

# Explore Parks

Western Australia's best adventures start here.

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Hello Park Explorers and welcome to this edition featuring the Kimberley and Pilbara regions. Discover more about our featured park, the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park, and how you can experience it in virtual reality, explore walk trails revealing ancient Aboriginal artwork, learn how to spot the invasive cane toad and more.

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**Know before you go**

The [Kimberley](#) and [Pilbara](#) regions are remote, vast, and incredibly stunning. We want you to experience and explore these breathtaking areas and stay safe while doing so. Follow these links to staying safe when visiting these isolated regions:

- [Plan your trip](#) - know the park and know the conditions before you go.
- [Be prepared and know your limits](#) - read this advice to ensure you are ready for your next adventure.
- [Travelling in remote locations](#) - experience the isolation of some of these 'outback' parks but make sure you are prepared.
- [Leave no trace](#) - help us care for these natural places.

Exploring the Kimberley and Pilbara regions offers an unparalleled adventure and taking these precautions will help you have a safe and unforgettable journey through one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Happy travels!

## Exploring cultural heritage: walk trails featuring ancient Aboriginal art

### Nganjarli Trail

Discover the Nganjarli Trail featuring ancient Aboriginal artwork in Murujuga National Park. This accessible trail has concrete paths, steel ramps and walkways for you to safely see unique rock engravings or petroglyphs created more than 45,000 years ago. The best time to view them is early in the day or late afternoon when the sun is lower, casting shadows and making the petroglyphs more prominent.

With more than one million images, this is the largest, densest, and most diverse collection of rock art in the world and well-worth a visit.

Discover more at [Murujuga National Park](#).



### Yoornging Geranyem Banan Trail

Explore the secrets of Mirima National Park. Just outside of Kununurra, this spectacular park features a walk trail called the Yoornging Geranyem Banan Trail (Painting on Rocks Trail) - a 3.5km loop which will lead you to discover ancient Aboriginal rock art. [Check out this video of the trail.](#)



[Click here to purchase your park pass for easy access to WA's parks](#)

# PARK FEATURE

## Purnululu National Park

The towering rocky domes of the Bungle Bungle Range in [Purnululu National Park](#) have enchanted people with their majestic beauty for tens of thousands of years. The Gija, Jaru and Malngin people are the Traditional Owners of this land and have an enduring cultural connection spanning more than 20,000 years. Uncover more about this spectacular [UNESCO World Heritage Listed park](#).



**RANGER TIP** - The park floods every wet season and is usually open April – November depending on the weather. Check Park Alerts before you plan to go.

### **Discover Purnululu in virtual reality: A new way to explore**

Experience the breathtaking beauty of [Purnululu National Park](#) like never before with our free VR experience in the Purnululu Visitor Centre! Take a virtual tour through Cathedral Gorge, Echidna Chasm and more.

### **Where to stay, guided tours and more**

From camping under a star-filled sky to staying in luxurious lodges, and from scenic helicopter tours to guided treks, this park promises a journey like no other. Find the perfect [accommodation and tour options](#) that will make your trip to Purnululu truly spectacular.

Are you going on a holiday or taking a day trip to one of WA's national, marine or conservation parks? Know before you go and check Park Alerts for all park, track, trail and attraction closures.

### **Biosecurity alert – Help stop the spread of myrtle rust.**

We are calling on all wildflower enthusiasts, bushwalkers, mountain bikers, birdwatchers and travellers to look for and report plants with signs of myrtle rust and to take precautions when travelling in and out of northern WA to reduce the spread.

Find out what to look for and how you can report if you find it at [Explore Parks WA](#).



### Cane toads – invasive species threat

Introduced to Australia in 1935, cane toads quickly became a problem, outcompeting native species for food and habitat. They also pose a risk for wildlife that prey on them, including pets. Cane toads are excellent hitchhikers so please take care when packing up in campgrounds to ensure you don't take a toad down the road.

If you're traveling with your furry friend, it's crucial to protect them from cane toads. Poisoning is rare but know the symptoms and first aid measures.

[Learn more](#) about how to recognise a cane toad, correct methods of euthanasia and more.



### Free maps - Smartreka

Smartreka Maps, by [WA Parks Foundation](#), make it easier for you to navigate your way around some of Western Australia's national parks.

Before you go, download free, geo-referenced maps of Purnululu, Karijini and Millstream Chichester National Park to your mobile device and locate yourself without the internet.

Download the Avenza Maps app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).



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