

STORIES OF THE SUNSET COAST

A COLLECTION OF PLACES CONNECTED BY
STORIES OF OUR PEOPLE, LAND AND NATURE

Scarborough | Hillarys | Yanchep



This guide invites families, explorers, locals and visitors to look beneath the surface, discovering the forces that shaped the land, the people who care for it, and the living environments that continue to sustain it.



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Explore the Stories of the Sunset Coast through three lenses:

PEOPLE & CONNECTIONS

The people, culture and history that shape the Sunset Coast.

LAND & TIME

The ancient landscapes, limestone, dunes and geological forces beneath your feet.

NATURE & LIFE

The ecosystems, wildlife and living environments that continue to thrive.



Sun City Precinct

See the towering King Neptune statue, dramatic coastal rock formations, the lively Two Rocks Marina, sandy beaches, and scattered remnants of the 1980s Atlantis Marine Park.

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Alkimos Shipwreck

A WWII-era Liberty shipwrecked in 1963, the Alkimos sits amid rugged coastline, long tied to maritime legends. Its mysterious remains attract photographers, divers and history lovers, visible today from shore.

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Jack Bromell Art Trail

Stroll through Joondalup's city centre where eight postage-stamp-inspired murals by Jack Bromell depict scenes of local wildlife connected to Yellagonga Regional Park including the Southwestern Snake-necked Turtle and the Rainbow bee-eater.

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Yellagonga Regional Park

Spanning 1,400 hectares, these interconnected wetlands create a living freshwater corridor, where lakes, swamps and woodlands support diverse ecosystems and reflect enduring connections to Country, water and place.

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Mary Lindsay Homestead

Discover a historic limestone cottage in Yanchep, now an art gallery blending pioneer stories with local creativity in a welcoming heritage setting.

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Perry's Paddock

A former homestead turned early 1900s racecourse. Explore the remnants of the old stables and heritage site amongst nature and linking to the Yaberoo Budjara trail.

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Yanchep National Park

Ancient landscapes and Noongar culture combine with a charming 1930s Heritage Precinct featuring the historic Yanchep Inn and Gloucester Lodge. Explore scenic wetlands and bushland or descend into the Crystal Cave limestone system, a hidden world of stalactites and Pleistocene fossils. A premier destination where natural wonders and local social history meet.

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Wanneroo Regional Museum

This family-friendly museum brings Wanneroo's history to life through engaging displays and hands on exhibits that explore stories from the 1800s onwards, exploring stories of local farming, gathering and settlement.

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Cockman House

Built in 1860, Wanneroo's oldest surviving home reveals pioneer life shaped by bushland, seasonal water and limestone. Explore the heritage museum to discover how early settler families lived.

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Duffy House

Joondalup's oldest residence showcases early 20th-century market gardening and dairying, with a 1913 cottage and 1925 dairy ruins set within a rare, intact wetland landscape.

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Lake Goollelal

Formed by groundwater rising between ancient coastal dunes, this freshwater lake anchors the southern end of Yellagonga Regional Park. Part of a living cultural landscape, Lake Goollelal sustains turtles and waterbirds through Perth's dry summers.

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Mount Flora Museum

Step inside a 1936 water tank turned community museum to explore rich social and natural history. Climb the former WWII lookout for panoramic views and a vibrant mural.

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Scarborough Public Art Trail

Stroll along Scarborough Beach's vibrant esplanade where artworks celebrate Nyoongar stories, local heritage and beach culture. From the five-part Tjunta Trail to contemporary murals and the historic Clock Tower.

SEE **31** ON MAP

Mount Lawley Heritage Walk

A 1 km self-guided stroll along Beaufort Street links plaques and established markers, from the Astor Theatre to landmark façades where architectural styles tell a story of one of Perth's most characterful suburbs.

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MAAC Dive & Snorkel Trail

Snorkel crystal-clear waters, spotting weedy seadragons, western blue devils, and the friendly Port Jackson sharks. Underwater seabed plaques guide snorkellers and reveal marine life and cultural stories.

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Mettams Pool

Formed by ancient coastal limestone and shaped by natural forces, this reef-sheltered lagoon features calcarenite platforms that create calm waters perfect for snorkelling, with over 200 species of fish, Western Rock Lobsters, and occasional dolphins and white pointers.

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Herdsmen Lake Regional Park

One of Perth's richest wetlands pairs prolific birdlife with deep Nyoongar connections. Visit the Herdsmen Lake Discovery Centre for educational wildlife exhibits, or Settlers' Cottage, the last intact 1930s market-garden house, now an open art studio.

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TRAILS

Trace pathways shaped by ancient dune systems, freshwater lakes and the last remaining wetlands on the Swan Coastal Plain. Landscapes where banksia and paperbark thrive, Noongar stories run deep, and echoes of early market gardens still linger.

Yanchep National Park **5**

9 trails from 500m to 52km, including Koala Boardwalk

Yaberoo Budjara Heritage Walk Trail **8**

28km trail with 5 sections

10th Light Horse Trail **9**

1.2km heritage trail

Mindarie Foreshore Walk Trail **10**

2km trail

Yalbunullup Mountain Bike Trails **11**

7km network of 14 cross-country and flow trails

Lake Joondalup Circuit **15**

16km loop

Lake Goollelal Loop **21**

4.5km loop

Warwick Bushland **24**

3 interpretive walking trails from 1.3 to 1.7km

Star Swamp Reserve Heritage Trail **27**

1.4km trail

Trigg Bushland Reserve Story Trail **29**

2.7km and 2.9km loops

Lake Gwelup Story Trail **30**

2.4km loop

Bold Park **35**

17 walks and trails, including Reabold Hill Summit Boardwalk

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LEGEND	
●	People & Connections
●	Land & Time
●	Nature & Life
	Accessible
	Food & Beverage Onsite
	Tours & Experiences
	Digital Play Trail
	Facilities
	Lookout

1	Sun City Precinct	
2	Mary Lindsay Homestead	
3	Crystal Cave & Karst Country	
4	Yanchep Heritage Precinct	
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14	Walk of Fame	
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18	Perry's Paddock	
19	Cockman House	
20	Duffy House	
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22	Luisini Winery	
23	The Aquarium of Western Australia	
24	Warwick Bushland	
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Stalactites (hanging from the ceiling) and stalagmites (rising from the ground) are formed by dripping water in limestone caves, created over thousands of years



Shipwrecks off Trigg and Mindarie tell tales of perilous early voyages



Dunes and reefs along the Sunset Coast are still reshaping the shoreline today

Perth Canyon, Australia's largest underwater canyon, lies 20km west of Rottnest Island. Formed millions of years ago by the ancient Swan River, it rivals the Grand Canyon in scale and today welcomes Australia's largest gathering of blue whales.

Limestone from Wanneroo and Scarborough built some of Perth's first homes



	Road
	Sunset Coast Tourist Drive
	Coastal Path
	Perth - Yanchep Train Line
	Train Station

MAP IS FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES



5 km



PERTH/BOORLOO

MT LAWLEY

KARRINYUP

NORTH BEACH

WATERMANS BAY

SORRENTO BEACH

HILLARYS BOAT HARBOUR

PINNAROO POINT

MULLALOO BEACH

OCEAN REEF MARINA

BURNS BEACH

JOONDALUP

NEERABUP

MINDARIE

MINDARIE MARINA

QUINNS BEACH

ALKIMOS

ALKIMOS BEACH

EGLINTON

YANCHEP

TWO ROCKS

TWO ROCKS MARINA

YANCHEP LAGOON

Breakwater Dr

KING NEPTUNE, SUN CITY PRECINCT

Indian Ocean Dr

Two Rocks Rd

Yanchep Beach Rd

Marmion Ave

Wanneroo Rd

Marmion Ave

Marmion Ave

Marmion Ave

Mitchell Fwy

Wanneroo Rd

Joondalup Dr

Wanneroo Rd

Joondalup Dr

Joondalup Dr

Mitchell Fwy

Hepburn Ave

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NORTHERN GATEWAY TO ROTTNEST ISLAND

ROTTNEST ISLAND

A SHARED STORY

Ancient foundations beneath our feet

This landscape began deep in time. More than 2.5 billion years ago, ancient granite formed the foundation of Western Australia. Much later, as continents slowly pulled apart, the land west of the Darling Range sank to create the Perth Basin, collecting layers of sand, mud and limestone laid down by changing climates and ancient oceans.

When wind, water and time shaped the coast

Over millions of years, ice ages came and went, pushing shorelines back and forth. Powerful winds built vast dune systems, including rare parabolic dunes that curved inland from the coast and continue to shift today. Changing sea levels sculpted beaches, reefs and headlands, while older dunes hardened into Tamala Limestone, forming ridges, cliffs and caves. These layered, shifting landforms make the Sunset Coast one of Australia's most dynamic and geologically distinctive coastlines.

Caring for Country for tens of thousands of years

For over 60,000 years, this Country has been cared for by the Whadjuk Noongar people, the Traditional Custodians of the land and sea. Seasonal movement followed a living network of lakes, wetlands, and coastline, guided by deep knowledge passed down through generations. This enduring connection to Country, past, present and future, remains strong today.

From tracks to towns to cities

From the 1800s, European settlement layered farms, roads and towns onto these ancient pathways. Market gardens grew beside wetlands, shaping reserves and suburbs. In the late 20th century, planned urban growth transformed dunes and lowlands into a rapidly expanding northern city.

Living on ancient shorelines

Today, communities live on shorelines shaped by deep time, where limestone, sand and water continue to shift beneath daily life. These foundations support wetlands, bushland and coastal ecosystems rich with birdlife, wildflowers and marine species. People live, work and connect across these landscapes, continuing an ongoing relationship between land, ocean and community along a coast still shaped by wind, waves and seasons.

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