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December 2021

Welcome

Welcome to the Spring School Holiday Program.

We were very lucky with the weather in the July school holidays with the majority of days allowing us to get outside and explore the swamps and bush.

Spring is coming and although we have had a few very wet days over the past few weeks, we are looking forward to some cool, crisp mornings with beautiful sunny days.

Looking forward to seeing you in the September/October school holidays.

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Winter holiday snapshot



Spring Holidays

Let the flowers bloom, insects buzz and adorable baby animals emerge from their nests. Spring is a beautiful time of the year and we are excited to bring you school holiday activities filled with flowers, bugs and reptiles. As the weather is clearing up, we have canoeing and camping and some wonderful family walks. It is going to be a very busy two weeks!

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	Estuary Expedition# 9.30am-2pm Ages 11-14 CREEC	Reefy Creatures 9.30-11am Ages 4-7 RP	Sense of Adventure 9.30-11am Ages 4-7 PHDC	Wonderful Waterbirds 9.30-11am Ages 3-6 SPF	Bibb & BBQ 4-6.30pm Ages 7+ PHDC	
		Beach and Reef 12.30-2pm Ages 7-12 RP	Big Kids Campout# 3pm-10am Ages 7-11 PHDC	Wetland Wildlife Investigators# 12.30-2.30pm Ages 7-12 SPF		
			Reptile Meet and Greet* 10-11am or 11am-12pm Ages 2+ BR			
3 Oct	4 Oct	5 Oct	6 Oct	7 Oct	8 Oct	9 Oct
Banksia Buddies* 9.30-11am Ages 4-7 PLEEC	Bush, Birds and Bugs 9.30-11am Ages 4-7 BP	Dolphin Discovery 9.30-11am Ages 4-7 CREEC	Wild about Flowers 9.30-11am Ages 4-7 DDYR	Call of the Frog 10-11.30am Ages 3-7 ESBS	All about Birds 9-10.30am Ages 4+ WF	
Category Hunt# 12.30-2.30pm Ages 8-12 PLEEC	Guess Who!#* 12.30-3pm Ages 7-12 BP	Habitat Heroes# 12.30-3pm Ages 7-12 CREEC	Seize and Capture#* 12.30-3pm Ages 7-12 DDYR	Scales and Tails* 1-2.30pm Ages 4+ NN		
	Birds of the Night* 6-8pm Ages 6+ PLEEC					

drop and leave activity

*activity involves and animal encounter

Locations

BP: Burswood Park

BR: Brickwood Reserve

CREEC: Canning River Eco Education Centre

DDYR: Denis De Young Reserve

ESBS: Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary

NN: Noranda Nook

PHDC: Perth Hills Discovery Centre

PLEEC: Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre

RP: Rollinson Park

SPF: South Perth Foreshore

WF: Whitby Falls

For more information on these programs including costs, an activity break-down and to book, head to our [website](#).

If you have any questions about the upcoming program, please contact Know Your Patch via email at knowyourpatch@dbca.wa.gov.au

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All of our programs are supported by Spring into Parks and we have a fantastic partnership event in October.

Bibb & BBQ

Enjoy a pleasant afternoon stroll along the Bibbulmun Track as we head from the Perth Hills Discovery Centre towards Kalamunda. Soak in the views of Mundaring Weir, search for blooming wildflowers, listen out for bird calls and keep your eyes open in hopes of spotting a kangaroo or two.

Once you and the family have stretched your legs, breathed in fresh air and taken some time out from the business of life, enjoy a sausage sizzle to end the evening.

For ages 7+ this activity is held at Perth Hills Discovery Centre on Saturday 1st October 4.00-6.30pm
Tickets can be purchased for \$4ch and \$6ad [online](#).



Please note we will be walking approximately 4km along a gravel track. Some of the terrain can be rocky and uneven with sloped surfaces. Prams/strollers and wheelchairs will not be suitable for this walk.

Why not make it a family weekend and book a campsite at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre Campground. More details, including bookings, for the campground can be found [here](#). Limited campsites available.

Featured Activities

Here are our top activity pics for the spring holidays:

Estuary Expedition

Join us for an expedition of the beautiful Canning River. We will practice some canoeing skills with fun challenges before we set off downstream to explore this incredible environment. Then, we will go in search of the local wildlife as we investigate this diverse ecosystem from the water. On the journey, learn how to identify elusive species and find evidence that they leave behind. Finally, learn how to protect this precious estuary and put your new skills into practice!

For ages 11-14 this activity is held at Canning River Eco Education Centre on Tuesday 27th September 9.30am-2pm.
Tickets can be purchased for \$30.00 [online](#).



Scategory Hunt

Our local bush, rivers and wetlands are filled with thousands of different animal species, each of which can be grouped by their features. On a scavenger hunt through Piney Lakes, you will work in groups to collect animal clues and then using your new found classification skills, you will identify and compare local species to solve the animal puzzle.

For ages 7-12 this activity is held at Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre on Monday 3rd of October 12.30-2.30pm.
Tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 [online](#).



Sense of Adventure

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at how some animals use their senses to move through the bush. You finish by making your own little 'touch' memory of the forest to take home with you.

For ages 4-7 this activity is held at Perth Hills Discovery Centre on Thursday 29th September 9.30-11am.
Tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 [online](#).



Wonderful Waterbirds

South Perth wetlands are home to a range of water birds of all shapes and sizes. Through interactive games and activities, discover why each bird has a different beak and body shape and how their special features help them survive in and around the water. Come and explore the wetland with us and see the diversity of these beautiful birds for yourself. Then have a scoop through the water to investigate what these birds are eating and find out why we should all say NO to feeding birds bread!

For ages 3-6 this activity is held at South Perth Foreshore on Friday 30th September, 9.30-11am.
Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 [online](#).



New Locations

Our community program is growing! We have a new location for you to discover.

Rollinson Park

This gorgeous reserve of banksia woodland is located within the City of Cockburn. Noisy bush birds chirp away as you walk through the reserve exploring banksia woodland biodiversity. It's incredible to find places like this in suburban areas, filled with wildlife. Join us at Denis De Young Reserve on Tuesday 5th of July for Bush, Birds and Bugs and Habitat Heroes.

Family Time

We love seeing whole families join in on our activities. We have so many family activities these school holidays based all around Perth. You will easily be able to find one that suits your family.

Reptile Meet and Greet

Thursday 29th September, 10-11am

Ages 4+, Brickwood Reserve Noranda

Meet and greet some of our scaly friends in a hands-on session.

Find out more [here](#).

Birds of the Night

Tuesday 4th October, 6-8pm

Ages 7+, Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre

Get up close to some nocturnal birds of prey before heading out on a walk in search of some local species.

Find out more [here](#).

Scales and Tails

Friday 7th October, 1-2,30pm

Ages 4+, Noranda Nook

Learn some local reptile species before a special hands-on session.

Find out more [here](#).

All about Birds

Saturday 8th October, 9-10,30am

Ages 4+, Whitby Falls, Whitby

Enjoy a beautiful morning stroll while discovering local bird species and their calls.

Find out more [here](#).



Covid-19 practices

With Covid-19 amongst the Western Australian community, we want to ensure the health and safety of our participants, staff and volunteers.

We will be keeping in line with the Department of Health and while the circumstances may be frequently changing, we appreciate your patience and understanding while we navigate through the July school holidays to keep to program running as smoothly as possible.

We will be following the same cancellation policy as last season, which will provide an ease of mind if you are needing to cancel at the last minute due to a Covid-19 related reason. You can view the full policy [here](#) and it will also be sent as an attachment in your activity booking confirmation email.

If you, your children or another household member have been advised to isolate, are awaiting a Covid-19 test result or have a positive Covid-19 case, we ask that you do the right thing and not attend your activity/ies. Know Your Patch has the right to turn any participants away who may be displaying Covid-19 symptoms for the health and safety of the other participants, staff and volunteers.

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