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Touring Western Australia

Talking tourism with the Parks and Wildlife Service

'WOW!' What a gorgeous spot to camp. Just a short stroll from the campground to THAT water.' Credit @jen.fergy

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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: a sneak peek at the new Kalbarri Skywalk, inside info on upgrades in William Bay National Park, borrow a beach wheelchair and more.

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Yanchep National Park has re-opened since the recent bushfire and there is so much you can do and see.

1. It's close to Perth! Only a 45-minute drive.
2. Cute animals! There are koalas munching on leaves, birds on the lake and kangaroos lounging around in the shade.
3. Adventure! Book a cave or cultural tour, try the Trees Adventure high ropes course, book a helicopter flight or play a round of golf – there's so much to do!
4. Stay longer! Camp at Henry White Oval or stay a night at the Yanchep Inn.
5. Eat! Enjoy a meal or snacks at the Yanchep Inn or Chocolate Drops Tearooms, or bring your own and use the free barbecues and picnic tables by the lake.
6. Bushwalk! There are six beautiful trails to explore.

Sounds great doesn't it? Find out more on the [Explore Parks WA website](#).

Insider info – upgrades to William Bay National Park



Gorgeous white sandy beaches and turquoise green waters are just a couple of reasons to visit William Bay National Park and now it's getting an upgrade.

Improvements to this amazing park will include the sealing of Madfish Bay Road and Madfish Bay car park, the development of more than 75 new parking bays, the construction of three new toilet blocks and an upgrade of all existing facilities within the footprint of existing roads and car parks.

Madfish Bay Road is now closed but Greens Pool and Elephant Rocks car parks and beaches will remain open to the public for the school holidays.

From Monday 3 February, all of William Bay National Park will be closed for redevelopment works which are expected to be completed by the end of June.

Stay up to date with park and road closures across Western Australia's national parks by visiting [Explore Parks WA](#) and by following [@ExploreParksWA](#) on Twitter.

NEW! Holiday park passes for shorter stays

Buy your 5 day park pass now

Buy your 14 day park pass now

Here's your first virtual look at the incredible Kalbarri Skywalk.

Due to open in 2020, the two 100-metre high skywalks extend 25 metres and 17 metres beyond the edge of the cliff and will give you spectacular views out over the gorges.

We can't wait to visit either so stay tuned and we will let you know when it opens.



Take a look at the virtual fly-through.

Drive the Heartbreak Trail



Warren National Park has some of the south-west's most spectacular karri forest with a number of trees reaching a height of almost 90m. One of the great ways to explore the area is by car on the Heartbreak Trail.

The Heartbreak Trail is a one-way, 12km trail that descends into the Warren River Valley, following the river for a while before climbing back up the steep, karri-covered slopes.

Along the way you can stop to see the rapids at [Heartbreak Crossing](#) and the [Warren Lookout](#) or stay awhile and camp at [Draftys](#) or [Warren](#) campground.

The Heartbreak Trail is part of the longer 86km [Karri Forest Explorer](#) trail that shows off the spectacular karri forest.

For more information on exploring this special place visit the [Explore Parks WA website](#).

Don't forget to tag [@exploreparkswa](#) and share your adventure with us!

Beach wheelchairs - making it easier for families to enjoy parks together



Three specially designed beach wheelchairs are available to borrow in Exmouth, allowing people who use wheelchairs to share experiences with their families along the beautiful Ningaloo Coast.

The wheelchairs can be borrowed from the Milyering Discovery Centre in Cape Range National Park and the Coral Bay Visitor Centre hut.

There is no charge to use the wheelchairs but they must be booked in advance by contacting the Exmouth office on (08) 9947 8000.

Arklow Adaptive Trail – suitable for handcycles

The new Arklow Adaptive Trail is suitable for all abilities, including hand cycles.

Mountain bike riders with a disability can ride through the beautiful Arklow Forest on a 9.5km loop that connects to the Munda Biddi Trail - take it easy or tackle it with speed for a challenging and rewarding ride.



This trail has been rated under the Australian Adaptive MTB Guidelines as Highly Accessible which means it is suitable for people using handcycles. For more information visit [Trails WA](https://trails.wa.gov.au/).



Check out the trail and hear from cyclists.

Keep an eye out for BEN signs when visiting the beach this summer

Beach Emergency Number (BEN) signs display a unique code which, when provided to emergency services, provide specific beach access location information.

Not all beaches have a BEN sign but there is the Emergency+ App. Download the free Emergency+ app before your visit which can be used in the event of any emergency to call for assistance. If there is no mobile phone coverage you WILL NOT be able to call 000 but the app will provide you with GPS location details.



The app is free to download at [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#).

For information on BEN signs visit the [Shark Smart website](#).

Have you 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](#).



The *Draft Management Program for managing interactions with humpback whales along the Ningaloo Coast* is open for public comment.

The draft sets a vision and objectives for the management of humpback whales in Western Australia and management strategies for the Ningaloo Coast.



It focuses on in-water interactions but also recreational activities, commercial whale watching and other marine operations.

The draft has been prepared by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions in consultation with Gnulli joint management partners, commercial operators and scientists.

Your input to the draft will help inform the management of humpback whales and is highly valued.

To find out more and have your say visit the [Parks and Wildlife Services website](#).

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