Recfishwest’s website has essential safety information.

Never fish alone.
Always tell someone where you are going and your expected return details.

Always wear appropriate clothing, cleats and a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times.

Take note of the locations of any safety equipment at the site (for example anchor points, angel rings) and know how to use them.

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- Bring a portable gas stove for cooking (no solid fuels permitted).
- There is no water provided in the parks. Always carry your own water supply.
- Generator running hours – 8am to 1pm and 5pm to 9pm.

Cape Arid National Park
Unsealed roads lead to campgrounds at Thomas River, Mount Ragged, Jondoe Creek and Thomas Fisheries are accessible by four-wheel-drive vehicle only.

Nuytsland Nature Reserve
Camping is permitted in the Shire of Esperance Israelite Bay Recreation Reserve. Access is by four-wheel-drive vehicle only.

Eucla National Park
No camping is permitted within the park. Facilities are located at Border Village and Eucla Pass.

Fishing
Coastal fishing is excellent all year round. Recreational fishing regulations apply. Ask a park ranger or call the Fisheries WA office in Esperance.

Four-wheel driving
Please keep to designated four-wheel-drive tracks to avoid spreading plant disease and causing erosion.

Birdwatching
All walks in the park offer good opportunities for spotting birds.

Historical sites
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Walking
Bush and beach walks offer scenic vistas and close-up views of the natural beauty of the park. Carry ample drinking water.

Cape Arid National Park
Len Otte Nature Trail – Class 3, 2km return, 1.5 hours
This easy to moderate walk features views over the park and a close look at the varied plant and animal life of the area. Path is well defined and the walk is punctuated with some moderate rises and declines.

Nuytsland Nature Reserve
Tagon Coastal Trail – Class 4, 10km return, 5 hours
Features views over the wild coastline. Trail covers sections of steep granite which are slippery when wet. In winter, you may spot a southern right whale visiting the bay.

Mount Ragged Walk – Class 5, 3km return, 3 hours
Mount Ragged is a steep-sided ridge surrounded at about one-third height by a wave-cut platform. A difficult walk to the top of Tower Peak (585m). Trail is a tough, steep ascent with the track overgrown in parts. Trail direction markers are limited.

Mount Arid – Class 5, 4km return, 3 hours
A steep granite scramble with limited trail makers. A difficult climb to the summit provides magnificent views of the coastline, Recherche islands and the park’s interior landscape. Access is by four-wheel drive only along the beach during suitable tide and swell conditions. There are no formal walk trails in the western section of Nuytsland Nature Reserve or Eucla National Park.

Trail classifications
Class 3 Moderate trail with clear directional signage. You may encounter minor natural hazards such as short, steep sections, steps, shallow water crossings, and unstable or slippery surfaces. A good level of fitness is recommended.

Class 4 Limited directional signage and difficult sections. You may encounter natural hazards such as long steep sections, water crossings, and unstable or slippery surfaces. A good level of fitness and bushwalking experience is recommended.

Class 5 No directional signage and very difficult sections. You may encounter natural hazards such as long steep sections, water crossings, and frequent unstable or slippery surfaces. Only very fit and experienced bushwalkers should attempt.