

Winter park getaways, the fight for a rare marsupial, the best winter walks, Tunnel Creek, Bold Park and more...

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Escape north this winter and experience one of the Kimberley's amazing national parks.

Welcome to the WA Parks Foundation News, where you can find updates from the WA Parks Foundation. Our aim is to celebrate our WA Parks and work to increase community appreciation and involvement in the stewardship of our incredible national parks and conservation estate.

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Escape north this winter



Windjana Gorge in the Kimberley

Winter is here and its cold outside, but if you are looking to beat the chill you don't have to go far.

With winter temperatures averaging in the low 30s, rugged ranges, thundering waterfalls, pristine beaches and a wilderness millions of years in the making, the Kimberley region's national parks are a winning winter getaway.

National parks in the Kimberley are among some of the largest, remote and most breathtaking wilderness areas in Australia.

Step into the Kimberley's national parks this winter and witness other-worldly landscapes and extraordinary natural attractions.

The fight to save a rare marsupial



Gilbert's Potoroo (Photo: Parks and Wildlife Services)

Two trial translocations for a rare marsupial have shown promising results, according to the [Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions](#).

With less than 100 animals in existence, trial translocations in the Great Southern have awarded the critically endangered Gilbert's potoroo another reprieve from extinction.

Two four-week trial translocations - one in winter and one in summer - were carried out over 2017 and 2018 to assess the suitability of Middle Island, near Esperance, to support the marsupials.

The species was believed to be extinct until it was rediscovered in 1994 at Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve, near Albany.

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How to get involved in Keep Australia Beautiful Week 2018

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL WEEK

20-26 August 2018



Help keep our water litter free this August (Photo: Keep Australia Beautiful Week)

Keep Australia Beautiful Week is held late August each year, to raise awareness about the simple things we can all do in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the environment and encourage action.

This year Keep Australia Beautiful Week will take place from Monday, 20 August to Sunday, 26 August, and will focus on marine litter.

With around 4.6 million hectares of amazing marine parks and reserves, we need your help to keep Western Australian water litter free.

You can help keep our water litter-free by participating in any of the week's activities.

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How to reduce your footprint during your next park visit



Bushwalking through Julimar Forest on the Pilgrim Trail. (Photo: L-A Shibish)

Whether you live in Perth or in regional Western Australia, there are amazing parks right on your doorstep. Every month we feature a national and urban park, encouraging you to take a trip and visit a park you have never been too before. We've featured parks from across WA, including [Mirima National Park](#), [Rockingham Lakes Regional Park](#), [Baigup Wetlands](#), [Torndirrup National Park](#) and [Herdsman Lake Regional Park](#).

So, how can you can enjoy your next park visit and help keep our natural landscape wild and beautiful? Leave No Trace is an internationally accepted way of minimising impacts on the places we visit. You can do your bit by following these principles.

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Meet Park Ambassador - Simon Cherriman

Simon Cherriman is an award-winning environmental scientist, educator and wildlife filmmaker and an enthusiastic advocate for the unique Australian bush and its creatures. Simon grew up in the Perth Hills and spent his childhood climbing trees, observing birds and learning firsthand about the local environment. It was at 15 that he found a giant Wedge-tailed Eagle nest and this captivated and inspired him to spend more than half his life studying, photographing and filming these magnificent birds, incorporating eagles into much of his tertiary education. Currently Simon continues to spread his passion for the environment through his small business, iNSiGHT Ornithology, which specialises in bird-related research and environmental

tailed Eagle population dynamics and movement ecology at Murdoch University.

Why do I love WA Parks?

"I look at life through the eyes of my totem animal, the majestic Wedge-tailed Eagle, which soars high above the earth on outstretched wings. This 'birds' eye' perspective reminds me of the scale of our vast WA landscape,



but also the scale of Western impacts to this special and fragile place. Preserving large tracts of wilderness as sanctuaries for eagles and the assortment of unique and beautiful biodiversity that resides under their 'umbrella', is necessary for its ongoing protection. WA Parks are therefore vital for our physical and mental health, as they provide us with life-giving opportunities to 'connect to country' and be reminded of the integral roles other living things play in sustaining all life."

Feature National Park: Tunnel Creek National Park



Tunnel Creek National Park (Photo: Australia's North West)

Tunnel Creek National Park is around 91 hectares, north west of Fitzroy Crossing. It includes Western Australia's oldest cave system, famously used as a hideout late last century by an Aboriginal leader known as Jandamarra.

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Feature Urban Park: Bold Park



Reabold Hill Summit Boardwalk in Bold Park (Photo: Trails WA)

Looking for an inner-city bush walk with beautiful views? Bold Park is one of the most underrated bushland reserves in the Perth urban area, and makes for a great trip out whether you are playing host to visitors, or just looking for a new weekend walking trail.

Declared an A-class reserve in 1998, Bold Park is the largest remaining bushland remnant in the urban area of the Swan Coastal Plain, covering 437 hectares near the coast.

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What to do in Parks – Best winter walks



Whistlepipe Gully walk (Photo: Caroline Friend)

When it comes to a destination for a walk in winter, there are unlimited choices in and around Perth. Many people flock to the gorgeous coastal trails or inner city lake walks. But what if you want to find somewhere a bit more hidden, somewhere that feels like a well-kept secret there for just you to enjoy?

We're letting you in on some of our favourite hideaway walks that are best used in winter.

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Video: Proof the Kimberley is the most beautiful region in Australia

"We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love... and then we return home. " - Aboriginal Proverb

There are so many amazing national parks in the Kimberley region, and filmmakers Richard Sidey and Aliscia Young hit the Kimberley Coast to capture one of Australia's most unique landscapes.

Tell us what you think!

We'd love to hear from you about what you think of *WA Parks Foundation News*, what you would like to see and if you have any questions about the WA Parks Foundation.

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