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Welcome to *Touring WA*, where we share some of the latest news from the Department of Parks and Wildlife for visitors to Western Australia's national parks.

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Parks and visitor information

Camping at Coalmine - a special offer just for you!

If you are looking for fun and adventure or to relax and take it easy – whatever your pace, [Coalmine Beach Holiday Park](#) is the perfect destination.

Located in the beautiful [Walpole-Nornalup National Park](#) which is home to tingle forests, rugged coastlines and peaceful rivers, there is plenty to see and explore.

variety of accommodation styles from camp sites to glamping in luxury tents! Fire pits are scattered throughout the park making it easy for everyone to toast their marshmallows.



Coalmine Beach Holiday Park has a special offer just for readers of *Touring WA*.

Use the promotion code: **DPAWCAMP**: Come and bring the family and camp for just \$30 per night, no extra charges and they'll even throw in a bag of marshmallows for toasting on the camp fires.

or

Use the promotion code: **DPAWSTAY**: Book any of their on-site accommodation for a minimum of two nights and they'll give you **30 per cent discount** AND the kids will stay free.

To book, visit their website www.coalminebeach.com.au, phone (08) 9840 1026 or email info@coalminebeach.com.au.

Please note: This offer is subject to availability, cannot be used with any other promotion and only in their off peak season. For season details, please refer to their website www.coalminebeach.com.au.

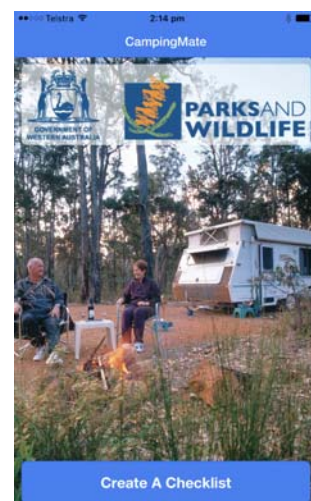
Make your camping life easier with the Camping Mate App

If you're planning a school holiday get away why not make your life easier by using the Camping Mate App.

The app lets you create and share detailed checklists for all types of camping. You can share the lists with your friends and family to make sure you have everything you need.

The Camping Mate App is also packed with information about camping in Western Australia such as where to go, when to go and staying safe.

Download the app from [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#) now.



Grab the kids and join the team from [Nature Play WA](#) for Cubby Town – a fun, interactive cubby building event.

Cubby Town is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to spend time together in nature building cubbies and forts, making mud pies, creating nature crafts and more!



All children who attend Cubby Town will receive their very own [Passport to an Amazing Childhood](#) – a fun way to get active and outdoors!

Cubby Town will be held in the beautiful [Yanchep National Park](#) on Sunday 30 April 2017.

For more information and to register your interest in attending this exciting event please visit [Nature Play WA](#).

Visit the humpback whales at Ningaloo

The humpback whale trial will continue in 2017.

The in-water experience is regulated to minimise the disturbance to whales and swimmers.

All humpback whale tours are conducted in small groups which means you get the most intimate and exhilarating experience of a lifetime.



Tours will be offered by Parks and Wildlife registered and licensed tour operators (listed below), between August and November this year, during the whale's annual migration along the coast.

- [Coral Bay Ecotours](#)
- [Exmouth Diving Centre](#)
- [Kings Ningaloo Reef Tours](#)
- [Live Ningaloo](#)
- [Ningaloo Blue](#)
- [Ningaloo Discovery](#)
- [Ningaloo Reef Dive](#)
- [Ningaloo Whaleshark N Dive](#)
- [Ningaloo Whaleshark Swim](#)
- [Ocean Eco Adventures](#)
- [Three Islands Whale Shark Dive](#)

Come on down and grab a cuppa at the Woodman Point Beach Kiosk.

Woodman Point is a great place to bring the whole family with plenty of barbeques, a playground and of course, the beach. There is even a jetty to go fishing with the kids and bait will soon be available from the kiosk.



The Woodman Point Kiosk offers locally roasted fresh coffee, snacks, scoop ice-cream, cold drinks and slushies.

Visit the [Explore Parks website](#) for information on how to get there.

Book now for the Karijini Experience!

[Karijini National Park](#) is about to come alive with the Karijini Experience!

[The Karijini Experience](#) is a five-day celebration of culture and connection, and offers a selection of intimate, authentic and once in a lifetime experiences.



There are exciting events for the whole family such as art, photography workshops, degustations, walk-and-talks, cooking demonstrations, basket weaving and so much more!

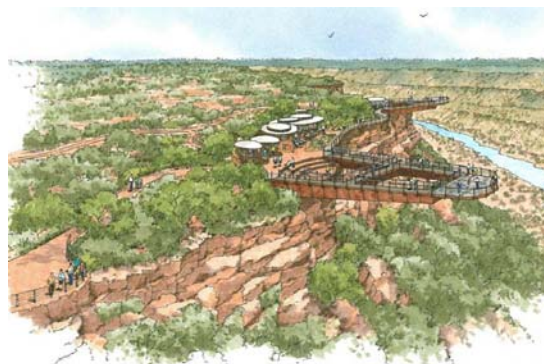
Held on the traditional lands of the Banjima people, the Karijini experience is timed perfectly to coincide with school holidays and the perfect Pilbara weather.

Tickets to this five-day exclusive event on 11-15 April are strictly limited and on sale now. [Book online now.](#)

Kalbarri Skywalk – roadworks have begun

Roadworks and construction in Kalbarri National Park have begun as part of a world-class skywalk tourism development in the park.

Two skywalks will be built more than 100m above the Murchison River to provide stunning park views.



To help plan your stay without too much disruption please visit the [Explore Parks WA](#) website.

LANDSCOPE magazine Autumn 2017 - available now!

Inside the latest issue of *LANDSCOPE* magazine we explore the popular Penguin Island Conservation Park and celebrate 20 years of the iconic Tree Top Walk, plus so much more.

Stories include:

- *Parks for People*: Penguin Island Conservation Park: Exploring the island and its famous residents.
- Changing tides: Thirty years of Marmion and Ningaloo marine parks.
- Quolls on Country: A surprise sighting leads to a fascinating find and a successful partnership.
- Caring for our rivers: Volunteer opportunities to help support the Swan Canning Riverpark.
- Adventure out: Walking with the giants – Celebrating 20 years of the Tree Top Walk.
- Connecting people to parks: The WA Parks Foundation is providing ways to develop people's connection to parks.
- The underwater world of the Kimberley: Revealing the secrets of marine species that survive against the odds.



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School holiday fun

School holidays are nearly here and *Nearer to Nature* a heap of opportunities for you to get the kids active, outdoors and having fun.

[Nearer to Nature](#) has activities ranging from 'Sunset Paddles', to 'Creature Feature' and 'Life Through a Lens'.

Bookings are essential and the events fill fast so be quick!

Phone *Nearer to Nature* on (08) 9295 2244 (9am to 4pm Monday to Friday).



Explore the best of the Bibbulmun Track

Limited places are open for walkers to join the annual Bibbulmun & Beyond nine-day guided tour.

Departing Monday 1 May 2017, the nine-day itinerary incorporates full and half-day walks along sections of the [Bibbulmun Track](#) and into the [Stirling Range National Park](#). The track passes through some of the most diverse and unique areas of

Australia's south west from giant boulders, to magnificent ancient forests, coastal heathlands and spectacular views.

Participants walk on the Track with only a small daypack and a private air-conditioned bus provides transport to and from the track each day. Each evening the group returns to comfortable accommodation in the rural towns and villages along the track to relax and enjoy the local fare.

For more information or to book please call (08) 9481 0551, email events@bibbulmuntrack.org.au or visit www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au to download an information pack and booking form.



Industry news

FACET events – Forum Advocating Cultural and Eco Tourism Inc

Workshop – Giving Back: Tourism's Social Entrepreneurship

Wednesday 5 April 2017

Learn how your tourism business can progress to the next level, and engage with local communities to make a real difference. Social entrepreneurship focuses on sustainable goals contributing to conservation, health care and community development.

now. To book, visit the [FACET website](#).

Conference - Celebrating our Parks



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Celebrating our Parks is a three-day event that will deliver an exciting, informative and innovative program raising awareness and appreciation of our unique and ancient landscapes.

Participants will be able to explore opportunities for communities to connect with our parks showcasing the work of the [WA Parks Foundation](#).

The conference will be held at Government House on Monday 9 October to Wednesday 11 October 2017. [Registration information](#) will be available soon so save the dates in your calendars.

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