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Welcome to Touring WA, a selection of the latest news from the Department of Parks and Wildlife for visitors to Western Australia's national parks. In this issue you can find out about new and improved park facilities, camping opportunities, things to do, new publications, having your say and tourism conferences.

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Parks and visitor information

New campground facilities

More new caravanning and camping facilities have been completed in time for the upcoming July school holidays.

The first of two loops to be finished at the new Gnaala Mia campground in Dryandra Woodland has a range of camp sites suitable for tents through to larger caravans. The sites are carefully nestled in the forest at least 20m apart for a more private forest experience.



Some of the new camp sites at [Logue Brook](#) cater for caravans and boats but a number are also specifically designed just for tents, with views of the lake. The new pump track is already getting a workout from young mountain bikers!

Miners campground and picnic area in [Coalseam Conservation Park](#) has long been popular as a quiet stopover and a great base for wildflower viewing in spring.

These works are all part of the State Government's Royalties for Regions [Parks for People Caravan and Camping initiative](#). Read more about plans for 2015/2016 in: [Park visitors benefit in State Budget](#).



Featured operator - HeliSpirit

[HeliSpirit](#) operates a variety of award winning helicopter flights over the Bungle Bungles and Mitchell Falls in Western Australia's fabulous Kimberley. These once-in-a-life-time experiences offer so much more than ground-based visits alone and a portion of each ticket contributes to maintenance of the parks.



HeliSpirit's Bungle Bungle helicopter flights depart directly from the airfield inside [Purnululu National Park](#), maximizing flight time over the range and giving you the best value.

At the [Mitchell Falls](#), you can choose to fly one way only with a scenic helicopter flight and walk the other way along the 3.5km scenic track. Flights depart from the campground or the heli-pad above the falls.



Bookings are essential. [Click here](#) to choose your flight.

SPECIAL OFFER – Book a flight between July 1 and 15, and quote DPaW2015, to receive a FREE photo book by BJK photography valued at \$25. (One photo book per booking.)

Introduction to camping at Martins Tank Campground

If you've never tried camping, haven't done it for a while, or maybe haven't camped with the kids in tow, this event is for you!

[More information and bookings.](#)

Reconnect with family and spend some time in nature with the support of experienced campers in an encouraging environment at Martins Tank campground just an hour's drive from Perth over the weekend of 22 and 23 August.



Parks and Wildlife staff will be there all weekend to help you set up camp and answer your questions.

Price: standard camping fee of \$10 per adult and \$2.20 per child (6-15 years).

Optional free activities:

- Ranger-guided spotlighting tour seeking possums (bring your own torch).

- Evening communal fire with damper making lessons and marshmallow toasting.
- Guided lakeside walk at Martins Tank Lake.

Perup Conservation & Science Safari

Award-winning tour operators Global Gypsies have added an exciting new hands-on wildlife experience to their calendar – a research and conservation “*voluntour*” in conjunction with the Parks and Wildlife.

The inaugural Perup Conservation and Science Safari will run from October 18 to 25, 2015. For eight fun, busy and

educational days in the spring, you can help to capture, ‘process’ and monitor a range of native marsupials at Perup Sanctuary, just 50km east of Manjimup in the heart of the forest. You can also work on flora-related projects, enjoy guided bushwalks, go bird watching, visit local attractions and learn about the local eco-system.

The package includes twin-share accommodation in the sanctuary’s rammed earth guesthouse and quality catering by the Global Gypsies ‘1000-star’ outback cooking team. Partial proceeds will be donated to Perup to support its important conservation and rehabilitation projects.

Contact [Global Gypsies](#) for further details and bookings.



School holiday activities for kids

Get the kids outdoors exploring nature these school holidays.

From frogs to fungi, *Nearer to Nature* has a wide range of winter-themed activities for all ages. Activities run from various locations across Perth. For further details call 9295 2244 or visit: nearertonature.dpaw.wa.gov.au.



Nearer to Nature
Community

Wildflower season is coming!

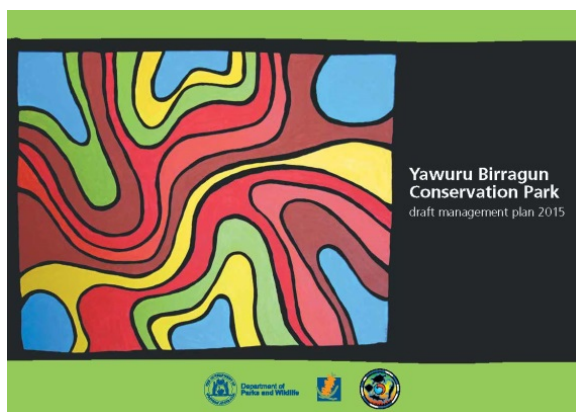
Widespread rains across the WA should produce a great wildflower season so start planning your wildflower experience now.

Tourism WA has all the best advice at [Explore WA's Wildflowers](#).

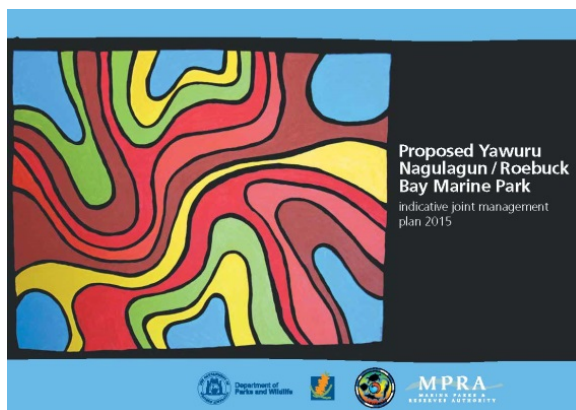


Have your say on new parks near Broome

The Yawuru Birragun Conservation Park and Proposed Yawuru Nagulagun / Roebuck Bay Marine Park form part of the Yawuru conservation estate. This is an exciting new venture in which lands and waters around Broome are being jointly managed in partnership by the Parks and Wildlife and the Yawuru people, the native title holders of the area.



Draft management plans have been released for public comment and you are invited to have your say on how these parks will be managed into the future. See dpaw.wa.gov.au/yawuru to download the plans and to make a submission.

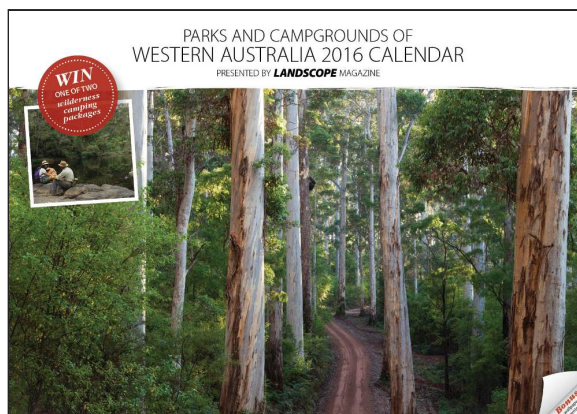


The public comment period closes on 25 September 2015.

2016 Parks and Campgrounds Calendar available now

Featuring beautiful images of WA's parks and reserves and with information on parks and campgrounds, the *Parks and Campgrounds of Western Australia 2016 Calendar* will inspire a full year of nature experiences.

With every calendar purchased there's the chance to win one of two wilderness



camping packages in the stunning Warren National Park, home to some of the State's most majestic karri trees. Get your copy online now at shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au.

Winter issue of *LANDSCOPE* magazine

Explore WA's parks and reserves on us with a free park pass inside the Winter 2015 issue of *LANDSCOPE* magazine!

Check out WA's top 10 most visited parks for some inspiration, then get out there and enjoy WA's beautiful natural environment. Your free park pass is valid until 1 December 2015.

Buy *LANDSCOPE* online at shop.dpaw.wa.gov.au.



Industry news

Get involved in the Adventure Activity Standards Review

Adventure Activity Standards (AAS) describe industry requirements and responsibilities for organisations and leaders conducting outdoor adventure activities for groups where the participants are dependent upon the activity provider. They reflect common safe practice as identified by the outdoor sector.

Outdoors WA is reviewing the AAS for Bushwalking, Challenge Ropes, Four-wheel Driving and Snorkelling and Wildlife Swims.

If you have an interest in one or more of these outdoor activities go to outdoorswa.org.au/Interact/AAS2015 and:



- download and read the latest versions of the AAS
- provide feedback via the online questionnaire -your views are important even if you don't see the need for any changes
- if other people in your network might be interested, download the flyer and share it with them.

You can also nominate to be part of the Technical Working Committee that review and ratify any changes.

Reminders

The Gap and Natural Bridge

[The Gap and Natural Bridge](#) are temporarily closed while new paths and spectacular viewing areas are constructed. Put Albany on your list for 2016!



Lucky Bay

Lucky Bay Campground in [Cape Le Grand National Park](#) is currently closed and will re-open later this year following redevelopment.



The 23rd Annual Global Eco Conference

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

To enquire about submitting a paper or to register, please visit globaleco.com.au.



WA State Tourism Conference

This two-day conference will be run jointly for the first time by [Tourism Council WA](#), [Caravan Industry Association of WA](#) and [Visitor Centre Association of WA](#) from 21 to 23 September 2015. [Register your interest here.](#)



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