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Book a boat tour in the beautiful Danggu Geikie Gorge

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

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Parks and visitor information

Exciting news! You can book even more of your favourite campgrounds online!



Cape Range National Park

Located in the beautiful Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area, Mesa Campground is right by the beach and has been recently upgraded to include 23 hard-surface camping bays and new paths providing access for all to beaches, day-use areas, visitor car parks and the new toilets.

The new camping bays are a spacious 8m by 12m and are suitable for camper trailers, campervans, caravan and free standing tents and swags. Start planning your trip to this spectacular place and book online now at [Explore Parks WA](#).

Wellington National Park

[Potters Gorge](#) and [Honeymoon Pool](#) campgrounds are located in beautiful Wellington National Park only 2 hours' drive from Perth.

There is so much to do while you're there. You can try out the mountain bike trails, swim, kayak, bushwalk, fish, four-wheel drive and so much more! You may even spot a unique native animal such as a chuditch, quenda, quokka, brushtail possum, woylie or western ringtail possum.



King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park

Up in Australia's north-west is the stunning [King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park](#) known for the spectacular Bell Creek and Lennard gorges.



Silent Grove Campground is in a lovely spot by the river with great facilities and is the best place to set up camp if you plan on visiting the beautiful Bell Gorge and Bells Falls.

The campground is suitable for tents, camper trailers and caravans but they will need to be high-clearance and four-wheel drive. There are picnic tables, flush toilets (so fancy) and even showers!

Only open during the dry-season, you can book your campsite now at [Explore Parks WA](#).

Windjana Gorge National Park

Windjana Gorge Campground has 80 tent and caravan sites and there's an airstrip nearby if you feel like flying in!



While you're there, why not take one of the beautiful walks from the campground. The Gorge Walk winds through the gorge where you'll see perfectly preserved marine fossils within the limestone of the gorge walls and the Savannah Walk showcases the plants and animals of the area.

Only open during the dry season, the campground is available to start booking now at [Explore Parks WA](#).

The Google Trekker is trekking all over WA



If you're out visiting Western Australia's beautiful national parks and trails you might see a hiker carrying an unusual load on his/her back.

Google's Street View Trekker is a 14kg backpack with 15 lenses capturing 360 degree panoramic and birds eye views. The camera is being used to capture locations that can only be accessed on foot or by boat, including some incredibly beautiful remote and hard to get to places.

The footage will be uploaded to Google and people from all over the world will be able to experience walking WA's trails and national parks from the comfort of their home and, know what to expect if they are planning to travel there.

If you see the Google Trekker be sure to say hi! Stay tuned, we will let you know when Google has uploaded the imagery!

Need a National Parks Pass? [Click here to purchase one online.](#)

Discover WA's unique plants and animals in Bush Books

Bush Books are a wonderful series of practical, pocket-sized field guides to help readers learn about and discover WA's unique plants, animals and special features.

There are more than 35 books to discover including:

- Plants of the Kimberley
- Hazardous animals of North Western Australia
- Wildflowers of the South Coast
- Wildflowers of the Mid-West.

They are only \$6.95 each and can be purchased online at shop.dbca.wa.gov.au.



Step into nature and hike the Bibbulmun Track

It is well and truly hiking weather now so strap on your boots and step into nature!

If you've always wanted to try hiking or would like to do it with a social group check out what the Bibbulmun Track Foundation has to offer.

They have a number of events throughout the year suitable for anyone such as nine-day tours, trekking for beginners, Social Sunday Walks, walking with mum, teen treks, bush survival and so much more!



For more information and to book your trek visit [The Bibbulmun Track Foundation event calendar](#).

Save the date for cultural festival fun!

The Mookaroo Community Festival is on Saturday 9 June at Belvidere Campground on the beautiful Leschenault Peninsula.

Join in for an amazing cultural experience with activities such as guided bushwalk and talks, tool making, cultural face painting, bush tucker tasting, bush damper, women's weaving and so much more!

For more information, visit [Mookaroo Community Festival](#).



Awesome new outdoor activities for kids

Give the kids some active outdoor screen time by downloading the Nature Passport App.

The app is designed to give kids a bit of screen time (which they love) while encouraging them to play, explore and learn outdoors.



They will be creating amazing mazes, nature moustaches, mud pies and so much more! There are also activities for rainy days!

The best part? You can download it for free. Visit [Nature Play WA](#) for more info.

It's whale shark season!

Celebrate the annual migration of the majestic whale sharks at the Ningaloo Whaleshark Festival.

Held in and around Exmouth on 25-27 May, there will be heaps of activities including a fun run, live bands, beach games, entertainment and of course, the chance to see and swim with whale sharks.



For more information, visit [Explore Parks WA](#).

Industry news

Tourism resources to help your business stand out!

Upgrade your skills and knowledge with Tourism Council WA's range of short, practical training workshops.



These workshops are regularly updated to ensure they remain relevant to your industry, taking into account the latest information, research and trends.

There are digital marketing and tourism workshops headed to Broome, Margaret River, Albany and Perth. For more information, visit [Tourism Council WA](#).

Save the date for the 2018 WA Tourism Conference

The WA Tourism Conference returns to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on 3-5 September 2018.

The event will present the opportunity for professional and business development, networking and engagement with industry colleagues, and the chance to hear from industry-leading speakers.

For more information visit [Tourism Council WA](#).

Book now for the Outdoors WA Symposium



Breaking the Barriers



Breaking the Barriers is the theme of the 2018 Outdoors WA Symposium on Friday 1 June.

The 2018 Symposium features a variety of great speakers presenting topics on outdoor

If you are an outdoor educator, training provider, tour operator, commercial provider, outdoor instructor or outdoor enthusiast, the 2018 Outdoors WA Symposium is a must for you!

For more information and to register visit [Outdoors WA](#).

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