



TOP 5 PICNIC SPOTS IN PERTH AND PEEL



We've selected five great locations for a day of food, play, and generally having a good time outdoors during the cool Autumn weather. They are just to get you started – but remember there are thousands of great picnic locations in WA!

1. MATILDA BAY, CRAWLEY

5 km from Perth CBD

The spot we now call Matilda Bay has been a favourite for families for tens of thousands of years, which is no surprise given its sheltered waters and shady riverbank. These days there are free gas barbecues, ample space to maintain social distance and for the kids to run and play. Add to that a picture-perfect view across the river to Kings Park and the City skyline, and good coffee at hand, and you are on a winner.

 Swimming, canoeing/paddling, outdoor games

 Gas BBQs, sandy beaches, toilets, shaded grassy banks, cafe

Nearby (within 30 mins drive):

- Kings Park
- Pelican Point
- JH Abrahams Reserve

2. POINT WALTER RESERVE

18 km from Perth CBD

A fantastic place for families with children of all ages. The shallow beaches are perfect for wading (and careful swimming), the spit out into the river is a great place to observe bird and river life, and there are multiple paths for riding or walking. The banks of the Swan River at Point Walter are grassed and well shaded, and there are plenty of facilities to make it an easy excursion.

 Walking, swimming, paddling, fishing, outdoor games

 Gas BBQs, toilets, cycling/walking trails, boat ramp, jetty, cafe

Nearby (within 20 mins drive):

- Paddleboard hire (Soulkite),
- Attadale Conservation Area,
- Alfred Cove Nature Reserve,
- Blackwall Reach Cliffs,
- Bicton Baths



3. SOUTH BEACH, SOUTH FREMANTLE

25 km from Perth CBD

Not just for hipsters and backpackers, South Beach is one of Perth's best urban beaches. Combining the calm swimming waters of the Cockburn sound with an expanse of grass to spread out on, a long dual-use path for walking, cycling or scooting, and a great outdoor basketball court, with all the amenities of the port city.

-  Swimming, sandcastle building, outdoor games, basketball
-  Gas BBQs, toilets, cycling/walking trail, basketball court, cafes

Nearby (within 10 mins drive):

- Cycle Hire (South Beach Cycles)
- Fisherman's Harbour (restaurants etc.)
- Fremantle Markets
- Maritime Museum & Shipwreck Museum

4. WALYUNGA NATIONAL PARK, BULLSBROOK

39 km from Perth CBD

Walyunga is a beautiful National Park in the Darling Range that is home to the upper reaches of the Swan River. The river flows swiftly through the park after the winter rains and forms pools in the dry months. The park is bursting with flora and fauna is rich in Noongar cultural heritage. According to the Explore Parks WA website, Walyunga translates roughly from the Noongar language as 'happy place' – the perfect name for this cool, nature oasis near Perth.

* Park entry fees apply

-  Bushwalking, outdoor games, birdwatching, kayaking (only for experienced paddlers)
-  Gas BBQs, picnic tables, toilets, walking trails

5. SERPENTINE NATIONAL PARK, SERPENTINE

65 km from Perth CBD

Serpentine National Park is a scenic wonder where the Serpentine River tumbles over granite outcrops into the rock pool below, and native wildlife is abundant. Swimming isn't recommended at the park (and may be banned at the moment), but don't let that stop you heading out and enjoying this beautiful spot with your family – it's too cold to swim anyway! Find more information at the Explore Parks WA website.

Nearby (within 20 mins drive):

- Serpentine Dam
- Walking, mountain biking and bridle trails
- Cafes and restaurants

Remember

- Don't feed native animals
- It is not safe to swim

-  Bushwalking, birdwatching, outdoor games
-  Gas BBQs, picnic tables, toilets, cycling/walking trails, cafes, basketball court