

Fresh Discoveries

TWO JOURNEYS IN SEARCH OF THE NEW AND UNUSUAL



Red-tailed Black Cockatoo

The diversity of this region means there's always something different to discover.

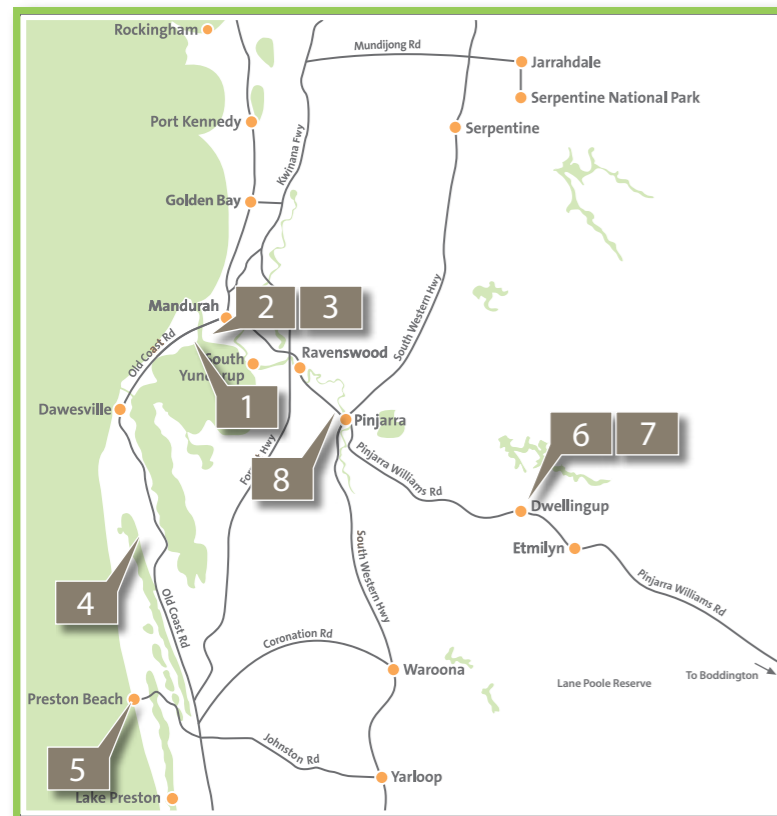
If you like to surprise or even occasionally challenge yourself, you'll find plenty to fit into your visit.

From the energetic city of Mandurah on the Indian Ocean to the peaceful forests and rich farmland of the region, you can discover unexpected treats.

Experience extraordinary nature reserves teeming with birdlife, fresh oceanside golfing, jetski tours with the wind in your hair, walking trails deep inside glorious bushland, blue-ocean fishing adventures – even skydiving.

From the urban to the rural, from the artistic to the environmental, from the tranquil to the thrilling, there are no limits to the experiences you can have. Explore however the mood takes you, but you may find these two sensory journeys inspirational.

Journey 1: Nature



1 LUXURY STAY

Head to Mandurah and stay overnight in your choice of waterside accommodation. Forté Mandurah Quay, with its tranquil estuary views, is a perfect base to take in the sights and sounds of the expansive wetlands. Hire a bike and join the children on an EcoKids Club adventure, spotting wildlife at the neighbouring Len Howard Conservation Park.

2 CREERY WETLANDS

The peaceful estuary waters near Mariner's Cove provide a relaxed setting to view over 130 native and migratory bird species. Cruise to the Creery Wetlands to discover why this area has been identified as a wetland of international significance.

3 WOODLAND TRAIL / BIRDWATCHING

At the wetlands, stroll the interpretive walking trail to the bird hide and its viewing platform to spot one of the many species of visiting shorebirds. Follow the Mandurah Bypass to Egret Point and Samphire Cove Nature Reserve. Walk the woodland trails along the inlet and look out for native shore and land birds and the reserve's namesake green-and-orange samphire plants.

4 THROMBOLITES / YALGORUP NAT. PARK

From Mandurah, follow the Old Coast Road southwards. Listed as a wetland of international importance, Lake Clifton is home to the largest lake-bound thrombolite reef in the southern hemisphere. Along with the Yalgorup National Park, it's a popular destination for its natural beauty. Stop in at Brew 42 Brewery at the Lake Clifton Tavern & Motel to recharge.

5 BEACH OR COUNTRY GUESTHOUSE

Continue south and stay overnight in a contemporary beach house beside the crystal waters of Preston Beach. Or head south-east and indulge in the country lifestyle at a guesthouse in Waroona.

6 BIBBULMUN TRACK

Walk a section of WA's famous Bibbulmun Track, through beautiful eucalyptus forests vibrant with native wildflowers. Created to inspire urban dwellers to venture into the bush, this well-signposted track was named for the pre-European inhabitants of the south-west. The track has shelters regularly spaced along its route, so it can be enjoyed for a few hours or for a serious hike.

7 FOREST HERITAGE CENTRE

Travel north to the timber town of Dwellingup and its iconic, leaf-shaped Forest Heritage Centre. Take the treetop walk through lush Jarrah and Marri forests and be sure to stop in at the Fine Wood Showroom to discover handcrafted furniture and giftware that is sure to impress.

8 BOUTIQUE WINERY

On your way back to Mandurah along Pinjarra Road, call into Raven Wines for a glass of their popular wine accompanied by a sensational tasting plate.