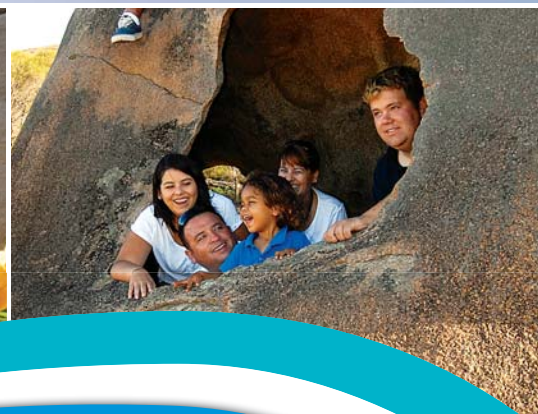


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Dolphin Bay
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The Esperance region of Western Australia is one of Australia's fastest growing visitor destinations. Graced with a temperate climate all year round and sugar white sand bordered by brilliant blue water bays, the peace and simplicity of the region is a large part of its appeal.

Welcome

The Esperance Region is becoming a year round destination for Western Australians, Australians and international tourists. Esperance now boasts not only Australia's best beaches and whitest sand, but also a variety of other unique attractions.

Rated by Western Australia's RAC magazine as having one of Western Australia's top 10 cycle tracks along the Great Ocean Drive to Twilight Beach. This combined with a number of walking tracks that can take an hour or so up to full day walks.

7 hours drive from Perth, Esperance has been one of the states hidden treasures. Now with daily flights by Skywest Airlines, a 6 day a week Transwa bus service from Perth and good road access for interstate visitors, Esperance is easily accessible. It's a 4 hour drive from Kalgoorlie and 5 hours from Albany.

Cape le Grand and Cape Arid National Parks are at the Eastern extremity of Tourism Australia's National Landscapes project announced in 2011. The region from Esperance to Margaret River is marketed as "Australia's Great South Western Edge".

We welcome you to come and enjoy your own Esperance Experience.

Cindy Poole - Chairperson
Esperance Region Tourism Association

Escape!

The Esperance region offers you the chance to escape to a paradise all of your own. The warm sun, fresh air and long stretches of isolated beach make this an ideal region to get away from it all.

Devoid of high rise structures and crowds, the Esperance region is characterised by spectacular coastal scenery; an abundance of wildlife including seals, dolphins, whales, emus and sea eagles; pristine beaches; over a hundred islands and spectacular national parks. It is one of the only places in Western Australia where you may see kangaroos sunbathing on the beach!

The Esperance region is paradise for lovers of the water and sun. Its beaches are considered amongst the best in the world and while they provide ideal conditions for fishing, surfing, sailing and sand boarding, they are just as popular with nature lovers and sunbathers seeking relaxation.

Nature and Leisure

The surrounding Recherche Archipelago, consisting of some 105 coastal islands, has a myriad of marine life in crystal clear water for divers and snorkelers to enjoy. Get close to the region's wildlife on the Esperance Island Cruise as you make your way across to Woody Island, where there is a variety of accommodation from tents to safari huts and excellent walking trails.

When touring the region be sure to visit the highlights along the Great Ocean Drive, the superb National Parks such as Cape le Grand and Fitzgerald River National Park. A bird lover's paradise can be found at reserves like Lake Monjigup and Kepwari Wetland Walk Trail. Be sure to walk some of the nature trails to take in the amazing coastal scenery and to get up close and personal with the wildflowers and wildlife.

Experience a unique four wheel drive tour along the pristine beach, walk or cycle the town coastal trail, wander amongst the spectacular wildflowers or do some dolphin or whale spotting. Learn how leather is made from local fish and shark skins, take in some history and explore the local attractions and the unique art and craft galleries.

Fast Facts

Location 721 kilometres south-east of Perth

Population 14,281

Climate

Month	Average temperature	Rainfall (mm)
Dec-Feb	25	22
Mar-May	23	59
Jun-Aug	17	88
Sep-Nov	21	47

Emergency Numbers

FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE.....	000
Police.....	9079 8999
Hospital.....	9071 0888
Sea Search and Rescue.....	9071 1697
Poisons Information Centre.....	13 11 26
Service Numbers	
RAC.....	13 11 11
Esperance Taxi Service.....	9071 1782
Department of Environment and Conservation.....	9083 2100
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DID YOU KNOW?

The Latitude of Esperance, on the west coast, is North of Margaret River

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Planning a holiday

Tanker Jetty
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Twilight
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DID YOU KNOW?
Esperance is the Eastern Gateway of Great South West Edge, National Landscape.

With so much to do in and around Esperance, it may be hard to decide what to do first. So here's a 5-Day Itinerary to help you experience the most of what Esperance has to offer.

Day 1

Take an early morning stroll along the Tanker Jetty and say good morning to Sammy the seal. The Esperance Island Cruise departs Taylor Street Jetty at 9am (returning 1pm and 4pm). This magical cruise of the Recherche Archipelago observes dolphins, sea lions, seals, Cape Barren geese and other wildlife; enjoy morning tea on beautiful Woody Island.

A fantastic way to capture the Esperance coastline is to tour in your own car along the Great Ocean Drive. Western Australia's most popular beach Twilight Cove is a must see along this route. Rotary Lookout, the Wind Farm, Pink Lake and Section Glass Gallery/Cafe are also along this drive.

If a more active option suits you then explore the route via the walk and cycle trail. Take time to stop at the beaches for a swim, a fish or just a walk to feel the sand between your toes.

Bandy Creek, Lake Monjigup Reserve and Kepwari Walk Trails are all within a 15 minute drive from town. Dalyup River Winery is in close proximity on the South Coast Highway.

Indoor attractions in and around town which are not to be missed include the Municipal Museum, Mermaid Leather and Cannery Arts Centre. Find some local souvenirs, Indigenous art, natural products, relaxation/massage or a unique retail therapy session at the Museum Village.

Dine out at a delicious selection of cafes, restaurants and bakeries.

Day 2

Today is for discovery and adventure. Take a fishing or dive charter to the Bay of Isles for an unforgettable experience or perhaps you prefer to view the

Recherche Archipelago from above rather than below with a scenic helicopter or plane flight. Book a town tour or a four wheel drive tour and discover why Esperance has 'Australia's Whitest Beaches'; try sand boarding in the dunes or experience a cultural tour and learn Indigenous history of the Esperance area.

Want to explore by yourself? Then Cape Le Grand National Park is the first choice. 60 kilometres of sealed road takes you to the picturesque Lucky Bay, Hellfire Bay and Thistle Cove where the most pristine beaches in the world are to be found. Feeling energetic? Then climb to the top of spectacular Frenchman's Peak to get a panoramic view of the surrounding area. Get a feel for the spectacular coastal scenery by walking a section of the coastal trail. Make sure you leave time to call in to Stephanie's Studio and Stonehenge.

Day 3 and 4

Want more to explore? Then head east to the Duke of Orleans Bay which is 85 kilometres from Esperance, on the way call into the Condingup Tavern and Condingup Vineyard. There is a great caravan park, stunning Wharton Beach and the incredible Hammer Head. This will take more than one day to enjoy, so stay the night.

Cape Arid National Park, situated 120 kilometres from Esperance, is the next place to explore. Little Tagon and Dolphin Cove are also worth a visit. Keep an eye out for whales between May and October. If you're planning on going four wheel driving around the beach, check local tides and ensure you deflate tyres for a safe ride.

Or Explore further by taking the 100 kilometre long

Great Country Drive into Esperance's outback. See the Visitor Centre for more details.

Or If you have decided to stay in town today and relax, watch a film at the Fenwick 3 Cinema, browse through the art galleries, enjoy shopping in the CBD, experience the friendliness of the Museum Village and discover the indoor attractions which you ran out of time for on Day 1. You may also like to re-energise at the Bay of Isles Leisure Centre for a swim or a workout or hit the green for a game of golf.

Or Combine a drive to Helms Arboretum and get amongst some trees. Visit The Bird and Animal Park for a hands on family experience or have a good old fashioned country pub meal at the Gibson Soak hotel.

Day 5

Head to Stokes Inlet National Park, situated 90 kilometres west of Esperance, before continuing onto the Fitzgerald River National Park, which has more species of flowering plants than any other area of similar size in the world. Overnight accommodation is available at Munglinup Beach Holiday Park. Enjoy safe swimming, fishing and canoeing on the Oldfield River. Alternately, stop overnight at the pretty seaside town of Hopetoun or the historic mining centre of Ravensthorpe.

Or

Head north approximately 150 kilometres from Esperance to Peak Charles National Park. It is a must for the adventure lovers and four wheel drive enthusiasts. Peak Charles is 651 metres above a pristine area of dry woodland. Basic camping area is provided.

Aboriginal History In Esperance

Aboriginal people have been in the Esperance area for over 20,000 years and their descendants still live here today. The local Aboriginal people are the most eastern of the Noongar Nation whose country extends out to Israelite Bay, 200kms east of Esperance. The Aboriginal name of this area is "Kepa Kurl", the place where the waters lay down like a boomerang".

In 1841, Edward John Eyre with his Aboriginal guide, Wylie, met Captain Rossiter on their epic journey from Adelaide, aboard the French Whaler "Mississippi" in a bay which later became known as Rossiter Bay.

1863 saw the arrival of the first settlers, the Dempster brothers who walked overland from Northam with their families and Aboriginal guides and over 3000 head of stock.



Image courtesy of Dan Paris

Settlers and explorers

Esperance's European history began in 1627 when the Dutch vessel, Gulde Zeepaard, under the command of Pieter Nuyts, passed through the Archipelago.

Unfortunately he did not sight land at this time. Discovery, however, is generally credited to the French when two ships, L'Esperance and Recherche, were forced to seek shelter from a storm in the Archipelago in 1792. In 1802, Matthew Flinders and crew sailed through the area while carefully mapping the south coast. Lucky Bay and Thistle Cove were named by this explorer.

The first foreign inhabitants of these shores during the nineteenth century were sealers from the penal settlement at Van Dieman's Land and American and French whalers. Subsistence was mainly from kangaroo, geese and fish, which were bountifully supplied by nature.

Edward John Eyre was the most famous overland explorer to visit having come from Adelaide in 1841 en route to Albany.

In 1863, the Dempster brothers drove sheep, cattle and horses from Northam to Esperance to take up the first land holding. Andrew Dempster was granted a lease of 100,000 acres in 1866.

In 1895, with the discovery of gold in Dundas, Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie, Esperance began an incredible transformation. Fortune seekers from Australia and around the world began to flood into

this sleepy little port on their way to the Goldfields.

By 1897, there were two newspapers, one brewery and four hotels. There were many rows of tents and the less fortunate slept on seaweed on the beach.

Development hopes next centred on farming the mallee country. Could this be made into a prosperous wheat belt? Land was opened for selection in 1912 and nearly 60 farms were started. Progress was slow and hindered by a severe drought in 1914/15. The next year, Professor John Patterson reported "...one half the area contains too much salt for profitable farming".

In 1924, the government opened more mallee land but the Great Depression wiped out some 75% of farmers. By 1935, the Esperance wheat experiment appeared a costly and wasteful failure.

Recognition that the Esperance sand plain had agricultural potential was slow in coming, but the success of a few determined pioneers eventually led to the establishment of the Gibson research station in 1949.

Research unveiled vast potential when the light soils were supplemented with superphosphate and a few trace elements such as copper and zinc.

Walks, Wildflowers, Whales



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Fitzgerald River National Park

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With wild coastal scenery, towering granite peaks, superb bays, snow white beach sand and brilliant blue waters there is probably no other region in Australia blessed with the number and variety of national parks and reserves than those located within the South East region of Western Australia.

The six parks in the region offer magnificent scenery and the opportunity to escape from the pressures of everyday living, and are some of the largest remaining wilderness areas in southern Australia. Whether it's bush or coastal walks, deserted beaches, unique fauna, extraordinary flora, or just the peace and tranquillity of the great outdoors, the national parks and reserves of the South East offer visitors a never ending variety of experiences and scenery all year round.

Walks, Wildflowers and Whales

Year round walking paths can take you to see Dolphins in a natural environment playing along the coast. Experience wildflowers in flower season along the walking trails from July to January and Whales migrating along the coast lines from July to October.

Walks

Experience a variety of walks along the coast on dedicated walking trails and inland walking tracks. Walk the Great Ocean Road from Town to Twilight Beach, enjoy a stroll along the Esplanade.

Walk the Esplanade to Castletown & continue along the beach to Bandy Creek boat harbor. Cape Le Grand walks, climb to the top of Frenchman's Peak, Explore Mt Ridley, Kepwari Wetland Walk Trail, Monjingup Lake Walking Trail, Rotary Lookout.

Pick up specific walk trail maps from the Visitor Centre.

Wildflowers

From July to November experience the amazing variety of both inland and Coast Heath Wildflowers. From the stunning Fitzgerald Biosphere Reserve with 100's of wildflower species unique to the coastal heath along the Great Ocean Drive in Esperance to The Cape Le Grand and Cape Arid National Park.

Enjoy wildflower viewing from your vehicle or strolling along the walking paths.

Whales

The Southern Right Whales migrate along the coast from June to October and can be seen frolicking in the water from many vantage points. Amongst the more spectacular viewing is: Isrealite Bay (4WD access only), Cape Arid – Thomas Creek, Cape Le Grand beaches, Esperance Bay – Recherche Archipelago, Great Ocean Drive.

Take a stroll along the walking paths in Winter and spring, keep one eye on the Ocean for whales and another on the abundant Flora and Fauna.

Lake Monjingup Reserve

Pristine bushland, wonderful wildflowers, prolific birdlife, walk trails and boardwalks - you will find all these and more in abundance at the Lake Monjingup Reserve.

This A class reserve is just a 15 minute drive west of Esperance. The 102 hectare award winning natural heritage area is a must see for everyone. The lake and its surrounding paperbark wetlands host many birds and waterfowl; in fact there are 93 listed species in the area.

Boardwalks give access through the wetlands and some 14 kilometres of walk trails take you through natural

bushland showcasing magnificent ancient specimens of the Cycad *Macrozamia Dyeri*.

Development of the recreation area promotes conservation, art and culture. It boasts a challenging, Monji maze, outdoor chess, picnic facilities and remarkable native flora gardens.

Be seduced by the wonders of nature in an area that is peaceful and exciting, relaxing and inspiring.

The Recherche Archipelago

Located off the remote south coast of Western Australia, the Recherche Archipelago is the largest group of islands in southern Australia. The Archipelago consists of 105 islands and 1,500 islets spread over 270 kilometres of coastline and is fast becoming recognised as one of our most important aquatic wilderness areas.

Most of the islands are steep, rocky and inaccessible to humans and provide sheltered breeding grounds for sea lions, seals and penguins. Southern Right whales visit the sheltered bays and the islands are home to the endangered Black-Footed rock wallaby.

The main access to the Archipelago is from the town of Esperance, thus the parts of the Archipelago accessible from Esperance are popular for recreation and marine-based tourism activities. Esperance is also the hub for a number of regional industries, including shipping (minerals and grain) and commercial fishing.

With such an amazing piece of coastline, it is no surprise that the majority of Esperance locals and tourists spend their leisure time on the beaches or out on the ocean.

Kepwari Wetland Walk Trail

A five minute drive from the centre of Esperance, nestled out of the wind is the Kepwari Wetland Trail. The one way interpretative trail is 3.6 kilometres in length and is designed to be a learning experience. Panel and information displays help you discover why these wetlands are important, why they are under threat and how you can help protect them for future generations.

The trail winds through fringing sedge lands, heathlands, under banksia canopies and over dune ridges with views of the wetland system and surrounding catchment.

It is also designed to protect native vegetation from the threat of dieback. A return trip along the trail will take about two and a half hours to walk. You can start at either end. Shorter sections can be walked instead of the entire trail.

The Wetland Trail consists of 1.5 kilometres of raised timber boardwalks, and 2.1 kilometres of surfaced trail. Two bird hides located along the trail provide an opportunity to quietly observe waterbirds in a tranquil environment.

Great Ocean Walk / Cycle Way

The best walking trail in Western Australia. If you ride or walk along the pathway between Esperance Town and Twilight Beach you will be treated to the sweeping vista of the splendid coast line. The pathway will take you past spectacular beaches such as West Beach (surfing), Blue Haven (pristine water), Salmon Beach (great fishing) and Fourth (water sports). Stop for a while at one of the several seats to admire this unforgettable panoramic scene, or walk along the beach and experience the soft fine white sand between your toes.

Camping

Two camping grounds are situated in Cape Le Grand National Park, one at Lucky Bay, and the other at Le Grand Beach (see map 2). Facilities include septic toilets, showers and camper's kitchens.

Camping fees apply to Cape Le Grand and Stokes National Parks. Wood fires are not permitted. Free gas barbecues are provided.

At Stokes National Park two campsites are located on the shores of the inlet. Please be sure to bring sufficient fresh water as there are no available water supplies in the park. Toilets and BBQs.

Peak Charles National Park has an area designated for camping, but there are no facilities apart from a bush toilet and walk trail. For most of the year there is no fresh water, so if you intend to visit, make sure you are totally self-sufficient.

Several camping areas are provided at Cape Arid National Park. Thomas River is accessible on gravel roads. Other areas are accessible by four wheel drive vehicles only. Wood fires are not permitted near the coastal section of the park, so we recommend that you bring a portable gas stove for cooking. Vehicle-based camping is available in the Fitzgerald River National Park at Four Mile Beach, Hamersley Inlet, Quoin Head (four wheel drives only), Fitzgerald Inlet (four wheel drives only) and Saint Mary Inlet. After heavy rains some roads may occasionally be temporarily closed as a disease hygiene control measure – so after heavy rains check with the Department of Environment and Conservation.

Camping fees apply.

Department of Environment and Conservation

The Department of Environment and Conservation officers are always glad to help. Don't hesitate to contact them if you need information or assistance. Visitor fees apply to Cape Le Grand, Cape Arid, Fitzgerald River and Stokes National Parks.

Fees are used to improve facilities and help offset costs.

Cape Le Grand National Park	Ph: (08) 9075 9072
Stokes National Park	Ph: (08) 9076 8541
Peak Charles National Park	Ph: (08) 9076 8541
Esperance District Office	Ph: (08) 9083 2100
Cape Arid National Park	Ph: (08) 9075 0055

DID YOU KNOW?
Recherche Archipelago consists of some 105 coastal islands.

Fitzgerald River National Park

Ranger in Charge – Jacup	Ph: (08) 9835 5043
Eastside (Ranger – East Mt Barren)	Ph: (08) 9838 3060
Westside (Ranger – Murray Road)	Ph: (08) 9837 1022
South Coast Regional Office - Albany	Ph: (08) 9842 4500
State Headquarters - Perth	Ph: (08) 9334 0333

Remember

Be Careful

Choose fishing or swimming sites with great care. The Southern Ocean is unpredictable, making rock fishing and swimming especially dangerous.

Huge waves and swells can suddenly occur even on calm days. Rocks become slippery when wet. Riptides are common along the coastline. Stay on paths and help prevent erosion. Your safety in natural areas is our concern, but your responsibility. Please check with Visitor Centre for local Road & Park Conditions.

Be Clean

Put your litter in bins, or better still, take it with you.

Be Cool

Fire bans apply over the summer months; the lighting of camp fires is prohibited during this period. Light fires only in fireplaces provided. Use own wood when camping. Bring your own portable gas stove.

Be Considerate

Over two thirds of the plant species in the south coast national parks are susceptible to the dieback fungus, so please stay on marked tracks and be very cautious of spreading mud, particularly following rain. Help to protect our natural environments.

Protect Animals and Plants

No firearms or pets, please.

Stay on the Road

Follow signs and stay on roads. Normal road rules apply.

National Parks



Frenchman Peak
Image courtesy of Dan Paris



Cape Le Grand National Park
Image courtesy of Tourism Western Australia

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 5 walk trails to choose from in the Stokes National Park.

Cape Le Grand National Park

Located approximately 50 kilometres east of Esperance, Cape Le Grand National Park is one of Western Australia's best known and most spectacular national parks. Caravan and camping areas are located at Le Grand Beach and the magnificent Lucky Bay. Tank water, septic toilets, solar heated showers, camp kitchens and barbecues are available, however no power is available. Department of Environment and Conservation fees apply.

Frenchman Peak

Why not walk the 3 kilometre round trip to Frenchman Peak? A track leads from the car park up the gentle east slope of the peak to the summit. The peak features great views over the park. Allow 1.5 hours of hard walking.

Coastal Track

Alternatively the Coastal Track, a 15 kilometre one way journey, runs from Le Grand Beach via Hellfire Bay to Rossiter Bay, and features excellent coastal views. Always carry drinking water with you.

Cape Arid National Park

Located approximately 120 kilometres to the east of Esperance by good road is the Cape Arid National Park. Most of the park itself is 4WD only, featuring magnificent granite headlands, crystal clear waters and sparkling white sands. There are two camping areas at Thomas River and Seal Creek with limited facilities (pit toilets, barbecues, no power or water). Department of Environment and Conservation fees apply.

Len Otte Nature Trail

Len Otte Nature Trail is a 1 kilometre return journey and features views over the park and a close look at the varied plant and animal life of the area.

Tagon Coastal Walk

Tagon Coastal Walk is a 7 kilometre, four hour return journey that features views over the wild coastline. In winter, you may be lucky enough to spot one of the southern right whales, which often come close inshore to the shelter of the bays.

Booleanup Walk

Booleanup Walk is a 4 kilometre, two hour return journey featuring an easy walk to the brackish Lake Booleanup. The trail goes from the car park off Tagon Road through banksia, eucalypt, paperbark swamp and coastal heath and features prolific bird life.

Mt Ragged Walk

Mt Ragged Walk is a 3 kilometre, three hour return journey with a stiff walk to the top of Tower Peak (585m). Mt Ragged is a steep-sided pre-cambrian ridge surrounded at about one-third height by a wave-cut platform.

Peak Charles National Park

Located 150 kilometres North West of Esperance, this ancient granite peak and its companion, Peak Eleanor, provide sweeping views over dry sand plain heaths and salt lake systems. Other than toilets at the designated camping area (no fees) and a walk trail, no facilities are provided in this remote area, so go prepared and carry your own water. Make sure you are totally self-sufficient.

Frank Hann National Park

Located 40 kilometres east of Lake King, the park protects 60,000 hectares of sand plain habitat and heath flora. The area contains many wildflower species and is very attractive in spring. There are no facilities or supplies in this remote area and visitors must be self-sufficient. The access road is a fair weather road only. Check with the Department of Environment and Conservation or the Shire of Esperance before proceeding.

Stokes National Park

Stokes National Park features beautiful coastal and inlet scenery approximately 80 kilometres west of Esperance. Stokes Inlet 2WD accessible, bush camground with toilets and BBQ's, DEC fees apply and camping is permissible at Skippy Rock and Fanny Cove (with basic facilities).

Heritage Trail

The Heritage Trail is a 4.3 kilometre, one and a half hour return journey. This easy walk features on-site plaques describing changes which have occurred to the inlet environment. The path gives magnificent views of the inlet and surrounds.

Fitzgerald River National Park

Located west of Esperance, with its eastern gateway through Hopetoun, the Fitzgerald River National Park is one of the last great wilderness areas of the south and contains nearly 20 per cent of the state's plant species.

Classified as one of Western Australia's most diverse and important national parks, it boasts a magnificent coastline of rocky headlands with sandy white beaches and striking mountain ranges. It lies between Hopetoun and Bremer Bay surrounding the inlets of the Fitzgerald, Gairdner, Phillips and Hamersley Rivers. The park has some 209 species of birds and over 1,900 species of wildflowers, many unique to this area, such as the Royal Hakea and Qualup Bell. Migrating and breeding whales can be seen from many vantage points within the park from June to October.

There are many beautiful spots easily accessible to two wheel drive vehicles; the interior with its more rugged and mountainous terrain is only accessible by four wheel drives or on foot. Campsites with toilets are located at Four Mile Beach, Hamersley Inlet, Fitzgerald Inlet, Quion and Saint Mary Inlet. Camping fees are payable in addition to national park visitor fees. Roads may close following rain due to the real threat of spreading dieback.

Over two thirds of the plant species in the park are susceptible to the dieback fungus, so please stay on marked tracks and be very cautious of spreading mud, particularly from areas outside of the park boundaries. Please help to protect this jewel of the south coast.

Campsites with toilets are located at Hamersley Inlet, Quoin Head (four wheel drives only), Fitzgerald Inlet (four wheel drives only) and Saint Mary Inlet.

East Mount Barren

East Mount Barren is a three hour journey of medium to hard walking featuring vast panoramic land and sea views, moderate mountain walking, interesting rock formations and unique wildflowers.

No Tree Hill

No Tree Hill is a 3 kilometre easy stroll through bush (trousers recommended) with wide summit views.

Twertup Horrie and Dorri

Twertup Horrie and Dorri trails in the western section of the park will take one to two hours and take in vistas of Fitzgerald River valley, spongolite cliffs, the old quarry and wildflowers.

Point Ann Heritage Trail

Point Ann Heritage Trail is another walk train in the western section of the park and takes in whales, wildflowers and coastal scenery.

West Mount Barren

West Mount Barren is a one to two hour moderate walk with a high diversity of plant species and panoramic views.

The Fitzgerald Biosphere Reserve

The pristine Fitzgerald Biosphere Reserve lies between Esperance and Albany along the south coast of Western Australia, encompassing the towns of Ravensthorpe, Hopetoun, Jerramungup and Bremer Bay.

What is a World Biosphere Reserve?

Biosphere reserves are areas of terrestrial and coastal ecosystems endorsed by the United Nations, where people and nature can flourish together. The Fitzgerald Biosphere Reserve contains an undisturbed core enclosed by the Fitzgerald River National Park surrounded by a buffer of uncleared bush, protected coastline and marine environment. Beyond this buffer is the 'zone of cooperation', within which the regions agricultural production also takes place.

Why is the Fitzgerald Biosphere special?

The Fitzgerald Biosphere Reserve is referred to as "the most important Mediterranean ecosystem reserve in the world" (Dr Bernd von Drost, 1989, UNESCO), not only for its rich and unique biodiversity but for the way the community interacts with the environment and how they are working to ensure its long term sustainability. The Fitzgerald Biosphere Reserve is of worldwide concern, such is its universal value. The bushland, mountains, and rivers of the Fitzgerald Biosphere Reserve contain clues to the earth's evolutionary history. They give insights into how life on earth continues to unfold and change and are havens for many unique or threatened plants and animals.

Your guide to Australia's best beaches

Fourteen Mile Beach
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Whether you want to laze in the sun, throw in a line, check out the underwater views or get active on the waves, the Esperance region has a lot to offer.

Beaches close to Esperance townsite

Esperance Foreshore and Castletown Quays

The pristine Esperance Bay is fringed with pines and visited by whales, dolphins and seals. Each beach has its own special attraction. In front of the yacht club is particularly good for young families, the James Street Jetty has a great slide and swimming pontoon, whilst Castletown Quay's long white beach with gentle waves is perfect for families with 'beginner surfers' in tow.

Facilities: Gas barbecues and shade shelters, toilets, disabled access toilets.

West Beach

A favourite with surfers, this very beautiful beach must be approached with caution. Local residents can be found swimming in the lagoon pools behind the reef when conditions are safe. Activities include surfing and walking.

Distance: 3 kilometres

Blue Haven

Pristine waters, sheltered swimming corner and fishing.

Salmon Beach

Great fishing location.

Fourth Beach

Sweeping beaches with water sports.

Twilight Beach (Voted 'Most Popular Beach in WA')

Twilight Beach is a spectacular family beach with crystal clear waters and snow white sands. As the beach curves to the south west it becomes increasingly protected by its orientation and two offshore rocks. The beach is patrolled by surf lifesavers during the summer weekends. Activities include swimming and surfing.

Distance: 7 kilometres

Facilities: Toilets & Showers

Observatory Beach

Observatory Beach's great appeal is that the windsurfing is exceptional and while still relatively unknown, it promises awesome waves without the crowds. Activities include swimming, surfing and boogie boarding.

Distance: 9.5 kilometres

Facilities: Toilets, disabled access toilets

Ten Mile Beach

Ten Mile lagoon is a great swimming beach. A rocky shore acts as a natural breakwater, forming a long shallow pool that's considerably warmer than the ocean. Activities include swimming, surfing and boogie boarding. For naturalists Esperance's 'free' beach is 200 metres further down.

Distance: 14 kilometres

Beaches West of Esperance

Quagi Beach

One of the most popular camping sites with visitors to the Esperance area, Quagi offers a unique opportunity for visitors to enjoy beachside camping in a natural bush environment. Activities include swimming, bird watching, fishing, camping and walking.

Distance: 80 kilometres

Facilities: Camping ground (Shire fees apply), toilets

Stokes Inlet (Stokes National Park)

Stokes Inlet is one of the most picturesque and interesting estuaries along Western Australia's south eastern coast. Long beaches are framed by rocky headlands, behind which lie sand dunes, low hills and heath land. Activities include bird watching, camping fishing, canoeing and walking.

Distance: 90 kilometres

Facilities: Camping ground (Department of Environment and Conservation fees apply), gas barbecues, toilets

Munglinup Beach

Munglinup Beach is bordered by a natural reef where you can swim, snorkel and experience the local marine life in crystal clear water. Enjoy fishing from the beach or canoeing on the Oldfield Estuary. Activities include bird watching, camping, fishing, swimming, canoeing and walking.

Distance: 110 kilometres

Facilities: Camping ground (Shire fees apply), toilets

Beaches East of Esperance

Wylie Bay to Cape le Grand National Park

Wylie Bay is accessible to two wheel drive vehicles and is a great destination for a secluded picnic or fishing in the calm waters (no camping allowed). The more adventurous may prefer to make their way to Cape le Grand across the white sandy beaches via four wheel drive. (Check tide and local beach conditions) Activities include swimming, diving, fishing, surfing boating, bush walking and camping at Cape le Grand National Park.

Distance: 10 – 56 kilometres

Facilities: Bring drinking water, gas barbecues, shade shelters, camping ground at Cape le Grand National Park (Department of Environment and Conservation fees apply), toilets, disabled access toilets

Hellfire Bay

The magnificent sheltered Hellfire Bay offers plenty of walking trails and the beach is fantastic for swimming, beach cricket, boogie boarding and fishing. Other activities include diving, fishing, surfing and bush walking.

Distance: 56 kilometres

Facilities: Gas barbecues (Department of Environment and Conservation fees apply), toilets, disabled access toilets

Lucky Bay (Voted 'the Whitest Beach')

Located between Thistle Cove and Rossiter Bay in the Cape le Grand National Park, 'unspoilt' and 'spectacular' are two words that reflect the absolute beauty of Lucky Bay; even the kangaroos appreciate the sun and sand.

They are regularly spotted lazing on the beach and keeping visitors at the nearby camp ground

entertained. The bay is well protected from prevailing weather and the Lucky Bay camping ground offers a great bush setting next to the beach and is popular with locals and visitors of all ages. Activities include swimming, diving, fishing, camping, surfing, boating and bush walking.

Distance: 66 kilometres

Facilities: Camping grounds, gas barbecues, shade shelters, solar hot water showers, bring drinking water, (Department of Environment and Conservation fees apply)

Duke of Orleans Bay to Wharton Beach

The 'Duke' is a favourite with travellers and locals alike. Nestled between the Cape le Grand and Cape Arid National Parks, the bay is sheltered and is an ideal family beach with magnificent coastal scenery, superb beaches of snow white sand and crystal blue waters. Four wheel drive vehicles have access to the beach. Activities include swimming, diving, fishing and camping.

Distance: 89 kilometres

Facilities: Duke of Orleans Caravan Park, camping ground, shop, water available, gas barbecues, dogs permitted, toilets, disabled access toilets

Alexander Bay

Enjoy views of Ben Island off the coast while lying on the pristine white sands of Alexander Bay. This 4WD only, sheltered bay is fantastic for swimming and is perfect for beach fishing and camping. Other activities include diving, surfing, boating, bush walking & 4WD.

Distance: 108 kilometres

Facilities: Camping ground (Shire fees apply), toilets

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Thomas River to Cape Arid National Park

Thomas River offers an array of natural wonders with abundant bird life and great fishing. This popular camping and fishing location is perfect for families. Don't miss the sights of Yokinup and Little Tagon Bays. Activities include swimming, diving, fishing, camping, boating and bush walking.

Distance: 122 kilometres

Facilities: Two camping grounds (Department of Environment and Conservation fees apply), gas barbecues, toilets

Israelite Bay

Israelite Bay offers remote sandy beaches and excellent coastal scenery, and is where the ruins of the Israelite Bay Telegraph Station, which operated from 1877-1917, can be seen. Although very inaccessible, (the last 100 kilometres is restricted to four wheel drive vehicles only and there are no facilities), Israelite Bay offers good fishing, swimming, camping and bush walking.

Distance: 200 kilometres

Facilities: Visitors should check road conditions and ensure they are self-sufficient. Bring your own water and fuel as there are no facilities.

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Esperance - Map 1

CBD Inset

The map displays the city of Esperance, Western Australia, and its surrounding areas. The main map shows the city layout, including the CBD, surrounding areas like Chadwick, Nulsen, Sinclair, and West Beach, and the surrounding water bodies like Lake Warden, Pink Lake, and Esperance Bay. The map also shows the location of the city relative to other towns like Windabout, Bandy Creek, and Blue Haven Beach. A scale bar and north arrow are included in the bottom right corner.

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- Landmarks:** The Hospital, Esperance Boulevard Shopping Centre, and various schools are indicated.
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- Inset Map:** A detailed view of the CBD area with a grid of streets and a list of bus routes.

Bus Routes (from inset map):

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Your guide to Australia's best beaches

West Beach
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There are over 16 amazing beaches to choose from in the Esperance region.

General Safety

- BE CAREFUL:**
Choose fishing and swimming sites with great care.
Huge waves and swells can suddenly occur even on calm days.
Never turn your back on the sea.
Rips are common along the coastline.
Rocks are slippery when wet.
Many lives have been lost slipping off rocks into the water.

BE COOL:
Wear sunscreen and a hat when outdoors.

BE CLEAN:
Put your litter in bins, or better still, take it with you.
- BE PREPARED:**
Carry water at all times.
Make sure you have enough fuel.
Pick up a tide chart, as it is only safe to drive along the beach at low tide.
Four wheel drive vehicles – take extra care when driving particularly on unsealed roads or beaches. If you become bogged, know how to engage and disengage the four wheel drive vehicle system and lower tyre pressure.
Your safety is our concern, but your responsibility.

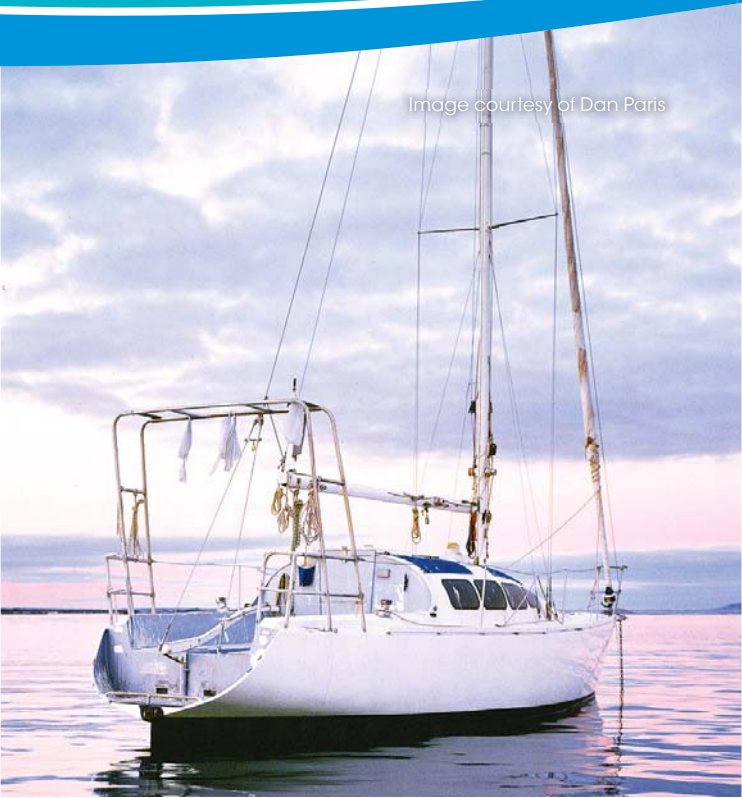


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Great Ocean Drive - Map 3



Beaches of Esperance - Map 2



What to see and do

Mount Ridley
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Attraction & Tours listings

Esperance's Stonehenge
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The Esperance region offers a myriad of holiday experiences for everyone from the very young to the young at heart. Whether it's water activities that take your fancy, a relaxing walk on the beach or experience local culture and arts, Esperance has it all.

View the new and exciting **Esperance Stonehenge** located 18 kilometres from town. This homage to the original Stonehenge is a complete replica standing almost 8 metres into the sky.

If fishing and diving is more your style **Esperance Diving and Fishing, Duke Charters** and **Black Jack Charters** offer charters where you can throw in a line or swim below the waves and explore the secrets of the deep.

Take a tour with **Town and National Park Tour** or **Esperance Eco-Discovery Tours, Kepa Kurl Eco Cultural Discovery Tours** and learn more about the natural wonders of the region.

The region by air is truly magnificent so why not jump aboard a chopper or plane and take to the skies. **Esperance Helitours** and **Esperance Air Service** offer a range of flights over the Esperance coastline.

You can also take in a new release movie at **Fenwick 3 Cinemas** or sit back and relax with a wine tasting at local vineyards **Dalyup River Wines** or **Condingup Vineyard**.

If you've got kids in tow, a visit to the **Esperance Bird and Animal Park** is a must. Located only 10 minutes from Esperance, the Park is family friendly with an onsite cafe.

With many talented and creative people choosing to base themselves in the Esperance region you can enjoy the artwork and craftsmanship from **Stephanie's Studio**, the **Mermaid Leather** studio or the **Section Glass Gallery & Cafe**.

Kepa Kurl Aboriginal Art Gallery and Gift Shop display some fantastic work from local artists.

Arts and Culture

If you have a particular interest in arts and culture there is plenty to see and do in and around Esperance. Pick up an Art Trail brochure from the visitor centre and start planning your artisan experience.

Local artists produce a range of different works including textiles, fine art, glass, pottery, photography and much more.

You can take a walk along the foreshore and out to the wetlands and visit public sculptures along the way or learn more about historic **Bijou Theatre** and even take in a show. (Map from Visitor Centre)

Take the kids along to the **Cannery Arts Centre** where they can create their own artwork or craft piece, adult classes are also available.

Visit artists in residence working from the **Innerspace** studio and see local and national exhibitions.

See the regular Art about Esperance column in the local paper for information about upcoming events or jump online to find out more.

Arts and culture website links
www.esperancecommunityarts.org.au
www.thebijouthetre.org.au
www.esperanceciviccentre.com
www.festivalofthewind.org.au

For the latest information about what's going on you can find Esperance Civic Centre, Esperance Visitor Centre and Esperance Community Arts on Facebook.

- C Apex Port Tours**
Map 1 – CBD Enlargement
Saturday 1.30pm. Esperance Ports
- F Art Trail**
See Visitor Centre for map
- F Bandy Creek Boat Harbour**
Map 1 – DD4 & Map 3
The hub of the region's commercial fishing industry and a great place to drop a line in the water.
- G Bay of Isles Leisure Centre**
Map 1 – CBD ENLARGEMENT
For family fitness and fun. 4 indoor heated pools with modern gymnasium, spa & sauna, creche, and cafe.
- A Bruce Malloch (artist)**
Map 1 - AA2
Mobile 0427 694 492.
- H Cannery Arts Centre & Inner Space Gallery**
Map 1 – Y7
The premier exhibition space. Touring exhibitions, studio's, art and craft shop featuring local works for sale. Great selection of local Art and Photography.
- I Cape Arid National Park**
Map 2
Coastal walks, camping, island scenery, wildflowers, rugged coastal headlands, abundant wildlife and amazing beaches.
- J Cape Le Grand National Park**
Map 2
Our biggest attraction. 2WD access to the best beaches in the world. Great facilities for camping and walk-trails.
- B Condingup Vineyard**
Map 2
Open most weekends & public holidays, 11am - 4pm. Call 0427 766 162.
- K Dalyup River Winery**
Map 2
A range of red and white wines are available for tasting and sales. Open Sat/Sun only, closed over winter.
- L Dempster Homestead**
Map 1 – CBD ENLARGEMENT
Built in 1867 this was the home of Esperance's most famous pioneer family. It is privately owned but can be viewed from the road. 155 Dempster Street.

- M Esperance Bird & Animal Park**
Map 2
Open Thursday to Monday 10am-4pm
- E Esperance Stonehenge**
Map 2
New and exciting tourist attraction.
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- I Great Country Drive**
100 km scenic inland drive. See the Esperance Visitor Centre.
- I Great Ocean Drive**
Map 2 & 3
Rotary lookout and boardwalks, Observatory Point, Pink Lake, Twilight Cove, Australia's first windfarm.
- P Helms Arboretum**
Map 2
Acres of a diverse range of botanical species. Wildflowers prolific in season, picnic areas and walk-trails.
- Q Historic Museum Village**
Map 1 – CBD ENLARGEMENT
Fascinating collection of historical buildings which house art, craft and design shops, Aboriginal art gallery, Kepa Kurl Eco-Cultural Discovery Tours, E.S.P., café and the Esperance Visitor Centre is located here.
- R Kewari Trails / Woody Lake**
Map 1 – AA1 & Map 3
Walk trails, bird watching, bird hides for viewing of water birds, wildflowers, self-guided canoe trail.
- S Mechanical Restoration Group**
Map 1 – V5
Open Days 4th Sunday of each month 10am – 4pm
- T Mermaid Leather**
Map 1 – X6
See the process that transforms fish skins into unique leather products. Factory tours and showroom, items for sale. Open Tues-Sun, 2pm-5pm.
- U Monjingup Lake Reserve**
Map 2 & Map 3
Beautiful bushland and lakes. Walk trails, barbecue and picnic areas, bird watching and wildflowers.

- V Municipal Museum Esperance**
Map 1 – CBD ENLARGEMENT
Open from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday.
One of WA's outstanding regional museums. Exhibits include the worlds largest and most comprehensive Skylab (the first American space station) and Sanko Harvest displays (the largest diveable wreck off the Australian coast).
- W Public Library Esperance**
Map 1 – CBD ENLARGEMENT
- X Recherche Archipelago**
Map 2
A haven for an enormous variety of wildlife, as well as being a playground for holiday makers, offering excellent diving, snorkeling, fishing and sailing. Fishing charters and island cruises are available.
- Y Section Glass Gallery & Cafe**
Map 1 – Q7 & Map 3
Visit working studio of awarded glass artist Cindy Poole. Open most days, Lot 5, Longbottom Lane, 9071 4059 or 0427 714059
- DD Stephanie's Studio**
Map 1 – AA2
Come relax with a coffee and view beautiful original paintings. Just 5 minutes from town. 9071 5562
- Z Tanker Jetty**
Map 1
Great for a walk, fishing, say hello to Sammy the seal, snorkel or dive the artificial reef at the end of the jetty.
- AA Tommy Windich's Grave**
Map 1 – X11
Burial place of the faithful friend and companion of early explorer, John Forrest. Located in the Port Authority Park on the Esplanade.
- BB Woody Island**
Map 2
15km from Esperance. Daily cruise access; safari hut accommodation, visitor centre & kiosk/café. Swimming, snorkeling, fishing and bushwalking.
- CC Condingup Tavern**
Map 2
Cafe/Restaurant, general store & bar. Open 7 days.
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Map 2 - Beaches Map page 14
Map 3 - Great Ocean Drive Map 15



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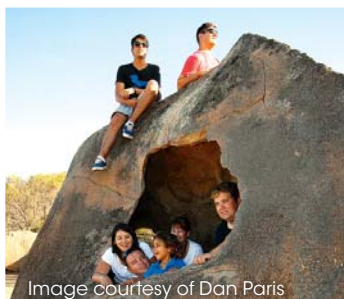


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ESPERANCE

BED & BREAKFASTS

1 Bay of Islands B&B

Map 1 - V12

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2 Esperance B&B By The Sea

Map 1 - S13

72 Stewart St
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Map 2 - S13

Nakuru Farm Stay B&B

Stockyard Rd, Merivale
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4 Tranquil Retreat

Map 1 - BB1

Tranquil Drive
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Mob: 0412 053 732, 0427 448 608

Western Heights

4 Mills Place
Ph: 9071 3164, Mob: 0427 713 164

CARAVAN PARKS

5 Bathers Paradise

Map 1 - AA5

Westmacott St
Ph: 9071 1014 Fax: 9071 1014

6 Esperance Bay (Top Tourist Park)

Map 1 - CBD Insert

162 Dempster St
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7 Esperance Seafont Caravan Park (Top Tourist Park)

Map 1 - Y6

Caravan Park (Top Tourist)
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8 Pine Grove Holiday Park (Acclaim Park)

Map 1 - W4

817 Harbour Rd
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9 Pink Lake Tourist Park (FPA)

Map 1 - T9

Pink Lake Rd
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10 Bayview Motel

CBD Insert

31 Dempster St
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11 Best Western Hospitality Inn

CBD Insert

The Esplanade
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12 Captain Huon

CBD Insert

5 The Esplanade
Ph: 9071 2383 Fax: 9071 2358

13 Comfort Inn Bay Of Isles Motel

CBD Insert

32 The Esplanade
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Map 2

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Esperance Eagle View

Map 1 - V12

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44 Emily St
Mob: 0438 959 534

Hilltop Haven

31 Hockey Pl
Mob: 0409 117 240

Hillview

47 Emily St
Mob: 0427 761 012

14 JJ's Cottage

Map 1 - AA4

49 Mitchell St
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Me Mates Place

Lot 99 Sutcliffe St, Condingup
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Mitchell House

6 Mitchell St
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Osprey Holiday House

16 Warrington St
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Paperbark Cottage

CBD Insert

Lot 13 Longbottoms Lane
Ph: 9071 2614 Mob: 0414 590 138

Seascape Beach House

11 Cornell St
Ph: 9071 3150
Mob: 0427 383 751, 0429 920 226

34 The Doo Drop Inn

Map 1 - Y6

3 Norseman Rd
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Walmsleyville

24 Walmsley St
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Wild Cherry Holiday House

11 Wild Cherry Ave
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18 Clearwater Motel Apartments
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13 Comfort Inn Bay of Isles Deluxe Apartments
32 The Esplanade
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19 Driftwood Apartments
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22 Esperance Chalet Village
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Frank Freeman Dve
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25 Island View Apartments
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14-15 The Esplanade
Ph: 9072 0044 Fax: 9071 5313
JJ's Butler St Units
[Map 1 - AA4](#)
23a & 23b Butler St
A/H: 9071 4197 Mob: 0402 459 915

33 Jetty Motel Resort
[CBD Insert](#)
1 The Esplanade
Ph: 9071 3333 Fax: 9071 5540

36 La Cabane Retreat
[Map 1 - S9](#)
Lot 5 Downes St
Ph: 9071 4106

16 Martins De La Mer
[Map 1 - S12](#)
Lot 28 Stewart St.
Mob: 0427 721 940

28 Ocean Beach Holiday Units
[CBD Insert](#)
4 Dempster St
Ph: 9071 5942 Fax: 9071 5942

34 The Doo Drop Inn Dutch Barn
[Map 1 - Y6](#)
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Restaurants and eating out

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A close-up photograph of a hand pouring red wine from a bottle into a clear glass. The hand is adorned with a wide, ornate silver bracelet featuring large, circular, textured designs. The wine is a deep red color and is captured mid-pour, creating a dynamic splash in the glass. In the background, another glass of red wine is partially visible, and a blurred outdoor scene with palm trees and a building can be seen. The image is framed by a red and blue curved border at the bottom.

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A smiling woman with long brown hair and a young boy are in a garden. The woman is holding a woven basket filled with brown eggs. The boy is holding a small orange fruit. They are surrounded by lush green foliage and some colorful flowers.

A photograph of the restaurant's exterior at night. The building has a modern design with large glass windows and doors. The interior is warmly lit, and the outdoor seating area is visible through the glass. The entrance is illuminated by green and yellow lights. A sign for the restaurant is visible on the right side of the building.

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Hopetoun - Ravensthorpe Railway Heritage Trail

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Hopetoun Jetty

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DID YOU KNOW?
Ravensthorpe Shire is approximately two thirds of natural bushland.

Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun enjoy a temperate Mediterranean climate with beautiful sunny winter days and cool summer nights.

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Ravensthorpe

The Ravensthorpe shire is approximately two thirds natural bushland; this includes the Fitzgerald River and Frank Hann National Parks, Ravensthorpe Range reserves and vacant crown land, rich in geology, native flora and fauna.

The town is encircled by the Ravensthorpe Range amid stately Salmon Gums, the rugged range stretches for about 45 kilometres, with abundant plants, wildflowers, scenic spots, lookouts and mining history.

Hopetoun

Nestled on the tranquil shores of Mary Anne Haven is the small township of Hopetoun.

Once a thriving port for the Phillips River Goldfields, the town itself has all the facilities that a traveller could need including a motel, hotel, caravan park, alfresco cafes and the Southern Ocean Discovery Centre.

Hopetoun is the eastern gateway to the Fitzgerald River National Park.

Hopetoun is surrounded by unspoilt wilderness and pristine white beaches.

It is the perfect setting for a relaxed all year round holiday.

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Many quiet and beautiful inlets along 200 kilometres of spectacular coastline interspersed with rocky headlands and distant mountain ranges.

On a clear night see the magnificent Southern Cross shining brilliantly over the Southern Ocean.

Wildflowers

As part of the internationally recognised Fitzgerald Biosphere Reserve the region is reputed to have more plant species for its size than any other similar area in the world.

Flowers are in evidence all year round, although spring is best.



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What to see and do

- 1. Hamersley Drive** is spectacular for coastal, mountain and wildflower scenery
- Visit the world famous **Fitzgerald River National Park**. Stop at East Mt Barren and Sepulchral Hill Lookout
- Take a moderate 3-4 hour walk up **East Mt Barren**, see emerging plants after fire
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Visit the Southern Ocean Discovery Centre
Fish from the Jetty
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- Visit Ravensthorpe**
Visit the mineral display and museum at the Visitor Centre
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- Visit Munglinup Beach, Lake Shaster and the Oldfield River**
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Self-drive and walk trails

There are numerous scenic drives, walks and lookouts rich in scenery, wildflowers, history and geology accessible by two wheel drive. Maps, distances and other details are available at the Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun Visitor Centre.

Wave Rock (Hyden)

A visit to Wave Rock is a great day trip from Ravensthorpe at 185 kilometres one way.

Archer Drive Lookout

Archer Drive Lookout is located in the Ravensthorpe Range, 20 kilometres from Ravensthorpe and features wildflowers, sweeping views of bush farmland and distant mountains.

Mt Short and Mt Madden Scenic Drives

Mt Short and Mt Madden Scenic Drives are 40 and 160 kilometres long respectively, and take in the Pallarup rocks, which cover 20 hectares.

Hamersley Drive

Hamersley Drive is a 170 kilometre full day loop through the Fitzgerald River National Park, spectacular coastal scenery, mountains, valleys, wildflowers and panoramic lookouts.

Beacon Hill Lookout

3 kilometres north Hopetoun is the Beacon Hill Lookout, with impressive views of Hopetoun, the seascape, mountains and plains.

Southern Ocean Road

The Southern Ocean Road features 93 kilometres of coastal scenery, with visits to the many beautiful fishing beaches along the way recommended.

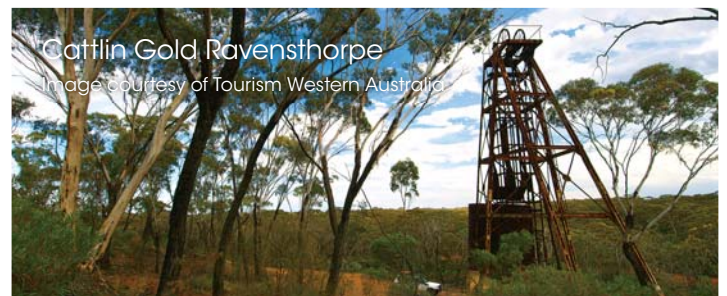
Railway Heritage Walk Trail

The Railway Heritage Walk Trail takes in railway and mining history and wildflower bushwalks, broken into stints from Desmond to Ravensthorpe (16 kilometres), Desmond to Kundip (9 kilometres), Kundip rest area to Lee Creek Loop (5 kilometres) and the Hopetoun Trailhead loop (14 kilometres).

Ravensthorpe Range Four Wheel Driving

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Caiguna

The 90 Mile Straight (between Balladonia and Caiguna) is the longest straight stretch of highway in Australia at 146.6 kilometres.

The Caiguna Blowhole is located just a few metres from Highway One, 5 kilometres west of Caiguna.

Cocklebiddy

Cocklebiddy features the Eyre Bird Observatory with tours available by advanced bookings by calling (08) 9039 3450.

The Cocklebiddy Caves are located 10 kilometres west of Cocklebiddy, however due to unstable rock conditions near the entrance, the Department of Environment and Conservation has closed off public access into the cave.

Madura

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Look for the red marker on the side of the track that marks a coastal blowhole.

Mundrabilla

Call into the Nullarbor Museum at the Mundrabilla Hotel.

Eucla

Explore the old Telegraph Station ruins at Eucla, swing an iron on the golf course and visit the museum and Bureau of Meteorology (visitors welcome).

Norseman

Tin camels

See the unique corrugated camels which stand in the Princep Street roundabout. These are a tribute to the early camel trains which carried freight and influenced the design of the main streets to be wider so that the camel trains could turn.

Statue of Norseman

Sculptured by Robert Hitchcock, the bronze statue of the sturdy little horse who started it all.

He stands proudly on the corner of Roberts and Ramsay Streets.

Doll and Toy Museum

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Peak Charles National Park

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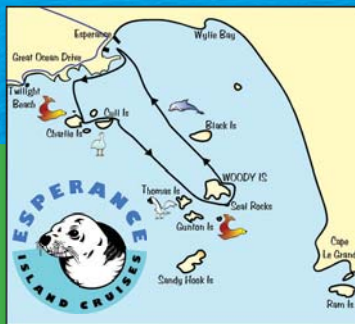
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