



Travel itinerary



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Self-drive short breaks



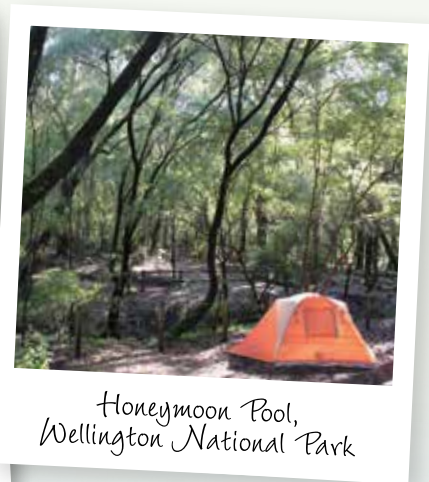
Perth to Collie

Yalgorup National Park, Dolphin Discovery Centre,
Wellington National Park, Collie River Valley

Explore coastal lakes, inlets and woodlands and the forests of the Collie River Valley on a four-day, nature-based road trip.



Lake Clifton, Yalgorup National Park



Honeymoon Pool,
Wellington National Park





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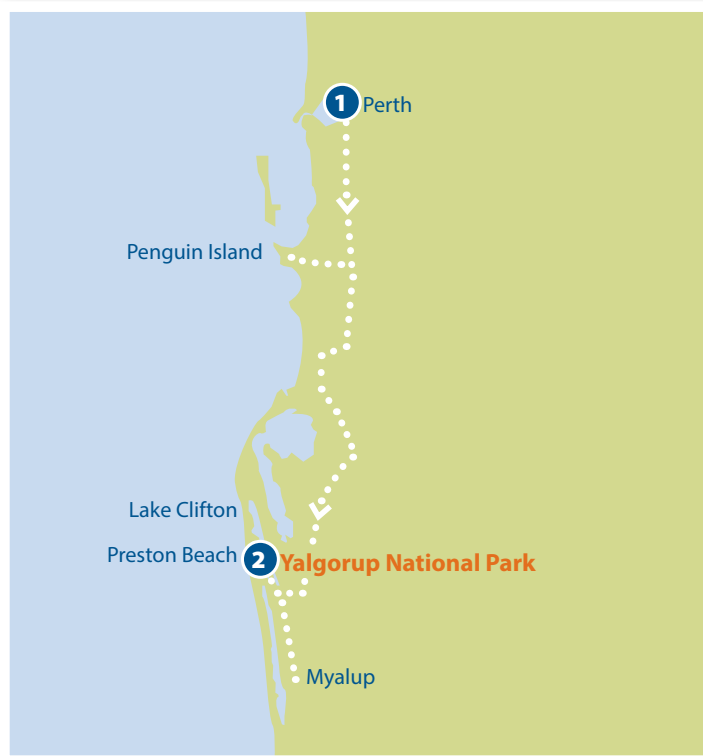
Penguin Island

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. Learn about this remarkable species as you watch them being fed in the Discovery Centre. Jump on board a fascinating cruise around Shoalwater Marine Park to meet sea lions, stingrays dolphins and more.



Little penguin

Bookings and enquiries: penguinisland.com.au



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

Kwinana Freeway – 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

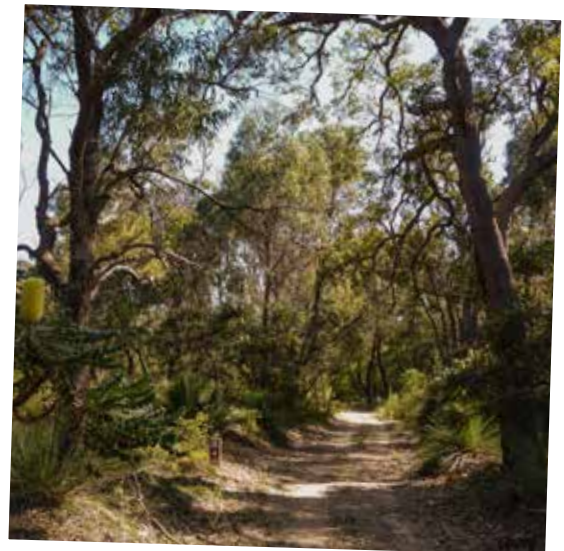
Nearby Preston Beach is a popular place to stay if Martins Tank is full.

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 Pollard walk trail, Yalgorup National Park



Ranger's top 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

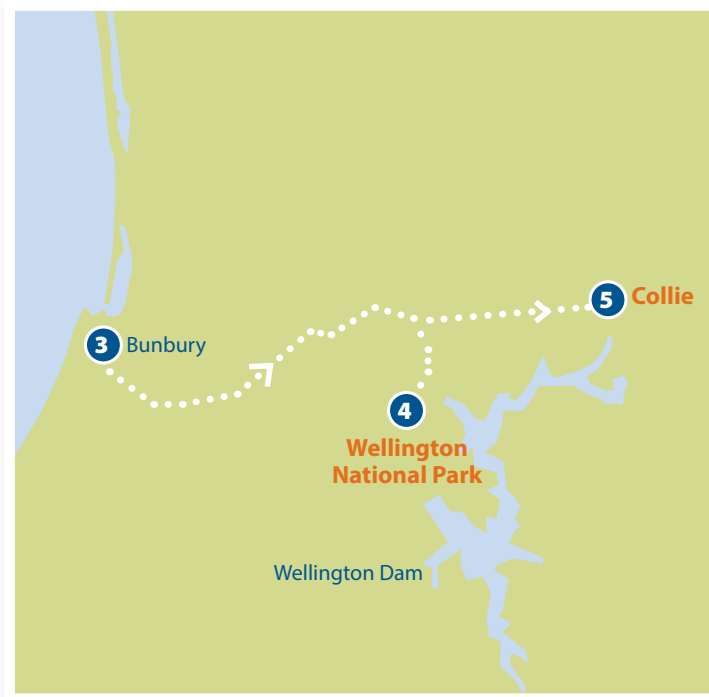
68km 50 min

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 where you can swim with the wild dolphins in the open waters of Koombana Bay. A truly memorable experience.

Bookings and enquiries: dolphindiscovery.com.au



3 Bunbury to Wellington National Park and Collie

50km 40 min to Wellington Dam

58km 45 min to Collie

South Western Hwy – Coalfields Hwy – Wellington Dam Road - Coalfields Hwy

Wellington National Park is just 40 minutes into the hills from Bunbury. Forests of jarrah, marri and blackbutt, the picturesque Wellington Dam and an abundance of wildflowers in spring, make the park an idyllic venue for recreation. Walk or cycle on well-marked trails, explore the banks of the dam and Collie River, fish and canoe to your heart's content or laze about the campground and picnic areas. Drop in to the Kiosk at the Dam for morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea.

Camp at:



Honeymoon Pool

Individual sites for tents and small campervans are located along the shady banks of the Collie River.

Honeymoon Pool – Gelcoat

The open campground is fantastic for small groups camping together with up to three tents.

Honeymoon Pool – Stones Brook

Sites are set back, away from the road, and suitable for tents only.

Potters Gorge

Large vehicles, caravans and camper trailers can be accommodated on individual sites or a large group area in this large, spacious and shady campground by the Wellington Dam.



Honeymoon Pool, Wellington National Park



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3 Bunbury to Wellington National Park and Collie *continued...*

Wellington Dam to Collie 30km 25 min each way

Explore Wellington National Park and take a trip to Collie to enjoy trails and many other Collie River Valley attractions.

Glamp it:



Kiosk at the Dam

Arrive to a fully set up tent – linen included. Have breakfast and dinner under the stars at the Kiosk or be provided with a barbeque dinner for you to cook at your own camp site. Cheese platters, bike hire, everything has been thought of!

Bookings essential: kioskattedam.com.au

Must do:

Check out the views at the Wellington Dam wall and river-side picnic areas on a scenic one-way drive down the valley.

Visit the majestic, 36m tall King Jarrah, the park's tallest jarrah tree, thought to be between 300 and 500 years old.

Experience the forest up close on one of the many well-marked walk trails or mountain bike trails.



Arklo Adaptive Trail near Collie



Ranger's top tip

When the sun goes down and sky lights up with stars, get your torch out for some possum spotting!

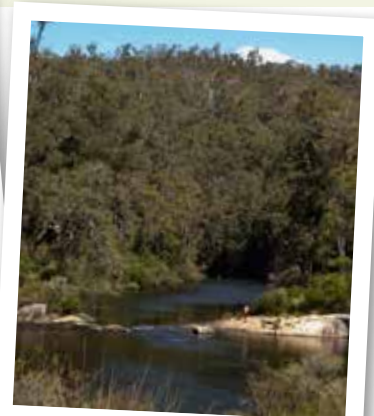


Environmental top tip

Redfin perch are introduced fish that compete with native species. They are easy to catch with earthworms or small lures and make a perfect barbecue dinner. Fishing licences are available from fish.wa.gov.au



Wellington National Park



Collie River

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 trustthetickwa.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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