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Explore Parks

Western Australia's best adventures start here.

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Hello Park Explorers!

Is it time to head north to the Kimberley and Pilbara? We think so. These remarkable regions offer more than just breathtaking landscapes—they invite you to connect deeply with Country, discover ancient stories etched into the land, and experience a peace and quiet found nowhere else on Earth.

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Travelling to Purnululu? Get the latest visitor guide

We've just updated the Purnululu National Park visitor guide with all you need to know about trails, distances to campgrounds and attractions, safety, plants and animals and a map of the park. <u>Download your copy now.</u>



Don't take a toad down the road!

Cane toads are excellent hitch hikers and have been known to travel by plane, truck, bus, boat and caravan to get to new places. They often travel along roads and hang out in campgrounds so please take great care when packing up to ensure you don't take a toad down the road!

If you find a suspected toad, **don't kill it, contain it** and report it to DBCA by email at <u>canetoads@dbca.wa.gov.au</u> or text 0400 693 807 with a picture of the toad and where it was last seen.

Read more about the cane toad.



Click here to purchase your park pass for easy access to WA's parks

Connecting Culture and Country

Kwini Rangers are leading a landmark survey in North Kimberley Marine Park. Working with staff and archaeologists they've rediscovered ancient cultural sites that offer insights into the region's cultural history. <u>Discover the story</u> behind this team and their findings.



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

Northern Australia is croc country - always BE CROCWISE

But what does it mean to **Be Crocwise**?

Estuarine (saltwater) and freshwater crocodiles live in northern WA . They can be dangerous and attacks can be fatal.

Being Crocwise is understanding that you're in croc country, even if there are no warning signs. It's about making safe choices when you're near the water.

You can Be Crocwise by:

- staying alert when launching or retrieving your boat
- never entering the water to retrieve lures and always use a landing net
- camping at least 50m from the water's edge
- observing and following all warning signs

• not cleaning fish, preparing food or disposing of food near the water's edge, on your boat or around your campsite. Crocodiles learn these behaviors and can be attracted by them.

Download this flyer before your trip for a quick reference guide.



Discover the path to culture and connection in Mirima National Park

The Yoorrnging Geranyem Banan Trail, named by the Miriwoong people, meaning 'painting on rocks trail'. This 3.5km Class 5 walk leads you through an area rich with culture passing by three culturally significant sites.

At the trailhead, an audio pillar offers you a Welcome to Country spoken by a Miriwoong Elder. <u>Discover more</u>.



Park Feature - Montebello Islands Conservation Estate

Once part of the mainland, the Montebello Islands now rise from the crystal-clear waters of the Indian Ocean as a remote archipelago. Rich in history and teeming with marine life, these islands offer incredible experiences whether you're diving, snorkelling, boating or fishing.

Find out more about this extraordinary conservation estate.



Know before you go

The <u>Kimberley</u> and <u>Pilbara</u> 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:

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

Free maps - Smartreka

Smartreka Maps, by <u>WA Parks Foundation</u>, 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 <u>App Store</u> or <u>Google Play</u>.

On the horizon......

Keep an eye on your inbox for the next edition featuring adventures in Australia's Golden Outback.

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