

Wish you were here? You can be. Find out more about Purnululu National Park

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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.

In this issue, fly through the forests with one of WA's top tree experiences, get some essential tips on staying safe while bushwalking, check out the brand new trail in Wellington National Park and more.

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Take a treemendous adventure in the trees



Good things come in trees and Western Australia's national parks have lots of them!

There are so many things to do in these beautiful forests of trees. You can go camping, bushwalking and have a picnic but did you know, you can climb and swing from the branches in some of them too?

We've put together a few of WA's more adventurous tree experiences. To find out more visit Explore Parks WA.

Here's another reason why you should visit Wellington National Park

Just when you thought Wellington National Park couldn't get any better, a lovely new walk trail has opened!

The Wiilman Bilya Trail is a moderately challenging 20km walk between Wellington



Dam and the Coalfields Highway. The trail winds through magnificent blackbutt, jarrah forest and past granite outcrops.

It's a full day walk in either direction but you have the option to camp at <u>Potters Gorge Campground</u> or Nyingarn campsite.

For more information on exploring Wellington National Park visit Explore Parks WA.

Click here to purchase your ticket to nature

The secret lives of quokkas

Have you ever wondered what quokkas get up to?

One of the worlds 'happiest', most Instagram famous and vulnerable marsupials, the quokka, thrives on Rottnest Island.

In the book, *Rottnest Island Kingdom* of the Quokka, the life-cycle of the mysterious quokka and other wildlife has been revealed with beautiful imagery and story.



To purchase your copy visit the WA Naturally Shop.

Discover the best of Perth's natural areas

Perth is surrounded by nature from the limestone reefs and stunning beaches on the coast, to the rivers



that flow right through the middle of the city, up to the hills overlooking the Swan Coastal plain.

The relaxed Perth lifestyle is bound to this natural setting and many of the best nature experiences in the Perth area can be found in national parks and other conservation reserves.

To find out more about exploring the river, lakes, beaches or the hills visit <u>Explore</u> Parks WA.

Start planning your next camping experience - search for your campsite here

Top tips to stay safe while bushwalking

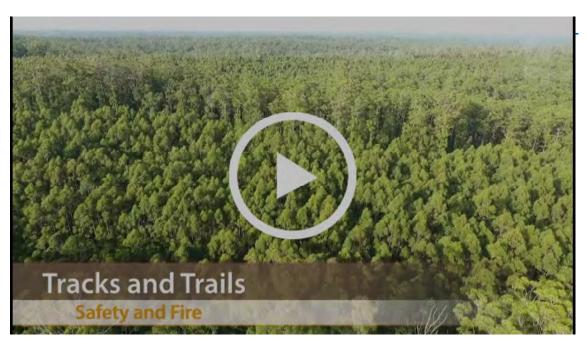
If you're heading out to ride or walk the spectacular trails in WA's national parks, make sure you have planned your trip and are prepared.

We want you to have an amazing time and keep yourself safe while you do it:

- ✓ Plan your visits for cooler times of the year.
- ✓ Check the Fire Danger Rating.
- ✓ Do not do extended multi-day trips.
- ✓ Avoid remote sections of the trail.
- ✓ Abide by all trail closure signage and any instructions from Parks and Wildlife Service and other emergency staff.

Don't forget to bring a day pack with plenty of water, food, first aid kit, maps and protection from the weather.

When planning your next adventure visit <u>Explore Parks WA</u> and watch the video below.



Bushwalking safety on tracks and trails.

How was your holiday?

If you have enjoyed some time in the beautiful Dampier Archipelago recently, we'd love to hear from you! Let us know what you thought by taking this 10 minute survey.

Or, are you one of the lucky people that visited Lucky Bay Beach this summer?

Please take this 10 minute survey and let us know what you thought.



Have your say on the future of some of WA's parks

The <u>Nyinggulu (Ningaloo) coastal reserves draft joint management plan</u> covers existing and proposed coastal conservation and recreation reserves along the Nyinggulu (Ningaloo) Coast. This includes the terrestrial portion of Ningaloo Marine Park (a reserve 40m landward of high water mark from Amherst Point to just north of Winderabandi Point) and unallocated Crown land between the Ningaloo

Marine Park adjoining Quobba, Gnaraloo, Warroora, Cardabia and Bullara pastoral stations.

The Wheatbelt Region parks and reserves draft management plan covers 728 existing reserves or parcels of land in the department's Wheatbelt Region. The parks and reserves are located across 48 local government authorities, from Dalwallinu in the north to Cranbrook in the south, and from Victoria Plains in the west to Yilgarn and the State Barrier Fence in the east.



The <u>Jalangurru Manyjawarra Bunuba Muwayi Yarrangu draft joint management</u> <u>plan</u> covers several reserves in the west Kimberley, including Geikie Gorge, Windjana Gorge and Tunnel Creek national parks.

These draft joint management and draft management plans are now open for public comment.

To learn more and to have your say now visit dbca.wa.gov.au/haveyoursay.

Look out for Beach Emergency Number signs

Next time you are visiting the beach, take note of the new Beach Emergency Number (BEN) signs.

Each sign displays a unique code providing specific beach access location information for emergency services.

Emergency services will be able to quickly and accurately find the location you are calling from.

Not all beaches will have a BEN sign but there is an app you can use. The Emergency+ App uses GPS to help a triple zero caller provide location



details to emergency services.

The app is free to download at <u>iTunes</u> and <u>Google Play</u>.

For more information on Beach Emergency Number signs visit the <u>SharkSmart</u> website.

Learn more about minimising your impact when you visit a national park - Leave No Trace

Industry news

Get your learning on



Tourism Council WA delivers a range of training workshops throughout

Western Australia.

These workshops are short, practical and relevant to the tourism industry, and are suitable to both frontline staff and managers.

For more information and to book visit Tourism Council WA.

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