



Travel itinerary



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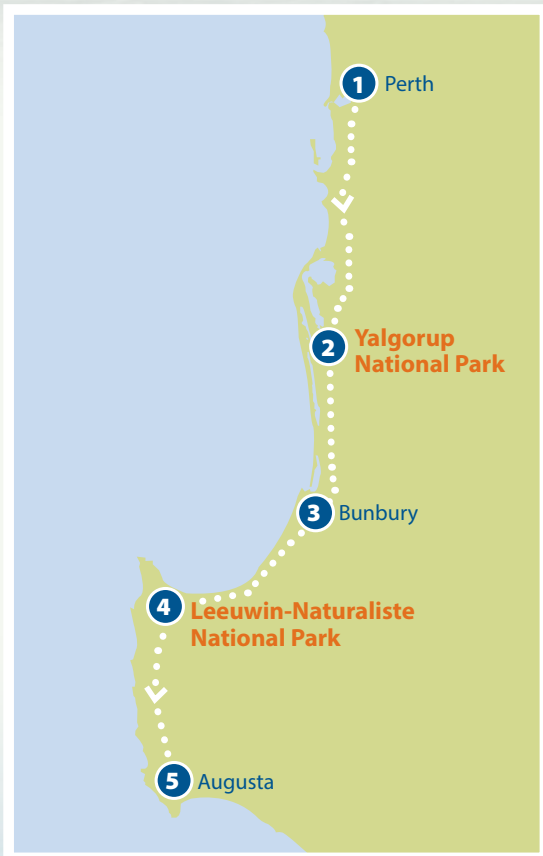
Self-drive short breaks



Perth to Augusta

Yalgorup National Park, Dolphin Discovery Centre, Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, Ngari Capes Marine Park

Take four days or more to discover magnificent coastline and beautiful national parks with sensational campgrounds and enjoy everything this incredible region has to offer.



Martins Tank Campground



Cape to Cape Track



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Little penguin

Penguin Island

Drive 45 minutes south of Perth and take the five-minute ferry ride across Shoalwater Bay to discover Penguin Island, home to the smallest penguin in the world. Jump on board a fascinating cruise around Shoalwater Marine Park to meet sea lions, stingrays dolphins and more.

Bookings and enquiries: penguinisland.com.au



1 Perth to Yalgorup National Park 128km 1 hour 30 min

Kwinana Fwy – Old Coast Road – Preston Beach Road

Begin your road trip south from Perth on the Kwinana Freeway. If time permits, detour through Rockingham to Penguin Island and travel through Mandurah for scenic views of the Peel Inlet and Harvey Estuary.

South of Mandurah, Yalgorup National Park protects coastal dunes, lakes and woodland between Old Coast Road and the ocean. Large numbers of waterbirds live in the Ramsar-listed lake system or visit each year.

Call in to Lake Clifton to see ancient structures called thrombolites from a walkway over the lake. Thrombolites are built by micro-organisms too small for the human eye to see. From 3,500 million to 650 million years ago they were one of the only forms of life on Earth.

Take Preston Beach Road into the park toward walk trails, campground and Preston Beach.

Camp at:



Martins Tank

The campground is set in peppermint woodland and tuart forest near Martins Tank Lake and has excellent facilities.

Bookings essential: parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au Nearby Preston Beach is a popular place to stay if Martins Tank is full.

Must do:



Pack your binoculars and head off on a walk trail. Late winter and spring are wonderful times for viewing wildflowers in the park and you will be rewarded with fantastic views over Lake Preston.

Visit the bird hide on the shores of Lake Pollard and discover how many species of birds visit this special place.



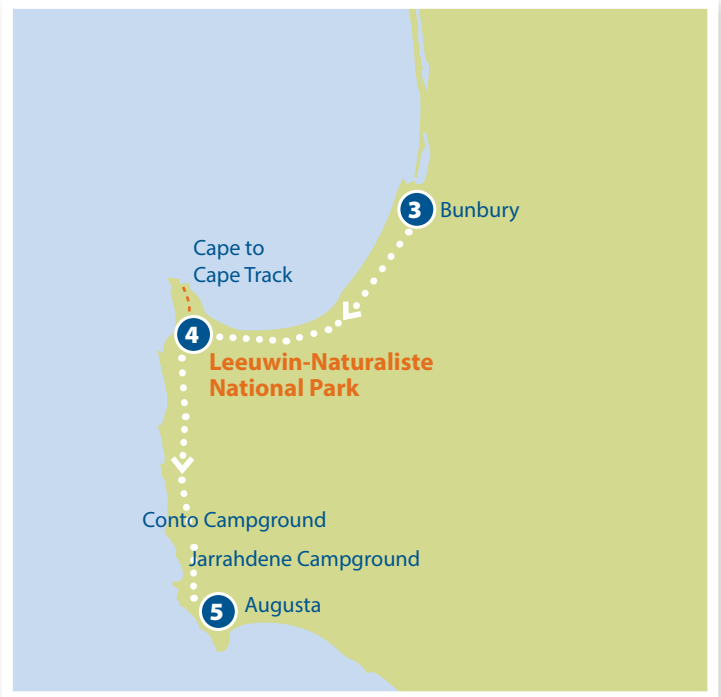
Lake Clifton, Yalgorup National Park



Ranger's tip

The lakes are wonderful for nature observation. Don't forget your camera for some fabulous photo opportunities, especially around dawn and dusk. The lake's shoreline is a nesting spot for hooded plovers (*Thinornis rubricollis*). They lay their eggs in the open sand and will abandon their nest and hatchlings if approached, so please stay on designated paths.





2 Yalgorup National Park to Bunbury

68km 50 min

Preston Beach Road – Old Coast Road – Forrest Hwy

Short stop

Head south along Old Coast Road to Bunbury and visit the Dolphin Discovery Centre. Join a guided tour and swim with the wild dolphins in the open waters of Koombana Bay; a truly memorable experience.

Bookings and enquiries:
dolphindiscovery.com.au



Dolphin Discovery Centre

3 Bunbury to Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park and Augusta

120km 1 hour 35 min to Conto

126km 1 hour 40 min to Jarrahdene

142km 1 hour 40 min to Augusta

Bussell Hwy – Caves Road – Jarrahdene

The spectacular stretch of coast between historic lighthouses at Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin features wild scenery, white ocean beaches and some of the State's best surfing breaks. Explore limestone caves including Calgardup and Giants caves, walk part of the Cape to Cape Track and drive through the famous karri trees in Boranup Forest. Continue down to Augusta and the furthest south-west point of the continent at Cape Leeuwin.

Camp at:



Conto and Jarrahdene campgrounds

These well-appointed campgrounds cater for groups with tents through to large camper trailers and caravans in beautiful national park settings with easy access to Margaret River, Augusta and local attractions.

Bookings essential: parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au

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The RAC Margaret River Nature Park offers range of accommodation types, facilities and activities in Wooditjup National Park close to Margaret River. parksandresorts.rac.com.au



Conto beach, Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park



Conto Campground



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Handy information

Parks All the park information you need for your trip:
exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au

Camping Campground information and bookings:
parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au

Park passes Buy park passes at Parks and Wildlife Service offices, selected tourism outlets and visitor centres and at shop.
dbca.wa.gov.au. Royal Automobile Club (WA) members can buy discounted passes at rac.com.au.

Trails Detailed information on many of Western Australia's most popular trails: trails.wa.com.au

Visitor centres Accredited visitor centres display the blue and yellow "i" symbol and can help with maps, accommodation, tour bookings and local knowledge: visitorcentres.wa.com.au



Tours and accommodation All tour and accommodation providers operating in national parks are accredited. Search for accommodation and tours at trustthetick.wa.com.au, australiassouthwest.com and westernaustralia.com.



Working Together on Country

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions respectfully acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of the lands and waters it manages.

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