

Shire of Northam
Nature Passport



In partnership with Nature Play^{WA}

Nature Passport



First name:



Age:

How to use this passport

This is your Shire of Northam Nature Passport!



Use it to explore nature in the Shire of Northam, play, create, imagine, look closer and have some fun with your friends and family.

- Try new nature activities.
- Journal your adventures.
- Record the wildlife you come across.
- Tick off our list of '15 things to do'.

Flip forward to your **Activity Map** to see the six activity locations, then find the corresponding activity page and get stuck in!

Each of the activities can be done using the international Nature Passport app and there are over one hundred more to choose from.

Visit www.naturepassport.org to get started!

Activity Map

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GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY

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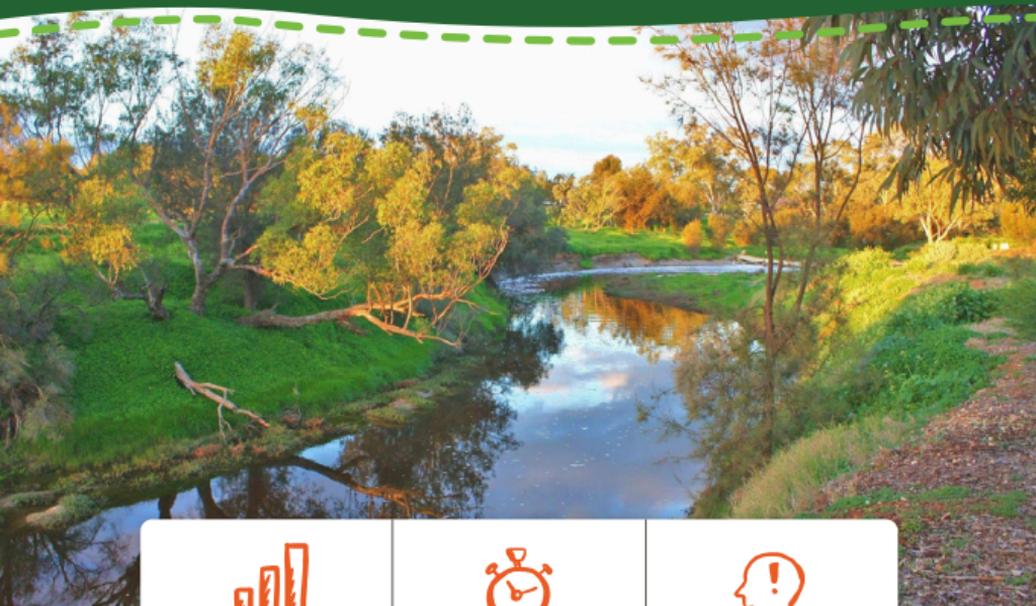
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For more information on
the Shire of Northam, visit:
www.northam.wa.gov.au

Activity 1: Burlong Pool

Burlong Road, Northam



Adventurous



Over 60 mins



Observe

Swamp Safari

Burlong Pool is an area of cultural significance in Northam. It is a registered Aboriginal Heritage site, and is a great spot for a swamp safari!

Muddy and swampy areas provide important habitats and breeding grounds for wildlife, including fish, insects, amphibians and birds.

Watch, listen and observe.

Journal

Draw, take notes and fill in the blank space!

Did you see any of these creatures?



Magpie



Kookaburra



Ibis



Turtle

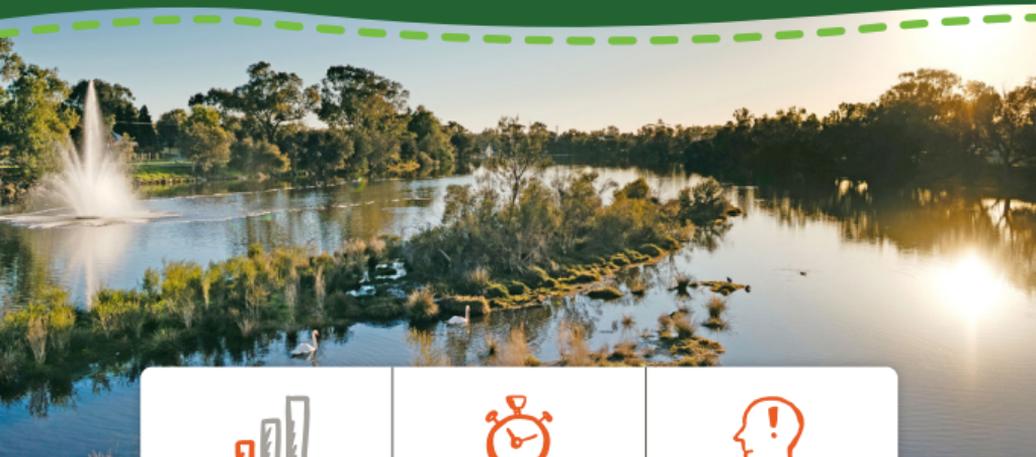


Duck

Visit app.naturepassport.org (Mission Mud Pack) to complete this activity and many more!

Activity 2: Bernard Park and Swan Enclosure

Minson Avenue, Northam



Beginner



30 to 45 mins



Observe

You're a Scavenger

Visit Bernard Park and create your own nature scavenger hunt.

Write a list of natural objects to search for. You can write down shapes, colours, textures or specific items.

Search high and low for the items on your list.

Did you discover any other cool items that weren't on your list?

Pro Tip! *Once you're done scavenging be sure to check out the swan enclosure!*

Journal

Draw, take notes and fill in the blank space!

Add to the list below for your scavenger hunt items...



My Scavenger Hunt:

- Something brown
- A bird
- A rock
- A yellow flower
- _____
- _____
- _____

Visit app.naturepassport.org (Launch Pack) to complete this activity and many more!

Activity 3: Dorntj Koorlinny Trail Head

Minson Avenue, Northam



Medium



30 to 45 mins



Move

In Motion

Bodies in motion can do amazing things!

Think of some ways to get your body in motion, like...

- Sliding or rolling down a hill
- Biking, skating or scooting
- Walking or crawling

Enjoy part or all of the Dorntj Koorlinny Trail (from the Visitor Centre to Burlong Pool) trying out different ways of moving as you go.

Journal

Draw, take notes and fill in the blank space!



Make a list of the ways you can get your body in motion and try them all out!

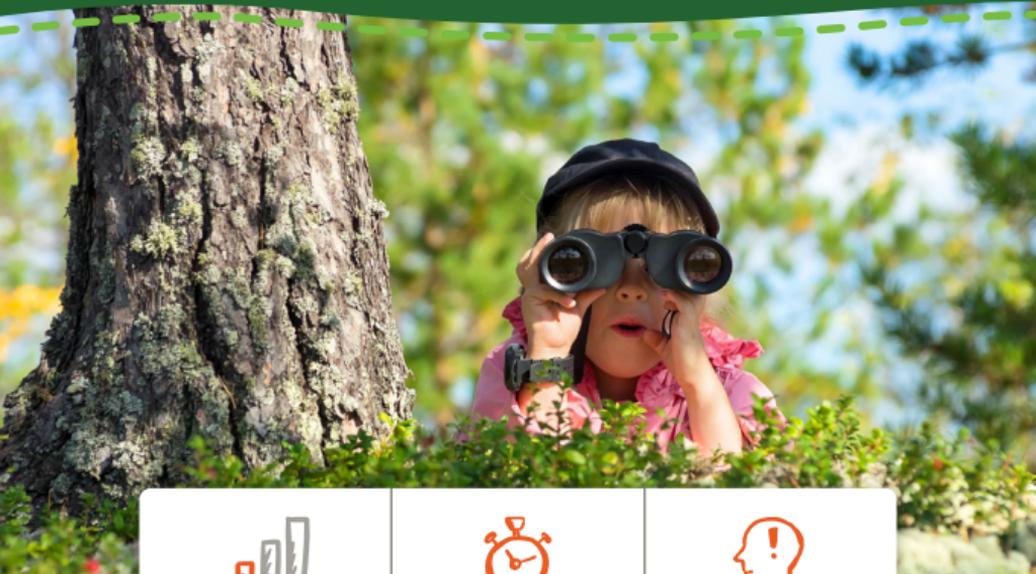
Walking

Crawling

Visit app.naturepassport.org (Challenger Pack) to complete this activity and many more!

Activity 4: Mount Ommanney Lookout

Mitchell Avenue, Northam



Beginner



30 to 45 mins



Observe

Colour Wonderful

Take in the scenery and fresh air at Mount Ommanney Lookout.

Here you will enjoy a panoramic view of the Avon Valley and some walking tracks.

As you explore, take note of the flora and fauna.

How many colours of the rainbow can you see from the Lookout?

Badge Stickers



Swamp Safari



You're a Scavenger



In Motion



Colour Wonderful



That's Astronomical



The Friendly Stick

Avatar Stickers



Journal

Draw, take notes and fill in the blank space!

I found the following colours
in nature:

- Red
- Orange
- Yellow
- Green
- Blue
- Purple

My favourite colour in nature is:

_____.



Visit app.naturepassport.org (Hone Your Senses Pack) to complete this activity and many more!

Activity 5: Glenfield Homestead Ruins

Katrine Road, Northam



Adventurous



30 to 45 mins



Observe

That's Astronomical

Katrine Road is full of wonderful natural gifts.

During the day, it's a great spot to explore historic ruins and canola fields. At night, it's a popular location for astrophotography and stargazing!

Visit this spot at night to go stargazing and discover the mysteries of the night sky.

Find a comfortable spot to sit and gaze up at the stars.

Pro Tip! *Make sure a grown up helps you find a safe spot to gaze above.*

Journal

Draw, take notes and fill in the blank space!

Did you see any of the following?

- The moon
- Constellations
- Planets
- Shooting stars
- The Milky Way



Visit app.naturepassport.org (Launch Pack) to complete this activity and many more!

Activity 6: Eadine Springs

Great Eastern Highway, Northam



Beginner



30 to 45 mins



Create

The Friendly Stick

Head to Eadine Springs and find the perfect stick friend.

It should be small enough to fit easily in your hand but big enough to not get lost.

Spend some time with your new stick friend.

Pay attention to every detail! What makes your stick different from any other stick out there?

Adopt your stick and give it clothes, a place to sleep and even a face!

Journal

Fill in the blank space!

Record some details about your new stick friend...



My stick is _____ in colour.

It is _____ long.

The shape is _____.

The texture is _____.

My stick's name is _____.

Visit app.naturepassport.org (Everyday Explorer Pack) to complete this activity and many more!

Learn and play in the Shire of Northam

Events and attractions

Northam is home to a diverse range of tourist and heritage attractions, including hot air ballooning, cultural experiences, wildflowers, tours and trails, historic buildings, horse racing, and much, much more.



The Avon River flows through the town and has an abundance of bird life, including the unique white swan. Spanning the river next to the Visitor Centre is the pedestrian suspension bridge, which is the longest of its kind in Australia.



Northam is home to a multitude of historical, cultural, and modern attractions, ranging from the second largest collection of historically significant buildings in WA to exciting new public art pieces.

Culture and history

Visit the Bilya Koort Boodja: Centre for Nyooongar Culture and Environmental Knowledge.

The Centre protects, celebrates and shares the culture of the Nyooongar peoples and highlights innovative land management practices that draw upon the knowledge of the land's traditional custodians.

Bilya Koort Boodja is also a great place to purchase authentic aboriginal artwork by local Nyooongar artists, or locally produced gifts and souvenirs, food products, and artefacts.

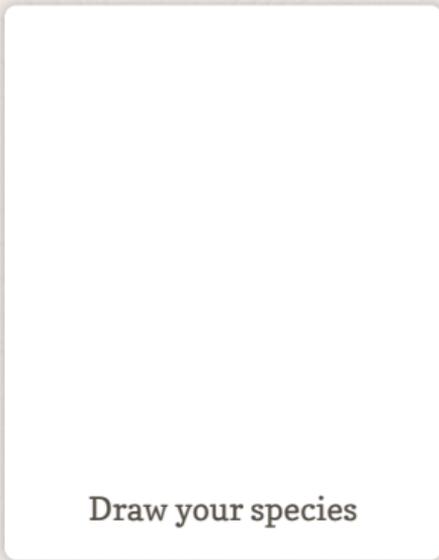


For more information on activities and attractions, or for suggested itineraries search **Visit Northam** on Facebook and Instagram.

Let's go on a Nature Safari!

Nature is all around you. How many species of plants, animals, or fungi can you spot and record?

Start your safari!



Draw your species

Give it a name!

What is it doing?

Why do you think it likes this spot?

Create a digital record of your nature safari!

Develop observation and stealth skills as you go “hunting” for new species in the wild. In addition to this booklet, use the ‘Safari’ section of app.naturepassport.org to record your Safari animal sightings.



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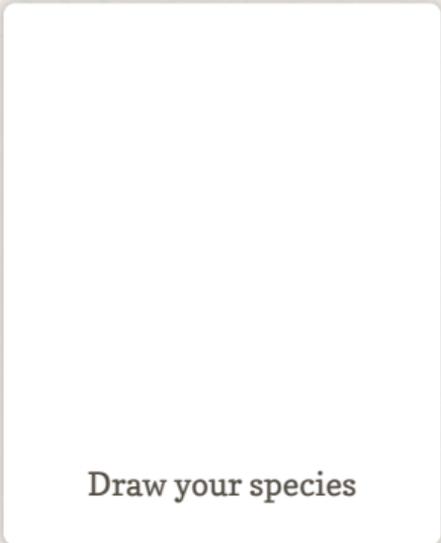


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1. Visit the Bilya Koort Boodja Centre
2. Build a cubby outdoors
3. Make and fly a kite
4. Read a book outdoors
5. Check out the painted grain silos at CBH.....
6. Test your balance across the Suspension Bridge.....
7. Try Geocaching!.....
8. Visit Bernard Park to see the white swans.....
9. Walk Northam's Wildflower Trail.....
10. Climb a tree.....
11. Find and decorate stones to hide in your neighbourhood.....
12. Have a family picnic at a local park.....
13. Make a nature crown using fallen natural items.....
14. Explore part of the Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail
15. Jump in puddles on a rainy day

Play, explore and learn outdoors!

The Shire of Northam supports outdoor play for a more vibrant town with healthier, happier children.

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