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*A local at Lucky Bay in Cape Le Grand National Park | credit: Tourism WA*

## Uncover Cape Le Grand with ease

Cape Le Grand National Park east of Esperance is the most recent addition to the WA Parks Foundation's [Smart Park Maps series](#). There aren't many places in Australia where kangaroos sun-bake on the beach, but on this stretch of southern coastline you might just be lucky enough to see it.

Cape Le Grand is renowned for its extraordinarily beautiful coastal scenery and ancient landscapes that have remained above sea level for well over 200 million years.

[Smart Park Maps](#) allow you to navigate Western Australia's spectacular national parks with ease.

They provide information on camping and picnic areas, lookouts, parking, swimming, toilets, walk trails and their classifications, wheelchair access, Wi-Fi, roads, tracks, safety information and attractions.

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## Leave your footprint on WA's pilgrim trail



*Walking the Camino Salvado | credit: L-A Shibish*

There are many reasons why so many people decide to walk the world's pilgrim trails today.

Among them are meeting spiritual and reflective needs, wanting to connect with nature, maintaining health and wellbeing, testing ability to meet physical and mental challenges and enjoying the social connections.

Western Australia's Camino Salvado, the nation's first pilgrim trail, follows in the footsteps of Dom Rosendo Salvado, a Spanish Benedictine monk who walked from Perth to establish the New Norcia mission in 1847.

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# Trails conference registrations open



*Collie's trails showcase the area's natural landscapes and cultural heritage | credit: David Wilcox, Common Ground Trails*

Picturesque Collie's continuing development as a trails hub makes it a natural choice for FACET's Spirit of Trails Conference.

Tourism and trails experts will share their knowledge of what makes a great trails tourism experience at this event, 14-16 March. The program includes pre- and post-conference tours taking in the spectacular Wellington Dam mural and other aspects of Collie's growing trails network.

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## Further honour for Dr Richard Walley OAM



Congratulations to Dr Richard Walley OAM, who was named Western Australia's Senior Australian of the Year 2021 for his enduring and passionate work in supporting and promoting Aboriginal culture and community.

Dr Richard Walley Dr Walley, a Director of the WA Parks Foundation Board and a Parks Ambassador, is a champion of Whadjuk and Noongar people. He shares his profound knowledge of language, cultural practices and historic injustices – cultivating a deeper respect and recognition of Aboriginal culture.

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## Citizen science role in dams study





*Murdoch University researchers are collaborating with citizen scientists in wildlife conservation project.*

Researchers from Murdoch University and staff from the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) have enlisted the help of citizen scientists to see whether farm dams can provide a refuge for endangered species when their usual water sources are drying.

“Freshwater plants and animals rely on naturally occurring perennial streams and pools to survive summer and autumn, however with the continuing decline in rainfall, most are now dry at this time” said biological scientist Dr Belinda Robson, who led the project with Dr Ed Chester.

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## Explore



**Massive artworks inspire**

*“Reflections” at Collie*

The colossal mural nearing completion on the Wellington Dam wall is thought likely to be the largest of its type in the world. It has been inspired by local stories and photographs and, unsurprisingly, it is already proving to be a major tourist draw.

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### **New Mid-West reserves**

Five new conservation reserves have been created near Mount Magnet in the Murchison region. The Badimia conservation reserves totalling more than 114 hectares comprise parts of two former pastoral leases previously purchased by the State Government for conservation, and unallocated Crown land at Kirkalocka and White Wells.

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## **Protecting a national treasure**



*Helena Aurora Range offers excellent bushwalking opportunities | credit: Helena Aurora Range Advocates*

The creation of the proposed Helena and Aurora Ranges (Bungalbin) National Park in the Great Western Woodlands as part of the State Government's Plan for our Parks is a step closer, with stage one now complete.

The 2.5 billion-year-old banded iron formations are a significant natural asset with outstanding landscapes, including the highest point in the southwest of WA outside the Stirling Range.

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## **Guiding rangelands tourism potential**



*Cheela Plains Station in the Pilbara offers an ideal stopover between the World Heritage Listed Ningaloo Coast and Karijini National Park | credit: Robin, Cheela Plains Station*

Tourism Western Australia has produced a useful publication to guide tourism development on WA's rangelands. The rangelands cover around 87 per cent of the State's land mass, and 75 per cent of its coastline.

They stretch from the coast of Shark Bay in the west, up to the Pilbara and Kimberley in the north, across to the deserts (to the Northern Territory border in the east) and down to Norseman and the Nullarbor coast in the south.

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