

# Accessible Nature



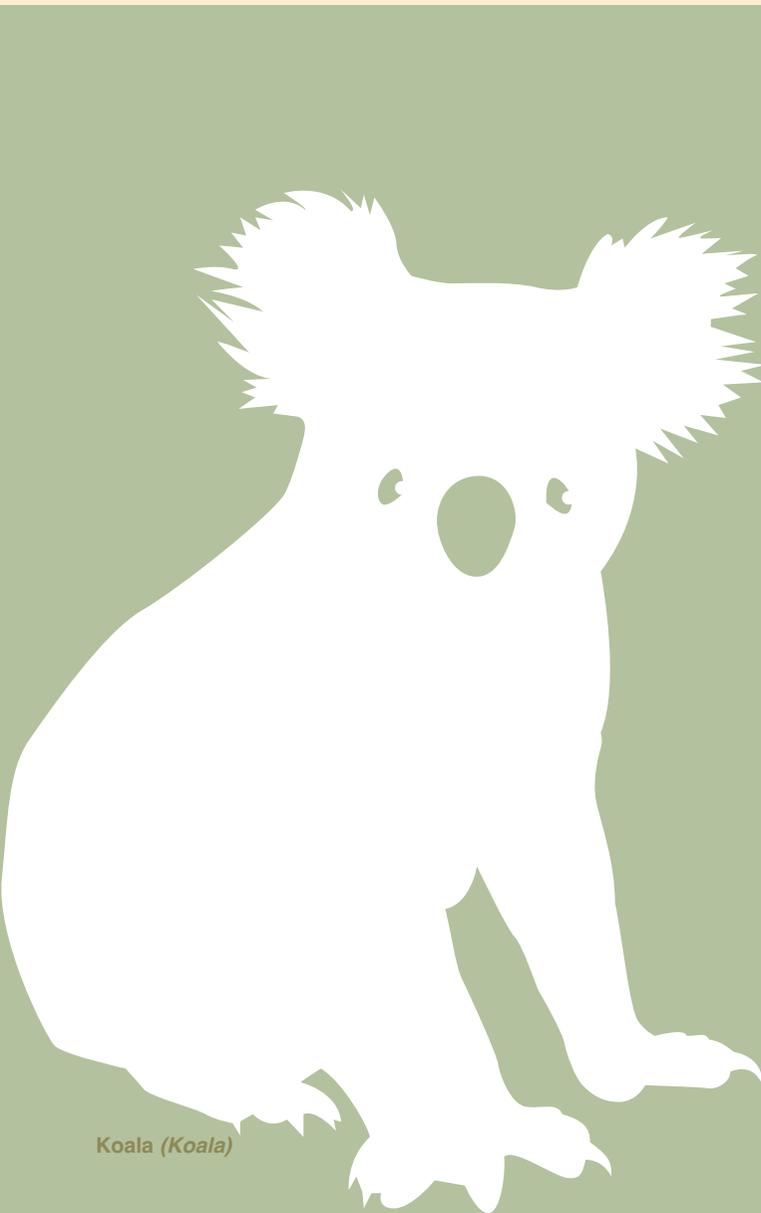
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Yanchep National Park

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Koala (Koala)



# Before We Go

## You're on Whadjuk and Yued Noongar Country

Noongar people are the traditional owners and custodians of the south-west of Western Australia.

Whadjuk and Yued are the names of the dialectal groups from the Wanneroo area in which Yanchep National Park is situated.

## Getting There

Yanchep National Park is located at Yanchep Beach Road and Indian Ocean Drive, Yanchep WA 6035.

GPS: -31.548933519457925, 115.68558889154745

See Google Map reference [here](#)

## Public Transport

There are no public transport options to Yanchep National Park.

## Parking

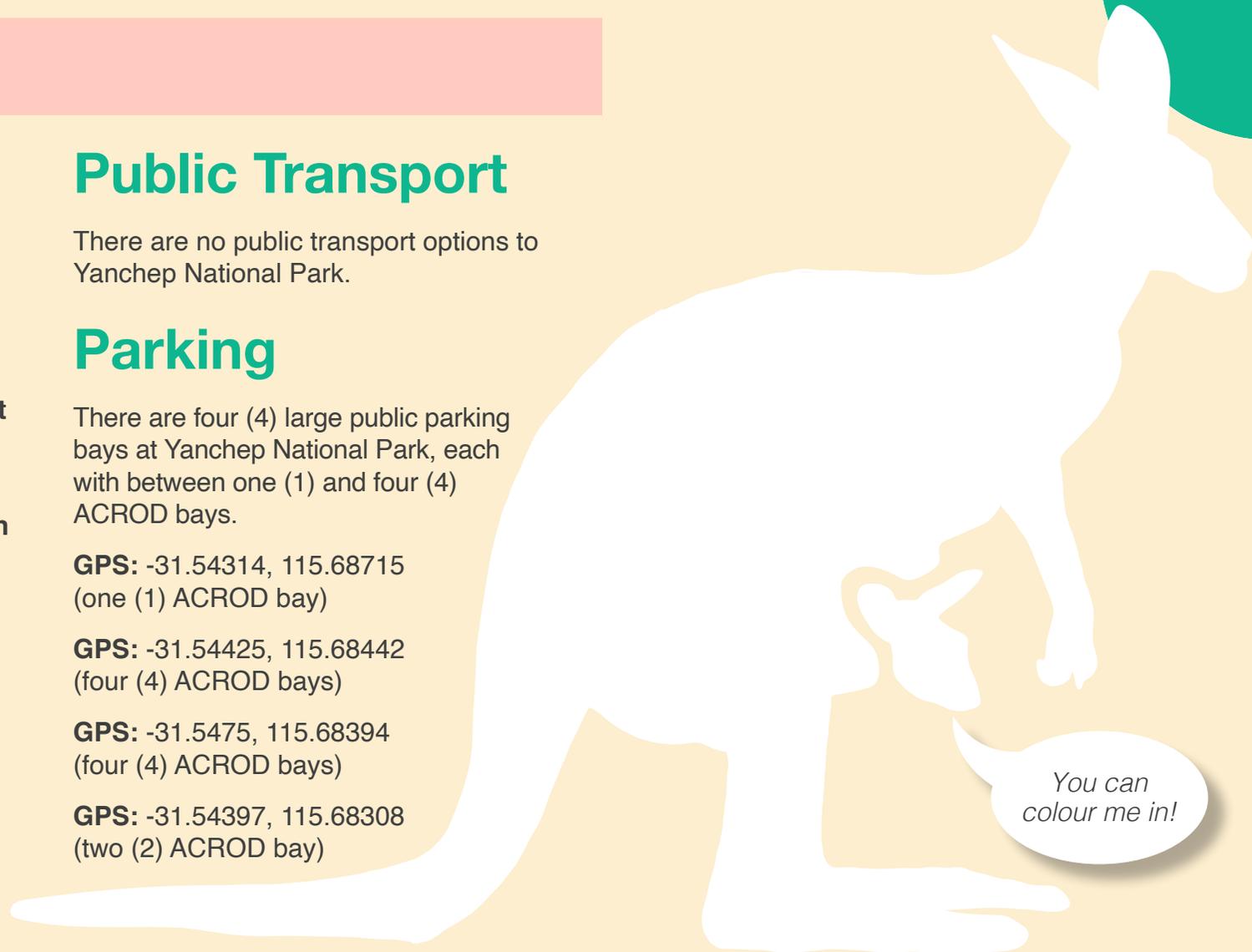
There are four (4) large public parking bays at Yanchep National Park, each with between one (1) and four (4) ACROD bays.

GPS: -31.54314, 115.68715  
(one (1) ACROD bay)

GPS: -31.54425, 115.68442  
(four (4) ACROD bays)

GPS: -31.5475, 115.68394  
(four (4) ACROD bays)

GPS: -31.54397, 115.68308  
(two (2) ACROD bay)



Western Grey Kangaroo (*Yonga*)





## What's There

Welcome to Yanchep National Park.

There's plenty of nature to explore here, from woodlands and wetlands to limestone caves! The park is also one of the few places in Western Australia where you can see koalas. Koalas aren't native to Western Australia.

There are nine (9) trails that wind through Yanchep National Park, giving families the chance to explore the lake/wetlands, lush woodlands and cave areas. The trails range from accessible, family-friendly walks, to long-distance, more difficult hikes.

Yanchep National Park is a great place to observe wildlife. Visit early or late in the day and you'll almost certainly see a mob of western grey kangaroos. Take a stroll down the aptly named Koala Boardwalk and try to spot a furry koala munching on some eucalyptus leaves.

To birdwatchers' delight, there are plenty of feathered friends to keep an eye out for here. Waterbirds including swamphens, little black cormorants and banded stilts can be seen on the banks and waters of Loch McNess. Up in the trees are Carnaby's black cockatoos, magpies, galahs and plenty of other native birds.

The trees in the woodland areas of Yanchep National Park are predominantly paperbark, banksia, tuart, jarrah and sheoak. In late winter and spring, the park blossoms with spectacular wildflowers including kangaroo paw, yanchep rose, wattle and catspaw.



Magpie (*Kulbardi*)

## Entry Fees

**Private vehicle with up to 12 occupants**

- \$15 per vehicle
- \$8 per vehicle (concession)

**Private vehicle with more than 12 occupants**

- \$7 per occupant 6 years or older
- \$2.50 per occupant (concession)

**Seniors and Motorcycle**

- \$8 per vehicle

All revenue collected from park entry fees and Parks and Wildlife managed businesses is invested in biodiversity conservation, maintenance and improvement of Yanchep National Park facilities and services, and the protection of park values.

## Opening Times

The entry gate to the park is open from 8:30am to 4:15pm each day. If you visit outside of these hours, there is a black box next to the gateway allowing you to donate to the park upon arrival.





Scan to download **Every Kid in a Park App**

Explore Boomerang Gorge using the **Yanchep National Park Interpretive Trail**.

The Interpretive Trail follows the Dwerta Mia Walk Trail, which is family friendly and for the most part pram friendly. We suggest wheelchair users have assistance when following this trail. This is one of the shortest walks at Yanchep and offers a great introduction of nature to young kids.

The Interpretive Trail along the Dwerta Mia consists of seven (7) stops and can be used through the Every Kid in a Park app.



Bandicoot (*Kwenda*)



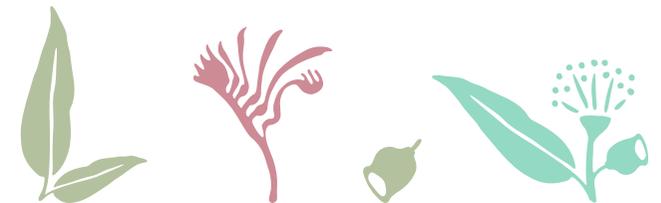
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*Apple App Store*



*Web App*



## Accessibility and Inclusion

- There is a continuous accessible path to major features in Yanchep National Park including McNess House Visitor Centre, the Koala Boardwalk and several toilet blocks. One (1) toilet block has a separate disabled cubicle (combined with a baby change station). This is located close to the Koala Boardwalk and Wangi Mia meeting place.
- McNess House Visitor Centre has built-ramp access for wheelchair and pram users.
- Food and drinks are available for purchase at Chocolate Drops (Lakeview Tea Rooms). There are two (2) entrances to this building. The front entrance has small steps, and the side entrance has a slight incline and is accessible for wheelchair and pram users.
- There are four (4) public toilet blocks situated throughout Yanchep National Park.
  - 31.54571, 115.68302 (separate female, male and disabled toilets/baby change station)
  - 31.54726, 115.68386
  - 31.54794, 115.68308
  - 31.54414, 115.68248
- Key elements of the park are signposted, however there are no Braille translations. There are some signs with language options for non-English-speaking visitors.
- There is plenty of shade available for picnics and outdoor seating. Trees provide natural cover to some of these spaces; however, some are unshaded.
- Yanchep National Park is home to an abundance of wildlife. This means there is animal droppings on the grass and grounds (predominantly from kangaroos).
- There are multiple public barbecues available for use.
- Dogs and any other pets are not allowed onsite. Guide dogs are exempt from this.
- Yanchep National Park is a big open space and is not fenced. There is an open body of water (Loch McNess), with no lifeguard on duty. Due to the low water levels of the lake and wetlands, swimming is not allowed at Yanchep National Park.

A communication board has been placed at the end of this document for your use at Yanchep National Park.



### Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Nature
- Shared personal space
- Weather



### Sounds

- Birds
- Children playing
- Nature
- People
- Wildlife



### Sights

- Glare
- Nature
- People
- Varied natural light
- Wildlife



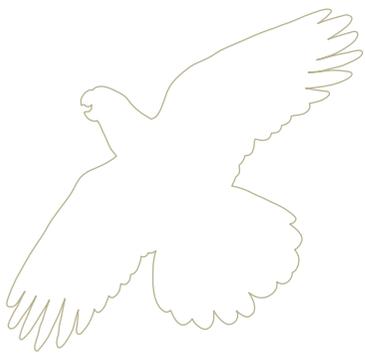
### Smells

- Earth
- Eucalyptus leaves
- Forest
- Lemon leaves
- Pollen
- Soil
- Wildflowers
- Woodlands

# When We Get There



-  Entrance
-  Boomerang Gorge
-  Chocolate Drops Cafe
-  Koala Boardwalk
-  McNess House Visitor Centre
-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Wangi Mia



## Nature Engagement and Recreational Activities

- Yanchep National Park is an important conservation area on the Swan Coastal Plain. The Park contains seven vegetation communities, four wetlands and over 450 cave systems. Each of these environments provide habitats for a variety of wildlife.
- The park offers a unique opportunity to experience caves, culture, koalas and a variety of native flora and fauna in a natural bush environment.
- Trees such as banksias, paperbark, tuart, marri, sheoak and jarrah are found in the woodland areas.
- Wildflowers including wattles, parrot bush, Yanchep rose, catspaw and kangaroo paw bloom each year from August to October.
- Yanchep National Park is one of few remaining places where tuart trees can be found growing in significant numbers.
- The park is home to an abundance of birdlife including fairy-wrens, galahs, grebes, swans, spoonbills, pelicans, cormorants, egrets, kingfishers, parrots, wrens and honeyeaters (just to name a few).
- Endangered Carnaby's black cockatoos are seen and heard flying above the park all day.
- Wetlands are a key feature of the park, with three (3) lakes (Loch McNess, Yonderup Lake and Wilgarup Lake) and two (2) swamps, one (1) within Ridges State Forest and Pipidiny Swamp, close to the south-west boundary.
- There are over 450 cave systems in the park. Some of these were deposited as marine sediment around 600,000 years ago.
- The cave systems provide an ideal environment to life-forms living underground, including amphipods, a threatened species of invertebrate.
- Yanchep National Park offers Perth's only metropolitan tourist cave, Crystal Cave. For more information or to book a tour, visit McNess House Visitor Centre or book online. Tours are not accessible for wheelchairs or prams. Parking is available close by, including two (2) ACROD bays available.



### Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Nature
- Shared personal space
- Weather



### Sounds

- Birds
- Children playing
- Nature
- People



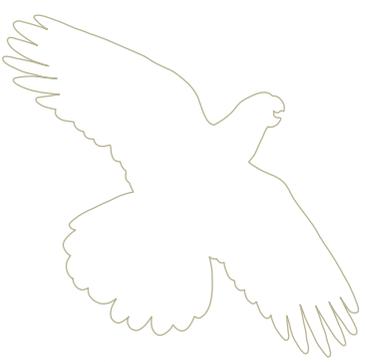
### Sights

- Glare
- Nature
- People



### Smells

- Earth
- Eucalyptus leaves
- Forest
- Lemon leaves
- Pollen
- Soil
- Wildflowers
- Woodlands



- Nine (9) walk trails weave through Yanchep National Park. Some of these are short day walks, and others much longer. We recommend following the Dwerta Mia (House of the Wild Dog) Trail as an introduction to nature in Yanchep National Park. The trail is family friendly. We suggest wheelchair users have assistance when following this trail. The Yanchep National Park Interpretive Trail follows five (5) stops along this trail.
- Throughout the park, there are multiple seating options that allow visitors to sit amongst nature and view wildlife including the western grey kangaroo, usually seen in the morning or evening.
- Wide, open pathways flow through Yanchep National Park allowing direct access to McNess House Visitor Centre. This building is open every day from 9:15am to 4:30pm. There is ramp access into the building, and friendly staff will be able to answer any questions.
- Aboriginal Educational tours are available at Wangi Mia and offer families the chance to discover the culture of the Noongar people. Wangi Mia is accessible for wheelchair and pram users. Shaded seating is available, with disabled toilets nearby.
- The Koala Boardwalk offers a unique opportunity to see koalas up close. A wide, brick path leads to the wooden walkway of the Koala Boardwalk. The boardwalk and surrounding pathways are wide and flat and suitable for wheelchair and pram users. There are four (4) ACROD bays close by.
- There is open space for children to engage in unstructured play and plenty of space for picnics and sport. The open fields allow for quiet spaces for families; however, the park may be busy during school holidays.
- There are a variety of textures for children to interact with including plants, trees, grass and dirt.
- Shade cover is available at some seating areas. Some seating is also shaded by natural tree cover. Other seating areas, close to Gloucester Lodge, are not shaded.
- Yanchep National Park can be viewed from above at Treetops Adventure Yanchep. Treetops Adventure is located across the road from Gloucester Lodge. Given the nature of the course, this is not an accessible activity.



### Feel

- **Change in ground surface**
- **Nature**
- **Shared personal space**
- **Weather**



### Sounds

- **Birds**
- **Children playing**
- **Nature**
- **People**



### Sights

- **Glare**
- **Nature**
- **People**



### Smells

- **Earth**
- **Eucalyptus leaves**
- **Forest**
- **Lemon leaves**
- **Pollen**
- **Soil**
- **Wildflowers**
- **Woodlands**

# Koala Boardwalk

**GPS:** -31.5451, 115.68451

**Closest Parking:** -31.54425, 115.68442

From the raised boardwalk, you can view koalas amongst the branches of the trees. Follow the boardwalk and discover interpretive signage that provides information about these fascinating creatures.

There is a wide brick path leading to the wooden walkway of the Koala Boardwalk. The boardwalk is accessible for wheelchair and pram users.

There is a large car park connected to the Koala Boardwalk. This car park has four (4) ACROD bays, two (2) of which are close to the entrance of the boardwalk.

For more information about the koalas at Yanchep National Park, visit McNess House Visitor Centre.



Koala (Koala)



### Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Nature
- Shared personal space
- Weather



### Sounds

- Nature
- People
- Traffic
- Birds



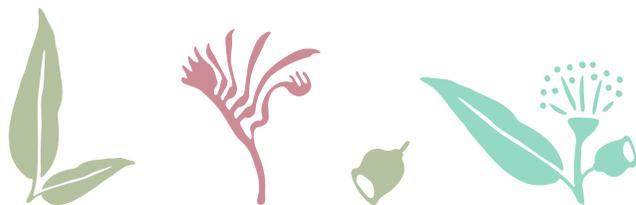
### Sights

- Glare
- Nature
- People



### Smells

- Earth
- Eucalyptus leaves
- Forest
- Nature
- Pollen
- Soil
- Sunscreen
- Woodlands



# Boomerang Gorge

**GPS:** -31.5433, 115.68885

**Closest Parking:** -31.54314, 115.68715

Boomerang Gorge is a collapsed cave area that can be explored through the Dwerta Mia Walk Trail. We recommend following this trail as an introduction to nature in Yanchep National Park. The trail is family friendly and for the most part pram friendly. We suggest wheelchair users have assistance when following this trail.

You can also explore Boomerang Gorge, and the Dwerta Mia Walk Trail, through the Yanchep National Park Interpretive Trail on the Every Kid in a Park app.

There are barbecue facilities and unshaded seating at Gloucester Lodge across the road.



## Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Increased body temperature
- Increased heart rate
- Perspiration
- Shared personal space
- Uneven terrain
- Weather



## Sounds

- Trees rustling
- Weather
- Wildlife



## Sights

- Dust
- Glare
- People
- Varied natural light
- Wildlife



## Smells

- Earth
- Eucalyptus leaves
- Forest
- Nature
- Pollen
- Soil
- Sunscreen
- Wildflowers
- Woodlands



## McNess House Visitor Centre

**GPS:** -31.54658, 115.68391

**Closest Parking:** -31.5475, 115.68394

or -31.54425, 115.68442

Friendly staff at the visitor centre can provide information on the history of Yanchep National Park, biodiversity and various walk trails. You can purchase tickets to walk tours of Crystal Cave and the cultural experience at Wangi Mia.

McNess House Visitor Centre has ramp access suitable for prams and wheelchairs. There are gifts and special mementos available for purchase.

The open grass surrounding McNess House features picnic areas with tables and barbecues and opportunities to see local wildlife including western grey kangaroos, swamphens, Carnaby's black cockatoos, magpies and galahs.

### Opening Times

Daily, between 9:15am and 4:30pm.



#### Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Heating/cooling
- Shared personal space



#### Sounds

- Computers
- Nature
- People
- Phones



#### Sights

- Bright colours
- Bright lights
- Glare
- People
- Shelves
- Shop



#### Smells

- Aroma oils
- Herbs
- Paint
- Soap

## Public Toilets

**GPS:** -31.54571, 115.68302

**Closest Parking:** -31.54425, 115.68442  
or -31.5475, 115.68394

This toilet block is near Wangi Mia and features male, female and disabled toilets. The disabled toilet features a baby change station. This is the only disabled toilet in Yanchep National Park, however there are four other public toilet blocks not too far away.

**GPS:** -31.54726, 115.68386

**GPS:** -31.54794, 115.68308

**GPS:** -31.54414, 115.68248

Outside this toilet block is a recycling station. It's important to use these bins for your rubbish. Thank you for helping staff protect Yanchep National Park.



### Feel

- Change in ground surface



### Sounds

- Door creaking
- Echo
- Toilet flushing
- Water running
- Wildlife



### Sights

- Dim lighting
- Mirror/reflection



### Smells

- Bathroom smells
- Disinfectant



# Wangi Mia Meeting Place

**GPS:** -31.54516, 115.68367

**Closest Parking:** -31.54425, 115.68442

Wangi Mia is a special space at Yanchep National Park, where you can discover the culture of the Noongar people of Western Australia's southwest.

Aboriginal cultural tours offer a unique opportunity to learn about the significance of plants and animals to the original custodians of this area.

Wangi Mia is accessible for prams and wheelchairs. There is shaded seating available, and toilets nearby.

## Tour Times

Tours operate on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

## Tour Fees

- Adult \$16
- Child \$8
- Concession \$12
- Mini Group \$40 (2 adults, 2 children)

All tours are subject to availability. Book your Aboriginal Cultural Experience at McNess House Visitor Centre.



### Feel

- Change in ground surface
- Shared personal space
- Uneven terrain
- Weather



### Sounds

- Music (didgeridoo)
- Nature
- People
- Wildlife



### Sights

- Birds
- Glare
- People
- Varied natural light



### Smells

- Bushland
- Earth
- Nature
- Pollen
- Smoke
- Soil
- Trees
- Wood



# Communication Board

## Yanchep National Park

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Question

I need help

Where is

I want to

Time

Yes

No

I don't speak English

Deaf/Hard of hearing

Toilets

Trail

Visitor Centre

Koalas

Café

Wangi Mia

Animals

Quiet place

Social Story

Rest Area

Booking



Scan to download **Every Kid in a Park** App

# About Every Kid in a Park

This Accessible Nature guide has been developed for Yanchep National Park. This document is available online to help you plan your visit.

Download the Every Kid in the Park app for more information on Yanchep National Park. The App is free to download and use, and is a tool developed for families to plan their visit and navigate their way through the park.

Every Kid in a Park is a project to support families of children of all abilities in accessing and enjoying the outdoors (like local parks, nature reserves, beaches, and national parks) around Western Australia.

## Statement of Language

Nature Play WA supports the Social Model of Disability. We are proud to work with families and industry professionals within the disability community, who continue to assist us in our approach to access and inclusion.

For more information about the Social Model of Disability, visit [People With Disability Australia](#).

## About Nature Play WA

Nature Play WA Inc. is an incorporated not-for-profit association established to increase the time Western Australian children spend in unstructured play outdoors and in nature.

For more information on what we do and who we are, visit [www.natureplaywa.org.au](http://www.natureplaywa.org.au)



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