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# Welcome

Welcome to the Spring School Holiday Program.

Our winter school holiday program was full of fun activities and although some of us got wet we saw some amazing plants and animals.

Spaces filled up quickly! Due to the popularity of the programs, please book in early to avoid disappointment.

We thoroughly enjoy seeing you throughout the school holidays and we are excited to bring you our September / October school holiday program.

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# **Spring Holiday Snapshot**



# **Spring Holidays**

Spring is almost here. We are currently in the Noongar season of Djilba heading into Kambarang when the school holidays arrive. There are lots of colours and wildflowers starting to Reptiles are starting to reappear and birds and other animals are busy looking after their babies.

Take a look at our fun nature based school holiday programs. Learn how you can protect our biodiversity this spring in the forest, at the beach and in your local area.

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# SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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# **TUESDAY 26 SEPT**

Turtley Awesome Wetlands
9.30-11am 4-7yrs
CREEC

Seize And Capture\*
12.30pm-2pm 7-12yrs
CREEC

### **WEDNESDAY 27 SEPT**

All About Birds\*
9.30-11am 4-7yrs
PHDC

Ripper Reptiles\*
12.30pm-2pm 7-12yrs
PHDC

### THURSDAY 28 SEPT

Tiny Travellers
9.30-11am 4-7yrs
RTNKP

Bugging Out 12.30pm-2pm 7-12yrs RTNKP

# **FRIDAY 29 SEPT**

**Reefy Creatures 9.30-11am 4-7yrs** TSP Mullaloo Beach

Beach Defenders
12.30pm-2pm 8-15yrs
TSP Mullaloo Beach

Birds Of The Night\*
6.30pm-8.30pm 6+
RTNKP

### **MONDAY 2 OCT**

Turtle Time
9.30-11am 4-7yrs
Indian Ocean Marine Research
Centre Watermans Bay

Turtle Conservation
12.30pm-2pm 7-12yrs
Indian Ocean Marine Research
Centre Watermans Bay

# **TUESDAY 3 OCT**

Wonderful Waterbirds
9.30-11am 4+
South Perth Foreshore
Lake Douglas

# **WEDNESDAY 4 OCT**

<u>Nature Discovery Day</u>

11am-12pm 4-7yrs
City of Cockburn TP

Pollinating Pairs
Nature Discovery Day
1-2pm 7-12yrs
City of Cockburn TP

# **THURSDAY 5 OCT**

7 Tiny Travellers 9.30-11am 4-7yrs RTNKP

**Bugging Out 12.30-2.30pm 7-12yrs**RTNKP

Winged Warriors 9.30am-11am 4-7yrs CREEC

Bushfire Battles # 10.30am-2pm 8-14yrs PHDC

**CREEC** Canning River Eco Education Centre | **TSP** Tom Simpson Park | **TP** Tangle Park **RTNKP** Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park | **PHDC** Perth Hills Discovery Centre

\*Activity has an animal enco

For more information on these programs including costs, an activity break-down and to book, head to our <u>website</u>. If you have any questions about the upcoming program, please contact Know Your Patch via email at <u>knowyourpatch@dbca.wa.gov.au</u>

Visit the Know Your Patch website

# **Featured Activities**

Here are some of our top activities for spring.



# Wonderful Water Birds

South Perth, Douglas Lake and wetlands are home to a range of water birds of all shapes and sizes.

Through interactive games and activities, discover the characteristics and features of birds and how they use them to survive.

Scoop through the water to investigate what birds are eating and why we should all say NO to feeding birds Bread.

Ages: 4 - 7yrs

Where: Lake Douglas, Douglas Avenue, South Perth

When: Tuesday 3rd October Time: 9.30am - 11am

Cost: \$7

Book here online.

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# **Ripper Reptiles**

Join us for Ripper Reptiles at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre.

Reptiles are often misunderstood, but there is a lot to love about these scaly animals. Discover the features of these ancient creatures then find clues as we go on a scavenger hunt looking for signs of reptiles in there natural habitat.

After that, get ready for a hands on reptile encounter

Ages: 7 - 12yrs

Where: Perth Hills Discovery Centre When: Wednesday 27th September

Time: 12.30pm - 2pm

Cost: \$25

Book here online.



# Beach Defenders

Become a Beach Defender and join us in a quest to uncover the perils that lay within the sand at Mullaloo Beach!

We will defend our local beach from rubbish, learn about the impacts to our marine park and oceans and make a difference to our global community.

Take part in keeping Western Australia beautiful.

Ages: 8 - 15yrs

Where: Tom Simpson Park, Mullaloo Beach

When: Friday 29th September

Time: 12.30pm - 2pm

Book here online.

Cost: \$15



# **Bush Fire Battles**

Do you have what it takes to respond to a bushfire?

Travel through the bush at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre on an interactive trail where you will learn about fire behaviour, patterns and the difference between fires.

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Dress up as a fire fighter to better understand the role as you compete in a PPE relay.

Ages: 8 - 14yrs

Where: Perth Hills Discovery Centre When: Wednesday 27th September

Time: 10.30pm - 2pm DROP OFF ACTIVITY

Cost: \$65 Book here online.

### **Family Activities and New Locations**

# September 29th

Birds Of The Night, come and enjoy a special up-close encounter with real owls, have a close look at their features and beauty at Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park at 6.30pm-8.30pm. Book here September 30th

Wild About Wildflowers? We are. Come and join us on from 9.30-11am for a family wildflower walk in the Jarrah Forest at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre. Book here online.

### September 29th - Tom Simpson Park Mullaloo Beach, City of Joondalup

We are heading to the beach these school holidays and visiting Tom Simpson Park at Mullaloo Beach for two of our programs Reefy Creatures 4-7yrs and Beach Defenders 8-15yrs.

# October 1st - ECO ACTION EXPO 2023 @ Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre, City of Melville

Join the River Guardians and learn about dolphins at this fun friendly event, sharing actions we can take to help protect the world around us. It will be held at the Piney Lakes Environmental Educ 1st October 10am-12pm.

### October 2nd - Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre Watermans Bay, City of Stirling

Located on West Coast Drive in Watermans Bay, the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre is a new location for two of our spring school holiday activities with our turtle expert. Turtle Time ages

### October 4th - NATURE DISCOVERY DAY @ Tangle Park (Banksia Eucalypt Woodland Park) City of Cockburn

Join us in the City of Cockburn for the Nature Discovery Day Bees, Birds and Wildflowers 4-7yrs and Pollinating Pairs 7-12yrs. The City of Cockburn is running events all day, more information he For more information about these programs and more head to the Know Your Patch bookings site here.

### **Covid-19 practice**

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 t 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 it will also be sent as an attachment in your activity booking confirmation email. here We will be following the same cancellation policy as last season, which will provide an easi last minute due to a Covid-19 related reason. You can view the full policy

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 keep to program running as smoothly as possible.

With Covid-19 amongst the Western Australian community, we want to ensure the health and safety of our participants, staff and volunteer Keep up to date with Covid-19 at Department of Health.

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