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Iconic Turquoise Bay | Credit: DBCA

Cape Range Smart Park maps now available

The Smart Park Maps project initiated by the WA Parks Foundation continues to forge ahead. The newest in the series are the Cape Range National Park maps.

The Smart Park Maps, sponsored by BHP, is delivered by the WA Parks Foundation in partnership with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

The initiative aims to make it easier to navigate around Western Australia's most popular parks and when preparing for a visit. Providing the maps are downloaded when you have mobile reception

they can be used to display your real-time location even in areas where there is no mobile reception.

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Quilting creativity promotes parks appreciation



Presentation of the quilted banner to WA Parks Foundation Chair, the Hon Kerry Sanderson AC, CVO

An impressive quilted banner inspired by the beauty and uniqueness of Western Australia's national parks and reserves has been presented to the WA Parks Foundation by members of the West Australian Quilters' Association.

Thirty-nine quilters contributed to the banner which is designed to promote the WA Parks Foundation's Spring into Parks program of events. It is made up of individual mini quilts depicting WA fauna, flora, geological features and Aboriginal cultural aspects.

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Citizen science builds knowledge of plant diversity



Volunteers involved in flora surveying on the Hamelin Bay Reserve

Regional plant surveying by volunteers with the Wildflower Society of Western Australia is continuing to make an important contribution to mapping the biodiversity and distribution of WA's flora and vegetation.

Since 1988, the Society's volunteer Plant Survey Program, which is a registered volunteer project with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), has conducted flora and vegetation surveys throughout the south-west of WA. Plant identification sessions for each survey are carried out every Wednesday at the W.A. Herbarium.

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Flowers in Focus photography



Wildflower garden bed, Kings Park

The Kings Park Festival Flowers in Focus photography competition is on again this year.

The competition is open to all student, amateur or professional photographers and aims to promote the uniqueness and beauty of Western Australia's diverse flora – especially our wildflowers.

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Learn to be a Tour Guide



The World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park is one of the Kimberley's best loved attractions.

This one-day course developed by award-winning touring and training organisation Global Gypsies conveys the basic principles of guiding.

Promoted as a Tourism Council of WA workshop, this is designed for new or aspiring guides, or existing guides wanting to brush up their skills.

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Explore



Dwellingup Spring Splendour

The outdoor recreation and leisure group Great Walk Network promotes appreciation of the environment while walking and camping in the bush. Its multi-day camps with day hikes are in

some of the most beautiful regions of Western Australia.

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Now is the time to Spring into Parks

There is no better time to reset, recharge and reBoot! Embrace your inner wilderness warrior and explore our parks, your way. To find out how to Spring into Parks visit our calendar of events and download our weekly explore challenges.

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Open road beckons



Western Australians are spoilt for choice when it comes to touring our State by road, whether taking a few days to explore or looking forward to a more leisurely trip over several weeks.

The South West is reportedly seeing a boost in numbers of visitors from within the State with many West Australians favouring “self-drive” destinations.

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Planning for Abrolhos tourism



The Lesser Noddy nests on the Houtman Abrolhos | Credit: Chris Surman, Halfmoon Biosciences.

A draft Visitor Master Plan has been prepared for the Houtman Abrolhos Islands National Park. It considers existing visitor use, identifies future opportunities and incorporates feedback from participants in a workshop led by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

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