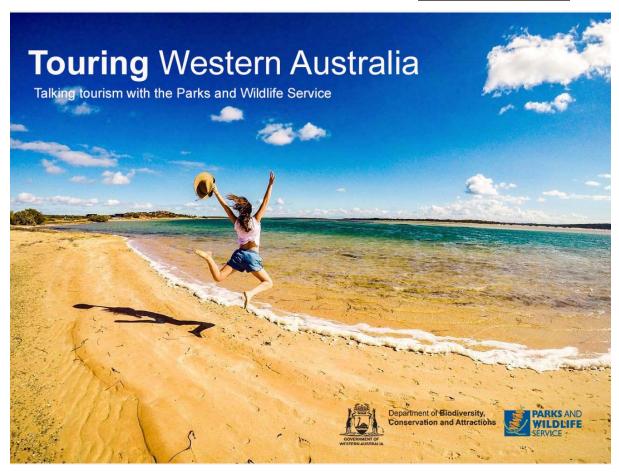
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# Parks and visitor information

## A new campground for the south-west!

Exciting news! A beautiful new campground has opened in the southwest of WA.

Located between Margaret River and Augusta, Jarrahdene Campground is a beautiful spot nestled amongst the jarrah, marri and peppermint bushland.



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And the best part, you can book your stay online!

Visit the **Explore Parks website** to book your next holiday in the south-west now.

#### Take a camping adventure close to Perth

Step into nature close to home and camp at the small but beautiful campgrounds at Walyunga National Park.

The Swan River flows through Walyunga with flooded gum trees, wandoo woodlands, marri and powderbark trees.



The park is only a one-hour drive from Perth, which makes it the perfect spot for a mid-week or weekend break.

Book your campsite now.

## Start your next adventure at the Caravan and Camping Show

Get your tickets now to see a huge selection of gadgets, accessories, caravans, tents and camper trailers on display.

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entertainment and things to see and do.

While you are at the show, come and visit the Parks and Wildlife Service stand in the Tourism Pavilion, check out what's happening in national parks and have all your questions answered.

Ticket prices include free travel on the Transperth network.

Get your tickets now.

Wed 21 to Sun 25
March 25
Claremont Showground - 9am to 5pm
- Everything you need to explore WA -

#### Online tickets to nature!

Now you can jump the queues and easily book your national park experiences online!

Park Passes, for entry into WA's beautiful national parks, are available online to purchase – all you need to do is pay, print and you're ready to go!

Purchase your Park Pass online now!

If you're heading to Yanchep National Park, book your Crystal Cave Tour online before you go. Select the date and time, pay, receive your confirmation email and all you have to do is show up!



From May to October you can take a boat tour in the iconic Geikie Gorge, in the Kimberley region, for a fascinating insight into the gorge's wildlife and geology.

You might be lucky enough to see crocodiles, wallabies, sea eagles, brolgas and rare purple-crowned



fairy-wrens, against the incredible contrasting colours of the gorge walls.

### Holiday camping

The Easter break and the April school holidays are two of the best and most popular times of the year to go camping in WA's national parks.

Planning ahead can help ensure you have a great time.

If you are heading for a campground that does not have online booking make sure you have back-up



accommodation just in case. Campgrounds fill up quickly!

Easter is only three weeks away and it is likely that no bookable sites will be available in most places but there may be some availability for single nights. Check availability now!

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Remember that bookings can be made up to 180 days in advance so be prepared to plan your holiday early and lock in your dates.

Easter is early this year and you may not be able to light a fire. Plan to use your own gas-fuelled barbecue or camping stove or use one of the many hot plates provided free in



campgrounds and picnic areas. You can search for campgrounds with gas barbecues in <a href="Park Finder">Park Finder</a> and take food that you can cook on a barbecue.

Good luck and happy camping!

#### Access to nature with beach wheelchairs

Everyone should have access to nature and be able to enjoy parks together.

Three specially-designed beach wheelchairs are now available to use in the Exmouth area, allowing visitors with a disability to share experiences with their families along the Ningaloo Coast.



There is no charge to use the wheelchairs, and they are available to use year-round.

(08) 9947 8000 between 8am and 5pm weekdays.

## **Sharing the Dreaming app**

Nyoongar is the name given to Aboriginal people whose traditional Country lies in the south-west of WA.

You can learn more about the Nyoongar people and their culture by downloading the *Sharing the Dreaming* app.

The app has some amazing features to experience!

You can listen to stories such as 'Why the chuditch has spots', discover the meaning of symbols used in traditional artwork, read about the six seasons of the year and learn the English translation of Nyoongar words!

The *Sharing the Dreaming* app is also a great tool to use in classrooms.

Download the app for free from iTunes now.



## **Park Explorers Photography Competition**

If you've been following @exploreparkswa on Instagram, you might have seen the Park Explorers photo competition.

The winning entries were awarded one of four glamping prizes from Kiosk at the Dam and Pemberton Discovery Tours.

Congratulations to our four winning images by @jen.fergy – Cricket at Lucky Bay, Cape Le Grand National Park, @dusttie – Hiking in Kalbarri National Park, @worldoftravelwithkids – Exploring the beach in Walpoloe-Nornalup National Park and @its.shirleen – Taking in the view at Stirling Range National Park.

Follow @exploreparkswa on Instagram to see more incredible images of Western Australia's beautiful national and marine parks.





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#### WA road rules for international drivers

So you've got your travel itinerary (check out our self-drive guides here) and you're about to set off on the trip of a lifetime around Western Australia's beautiful national parks but, are you sure of the road rules?

Not to worry, there are a series of road safety booklets in multiple languages that will help you safely on your way.

The 'On The Road' booklets include WA road rules and key road safety



The booklets are available to download for free on the <u>Road Safety Commission</u> website.

Take some time to read them to ensure your trip is as enjoyable and safe as possible!

## LANDSCOPE magazine available soon

Inside the autumn edition of *LANDSCOPE* magazine (available in coming weeks) we look at the wonderful partnerships and tourism opportunities in WA's parks, plus so much more.

#### Stories include:

- Parks for People: Bold Park A bushland oasis 10km from Perth CBD.
- Culture in the parks facilitating opportunities for traditional owners.
- Many moods of our rivers WA's amateur photographers capture the Swan Canning Riverpark's beauty and diversity.
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- A bird on the edge: the noisy scrub-bird uncovering the secrets of this cryptic species.



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# **Industry news**

#### **Tourism events**

The Tourism Council WA provides members with workshops, conferences and training



opportunities. There are many events to choose from to help you promote your business, network, engage and celebrate your success.

To become a member or book a workshop or conference visit the <u>Tourism Council</u> WA website.

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