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Ancient Tracks - New Journeys

Aboriginal Campgrounds and Retreats

Featuring Dark Sky Locations

Due to
increased demand
for campgrounds,
bookings are
essential.

Over 30 amazing locations from the Coast to Outback WA.









Dark skies and Cultural Star Stories

Relax around a campfire and enjoy a cultural interpretation of the night sky.

Many of the featured campgrounds are in remote parts of Western Australia, making them the perfect locations for observing dark night skies. To identify them, look for this symbol.



CAMPGROUND SERVICES/FACILITIES

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|  Accommodation |  Seasonal Bushfood |
|  Campgrounds |  Art Galleries, Cultural Centres |
|  Aboriginal Guided Tours |  Souvenirs, Retail, Restaurants |
|  Pet Friendly |  Dark Skies Location |

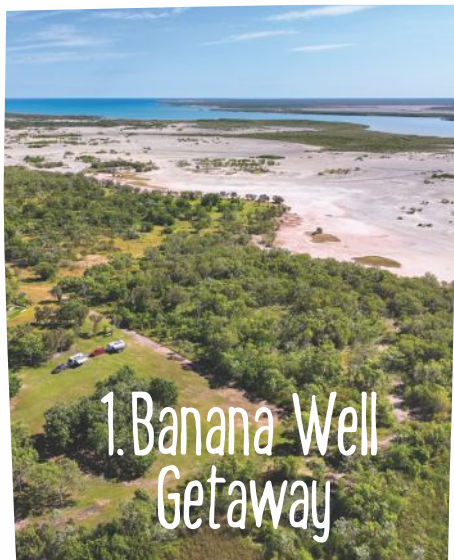
Aboriginal owned and operated

The Aboriginal communities who own and operate these private campgrounds and retreats are passionate about sharing their country with visitors. These spectacular and often secluded locations are on traditional lands with private beaches, uncrowded fishing spots, pristine bushwalks and abundant wildlife.


Income generated from these campgrounds and retreats help sustain the communities that own and operate them, often providing employment and training.

Scan for more campgrounds






1. Banana Well Getaway

 An accessible, beautiful bush wilderness paradise at the heart of the Dampier Peninsula, offering a convenient base to explore. Wildlife lovers will love the new Nature Trail and Bird Hides. There's also powered caravan and camping sites, air-conditioned cabins, camp kitchen, laundry facilities and an artesian spring-water dip pool. Dogs are welcome.

Call: (08) 9192 4040
bookings@bananawellgetaway.com.au
www.bananawellgetaway.com.au




2. Home Valley on Balanggarra Country

 Home Valley Station offers a range of accommodation options including riverside suites and a variety of nature-based experiences such as barramundi fishing, hiking through gorges and bushwalking. Stay a while and enjoy the authentic hospitality of the Balanggarra people in Australia's remote Kimberley.

Call: 0477 478 425
homevalley.au
www.home-valley.com.au



3. Goombaragin by the Bay

 A beautiful private coastal retreat with unspoilt private beaches. Great for swimming, snorkelling, and fishing or simply watching sunrises and sunsets. Choose from an eco tent (two available) or eco chalet (one available); all are self-contained with their own ensuites, or simply camp under the stars at the edge of a cliff top with gorgeous views.

Call: 0429 505 347
goombaragin@gmail.com
www.goombaragin.com.au


Nature Trails and Bushwalks

Many of the campgrounds featured are located in pristine bushland or coastal settings with amazing nature trails and bush walking opportunities right on their doorstep. Aside from the physical exercise and environmental education benefits, bushwalking activities encourage teamwork, boost mental health and help develop an appreciation of nature and connection to Country.

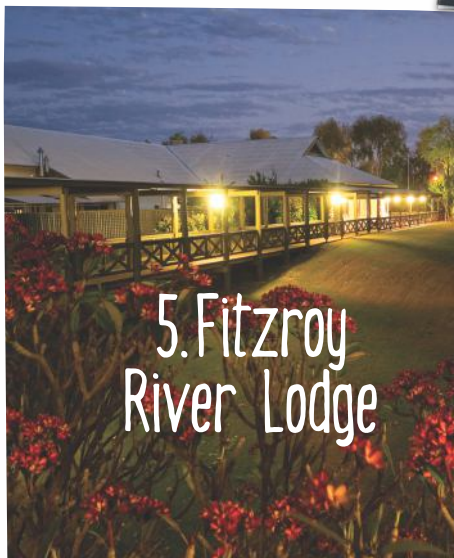
Traversing mangroves, bushland, tidal creeks and a natural artesian spring and two bird hides, Banana Well Getaway's Nature Walk Trail and Pocket Guide is an excellent educational resource and is also available as a downloadable guide.




4. Gnylmarung Retreat

 Located on a secluded cove on Beagle Bay in the Dampier Peninsula, Gnylmarung is a refreshing retreat from the everyday with ample unpowered sites, some with ocean views and fire pits for cooking. There is also a beach launch, fish-cleaning area, three ablution blocks, and a washing machine available for campers.

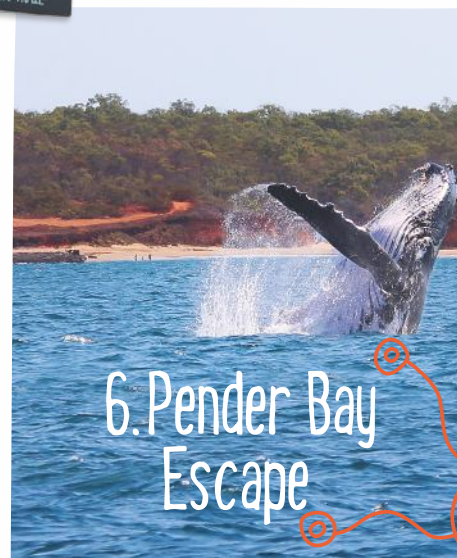
BOOK ONLINE
retreat@gnylmarung.org.au
www.gnylmarung.org.au




5. Fitzroy River Lodge

 Enjoy fishing, boating, swimming or bird-watching or simply take a stroll along the river. There are a variety of accommodation options suitable for holiday-makers, families, corporate travellers, and groups. The Lodge has two conference rooms with new facilities, lounge bar, restaurant, swimming pool and tennis court.

Call: (08) 9191 5141
reservations@fitzroyriverlodge.com.au
www.fitzroyriverlodge.com.au

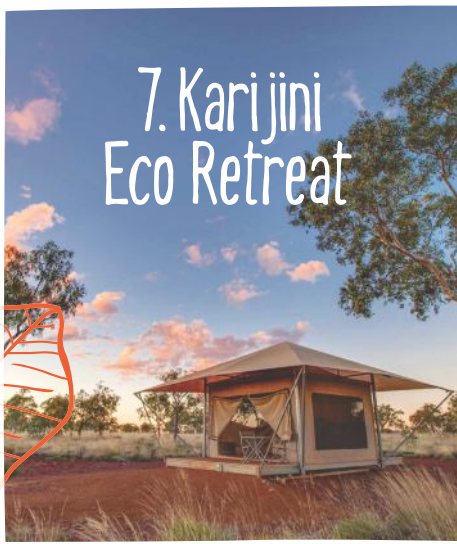



6. Pender Bay Escape

 Indigenous owners have opened this spectacular location to visitors. Enjoy secluded or family-style accommodation with ocean frontage, unpowered bush camping, stunning lookouts and walks. There is also beach parking, a boat ramp, and free educational humpback whale survey data (bring a memory stick). Children under 12 are free of charge.

Call: 0429 845 707
book1pender@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/penderbayescape

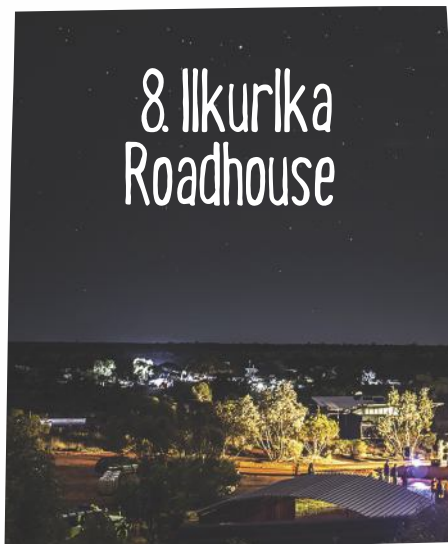
7. Karijini Eco Retreat




-  A unique outback glamping experience in the heart of the spectacular Karijini National Park. Nestled at the edge of Joffre Gorge, stay in a range of eco tents and eco cabins or campsites, and dine at the Outback Restaurant. Spend your days fuelled by adventure, exploring breathtaking gorges, swimming under waterfalls, marvelling at colourful wildflowers and indulging in delicious food and wine.

Call: (08) 9286 1731
reservations@karijiniecoretreat.com.au
www.karijiniecoretreat.com.au

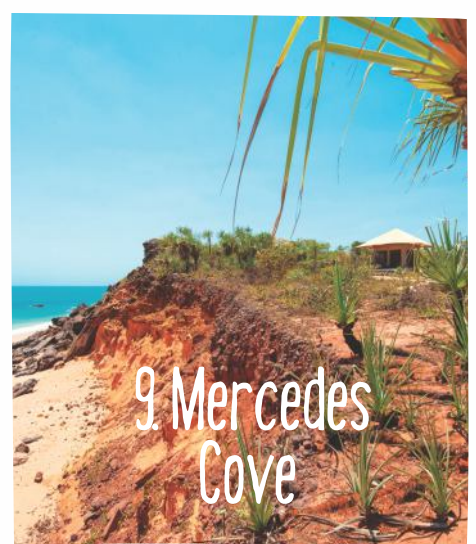
8. Ilkurlka Roadhouse




-  Located on Anne Beadell Hwy, the roadhouse is an important stopover for East West travellers. It also serves communities to the north and south during times of Aboriginal business and travel. Proudly owned and operated by the Spinifex people, this peaceful retreat offers hot showers, toilets and BBQ facilities. Firewood is free.

Call: (08) 9037 1147
manager@ilkurlka.org.au
www.ilkurlka.org.au

9. Mercedes Cove

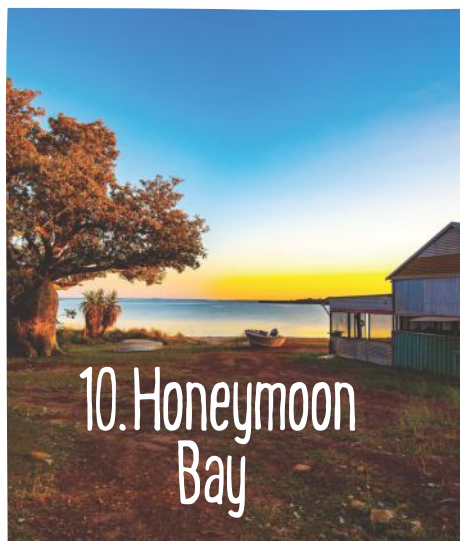


-  Enjoy uninterrupted views of the ocean with a private sandy beach for swimming, snorkelling, fishing and land-based whale watching during the season July to September. You'll find a choice of self-contained cabins and eco tents. To ensure your stay is private and peaceful, bookings are kept to a minimum. Bookings essential.


Call: (08) 9192 4687
mercedescove@bigpond.com
www.mercedescove.com.au

Pet-friendly campgrounds

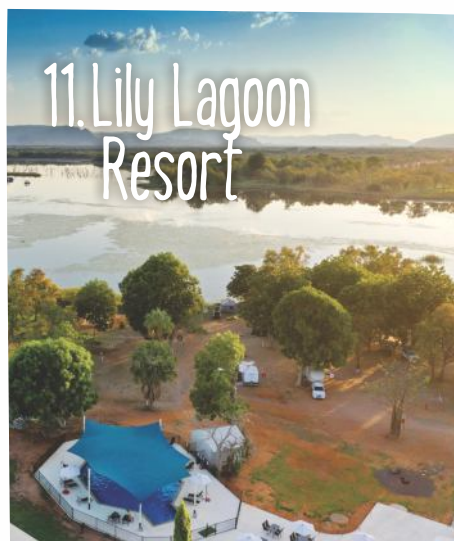
Many of the campgrounds featured in this brochure are now pet friendly. To help you identify which campgrounds and retreats welcome our furry friends, look for the pet-friendly symbol.




10. Honeymoon Bay

-  Just 27km north of Kalumburu, you'll find oceanfront and shaded camping areas, beach shacks for hire, traditional spear-making and crabbing tours, and some of the best fishing in the Kimberley. There's also scenic tours and fishing charters with gear supplied, hot showers, a kiosk, payphone, and wi-fi. Stay six nights and get the seventh free.

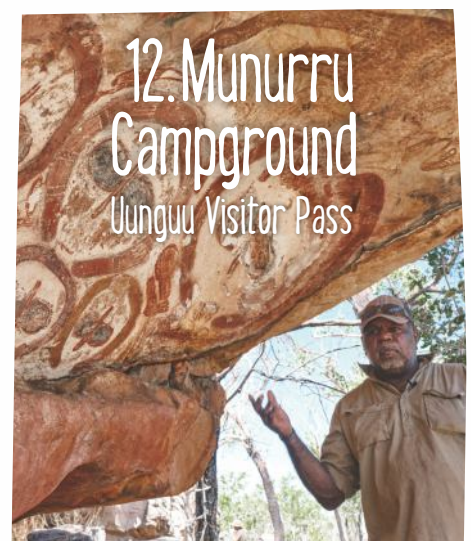
Call: (08) 9161 4378
honeymoonbaywa@gmail.com
www.honeymoonbaywa.com




11. Lily Lagoon Resort

-  Set amongst three acres of lawn on the edge of Lily Lagoon are 24 king rooms & king triples, 25 queen rooms & queen triple, 1 family unit with two adjoining rooms. Each is complete with ensuites, remote control TV, refrigerator, tea, coffee, and ironing facilities. 14 powered caravan sites are also available. This is a proudly Aboriginal owned and operated social enterprise of the Wunan Foundation.

Call: (08) 9169 1092
bookings@lilylagoonresort.org.au
www.lilylagoonresort.org.au



12. Munurru Campground Uunguu Visitor Pass

-  The Wunambal Gaambera people are proud to welcome visitors to Uunguu - their living home in the far north Kimberley. All visitors to Wunambal Gaambera Country require an Uunguu Visitor Pass (UVP) available online. Make Munurru (King Edward River) Campground your base to explore Ngaawudu (Mitchell Plateau) and take a guided rock art tour with a Traditional Owner. No campground bookings required.

Call: 0439 288 235
infouvpp@wunambalgaambera.org.au
www.wunambalgaambera.org.au

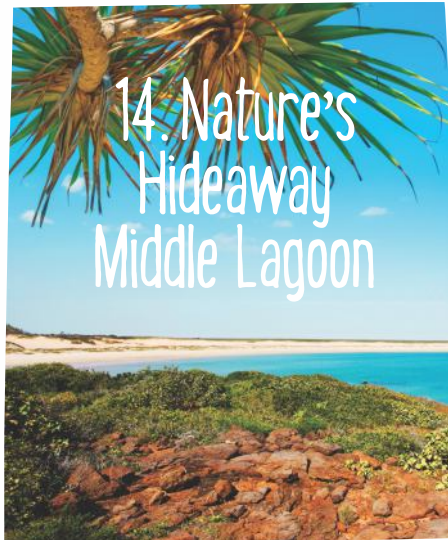


13. Smithy's Seaside Adventures



This stunning seaside community is 60km from Beagle Bay and offers beachfront campsites. Visitors can choose from a selection of primitive and powered campsites with shower and toilet facilities. The property has over 200m of beachfront access right onto Pender Bay with excellent fishing and diving opportunities.

No EFTPOS - cash only
Bookings generally not required | Call: 0429 086 388
www.smithyseasideadventures.com

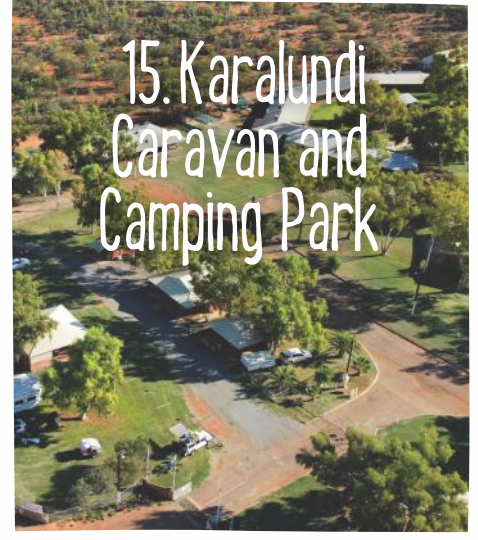


14. Nature's Hideaway Middle Lagoon



Set in prime beachfront land, with a spectacular sheltered lagoon, Middle Lagoon is a truly relaxing wilderness camping experience. It is perfect for a low-key holiday with swimming, fishing and boating. There are large unpowered sites, waterfront ridge sites and cabins to suit couples or families.

BOOK ONLINE
info@middlelagoon.com.au
www.middlelagoon.com.au



15. Karalundi Caravan and Camping Park



Come and find out why they call Karalundi an "oasis in the desert". Karalundi has a licensed caravan park with grassed campsites, on-site cabins and powered sites for caravans and camper-vans. The cafe sells baked delights, cold drinks, light meals and groceries and is open Sunday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Closed Saturdays.

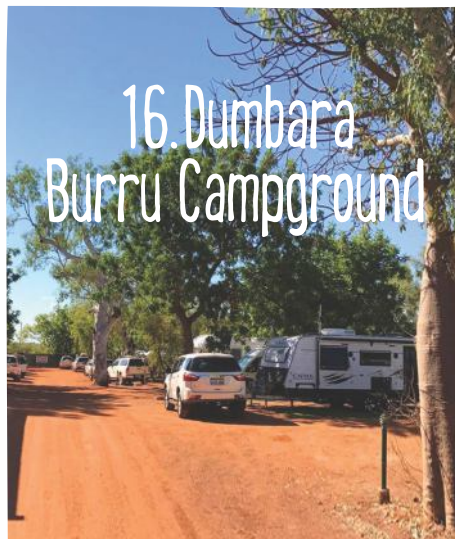
Call: (08) 9981 2000
karalundipark@gmail.com
www.karalundipark.com.au



Take home a unique piece of culture

For many communities, traditional art and crafts are an important part of practising culture and maintaining economic sustainability. Art centres are often the cultural and social heart of the community and give visitors the opportunity to meet the artists and purchase authentic artworks direct from the artist.

Look for these symbols  



16. Dumbara Burru Campground



Expect 20 sites set amongst large shady trees which are accessible to the centrally located BBQ area, office and spotless ablution facilities. There are two double accommodation rooms with own ensuite available. Take a short stroll to the art studio or relax and enjoy a BBQ whilst you soak in the beautiful landscape.

Call: 0499 947 845
dumbaraburru@winunngari.org.au
www.dumbaraburru.com.au



17. Crossing Inn



The historic Crossing Inn sits on its original site on the banks of the mighty Fitzroy River. Established in 1897, it is the oldest established hotel in the Kimberley region. Today the Inn's heritage charm and modern facilities cater for travellers with more significant needs than those of the weary prospectors and drovers of 100 years ago.

Call: (08) 9191 5080
admin@crossing-inn.com.au
www.crossing-inn.com.au



18. Dongkalkada Wilderness Camp Udialla Springs




A remarkable wilderness setting near the banks of the mighty Fitzroy River offers a range of accommodation/camping options, fresh mineral springs surround the camp with an amazing array of fauna and flora as your backdrop. At Dongkalkada you are promised an adventure of a lifetime as you share this rare country with its Traditional Owners.

Call: 0459 517 749 or 0400 878 898
info@uptuyu.com.au
www.uptuyu.com.au



19. Birchy's Fishing Tours

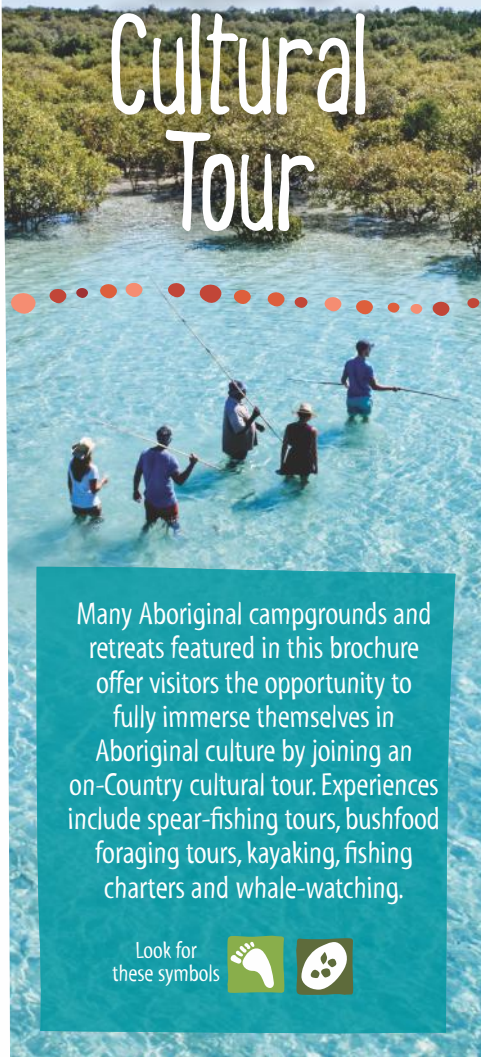
 Join Sam (Birchy) Birch on a hunting, fishing and camping 10 Day Tagalong Tour through Balangarra Country. Enjoy catch and cook fishing, campfire yarns, storytelling and cultural history. Swim in waterholes and fresh water springs. Visit ancient rock art sites, spectacular Kimberley waterfalls and sleep beneath a blanket of stars.

Call: 0459 540 763

birchysfishingtours@gmail.com
birchysfishingtours.com.au

Bundy's Cultural Tours, Lombadina

Join a Cultural Tour



Many Aboriginal campgrounds and retreats featured in this brochure offer visitors the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in Aboriginal culture by joining an on-Country cultural tour. Experiences include spear-fishing tours, bushfood foraging tours, kayaking, fishing charters and whale-watching.

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Camping with Custodians

A network of high-quality, family-friendly, nature-based campgrounds on Aboriginal Lands, each with modern amenities, hot showers and gas BBQs.

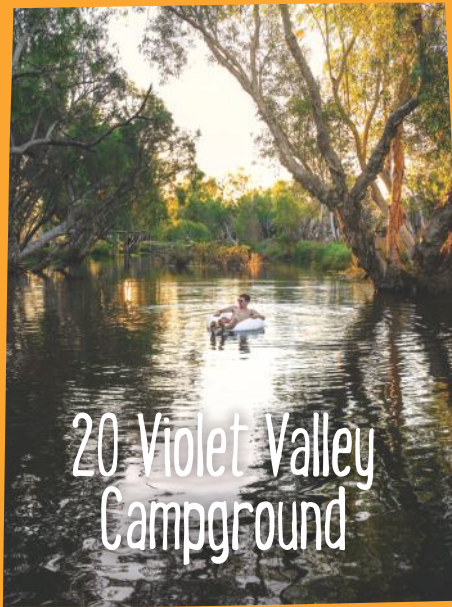


When you stay with Traditional Owners, you discover more about the world's oldest continuing living culture.



Find out more at
campingwithcustodians.com
 or visit the campground websites



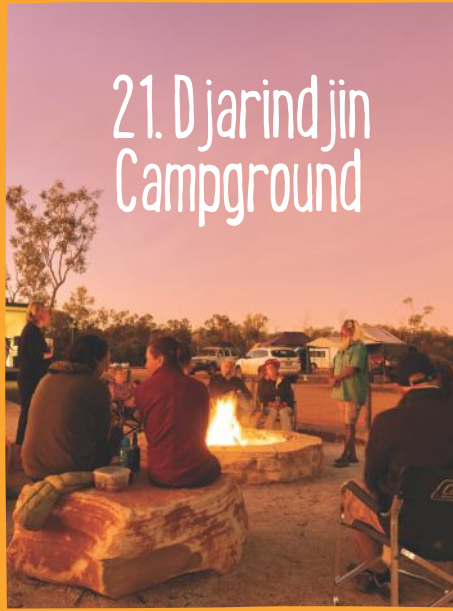


20. Violet Valley Campground

▲ Gateway to Purnululu National Park, Kimberley

Expect wide open grasslands, abundant wildlife and activities for the adventurous. Violet Valley is just 23km from the entrance to World Heritage Purnululu National Park, offering hot showers, BBQ facilities and 14 secluded, unpowered campsites in a natural bush setting on the banks of the Bow River.

Gt Northern Hwy 130km north of Halls Creek
camping@violetvalleycampground.com.au
www.violetvalleycampground.com.au



21. Djarindjin Campground

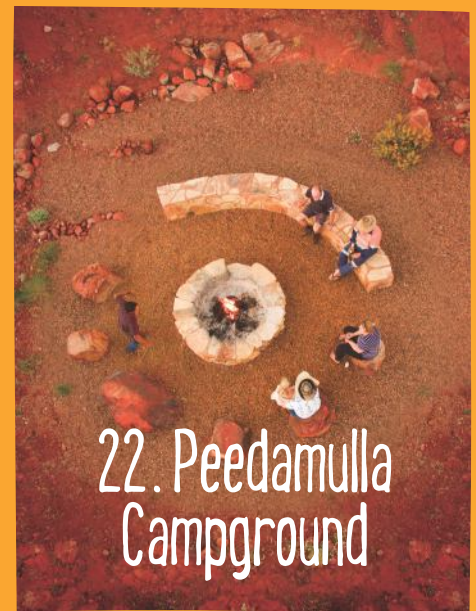


Dampier Peninsula - Kimberley



Welcome to Djarindjin Campground. Modern amenities, powered caravan/campsites and a highly accessible location on the newly sealed Cape Leveque Road make for a welcoming stopover on your Kimberley journey, or a great base from which to explore the best of the Dampier Peninsula.

Call: 0447 513 123
campground@jarindjin.com.au
www.djarindjin.com.au



22. Peedamulla Campground



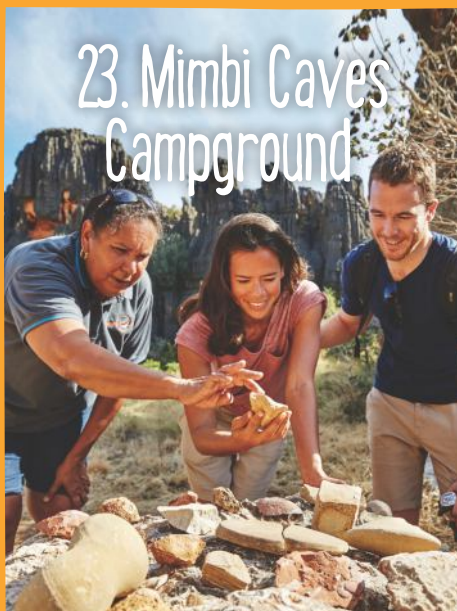
Between Carnarvon and Karratha, Pilbara

Peedamulla's campground has 20 campsites (five powered), hot showers, modern ablutions, communal fire pit, covered BBQ area and wonderful views of the expansive countryside. A range of self-guided tours and activities allow you to explore the coastline, wetlands and heritage-listed ruins.

Call: 0467 308 479
camping@peedamulla.com.au
www.peedamulla.com.au

Camping with Custodians campgrounds offer visitors the opportunity to truly experience Country and culture by connecting with Traditional Owners. Each campground provides a unique experience; tour ancient limestone caves and rock art sites, visit an Aboriginal art gallery, stay close to iconic natural attractions or just enjoy a yarn around the campfire.

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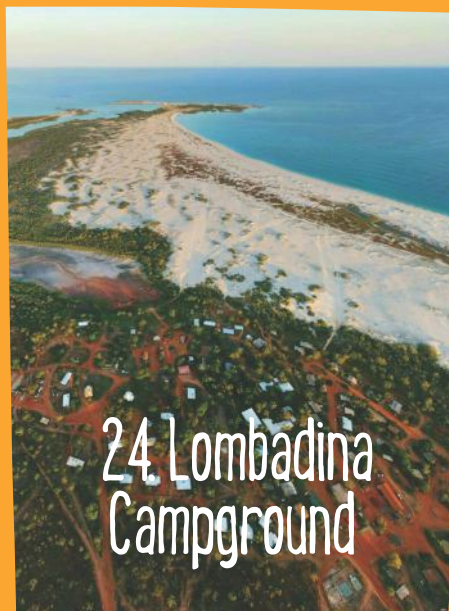
23. Mimbi Caves Campground



via Fitzroy Crossing - Kimberley

Hot showers, BBQ shelter, secluded campsites and a friendly welcome awaits you at Mimbi Caves Campground. Nestled at the foot of the Emanuel Ranges, the campground has a Gooniyandi name "Jarlarloo Riwi"; Jarlarloo meaning coolamon tree and Riwi meaning camp.

Call: 0477 355 671
rosemary@mimbicaves.com.au
www.mimbicaves.com.au



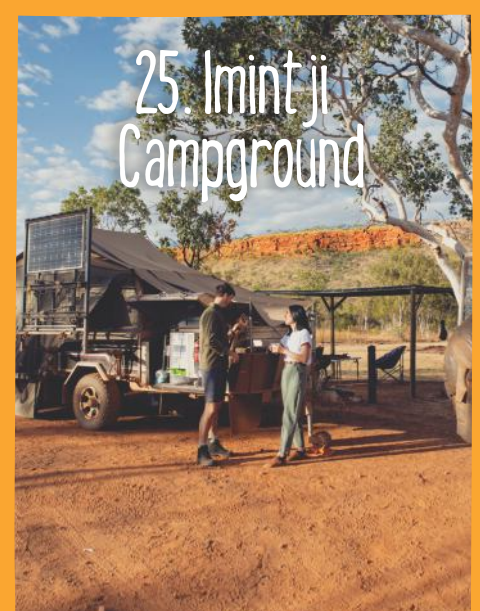
24. Lombadina Campground



Dampier Peninsula - Kimberley

Relax on white sandy beaches, swim in pristine turquoise waters, visit the gallery and gift shop or enjoy a range of nature-based tours including fishing and whale watching. Accommodation options include cabins, shared lodge and campgrounds with powered and unpowered campsites, hot showers and gas BBQs.

Call: (08) 9192 4936
reception@lombadina.com
www.lombadina.com



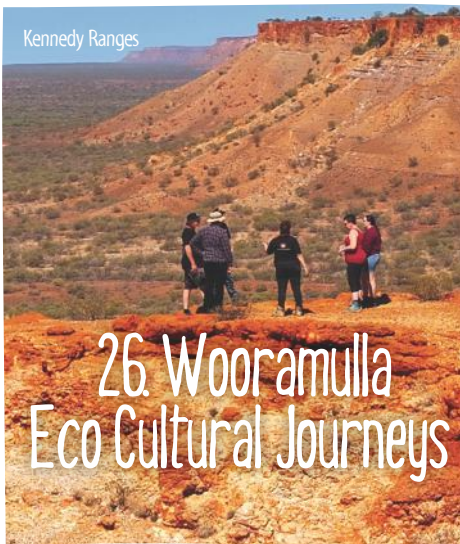
25. Imintji Campground



Gibb River Road - Kimberley





With a sheltered location at the foot of the spectacular Wunaamin Miliwundi Range, this wilderness campground is well situated to explore nearby natural attractions such as Bell Gorge, Tunnel Creek, Windjana Gorge and surrounds. Campgrounds offer hot showers, fire pit, BBQ shelter and general store.

Call: (08) 9191 7227
imintjicampground@imintji.com.au
www.imintji.com.au

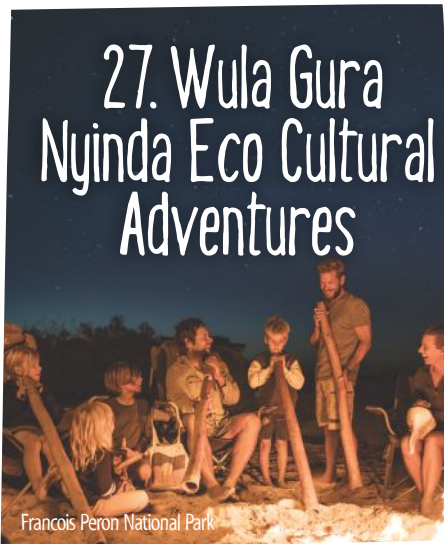


Kennedy Ranges

26. Wooramulla Eco Cultural Journeys





-  Nowhere else is the vastness of space laid bare, than beneath a clear Gascoyne night sky. Join Cultural Custodian and local stargazer Rennee. Lay back and gaze up at the night sky as your Yinggarda guide shares traditional star stories. Take a closer look at the distant planets and galaxies through the telescope, then join a yarnning circle to share stories.
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Call: 0477 126 983
tours@wooramulla.com.au
www.wooramulla.com.au



27. Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures

Francois Peron National Park




-  Enjoy overnight or extended camping adventures in the beautiful Shark Bay World Heritage Area. Try beach camping under the stars at the exclusive Eco Cultural Camp, off-roading, kayaking across sheltered bays, landing on deserted beaches and swimming in crystal-clear waters, then catch your own dinner and cook it on an open campfire.
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Call: 0432 029 436 or 0429 708 847
info@wulagura.com.au
www.wulagura.com.au



28. Njaki Njaki Tagalong Tours

Merredin and surrounds

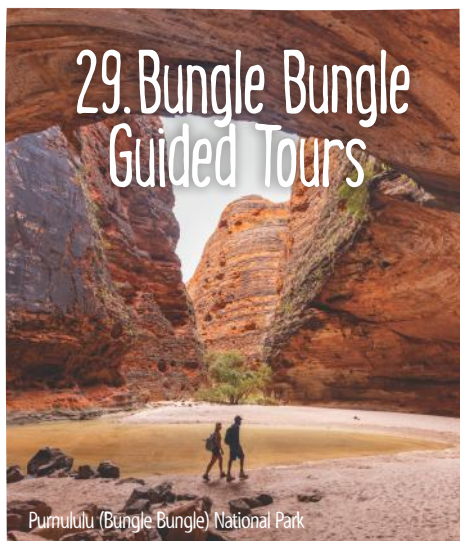
-  Setting out from Merredin, this tagalong tour takes you on a journey through Njaki Njaki Country visiting traditional and historical Nyoongar sites. Camp overnight on-Country and enjoy a meal of kangaroo and damper served with billy tea/coffee. Learn about Njaki Njaki Aboriginal culture and the seasons and sample seasonal bushfoods.
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Call: 0407 984 470
tours@njakinjaki.com.au
www.njakinjaki.com.au

Overnight camping at iconic locations





Each of the tours featured on this page allow visitors to camp overnight with Cultural Custodians at some of Western Australia's most spectacular and iconic locations and national parks.

Cultural star stories and star gazing with Wooramulla Eco Cultural Journeys

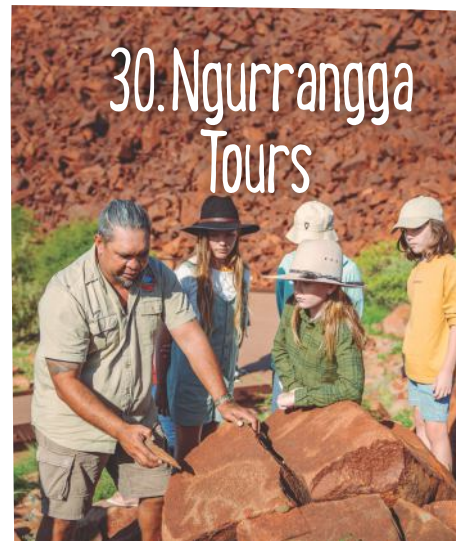


29. Bungle Bungle Guided Tours





Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park

-  Experience the iconic Bungle Bungle on a guided walking tour or overnight package with Bungle Bungle Guided Tours. Learn about the unique cultural and natural heritage values that make Purnululu National Park a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the important connection Traditional Custodians have to this land to this day.
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Call: (08) 9168 2213
bookings@bbgt.com.au
www.bunglebungleguidedtours.com.au



30. Ngurrangga Tours





-  Join local Ngarluma and Yindjibarndi guides and explore the world's largest collection of ancient Aboriginal rock carvings, with more than one million petroglyphs dating back to the last ice age. Tours include bush tucker, rock art and 4WD tagalong tours into Millstream National Park and around Karratha.
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Call: 0484 909 614
bookings@ngurrangga.com.au
www.ngurrangga.com.au



31. Goolamwiin

Yalgorup National Park

-  Goolamwiin (meaning "winds blowing from the south west") is an Aboriginal owned and operated tour company and consultancy based in Mandurah. Experience sand art, ceremonies, cultural services or come out on-Country at Yalgorup National Park for a cultural bush tour or overnight camping experience.
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Call: 0411 097 949
tkstack@goolamwiin.com.au
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