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# Explore Parks

Western Australia's best adventures start here.

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Hello Park Explorers! Get ready to discover the best of d'outh, from scenic trails to stunning parks and more. Check out the contents below for all the latest info!

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## **Park feature: Walpole-Nornalup National Park**

A showcase of forest and rare tingle trees, spectacular limestone cliffs and coastline, serene rivers and estuaries, trails and adrenaline-fueled adventures.

Discover more and explore [Walpole-Nornalup National Park](#).



## **Inclusive adventures on the water in Walpole**

Safely launch dinghies, kayaks, or stand-up paddle boards and explore the scenic Frankland River up to Monastery Landing in the Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park.

The Nornalup Jetty has an easy-access ramp and boardwalk that take you from the parking area to the platform. There's seating and even a paddle launch chute designed especially for people with disability, making it even easier to enjoy paddling the river and soaking in the stunning scenery.

[Discover more](#) about visiting this beautiful place.



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

## Go on an app-venture

Download the free Play Trails app –it's the perfect way to get kids outdoors and having fun.

It's free, sign-up is not required and the Play Anywhere Trail can be done – you guessed it – anywhere! It combines nature-based activities with digital challenges like taking photos, drawing, memory games and puzzles to help even the most reluctant kids connect with nature. [Find out more.](#)

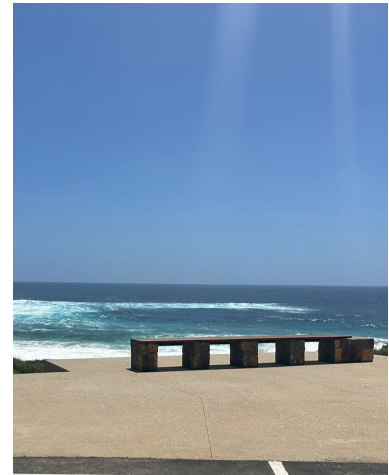


## A glow-up for Rabbit Hill in Yallingup

Big news for surf lovers and beachgoers at Rabbit Hill in Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park. Major upgrades are done, making your visit safer, more accessible, and even better. Some of the great new features include:

- Parking expanded from 25 to 76 bays
- Smooth, two-way sealed road and drainage
- Accessible paths to the lookout and seating
- New signage for the Cape to Cape Track

Thanks for your patience while we worked to improve this iconic spot. [Come check it out!](#)



## Level up your park adventure with local tourism business

Are you heading to Wellington National Park?

Need a bike, kayak or someone to guide you along the way?

No worries, [Adventure Connections](#) have got you covered with guided e-bike, hiking, or kayak tours and bike and kayak equipment for hire if you'd rather explore on your own.



Adventure is in the air in the Southern Forests and Valleys.

Climb, swing, leap and fly through the karri forest at [Aerial Adventure Pemberton](#). Conquer obstacles, fears and reconnect to your inner peaceful warrior. Choose your own adrenaline buzz with different routes and levels of challenge.



Experience the beauty of the Southern Forest national parks with [Pemberton Discovery Tours](#). Their off-road adventure takes you to the most magnificent attractions, all from the comfort and safety of their vehicle. It's perfect for those with limited time, the tour lets you maximise your stay in this stunning region.



## Wheelie out yonder on the Wambenger Trails

There are about 100km of MINT trails that make up the [Wambenger Trails](#) network in Wellington National Park. For beginners to experts, there are plenty of climbs, descents, technical downhills and cross-country pedalling - something for everyone - yeww! 👍



## Christmas was shining bright in Pemberton

Pemberton came alive with holiday cheer as students showcased their creativity by crafting stunning artworks inspired by their favourite spots in and around town. [Discover](#) their vibrant masterpieces.

Before you go, check Park Alerts for track, trail, attraction, campground and park updates.

## Exciting upgrades make Albany the place to explore

We've given some of your favourite places in Torndirrup National Park an upgrade!

- More parking – including accessible and long-vehicle bays.
- Trail improvements – smoother surfaces and realignments for a safer hiking experience.
- New picnic facilities – perfect for soaking in the views with your family and friends.
- New toilets– adding convenience for visitors.
- Lookouts and walkways – unparalleled vistas of King George Sound and beyond.

Thanks for your patience during the upgrades - [start planning](#) your visit today.



## Looking for an adventure that makes a difference?

Become a [Campground Host](#) in Western Australia and experience the natural beauty of WA's breathtaking parks firsthand. With hosting opportunities from the beach to the bush, there's a perfect spot for everyone. The next induction training kicks off in March 2025. Find out more or chat to the team.



Shark Smart BEN signs. Keep an eye out for Beach Emergency Number signs. The unique code will help emergency services locate you.

## ☀️ Know before you go this summer

As temperatures rise it's important to prioritise your safety. Check these websites before your next adventure.

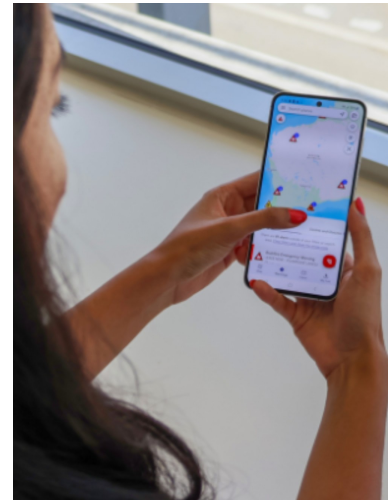
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- Weather and Fire Danger Ratings - [bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts](https://bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts)
- Park safety information - [exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/safety](https://exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/safety)

## Download the new Emergency WA app

The new Emergency WA app is a powerful tool that offers the fastest, most reliable access to alerts and warnings for hazards across Western Australia.

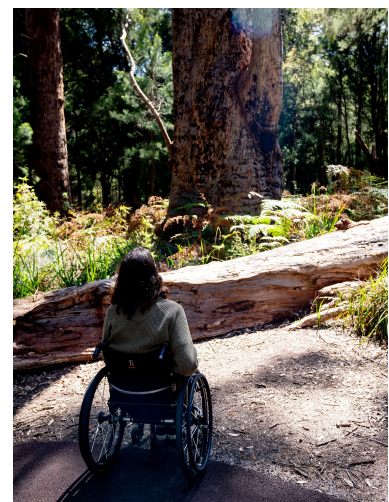
- Set custom watch zones.
- Receive notifications relevant to you.
- Access a live feed of incidents.
- Get official emergency information, fast.

For more information about how you can stay informed during an emergency, [visit DFES](#).



## Explore the Ancient Empire walk trail

Wander among a grove of 400-year old giant tingle trees unique to the Walpole area. Most of this trail is accessible for prams and wheelchairs with smooth, levelled timber decking. The trail is a continuous loop eliminating the need for an 'out-and-back' journey and inviting you to immerse yourself in nature. [Discover more](#).





## On the horizon.....

Keep an eye on your inbox for the next edition featuring adventures on the Coral Coast.

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