared for each of the parks and will be implemented in partnership with community groups and local government. For additional information on Regional Parks please call 9431 6500.



## What is Nearer to Nature?

The Department of Conservation and Land Management's Nearer to Nature program provides opportunities for locals and visitors to participate in unique, engaging guided activities at a range of natural environments in and around Perth. *Above all else, it's about having fun and enjoying Perth's marvellous outdoors!*

### Join the Nearer to Nature Discovery Club

Join the growing membership of our Nearer to Nature Discovery Club. For only \$15 your *entire family* will receive these fantastic benefits:

- A 15% discount on most activities.
- Exclusive camping experiences and activity programs.
- Brochure mail-out service.
- Quarterly newsletter.

Plus other services and benefits!

### Group Bookings

Nearer to Nature can provide a wonderful nature-based activity for your community group, family party, social club, work function or any other gathering. You might like to go exploring, develop knowledge, refresh minds, improve skills, encourage teamwork or simply enjoy yourselves. *We can do it all!* Call our Programs Coordinator for more information.

### Camping at The Hills Forest Discovery Centre

- For small or large groups (up to 35 people).
- Toilets and hot showers.
- Undercover kitchen with fridge, power points and electric BBQs.
- Outdoor picnic tables and chairs.
- All facilities have universal access.

\$8.80 per adult, \$6.60 per child (under 16), \$165 for the whole campground, per night. Bookings are essential.

### Volunteering

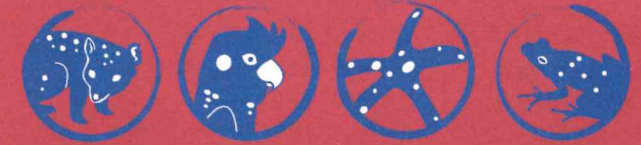
Become part of the Nearer to Nature team! If you have a little spare time and enjoy the outdoors, there is a wide range of opportunities in assisting N2N to coordinate programs at venues all over the Perth metropolitan area. Interested? Phone our Programs Officer for further information.

### Contact Us:

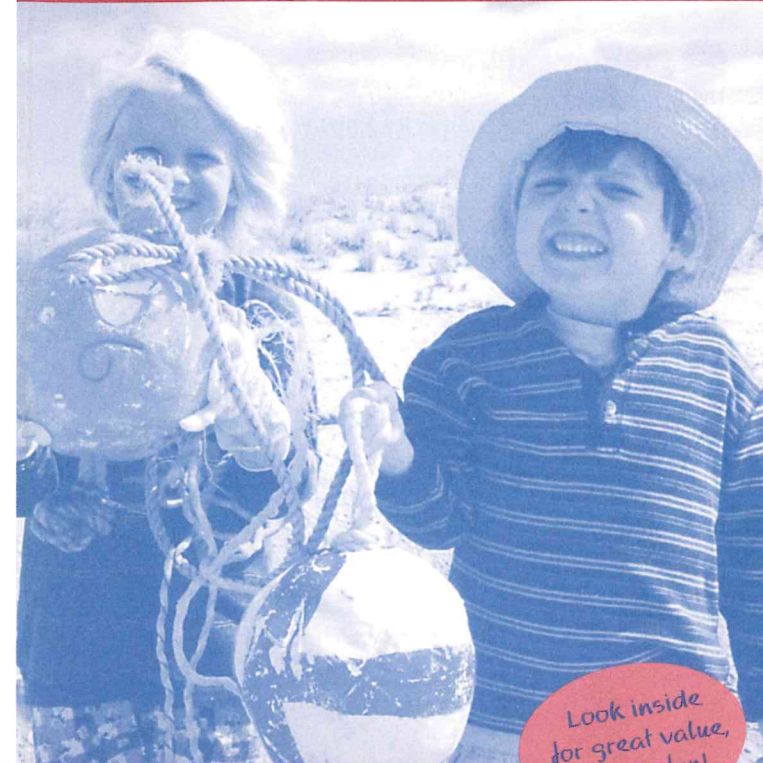
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Nearer to Nature



Nearer to Nature  
Winter 2003



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for great value,  
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Nature - based activities  
in and around Perth  
5 July - 17 August

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# At a Glance

## The Hills Forest Discovery Centre

All activities at this venue begin at The Hills Forest Discovery Centre, Allens Rd (off Mundaring Weir Rd), Mundaring.



Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Sat	5 Jul	1	A Midwinter Night's Dream	4pm – 8.30pm
Sun	6 Jul	9	Find the Forest Frogs	4pm – 6pm
Tues	8 Jul	14	Kids Go Frogging	1pm – 3pm
Sat	12 Jul	6	Lost World Walk	10am – 2pm
Thu	17 Jul	16	Old Man Emu	10am – 12pm
Sun	20 Jul	10	Tracks and Scats	10am – 12pm
Sat	2 Aug	8	Nightshift	7pm – 9pm
Sat	2 Aug	9	Find the Forest Frogs	4pm – 6pm
Sun	3 Aug	11	Ribbons to Rainbows	10am – 12 pm
Sun	3 Aug	13	Back on Track	10am – 1pm
Sun	10 Aug	2	Adorable Aussies	1pm – 2pm
Sun	10 Aug	9	Find the Forest Frogs	4pm – 6pm
Sat	16 Aug	6	Lost World Walk	10am – 2pm
Sun	17 Aug	3	Marsupial Mysteries	11am – 12 pm

## John Forrest National Park

All activities at this venue begin at the Margaret Forrest Centre (near the Rangers' Office) in John Forrest National Park. Turn into Park Rd off Great Eastern Highway, Hovea.

Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Thu	10 Jul	15	Taddy Tales and Froggy Fantastic	10am – 12pm
Fri	25 Jul	8	Nightshift	7pm – 9pm

NB. Activity charges at this venue include entry fee into John Forrest National Park. Companions who travel with you, but are not booked into the Nearer to Nature activity, will be required to pay National Park fees.



## Beeliar Regional Park

Activities at this venue begin at the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre, Hope Rd, Bibra Lake. Two exceptions: \* Meet at the car park on Progress Drive, Bibra Lake, between Gwilliam Dve and Hope Rd. \*\* Meet at the car park on Spectacles Drive between Thomas Rd and Anketell Rd, The Spectacles. Look for the Nearer to Nature signs at both of these venues.



Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Wed	16 Jul	2	Adorable Aussies	10am – 11am
Wed	16 Jul	18	Polywogs in Pools *	12.30pm – 2.30pm
Fri	18 Jul	4	Wriggly Reptiles	11am – 12.30pm
Sun	10 Aug	7	Wetland Wonder **	9am – 11am

## Darling Range Regional Park

Meeting point – Sullivan Rock picnic area, approx. 35km down Albany Highway from Armadale. Look for the Nearer to Nature sign!



Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Sun	27 Jul	5	Mt Vincent Views	10am – 2pm

## Yellagonga Regional Park

All activities at this venue begin at Neil Hawkins Park, Boas Ave, Joondalup.



Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Sat	19 July	7	Wetland Wonder	9am – 11am

## Woodman Point Regional Park

To access activities at this venue, follow the Nearer to Nature signs from the entrance gate to Woodman Point Recreation Camp, O'Kane Ct, Munster.



Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Wed	9 Jul	17	Flotsam and Jetsam	10am – 12pm
Sun	27 Jul	12	Boomerangs and Bush Tucker	10am – 12pm

## Star Swamp

All activities at this venue begin at the Henderson Environmental Centre, at the end of Groat St (off North Beach Rd), North Beach.

Day	Date	No.	Activity	Time
Sun	6 Jul	3	Marsupial Mysteries	11am – 12pm
Mon	7 Jul	18	Polywogs in Pools	10am – 12pm
Fri	11 Jul	8	Nightshift	7pm – 9pm
Sun	20 Jul	4	Wriggly Reptiles	11am – 12.30pm

## Polywogs in Pools



## 1 A Midwinter Night's Dream

Saturday 5 July - 4pm to 8.30pm

The forest comes alive in winter! Come to The Hills Forest Discovery Centre and experience the magic of midwinter with this fabulous family evening. Start with a one hour guided walk exploring the natural forest and hearing tales of the remarkable history of the weir and surrounding area. The kids will be entertained with our Cool Winter Forest activities, including a special visit by Charlie Chuditch. Bring food for a barbecue after the walk, with N2N providing the BBQ's and billy tea for all! After dinner, our wonderful new pavilion is the venue for a bush dance. Don't miss out, numbers are limited! BYO BBQ food.

**Cost: \$10.00 per person, \$7.50 per Discovery Club member (No further discounts apply to this activity)**  
**Time: 4.5 hours**  
**Locations: HFDC**



## Encounter Animals

Come face to face with Western Australia's amazing fauna when our experienced animal carers bring Australia's unique native wildlife to you! After hearing their stories, take the opportunity to share an intimate moment with these incredible animals – we guarantee it'll put a smile on your face!

### 2 Adorable Aussies

Our gorgeous bush babies will delight all. Meet cute joeys and other native animals under the care of knowledgeable animal carers, and hear about their amazing lives in the Australian bush. This activity will make participants more aware of native animals and their needs, and is a wonderful experience for people of all ages.

**Cost: \$10.00 pp**  
**Time: 1 hour**  
**Age: 3 years to adults**  
**Locations: HFDC BRP**



### 3 Marsupial Mysteries

Australia's marsupials are unique in the world of animals. Meet native animals and discover the features that make them perfectly suited to life on this continent. Understanding how our animals have evolved over millions of years will make you realise how special they are.

**Cost: \$10.00 pp**  
**Time: 1 hour**  
**Age: 3 years to adults**  
**Locations: HFDC SS**



### 4 Wiggly Reptiles

Discover what it's like to be a snake in the grass! Experienced handlers will explain the habits and lifestyles of a variety of snakes, lizards and goannas, letting you hold their skins, eggs and some of the animals themselves!

**Cost: \$15.00 pp**  
**Time: 1.5 hours**  
**Age: 6 years to adults**  
**Locations: SS BRP**



## Go Bush

This series of walks will get you out of your home and into nature. Our friendly guides will explain the sights, smells and sounds of Perth's wondrous natural environments. Enclosed shoes, comfortable clothes, drinking water and a hat (for daytime activities) are essential.

### 5 Mt Vincent Views

This is a stunning trek. Walk through the Monadhocks Conservation Area, past Sullivan Rock and onto the spectacular Mt Vincent with your informative guide. Pack your own lunch and eat at the most panoramic picnic area you've ever seen. A real bush bonanza!

**Cost: \$15.00 pp**  
**Time: 4 hours**  
**Age: 9 years to adults**  
**Locations: DRRP**



### 6 Lost World Walk

Join a local guide for a great forest trek. Walk through a spectacular part of the Hills Forest behind Mundaring Weir to a magical spot lost amongst moss-covered rocks. Your guide will explain the winter ecology of the forest as you breath in the forest air and enjoy the views. Bring a packed lunch and water. There is a reasonably steep climb at one stage (approx 1km) and it is recommended that patrons have a reasonable to good level of fitness.

**Cost: \$15.00 pp**  
**Time: 4 hours**  
**Age: 9 years to adults**  
**Locations: HFDC**



## Legend

**Locations:**

**HFDC** – The Hills Forest Discovery Centre, Mundaring

**JFNP** – John Forrest National Park, Hovea

**BRP** – Beeliar Regional Park, Bibra Lake

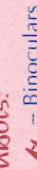
**DRRP** – Darling Range Regional Park, Perth Hills

**YRP** – Yellagonga Regional Park, Joondalup

**WPRP** – Woodman Point Regional Park, Munster

**SS** – Star Swamp, North Beach

**Symbols:**



– Binoculars



– Wheelchair access



– Cameras



– Torch

### 7 Wetland Wonder

Grab your boots and come for a wander to check out the wonder of Perth's wetlands. You'll discover how plants, birds, insects and frogs adapt to the changing seasons. Improve your knowledge and be able to note and enjoy the changes in nature when you next take a wander!

**Cost: \$12.50 pp**  
**Time: 2 hours**  
**Age: 9 years to adults**  
**Location: YRP BRP**



## Discover Nature

Get into nature and discover its secrets. This range of activities combines information and presentations with a nature walk or activity to put your newfound knowledge and skills to good use. Don your walking boots and come along to forage for nature's wonders.

### 8 Nightshift

Bring a torch and spotlight some of the mysteries of the forest. In two sessions, this activity will tune you in to the forest's nightlife, and bring you face to face with our native fauna. Enjoy a cuppa and a great night in the forest.

**Cost: \$15.00 pp**  
**Time: 2 hours**  
**Age: 6 years to adults**  
**Locations: HFDC JFNP SS**



### 9 Find the Forest Frogs

The search is on! Pop on your wellies and lets find those fantastic Forest Frogs. Throughout the walk, our local 'frogger' will guide you through some common frog calls and inspire you to entice these incredible creatures into your own garden.

**Cost: \$15.00 pp**  
**Time: 2 hours**  
**Age: 9 years to adults**  
**Locations: HFDC**

### 10 Tracks and Scats

Join one of our longest serving guides for this great forest foray. Spend an hour in the animal enclosure learning all about Aussie marsupials, before heading out into the forest to search for evidence of their activities. How sharp is your eye?

**Cost: \$15.00 pp**  
**Time: 2 hours**  
**Age: 9 years to adults**  
**Locations: HFDC**

## Get Creative

Be inspired by the combination of glorious natural environments and a creative N2N activity. Our friendly staff will lead you through each activity, helping you to create something with that special touch of nature.

### 11 Ribbons to Rainbows

Create a unique and funky hanging mobile using recycled and natural bush materials. Under the creative supervision of our friendly guide, and in the serene surrounds of The Hills Forest Discovery Centre, you will uncover creativity that you never knew you had!

**Cost: \$15.00 pp**  
**Time: 2 hours**  
**Age: 9 years to adults**  
**Locations: HFDC**



## Experience Indigenous Culture

Discover the marvellous culture, knowledge and skills of Indigenous Australians. Walk with Nyooongar guides and hear stories of their history, customs and spiritual connection with the natural environment.

### 12 Boomerangs and Bush Tucker

Yes, your boomerang will come back! This activity will offer a fabulous insight into Aboriginal culture whilst a Noongar guide leads you through a bushwalk. He will show you ways of hunting for food and the invaluable properties of native plants. Learn how to throw a Boomerang and paint one as a souvenir of this enriching experience.

**Cost: \$15.00 pp**  
**Time: 2 hours**  
**Age: 9 years to adults**  
**Locations: WPRP**

## Seek Adventure

Time to get active and experience some natural adventure! Develop new skills and discover exciting new ways to enjoy nature with minimal environmental impact under the care of our specialist guides. Bring your lunch, snacks and water as required.

### 13 Back on Track

Learn great new skills with this fun forest adventure. Your guide will first show you how to navigate in the bush with a map and compass. Use your newly acquired navigation skills to complete a forest walk, while enjoying the magic scenery and winter conditions that make the forest special at this time of the year.

**Cost: \$12.50pp**  
**Time: 3 hour**  
**Age: 9 years to adult**  
**Locations: HFDC**



## Captivate the Kids (Adults Free)

This series of activities is specially designed to intrigue and inspire children of varying ages. They can sing to the sounds of nature, create unique craft or act out their favourite forest fantasies. *Accompanying adults must stay on site to supervise their children's safety and contribute to their enjoyment!*

### 14 Kids Go Frogging

Hop along and become a frog-watching expert! Let the kids indulge themselves in learning about the watery world of frogs and their amazing calls. They'll even have the chance to make their own froggy badge as a fun reminder of the day.

**Cost: \$15.00 per child**  
**Time: 2 hours**  
**Age: 6 to 12 years**  
**Locations: HFDC**

### 15 Taddy Tales and Froggy Fantastic

Riddip! Calling all junior frog lovers! This is a froggy craft, song and story day that will delight all youngsters. Hop on out to the wetland and leap from one great activity to the next, discovering all the different features of frogs.

**Cost: \$12.00 per child**  
**Time: 2 hours**  
**Age: 3 to 6 years**  
**Locations: JFNP**

### 16 Old Man Emu

The emu is one of the most intriguing of Australia's native wild animals. The kids will love listening to fabulous stories about the emu and then creating their very own emu statue using natural materials.

**Cost: \$12.00 per child**  
**Time: 2 hours**  
**Age: 6 to 12 years**  
**Locations: HFDC**

### 17 Flotsam and Jetsam

Hit the beach to create amazing environmental art. Come beachcombing and discover an assortment of bits and pieces washed onto the beach by the winter storms. On return, you'll use the man-made materials you collected to create unique art, right there on the (now clean) beach.

**Cost: \$7.50 per child**  
**Time: 2 hours**  
**Age: 6 to 12 years**  
**Locations: WPRP**

### 18 Polywoys in Pools

Join us on a submarine search for nature's funky swamp dwellers. With scoop net and trays, you'll discover amazing invertebrates and learn about their incredible lives before returning them safely to their wetland homes.

**Cost: \$7.50 per child**  
**Time: 2 hours**  
**Age: 6 to 12 years**  
**Locations: BRP SS**

## Bookings and Payment

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To book, call Nearer to Nature, (8.30am – 4.30pm Mon – Fri) Advanced payment is required for final confirmation. All prices include GST.

### Payment options:

Payment by phone: Visa, Bankcard and MasterCard  
Payment by mail: Cheques or money orders made out to Conservation and Land Management. Mail address is printed on the back panel.

### Discounts:

- Nearer to Nature Discovery Club members – 15%
  - Seniors Card Holders – 10%
  - YHA Members – 10%
  - Families or groups of 4 or more – 10%
- (Combine a family discount with any one of the above discounts for a maximum of 25% off your booking!)

### Cancellations:

If you cancel your booking more than two (2) working days before the activity, we will gladly refund your payment or offer a credit voucher (valid for one year). Once confirmed, your booking is transferable – so if you can't make it, send your friends and family! Please notify us of any changes in attendance.

If we must cancel an activity, we may reschedule or offer a Nearer to Nature credit voucher or payment refund.

### Six Tips to maximise your NZN fun!

1. Don't forget to bring:
  - A bag for your litter;
  - Drinking water and lunch or snacks if required;
  - A sense of fun and adventure!
2. Wear clothing appropriate for your bush or beach activity:
  - Weather protection gear- plan to protect yourself from the sun or rain;
  - Comfortable and durable clothes;
  - Sturdy, enclosed footwear in the bush. Sandals are best for the beach.
3. Activities will begin on time – please arrive 10 minutes early for registration.
4. Please do not endanger our native animals - leave all pets at home.
5. Safety is our concern, but your responsibility. Have fun and stay safe.
6. Children (under 16) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, unless specified.

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