

Park visitor fees

Questions & answers

Park visitor fees apply in many of Western Australia's national parks and reserves. Changes to entry fees, park passes and some camping, special entry and attraction fees came into effect on 1 September 2019.

1. *Has there been an increase in fees?*

Yes. Some fees have increased but continue to be low compared to fees charged at many other attractions and do not fully cover the cost of managing the parks. Fees are reviewed annually but changes generally occur periodically due to the cost of implementing changes such as replacing signs and published material.

2. *Where do the fees collected in parks go – do they benefit the parks?*

Yes, all fees collected are retained to assist in conservation and park management, including the improvement of visitor services and facilities. The fees directly benefit both parks and park visitors.

3. *Are park passes still good value?*

Yes. The day entry fee is \$15 per vehicle with up to 12 occupants, \$8 concession or \$8 per motorcycle. However, park passes allow unlimited entry to all parks in Western Australia for the duration of the pass. The more times you enter a park with entry fees, the more you save. Park passes can be purchased online at shop.dbca.wa.gov.au, from Parks and Wildlife Service offices and selected tourist outlets and visitor centres.

RAC WA members can buy park passes online at a 50 percent discounted rate through the RAC membership benefits program.

4. *What is the best value for holidays?*

Holiday Passes are designed for holidays and short breaks. Holiday Passes are now available at \$60 for four weeks, \$40 for fourteen days or \$25 for five days.

The Annual All Parks Pass at \$120, or \$75 concession, is extremely good value for money for people on extended tours or who visit parks throughout the year.

5. *Have camping fees changed?*

Fees have not changed although two new categories have been added to the camping fee structure so that it better represents the range of facilities available in camping areas.

Existing categories have been adjusted to separate camping areas with no facilities at all from campgrounds where basic facilities such as toilets, picnic tables, barbecues or fire pits have been provided. A new category has been introduced for campgrounds with a higher level of facilities such as ablutions, showers or shelters that have significantly higher management costs.

A similar category has also been introduced to distinguish between campgrounds with or without facilities in the Kimberley where providing services has additional costs.

Camping fees applying in Dirk Hartog Island National Park are unchanged.

Some campgrounds can be booked online at parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au

6. *I don't usually carry cash. Are there plans to install more electronic fee-paying machines?*

Fee-paying machines have been installed at some popular locations so that fees can be paid with credit card. At other places cash is still required for entry and camping fees. The best way to avoid paying cash for entry fees is to buy a park pass before your visit.

7. Can I buy a pass for my local parks?

The Annual Local Park Pass is available for residents and ratepayers in nearby local government areas for only \$25. The areas are generous and many people are eligible to buy passes to more than one park or group of parks. Basic identification such as a drivers' license or rates notice must be shown when buying the pass. Please see the list of local government areas specified for each pass.

8. Where can I find out more?

Updated information on parks, campgrounds, facilities and fees is available at exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au.

Local government areas specified for Annual Local Park Passes

Parks and groups of parks	Local government areas
Albany group Fitzgerald River, Porongurup, Stirling Range, Torndirrup, Two Peoples Bay and West Cape Howe	Albany, Boyup Brook, Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Denmark, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Katanning, Kent, Kojonup, Manjimup, Plantagenet
Avon Valley, John Forrest and Walyunga	Armadale, Bassendean, Bayswater, Belmont, Cambridge, Canning, Chittering, Claremont, Cockburn, Cottesloe, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Gosnells, Joondalup, Kalamunda, Kwinana, Melville, Mosman Park, Mundaring, Nedlands, Peppermint Grove, Perth, Rockingham, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, South Perth, Stirling, Subiaco, Swan, Toodyay, Victoria Park, Vincent, Wanneroo
Cape Range	Carnarvon, Exmouth
Esperance Group Cape Arid, Cape Le Grand, Fitzgerald River and Stokes	Coolgardie, Dundas, Esperance, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Kent, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace, Ravensthorpe, Yilgarn
Francois Peron	Shark Bay
Kalbarri	Northampton
Karjini and Millstream Chichester	Ashburton, East Pilbara, Port Hedland, Roebourne
King Leopold Ranges, Tunnel Creek and Windjana Gorge	Broome, Derby-West Kimberley
Lesueur and Nambung	Carnamah, Coorow and Dandaragan
Mirima and Purnululu	Halls Creek, Wyndham-East Kimberley
Lane Poole and Serpentine	Armadale, Bassendean, Bayswater, Belmont, Boddington, Cambridge, Canning, Claremont, Cockburn, Collie, Cottesloe, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Gosnells, Harvey, Joondalup, Kalamunda, Kwinana, Mandurah, Melville, Mosman Park, Mundaring, Murray, Nedlands, Peppermint Grove, Perth, Rockingham, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, South Perth, Stirling, Subiaco, Swan, Victoria Park, Vincent, Wanneroo, Waroon
Warren group D'Entrecasteaux, Gloucester, Greater Beedelup, Shannon and Warren	Augusta-Margaret River, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Broomehill-Tambellup, Busselton, Cranbrook, Denmark, Donnybrook-Balingup, Katanning, Kojonup, Manjimup, Nannup, Plantagenet, Woodanilling
Yanchep	Armadale, Bassendean, Bayswater, Belmont, Cambridge, Canning, Claremont, Cockburn, Cottesloe, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Gingin, Gosnells, Joondalup, Kalamunda, Kwinana, Melville, Mosman Park, Mundaring, Nedlands, Peppermint Grove, Perth, Rockingham, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, South Perth, Stirling, Subiaco, Swan, Victoria Park, Vincent, Wanneroo