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Parks and visitor information

Campgrounds to open before Easter

More families will be able to enjoy holidays in two of the State's most popular national parks.

Osprey Bay Campground in [Cape Range National Park](#) near Exmouth and Conto Campground in [Leeuwin-Naturaliste](#)

[National Park](#) near Margaret River are due to re-open by Easter. Both sites have been redeveloped under the State Government's [Parks for People](#) initiative and will provide more camp sites and improved facilities.



For information about camping in Cape Range, Leeuwin-Naturaliste or any other national parks in WA, visit [Park Stay WA](#).

Visit us at the 2015 RAC Perth Caravan and Camping Show

Come and visit Parks and Wildlife officers at stand 251/252 in the Jim Webster Pavilion before planning your next camping adventure.

Tickets for the show include public transport and are available online at caravanandcampingshow.com.au.

Have your questions answered and check out some great deals for:

- [Karijini Eco Retreat](#)
- [WA Wilderness Glamping](#)
- [Wharncliffe Mill](#)
- [Martins Tank Campground](#)



While you're there, enter our show competition and be in line to win a stay at the Karijini Eco Retreat or a free pass to WA's fantastic parks.

Following the competition in our last issue, five lucky subscribers have received double passes to the show and thanks to the generosity of the [Caravan Industry Association of WA](#).

Featured operator – East Kimberley Tours (EKT) & Bungle Bungle Bushcamp

East Kimberley Tours offers fly/drive tours to the Bungle Bungle from Kununurra via fixed wing aircraft and via helicopter from Warmun (Turkey Creek). EKT has a unique Bungle Bungle Bushcamp available within the World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle). Whether you arrive by spectacular scenic flight from Kununurra/Warmun or make your own way, the EKT Bungle Bungle Bushcamp is an oasis in the wilderness.

Accommodation options include cabins with en-suites or twin-



share with shared facilities (hot showers and flushing toilets). Three meals per day are available at both indoor and outdoor dining facilities and a fully licensed bar has soft drinks and range of alcoholic beverages. NEW in 2015 – the Bushcamp has a swimming pool so you can relax poolside after your day of trekking in the park!

Visit [East Kimberley Tours](#) and book your holiday in one Australia's most iconic locations and like East Kimberley Tours on [Facebook](#).

Bibbulmun Track needs a hand

The large bushfires that ravaged parts of the south-west in February had a devastating impact on parts of the Bibbulmun Track. A number of bridges, shelters and camp sites were destroyed leaving some sections of the track out of action. For the time being, it is not possible to complete end-to-end treks and walkers should consider either delaying plans or doing shorter sections.

While some sections that were closed have been opened again, restoring the track and replacing facilities, trail markers and signs will take considerable time and money.

You can help. For details about volunteering, the Timber Bridges Appeal or the latest news, track conditions and updates please refer to the [Bibbulmun Track Foundation](#).

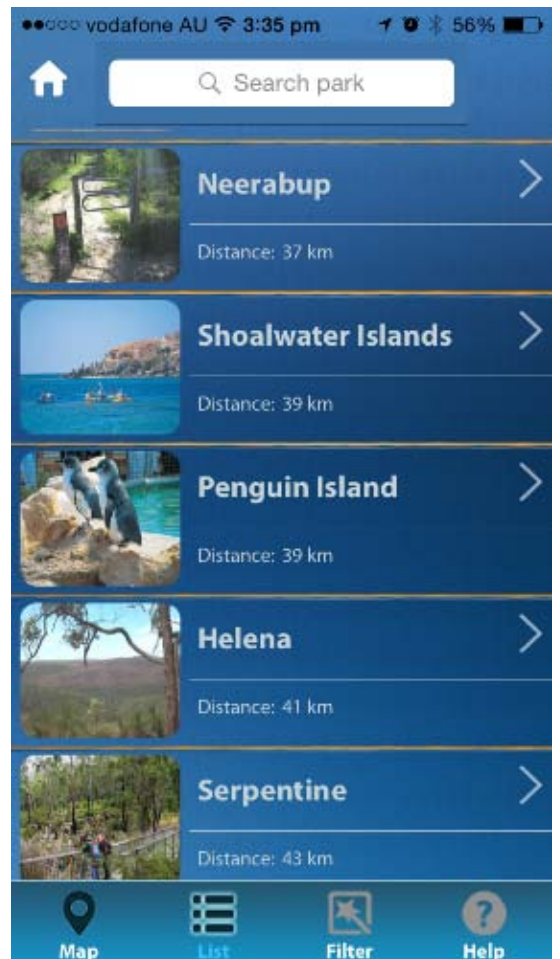


Get the new Park Finder app

The new Park Finder iPhone app is nearly here!

Soon you will be able to find details of parks within 100km of your position, from a list or interactive map or search by park name and narrow your searches by region, your favourite activities or the visitor facilities available. The app will sync with your account on the Explore Parks WA website so you can save your favourites.

Be the first to download and try Park Finder. Just email touring.wa@dpaw.wa.gov.au and type 'New Park Finder' in the subject line and we will let you know as soon as Park Finder is available on iTunes. An Android version is planned for the future.



LANDSCOPE magazine – Autumn 2015

Get your copy of the new-look *LANDSCOPE* magazine!

In this issue:

- Cape Range National Park – glistening turquoise waters and rugged ancient canyons.
- Return to Millstream – journeying back to yesteryear.
- And the rivers ran red – a fascinating natural phenomenon intrigues scientists.
- A hidden world – look at WA’s algae from a totally different perspective.
- Under the stars: nature-based camping – getting back to the bush with affordable and accessible camping options.
- People in profile: Dr Denis A Saunders – a long-term affair with Carnaby’s cockatoos.
- WA’s mammals: ensuring their future – a snapshot of mammals and how they’re faring.
- Woodland recovery after fire – research into post-fire recovery helps guide management.



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School holiday activities

Book your kids into fun nature-based activities during the school holidays including the special 'Easter bilby family fun day'.



[Download program brochures here.](#)

More information and bookings are available on (08) 9295 2244 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Industry news

FACET Conference 2015, Geotourism - Tourism Down Under

This two day conference will raise awareness of Western Australia's ancient geoheritage and explore tourism opportunities linked to Western Australia's unique landscapes.

The program will include a one day conference and sundowner in Perth, a Geotourism Experience and Workshop on Rottnest Island, together with post conference options of a weekend on Rottnest Island or travel to Mt Magnet, 600km north east of Perth, for the Astro Rock Festival.



Dates: 20-21 May 2015

Contact FACET to register your interest by emailing admin@facet.asn.au.

The conference program will be available soon. For further information please visit www.facet.asn.au.

Wellington Kiosk registrations of interest

Parks and Wildlife is seeking registrations of interest for the operation of the Wellington Kiosk in Wellington National Park.

The kiosk is ideally located to service the needs of visitors to the Wellington Dam, Collie River and surrounding national park.

There are high quality public recreation facilities nearby as well as popular camping areas of Honeymoon Pool and Potters Gorge less than 10km away. There are also opportunities to develop tours and equipment hire from the kiosk and to manage the proposed upgraded Potters Gorge campground in a



community partnership with the department. This is a great opportunity to develop and operate a business within a national park.

It is essential that interested parties download the [Guidelines for Submissions](#) or request a copy by email

from rod.quartermain@dpaw.wa.gov.au or on (08) 9219 9169.

The closing date for submissions is 3pm (WST) Tuesday 14 April 2015.

The 23rd Annual Global Eco Conference Heads West in 2015

The 23rd Annual Global Eco Conference will be held at Rottnest Island, Western Australia 17-19 November 2015.

Themed ***Ecotourism: navigating for success***, the conference is supported by Tourism Western Australia, the Rottnest Island Authority and the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Ecotourism Australia is seeking concurrent, workshop and master-class papers on a range of topic areas:



1. Island, coastal and marine ecotourism planning, management or operations.
2. Increasing revenue growth through quality systems
3. Optimising the ecotourism value of UNESCO sites - world heritage, biosphere reserves
4. Tourism awards - what makes a winner - are they good for business?
5. Small ecotourism business, big reach - case studies in innovative marketing
6. Global trends and innovation in ecotourism
7. Indigenous and community-based ecotourism
8. Global geotourism, geoparks and geotrails
9. Tourism investment: where is the growth? Attracting investors
10. Developing ecotourism destinations
11. Climate change and ecotourism
12. Innovative partnerships and ecotourism

To view submission guidelines and to submit your paper, please visit globaleco.com.au.

The closing date for submissions is COB Monday 30 March 2015.



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