Yanchep National Park

Visitor guide

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Department of **Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions**

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To see

Spot the western grey kangaroo

Yanchep National Park is home to western grey kangaroos (*Macropus fuliginosus*), which can be seen in abundance early and late in the day.

Visit the koalas (D6)

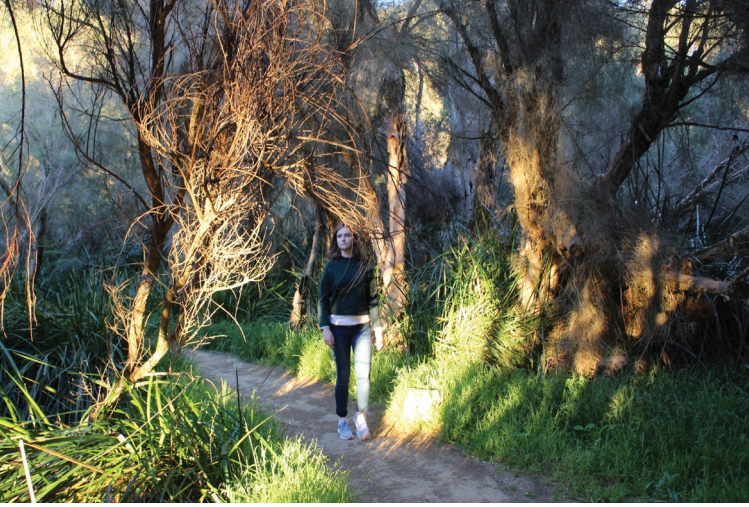
Stroll along the 240m koala boardwalk to view one of Australia's favourite native animals in a natural environment. Meet park staff on the boardwalk at 3.15pm daily for a 15-minute koala talk (subject to guide availability).

Enjoy the amazing birdlife

Yanchep National Park is alive with many species of wetland and bushland birds. Check with McNess Visitor Centre for a list of birds you are likely to see while enjoying the scenery.

Flora

The park is home to a diverse range of flora including paperbark, banksia, tuart, jarrah and sheoak. From August to October, the park comes to life with a stunning array of colourful wildflowers such as kangaroo paw, Yanchep rose, wattles and native orchids. Check with McNess Visitor Centre for the best seasonal viewing spots.



Walk trails

The park has nine walk trails ranging from 500m to 52km. Each trail has been selected to showcase the unique biodiversity of the northern Swan Coastal Plain.

Information about extended walk trails is available on a separate brochure, **Yanchep National Park – Extended walks.** Request a copy from; **bookingsynp@dbca.wa.gov.au**

Please ensure you take adequate drinking water on all walk trails.

Trails in this guide have been purpose-built for walkers only. Motorcycles and mountain bikes are not permitted.

Trail classification

Parks and Wildlife Service walk trails are assigned a 'class' to indicate degree of difficulty.

No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them.
Walks no greater than 5km.

These walks are well defined with some steps and generally gradients are gentle.

These trails are defined and may include steps; loose surfaces; uneven ground; and short, steep sections.

DWERTA MIA WALK TRAIL

Grade: Class 1
Length: 2.1km **Time:** 45min return
Start/finish: McNess House Visitor Centre
*can also be accessed from the Boomerang Gorge car park reducing the length of trail to 500m.
Meander through the old cave system at Boomerang Gorge. This trail is an 'all access' trail and features interpretive signage providing visitors with a better understanding of how the limestone environment has formed over hundreds of thousands of years and also looks at how the park's caves and their formations have been shaped through the ages by the flow of water.

WETLANDS WALK TRAIL

Grade: Class 2
Length: 2.7km **Time:** 50min return
Start/finish: McNess House Visitor Centre
Follow this popular trail that weaves its way around Loch McNess, one of Perth's most important coastal wetlands. Take in the natural sights and sounds that surround you and see the yanget (bullrush) used by local Noongar people for food.

WOODLANDS WALK TRAIL

Grade: Class 2
Length 2.6km **Time:** 1hr return
Start/finish: McNess House Visitor Centre

Despite the sandy soils, these coastal woodlands support a diverse range of trees including banksia, tuart, marri, stunted jarrah, sheoak and small pockets of paperbark. During spring, many native flora species including kangaroo paws and catspaws are in flower.

CAVES WALK TRAIL

Grade: Class 3
Length 4.5km return **Time:** 2hr return
Start/finish: McNess House Visitor Centre
This trail takes you past Crystal Cave where you can discover how limestone caves are formed and hear about their colourful history on a guided tour. Tours can be booked at the McNess House Visitor Centre before you start your walk.

For other trail information go to **trailswa.com.au**

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To do

Aboriginal Cultural Experience (D6)

Enjoy an entertaining and informative 45-minute session that will immerse you in local Noongar culture. Learn about the world's oldest living culture, experience didgeridoo playing and find out about the cultural significance of plants and animals.

Tours run Sundays and public holidays. Please check times with McNess House Visitor Centre.

Bookings available online at **exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/park/yanchep-national-park**

Crystal Cave tours (E11)

See Perth's only tourist cave on a 45-minute guided tour and experience an underground wonderland full of natural cave decorations such as stalactites, stalagmites, helictites, columns and shawls. The cave's constant temperature makes this tour a comfortable all-year-round experience.

Tours run daily. Please check times with McNess House Visitor Centre or book online at **exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/park/yanchep-national-park**

Camping

Camp under the stars at Henry White Campground, nestled among tuart and banksia woodlands. The campground has campsites suitable for tents, caravans and campervans.

Bookings available online only, visit **parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au** for pricing, availability and facilities.

Golf (A5)

Enjoy a leisurely round on our nine-hole bush golf course, but keep an eye out for our friendly kangaroos that frequently visit the fairways.

Book your green fees at McNess House Visitor Centre or online at **exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/park/yanchep-national-park**

Adventure caving

More than 400 caves have been recorded in the park. Book your birthday party or corporate team-building event underground! Climb and crawl through one of the park's wild caves with a seasoned cave guide. Suitable for groups of up to nine people and ages 8 years and above.

For more information please contact the park 9303 7759 or email: bookingsynp@dbca.wa.gov.au

Treetops Adventure (C8)

Spend hours of fun navigating the tall tuarts on a series of high ropes and zipline courses. For more information and bookings contact Treetops Adventure on **(08) 9542 8000** or visit **treetopsadventure.com.au/location/yanchep**

To eat

Picnic spots galore

All barbecues in the park are free. Please follow the instructions carefully and remember to reignite as required. You will see many birds while you are picnicking but please don't feed them.

Yanchep Inn (C6)

Open daily from 8am till late, the historic Yanchep Inn offers breakfast, lunch, dinner, drinks and accommodation. Function facilities are also available. For more information and bookings call (08) 9561 1001 or visit **yanchepinn.com.au**

Chocolate Drops Tearooms (D6)

Drop in for a light lunch, refreshment or ice-cream and treat yourself to some award-winning handmade chocolate.For more information call (08) 9561 6699 or visit **chocolatedrops.com.au**

Special occasions

Cabaret Cave (A9)

Book your special occasion at Perth's only purpose-modified function cave for hire. This natural cave is visually amazing, acoustically sensational and naturally air-conditioned.

For more information and bookings call (08) 9561 1001 or visit **yanchepinn.com.au**

Want to return to Yanchep or go to another national park?

Today's entry can be used towards the purchase of an annual or holiday park pass for Western Australia. For more information visit the McNess House Visitor Centre or shop online at **shop.dbca.wa.gov.au**

All revenue collected from park entry fees and Parks and Wildlife Service-managed businesses is invested in biodiversity conservation, maintenance and improvement of the park.

Caring for the park

Please help take care of Yanchep National Park by following the seven **Leave No Trace** principles.

Plan ahead and prepare: Your safety is our concern but your responsibility.

Travel and camp on durable surfaces: Stay on the established trails, tracks and roads. Camping is available on Henry White Campground – fees apply. Free camping is available at shelters on some of the walk trails - please contact the park 9303 7759 for more information.

Dispose of waste properly: Please place your rubbish in the bins provided or take it home with you.

Leave what you find: Do not pick wildflowers.

Respect wildlife: Please don't feed wildlife. Pets are not permitted, except guide dogs.

Be considerate of your hosts and other visitors:
Water is a precious resource – please use it sparingly.

More information

Yanchep National Park is open every day of the year.

McNess House Visitor Centre (D6)

Drop into the visitor centre to get information about the park, book your tours and browse through the great range of gifts and souvenirs. You can also purchase an annual park pass.

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Police: **13 14 44**
In the event of an emergency, call **000**. Make your way to a safe area as indicated by the cream colour on the map.
If you are on a tour, listen to your guide's instructions.
For bushfire alerts and warnings, visit **emergency.wa.gov.au** or listen to ABC Radio.

Check for alerts and updates directly related to parks and major trails at **alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au** and for all emergency information in Western Australia at **emergency.wa.gov.au**.

Find more park visitor information, book campsites and share your experiences at **exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au**.

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Front cover Koalas at Yanchep National Park. *Photos – DBCA*

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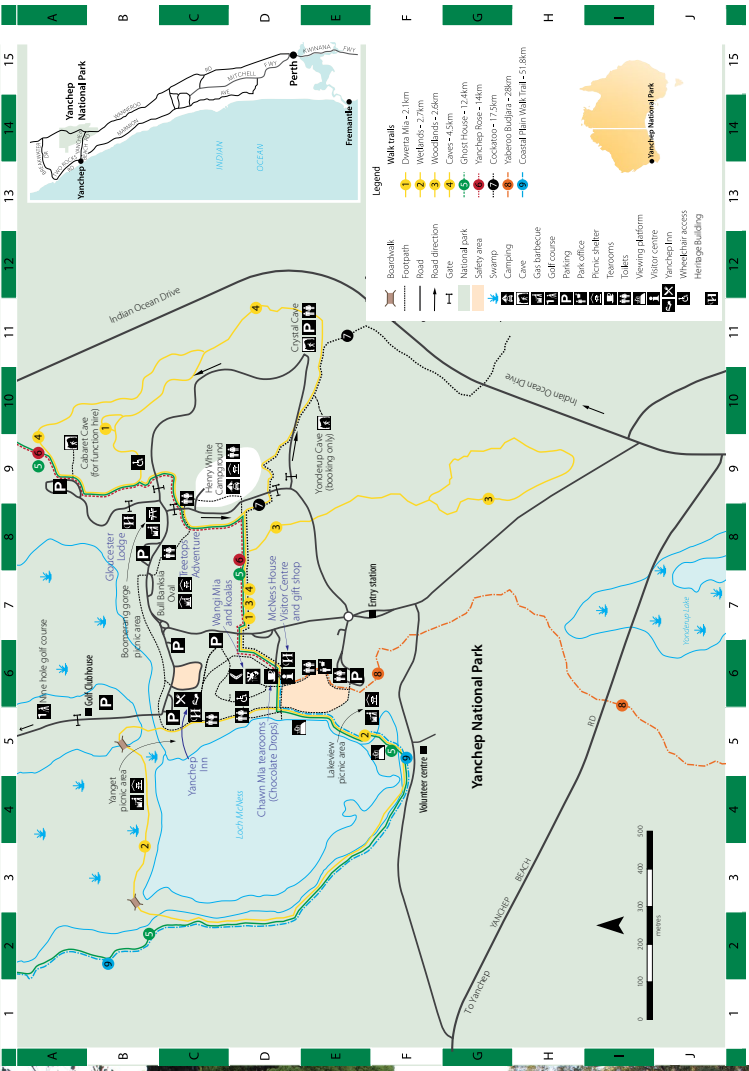
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