



Self-guided Activities

Our range of curriculum self-guided activities allows you more freedom when planning your excursion. The flexibility of these activities mean you can tailor your itinerary to best suit your group.

Self-guided activity kits are available for hire at a daily rate and are complete with all the equipment and information needed for the facilitator to conduct the activities themselves. Included in each kit is background information, a running sheet and all the equipment required to conduct the activity.

Curriculum Subject Key

National Curriculum







Learning areas

- English 
- Humanities & Social Studies 
- Maths 
- Science 
- Health & Physical Education 

Cross-curriculum priorities

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Histories & Cultures 
- Sustainability 

Western Australian Curriculum

- English 
- Society & Environment 
- Science 
- Health & Physical Education 
- Maths 
- Art 

Adventure Challenge Foot Race

Provide the opportunity for participants to build positive relationships with their peers by working as part of a small team while developing their awareness of Rottnest Island's environment and history. In this quiz based activity, teams will need to explore the Settlement area using signage and prior knowledge to provide informed answers to the questions provided. **Location: Main Settlement.**

For teachers: 50 mins. Years 6-12. Runs effectively with 10-30 people.

National Curriculum links: 

WA Curriculum links: 

Beach Clean Up

Do your part for Rottnest Island by doing some community service. By participating in a beach clean up you are helping us collect information about the type of debris which washes up or is left on our beaches. This information is then reported to a national registry as part of the Tangaroa Blue Ocean Care Society.

Location: A beach of your choice.

For teachers: For as long as you like and suitable for any age and any size group.

National Curriculum links: 

WA Curriculum links: 

Tidal Treasures

Comb the beach to discover hidden treasures left behind by the retreating waves and beach goers. Participants will develop their knowledge of coastal and marine ecosystems and the special features and adaptations of the organisms that live within or get washed up on them.

Location: A beach of your choice.

For teachers: 50 mins. Years 3-12. Runs effectively with 10-30 people

National Curriculum links:  

WA Curriculum links: 

Curious Quokkas

Use scientific investigative techniques to develop a greater understanding of quokka behaviour and habitat. Search for, observe, record and discuss where quokkas live, what they eat and how they spend their day. **Location: Kingstown OR the Settlement.**

For teachers: 50 mins. Years 3-10. Runs effectively with 10-30 people

National Curriculum links:  

WA Curriculum links:  

The Seasons of Wadjemup

Learn about the six Noongar seasons and the significance of the flora and fauna during each as well as their traditional uses. Students conduct an acknowledgement of country ceremony and complete a quiz and puzzle at the newly refurbished Season Shelter.

Location: Six Seasons Shelter.

For Teachers: 60 min. Years 5-8. Runs effectively with 10-25 students

National Curriculum links:   

WA Curriculum links: 

Museum Visit

Housed in the Discover Rottnest Island's fascinating natural and cultural heritage at the Rottnest Island museum, located in the Settlement. Opening hours are from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Group bookings essential. Max 30 people. Other times may be available by special arrangement at the time of booking.

Useful Websites to Assist in Self-guided Activities on Rottnest

- www.wildlife.rottnestisland.com – For those who are interested in teaching students about Rottnest Island's unique and intriguing wildlife, please feel free to use our NEW wildlife website as an educational tool. All content on this website is free for schools to use for education purposes.
- www.everytrail.com – Rottnest Island Authority has established two walking trails on the smartphone application, Everytrail.com. These include:
 - 1 Colonial Buildings of Thomson Bay with an informative history of the Aboriginal history and colonial buildings of the settlement area on a 4.5km walk.
 - 2 Experience Rottnest Island that identifies a number of 'things to see and do' on this amazing Island that is only a short distance from Perth and Fremantle cities.
- www.geocaching.com – Rottnest Island Authority has established a number of geocaches within the Rottnest Island reserve that complement the suite of existing finds placed by other caching enthusiasts. Rottnest Islander caches are informative and provide a further insight into the Island's environmental and historical attributes. Download the application on your smart phone or log into geocaching.com and view on line.

Rottnest Island Water and Renewable Energy Nexus Mobile App (WREN)

- www.rottnestisland.com/sustainability – View Rottnest Island's renewable power generation in real time with Hydro Tasmania's NEW Rottnest Island Water and Renewable Energy Nexus project mobile phone app.

This app will take you on a journey through the exciting renewable energy scheme that is making Rottnest Island more self-sufficient and sustainable. Use the app to explore the Island, visit the solar farm and wind turbine and discover ways to reduce your ecological footprint. Don't forget to look out for the educational signs dotted across the Island!

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