Yanchep National Park

Environmental program of school activities

Yanchep National Park is proud to offer a range of exciting school activities. All activities are linked to the WA curriculum framework. Excluding Nyitting workshops and NAIDOC Games, all activities are:

- 45mins in duration
- designed for 15-30 children and cost $10 per head.

Activities can run simultaneously to cater for larger group sizes.

For further information please contact our bookings officer on 9303 7772.

My friend the koala
Students will enjoy an interactive and educational experience with a passionate guide. Through song and dance students will learn how koalas live and adapt to living in Australia's gum trees.

School years: Pre-Primary to year 2

Are koalas boring?
Develop an understanding of the secret life of koalas. These amazing animals have so much to reveal. This journey will teach students about the incredible adaptations that help them survive in the Australian bush.

School years: 4 – 7

Meet the koala
This activity builds on existing knowledge about koalas and explores in more detail their biology, diet and habitat. Students will investigate what the future holds for this unique Australian icon.

School years: 7 – 12

Caves are cool
Prepare to be amazed as you explore the magnificent Crystal Cave. Join our enthusiastic guide on an incredible journey. This environmentally focused program will provide an understanding of how the caves were formed and continue to develop.

School years: 1 – 12

Limestone: more than just a rock!
Take a journey back in time to another world and learn how limestone is created. Students immerse themselves in the dynamic processes that take place in our limestone and find out what natural and man-made impacts have on this fragile environment. They will gain an understanding of how important our karst system is and how they can help to protect it for the future.

School years: 3 – 7

Adventure caving
Adventure caving tours are renowned for being action-packed, safe and fun for kids. Students will join our experienced guide to step outside their comfort zone and discover a whole new world beneath their feet.

Ages: 8yrs plus
Size: 9 – 14 participants per tour
Duration: 1.5hrs
Cost: min $200 per tour
Price & group size dependant on cave selection

Environment in balance
On this informative tour students see and learn how different man-made and natural factors have caused lowering of the water table. What can we do as a community to preserve and change our water usage?

School years: 4 – 12
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Mega fauna mysteries
Discover the giant animals that roamed the Perth landscape long before people made Australia home. These mysterious beings are the mega fauna of Western Australia whose fossil remains continue to be unearthed by archaeologists, palaeontologists and sometimes by students like you! Where are they now? What caused them to disappear? This activity explores the mysteries of mega fauna.
School years: 1–8

Wet to wood
(Available April – Oct only)
Embark on a journey with one of our experienced guides to learn about the habitats of different animals such as frogs, tiger snakes and honey possums that live in Yanchep National Park. From the wetlands to the woodlands find out how our animals and plants adapt to rapidly changing conditions to survive.
School years: 3–11

Taxon-and-me, “it’s classified”
Why are animals classified into different groups and what characteristics determine what class they belong to? This interactive activity helps students to develop an understanding of the animal classification system.
School years: 8–12

Cockatoo capers
(Available Sept – April only)
Learn all about the endangered Carnaby’s cockatoo which are endemic to the south west of Western Australia. At the conclusion of this activity students will have the knowledge to create a Carnaby cockatoo habitat for their school.
School years: 3–12

Camping
Camping is currently being trialled on Henry White Oval and schools are welcome to stay.
Camping is also available at the Shapcotts Shelter which is accessible to walkers only and cannot be booked.
For more information regarding camping please contact our bookings officer on 9303 7772.
School years: 1–8

Yanchep National Park offers a unique opportunity to experience caves, culture, koalas and a variety of native flora and fauna in a natural bush environment just 45 minutes from Perth.
Grassy areas provide room to move or play games and BBQs offer a picnic opportunity. Private leaseholders in the park also offer alternative catering options.
A network of walk trails ranging from 500m to 52km allows exploration of the greater park. Please ensure you register with ‘Walk Safe’ at the visitor centre before embarking on a trail.

Nature’s own classroom

Volunteering opportunities for students
Volunteering projects such as park clean ups, weeding, planting re-vegetation works, seed propagation and research are ongoing in Yanchep National Park.
Yanchep National Parks Volunteer Coordinator can provide further information about volunteering opportunities for your school. Please contact us for further information.

Also available at Yanchep National Park...
Activities suitable for schools are also offered by our stakeholders. Please contact them directly for further information.

Little Gumnuts Nature Programs: Offers nature education programs specifically designed for children from 3 – 10yrs. Contact Lee-Anne for more information on 0424 684 549.
Chocolate Drops Tearooms: Offers chocolate making workshops as a seasonal activity. Lunch packs also available. Contact Sue on 9561 6699.
EasyRider Adventures: Offers fun activities on ‘segway’ style machines exploring science, physical education and team building. Suitable for students with special needs. For ages 6+. Contact Michael on 1300327974.
The Historic Yanchep Inn: Offers easy catering options. Pre-booked lunches and BBQ packs available. Contact Yanchep Inn on 9561 1001.

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