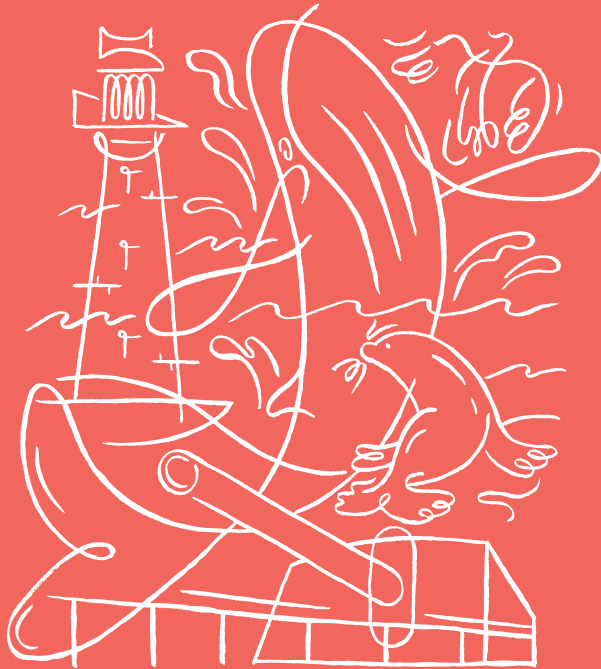


ROTTNEST ^{IS}
See more. Do more.

Holiday Activities Program



Sunday 1st to
Saturday 14th July, 2018



Enjoy and Explore Rottnest Island (Wadjemup)

School holidays on Rottnest Island bring more excitement for everyone, and this holiday program is no different with the regular favourite fun activities offered by the Rottnest Voluntary Guides and some extra special activities offered by the Rottnest Island Authority.

We offer a number of activities and tours to suit the whole family, whether you're an animal lover or an adventure seeker, all activities and tours are delivered in an entertaining way so you will have a blast while learning about this fascinating Island and its beautiful natural environment.

Every day you can enjoy the sights of the Island by bike or bus, or take a dip in the clear blue waters of many bays within the Reserve. Rottnest Island has a huge array of unique wildlife including the much loved Quokkas and the amazing bird life.

For more information about what Rottnest has to offer or to collect your FREE School Holiday Passport, please go to the Rottnest Island Visitors Centre or Pedal & Flipper.



**Please do not
feed the wildlife**



**Please do not
touch the wildlife**

On the spot fines of \$150 may apply to anyone seen interfering with animals (including feeding).

Seasons of Wadjemup

Wadjemup (Rottneest Island) was once connected to the mainland and the traditional custodians of the land are the Whadjuk peoples. Artefacts to support this have been found at a number of sites on Wadjemup pre-dating 6,500 years ago and are possibly tens of thousands of years old.

In the south west of Australia, the Noongar seasonal calendar includes 6 different seasons in a yearly cycle. These are **Birak** (summer), **Bunuru** (summer/autumn), **Djeran** (autumn), **Makuru** (winter), **Djilba** (winter/spring) and **Kambarang** (spring). This program will teach you about **Makuru** and the significance of the changing seasons. Check out the six seasons shelter (location 12 on the map) and learn more!

YOU ARE ON THE ISLAND DURING MAKURU

Makuru takes place during June and July, it is known to be the wet time with squally westerly gales crossing the coast. Days are shorter and it can be very cold. Larger groups of Noongar people would divide into smaller groups and make camps inland. Water birds began moulting in June which made them an easy catch for food as they were unable to fly.



Makuru encompasses the beginning of the **Warrdong** (Australian Raven) breeding season. The **Warrdong** is an important figure in the Noongar Dreaming as it is believed to be responsible for transporting spirits from the mainland to Wadjemup.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHANGING SEASONS

The movement of Noongar people across country was influenced by environmental factors, including the seasonal availability of food and water, the behaviour of different types of animals, the direction of wind, frequency of rain and the appearance of different fruit and flowers.

Moving regularly from place to place within their tribal territory, they took advantage of different resources that came with the changing seasons. This continual movement also allowed previous campsites to regenerate in their absence.

Each Noongar group had their **kaleep** (camping grounds) or favourite camping locality which held special significance. Beyond this there was a more extensive area over which they hunted and gathered food.

FAUNA QUESTION

Which animal migrates south during **Djilba** season?

Some great free tours and activities by

The Rottnest Voluntary Guides Association (RVGA) presents a range of guided activities and tours that are FREE to attend. Each tour will enrich your holiday experience and allow you to discover a little more about Rottnest Island.

What to bring:

Water bottle, hat, sunglasses, protection from the elements, closed-in shoes and don't forget your camera!

BEACH DISCOVERY

All Ages

Ever wondered about the things that wash up on our beaches by the retreating waves? Come beachcombing and discover the secrets of the sea. FREE **5 11**

BICKLEY BATTERY WALK

All Ages

Explore the remnants of Coastal Defence systems installed during WWII and see the famous gun barrel and Kingstown Barracks. FREE **8**

BIRDS & BEASTS OF ROTTNEST

All Ages

Come along on an enjoyable morning walk and spot some of Rottnest Island's amazing bird life and local wildlife (binoculars available). Learn more about our feathered friends, their habitats and adaptations. FREE **1**

PIRATE PETE

Ages 10 and under

Learn about beach mysteries from Pirate Pete and be rewarded with treasure when you find the Treasure Chest! Be sure to bring your mates! FREE **5**



QUOKKA WALK

All Ages

Discover the famous marsupial unique to Rottnest Island, the Quokka. Learn about the iconic and mysterious animal and watch them in their natural habitat. FREE **1**

REEFS & WRECKS WALK

All Ages

Hear alluring tales of shipwrecks and sailors on this scenic walk to Bathurst Lighthouse. See the boathouse and replica pilot boat along the way. FREE **1**

our Rottneest Voluntary Guides

? For locations please refer to location map at back of program.

SECRETS OF THE LAKES WALK

Explore Rottneest Islands unique Salt Lake ecosystem, discover it's wonderful biodiversity and what makes the Salt Lakes a significant habitat in Western Australia.

The route meanders through the middle of the lake systems, including a magical stroll along the Lakes Boardwalk, then heads back along the coast finishing at Geordie Bay where you can enjoy a coffee or lunch then take the shuttle bus back to the main settlement or complete the loop with a scenic walk back along the coastal path via the Basin.

This activity requires a reasonable level of fitness. FREE **2**

SETTLEMENT HISTORY WALK All Ages

Travel back to the 1840s and learn about the people who lived and worked in the Settlement buildings. FREE **1**

WHITECAPS & WILDERNESS WALK All Ages

Dysentery Bush. Quokka's favourite food, Osprey migration, Tropical fish, Sea lions or Fur Seals? Sound interesting? Hear about these and many other interesting elements of Rottneest's unique Island ecology that will enhance your journey around the Island.

Catch a morning Island Explorer bus or bike/hike it out to Parker Point bus stop 5, meet your RVGA guide there and take a leisurely 45-minute walk together to the next bus stop before resuming your journey of discovery. FREE **2**

VLAMINGH WALK All Ages

Enjoy stunning views from lookouts and lakes at the heart of the Island and learn about the remarkable agriculture carried out by Rottneest's early inhabitants. FREE **1**

YARNS FOR YOUNGSTERS Ages 7 & under

Enjoy some tales about 'Okka the Quokka' and his wildlife friends. An educational and entertaining activity for the young and young at heart. FREE **4**



Looking for something to do in the evening?

Wander the Thomson Bay Settlement and hear ghost stories, take in the sights of our night skies, enjoy a fun packed family quiz night or watch the sunset at West End... there are many options for you and your family.

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Come and join a table or make up your own table of eight for this popular family event. Loads of fun for the family and the chance to win some great prizes!

Cost: \$12 Adults, \$6 School Students. Bookings are essential and can be made, commencing Sunday afternoon, at the RVGA Salt Store Information Site. **7**
(Bookings **1**)

WEST END SUNSET, SEALS & LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

See the rugged beauty of the West End at sunset and visit Wadjemup Lighthouse on the return journey.

Cost: \$16 Adults, \$6 School Students. Bookings are essential and can be made, commencing Sunday afternoon, at the RVGA Salt Store Information Site. **2**
(Bookings **1**)



GHOSTS, MYTHS & LEGENDS

Bring the family along to hear some thrilling tales about many of Rottneest Island's mysterious past identities. FREE **6**

NIGHT SKY TOUR

A pleasant evening walk to view and learn about the planets and stars, and to hear about the wonders of the night sky.

Bring a torch if you have one. FREE **1** **9**



Favourites by the Island staff

ROTTO RAT RACE Ages 8yrs+

This is an amazing race style of activity where teams solve clues and test their skills and knowledge of Rottneest Island with a series of challenges. Teams of 3-5 people and must include one adult. **10**



What to bring: Bike, helmet, water, camera & sun protection.

Time: Tuesday, 9:30 - 11:30am.

Cost: \$20 per team.



Booking and payment requirements

Payment and registration must be made at the Visitor Centre 15 minutes prior to activity start time. Please bring your receipt. This becomes your ticket for participation.

ROTTNEST ISLAND HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

	Sunday 1, 8 July	Monday 2, 9 July	Tuesday 3, 10 July	
8:30AM		Birds and Beasts of Rottnest 1	Birds and Beasts of Rottnest 1	
9:15AM		Yarns for Youngsters 4	Yarns for Youngsters 4	Ya
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10:00AM		Beach Discovery 5	Beach Discovery 11	
10:00AM			Secrets of the Lakes Walk 2	
10:30AM to 11:30AM	Calico Bag Printing Includes Sunday 15th July	Calico Bag Printing	Boat Sculptures	
11:00AM	Reefs and Wrecks Walk 1	Vlamingh Walk 1	Reefs and Wrecks Walk 1	
11:00AM	Aboriginal Heritage Tour (8th July only) 1			
11:15AM		Bickley Battery Walk (Kingstown Barracks) 8		(K
12:00PM		Quokka Walk 1	Quokka Walk 1	
1:15PM	Settlement History Walk 1	Settlement History Walk 1	Settlement History Walk 1	Sett
12:30PM to 3:30PM	Art Workshop (8th July only) 6			
1:30PM to 2:30PM		Boat Sculptures	Calico Bag Printing	
2:30PM	Quokka Walk 1	Quokka Walk 1	Quokka Walk 1	
3:15PM		Yarns for Youngsters 4	Yarns for Youngsters 4	Ya
4:30PM				Seals
5:30PM to 7:30PM		Boat Sculptures	Calico Bag Printing	
7:00PM	Night Skies – Settlement 1	Night Skies – Geordie Bay 9	Ghosts, Myths and Legends 6	

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Fee payable. Bookings essential.
Tickets on sale at the RVGA Salt Store
Information site **1**

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		Pirate Pete 5	NAIDOC Adventure Race 9:30am-11:30am (14th July only) 10
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	Secrets of the Lakes Walk 2		
		Calico Bag Printing	Boat Sculptures (14th July only)
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Settlement History Walk 1	Settlement History Walk 1	Settlement History Walk 1	Settlement History Walk 1
			Aboriginal Rock Painting and Storytelling (14th July only) 6
		Boat Sculptures	Calico Bag Printing Includes Saturday 30 June
Quokka Walk 1	Quokka Walk 1	Quokka Walk 1	Quokka Walk 1
Yarns for Youngsters 4	Yarns for Youngsters 4		
West End Sunset, Parks and Lighthouse Tour 2			
			Bonfire and Traditional Aboriginal Dance (14th July only) 5:30pm-7:00pm 5
	Family Quiz Night 7		

 Fee payable. Bookings essential. Book at Visitors Centre

 FREE Guided Tours

 Plastic Free July workshops (30th June to 15th July)

 Operates for NAIDOC Week only (8th to 14th July)



8 out of 10 of us are concerned about plastic ending up in landfill and polluting the oceans ...

THAT'S WHY 100,000+ WEST AUSTRALIANS ARE CHOOSING TO BE PART OF



Rottnest is encouraging visitors, residents and businesses to accept the **Plastic Free July Challenge.**

The challenge is quite simple: **Choose to refuse single-use plastic during July.**

Join some the Island's Cafés as they turn your Trash into Treasure

How to get involved

- 1.** Look for the poster and visit the café to collect your 'bucket'.
- 2.** Fill your 'bucket' with litter from public areas (no cheating!)
- 3.** Take this back to the cafe and exchange it for Treasure (a free hot drink). If you want a takeaway, you must BYO, otherwise pull up a chair. '

Did you know?

“ Bottles used to package water take over 1,000 years to bio-degrade! Recycle your plastic bottles in the 'pop-up lighthouse. ”



Please join our effort to help the environment

WHY?

West Australians use around 100kg of plastic packing per household each year. By 2050 it's estimated there will be more plastic than fish in the world's oceans.

FREE WORKSHOPS AT HERITAGE COMMON **6**

Sandy McKendrick is a true hunter and gatherer, fossicking for that unusually coloured thong or the tooth brush with the exploded bristles and remnants of ghost-nets that she melts into new sculptures. She is continually challenging herself to discover creative solutions to marine issues. Sandy creates artworks from flotsam and jetsam collected along the shores of Western Australian and the Indian Ocean Territories. The artist uses plastics, rubbers and ghost-nets that are a scourge to our precious marine life.

Sandy will run two different types of workshops over the July School Holidays:

CALICO BAG PRINTING (7 years + and guardian will need to be present at all times with kids)

Did you think you could only wear thongs on your feet? Think again, come along to this creative workshop and reuse, recycle and create your own printed calico bag out of thong stamps! **Free – Limited spots, bookings required at the RVGA Salt Store Information site. **1****

BOAT SCULPTURES (10 + and guardian will need to be present at all times with kids)

Learn how to reuse, recycle and design amazing boat sculptures out of recycled items. Ever wondered what you can do with old milk bottles, lids and beach rubbish? Join Sandy and create a boat masterpiece! **Limited spots, bookings required at the RVGA Salt Store Information site. **1****



Rottneest is commemorating NAIDOC Week

Rottneest Island is unique as it is the only geographical location with a connection to almost every Aboriginal language group in Western Australia. For NAIDOC Week, Rottneest Island will be celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements by running a series of free workshops and activities!



This years theme celebrates the essential role that women have played – and continue to play – as active and significant role models at the community, local, state and national levels.

Indigenous Rock Painting and Storytelling All Ages

Join in the fun of painting your own pet rock to represent your life story so far and listen as the Noongar people share their traditional tales. 14th of July only.

FREE – Guardian will need to be present with kids. 6



ABORIGINAL HERITAGE WALK

An Aboriginal Heritage tour will be taking place on the 8th of July, which will be guided by the RIA Aboriginal Heritage Officer who is also a Whadjuk Noongar man. **FREE. 1**



For timings see School holiday program in centre.

ART WORKSHOP

Got a creative flair? This one's for you, join in while an Aboriginal artist teaches you how to paint and decorate. 8th of July only.

FREE – Guardian will need to be present with kids. 6



NAIDOC ADVENTURE RACE

Ages 8yrs+

The NAIDOC Adventure Race is an amazing race style of activity where teams solve clues and test their skills and knowledge of Rottnest Island with a series of NAIDOC themed challenges. Teams of 3-5 people and must include one adult. **10**

What to bring: Bike, helmet, water, camera & sun protection.

Time: Saturday 14th July, 9:30am - 11:30am.

Cost: \$20 per team.

BONFIRE

Bonfire with Traditional Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo (**5:30pm to 7:00pm** - 14th of July only)

Join us in North Thomson for a bonfire with traditional Aboriginal dancers along with live Didgeridoo. The performers are brothers and have many years of experience. Olman and John are the eldest and have also travelled internationally sharing Noongar culture through performance.

- Olman Walley- Didgeridoo Player
- John Walley- Dancer
- Alton Walley- Dancer
- Cameron Quartermaine- Dancer

Performances 5.30pm, 6.00pm and 6.30pm. 5



WELCOME AND SMOKING CEREMONY

The traditional owners of Wadjemup (Rottnest Island) are the Whadjuk Noongar people. Join us to celebrate Whadjuk culture and the traditional owners' ancient and continuing connection with Wadjemup at a Welcome and Smoking Ceremony on the 8th of July at 9:30am. **10**



To Geordie Bay
(see inset)

7 Country Club

Thomson Bay North

Lomas Cottage

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Thomson Bay Beach Shelter

Settlement Shopping Mall

Museum Deck

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Visitor Centre

Main Jetty

Garden Lake

Main Bus Stop

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Grassed area in front of the Dome Cafe

Thomson Bay South

Meeting Post
(Salt Store)

Government House Lake

Airport



Rottnest Island Settlement

Activity Locations

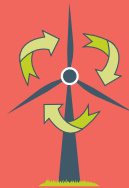


Essential information for holiday activities

- Please take note of booking and payment requirements for some activities.
- Please bring your receipt for **paid** activities to the activity. This becomes your ticket for participation.
- Make sure you are at the specified meeting point on time. If in doubt, please go to the **Visitor Centre**.
- Make sure appropriate clothing is worn for the activity – including hat, sunscreen, wet weather gear, sensible closed-in shoes and a water bottle to keep yourself hydrated!
- **A parent/guardian or a supervising and responsible sibling over the age of 16 is required with all children under the age of 10.**
- Activities may be cancelled if minimum numbers are not reached or weather conditions are adverse. In these circumstances RIA will contact you on the contact number provided at the time of booking. Refunds will be issued.

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