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Touring Western Australia



The only thing missing is you. Find out about Coalseam Conservation 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.

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Spring is here and you don't want to miss the colourful Western Australian landscape as the wildflowers come into bloom.

A visit to [Coalseam Conservation Park](#) is a must with gorgeous carpets of colourful everlastings all over the park, a photographer's dream. Scan through [Instagram](#) to see what we mean.

A brand new walk trail has opened in [Lesueur National Park](#) just in time for this wildflower season. We highly recommend walking this trail now to make the most of the displays of gorgeous wildflowers. To find out more visit the [Explore Parks WA website](#).

To find more stunning places to see wildflowers, check out the [Wildflower Tracker](#).

Out of the ashes rises a brand new campsite on the Bibbulmun Track



Following the destruction of the Helena campsite in a bushfire last year, a new and improved campsite was built and is now open.

The new Helena campsite features a fire-resistant shelter, sleeping platforms for up to 24 walkers and 11 tent sites as well as extra undercover seating and benches for you to sit back and enjoy the incredible views.

The campsite operates on a first-come, first-serve basis for Bibbulmun Track walkers only.

For more information about the Bibbulmun Track visit the [Explore Parks WA](#) website.

NEW! Holiday park passes for shorter stays

Buy your 5 day park pass now

Buy your 14 day park pass now

The new Fortescue Falls Lookout - just gorges!



Fortescue Falls is Karijini National Park's only permanent waterfall and now you can experience incredible views of Dales Gorge and the falls from the new Fortescue Falls lookout.

Camp nearby at Dales Campground which is only a short walk away and can now be booked online.

For more information and to book, visit the [Explore Parks WA website](#).

A new national park for Western Australia



the *Batavia* shipwreck and mutiny.

The islands are also a haven for all kinds of wildlife, breeding colonies of seabirds, sea lions and so much more.

To find out more about this special place visit the [Explore Parks WA website](#).

Start planning your next camping trip – find your campsite here

100 years of outback history



Step back in time and visit the Millstream Homestead in Millstream Chichester National Park.

Built 100 years ago right next to the Millstream wetlands it has been a home to generations of families, a tavern and is now a hub for visitors.

The Millstream Homestead has a fascinating history and is definitely worth visiting on your trip to the Pilbara.

Visit the [Explore Parks WA website](#) for more information.

Learn more about the history of the Homestead by purchasing the latest issue of *LANDSCOPE* magazine at the [WA Naturally Shop](#), and view the video below.



Millstream Homestead Centenary

Iconic Diamond Tree closed

After decades of serving as a fire lookout and giving fearless climbers the jelly-legs, the Diamond Tree has retired.

A recent routine inspection showed the Diamond Tree is no longer structurally sound and the tree is closed for climbing.

If you're still keen to do a tree climb, the [Gloucester Tree](#) and [Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree](#) are still open. Both have been assessed and are safe to climb.



Swimming with humpback whales

The three-year trial for swimming with humpback whales has been a success. The Parks and Wildlife Service is now developing a program to guide the future management of swimming with these incredible animals.

Stay tuned - the draft management program



Visited the Dampier Archipelago?

Have you ever spent time boating, fishing, relaxing or snorkelling in the Dampier Archipelago? Then we'd love to hear from you!

Let us know what you thought by taking this 10 minute survey at

<https://www.research.net/r/PVG2CRX>.



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