

TEACHER GUIDE

Your guide to the caves, lighthouses and high ropes activities in the Margaret River Region

Educational outdoor activities for kids that invoke wonder and respect for our amazing natural landscape.



**YOUR
MARGARET
RIVER
REGION**

Our Mission

To provide educational outdoor activities for students which invoke wonder and respect for the history and amazing natural landscapes of the Southwest region.

What We Do

At our four caves, two lighthouses and treetop high ropes course, we provide opportunities for students to learn outside of the traditional classroom environment. Our curriculum based programs cover science, European and Aboriginal history and culture, geography and outdoor education. We can cater for all age groups and abilities.



Education Programs at a Glance

Cave Tours

Cave Science and History Tours

Experienced cave guides lead students through the science, history and culture of the amazing showcaves in the southwest

Megafauna Workshop

Transport students back in time to when Megafauna roamed the Australian continent with this hands on workshop and cave tour

Ancient Riverbed Adventure Tour

A 'soft' educational adventure tour to lead students off the boardwalks and into the hidden areas of the cave

Legends and Lanterns

A guided tour through the caves as the first explorers did it, by torchlight and lanterns. Great for school camps!

Explorer Tour

Challenge older students with a tailored adventure tour into the legendary ancient chambers of Ngilgi Cave

Ngilgi School Cultural Tour

Connect with the cave. Hear the stories and learn the bushtucker, medicine and fire lighting skills of the Wardandi people

Forest Adventure South West

High Ropes, Archery, Team building

With 77 activities spread over 6 courses of varying height and difficulty, students of all ages (from 7 years old) and abilities can enjoy a fun, safe and rewarding experience. We offer archery and a suite of hands-on team building activities so you can make a day of it.

Lighthouse Tours

Shipwrecks and Settlers Program

Take a journey through time and learn how the first settlers and lighthouse keepers lived in this remote outpost.

Culture and Heritage Program

Early explorers, and first settlers. Hear the tales of when oceans were highways and the discovery and settlement of this dramatic landscape

Kaya Cape Experience

Learn about the deep connection the Wadandi people have to the Cape to Cape region on this interactive excursion.

Cape Cultural Experience

Explore the hidden wonders of Cape Naturaliste on this guided walk and hands on tour of the cape with a local Wadandi member.



Education Programs by Year and Content

We offer a suite of educational tours and workshops designed to suit a selection of age groups, abilities and curriculum content. You'll be sure to enjoy any one of the following tours.

Pre School - Year 2

Year 3 - Year 6

Year 7 - Year 9

Year 10 - Year 12

Science

History & Social Science

Cross Curricular

Outdoor Education

CAVE TOURS

				Cave Science and History Tours				
				Megafauna Workshop				
	Yr 6+			Ancient Riverbed Adventure Tour				
				Legends and Lanterns				
				Explorer Tour				
				Koomal Dreaming Student Tour				



Lighthouse Tours							
				Shipwrecks and Settlers Program			
				Culture and Heritage Program			
				Kaya Cape Experience			
				Cape Cultural Experience			



FOREST ADVENTURES SOUTH WEST							
				High ropes, archery, team building			

Education Programs by Location



Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse

Shipwrecks and Settlers Program
Kaya Cape Experience
Cape Cultural Experience



Ngilgi Cave

Cave Science and History Tour
Ancient Riverbed Adventure Tour
Explorer Tour
Legends & Lanterns
Koomal Dreaming Student Tour



Mammoth & Lake Cave

Cave Science and History Tour
Megafauna Workshop



Jewel Cave

Cave Science and History Tour



Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse

Culture and Heritage Tour



Forest Adventures South West

High Ropes
Archery
Team Building

DUNSBOROUGH

BUSSELTON

DISTANCE CALCULATOR

FASW							
CN	50min						
NC	40min	20min					
MC	1hr	1hr	40m				
LC	1hr	1hr	40min	2min			
JC	1hr 15min	1hr 15min	1hr	30min	30min		
CL	1hr 30min	1hr 30min	1hr 15min	40min	40min	20min	
FASW	CN	NC	MC	LC	JC	CL	

MARGARET RIVER

AUGUSTA

Cave Education Programs *(All prices subject to change; GST inclusive)

Cave Science and History Tours

Watch chemistry in action as you venture with our knowledgeable and experienced guides into the showcaves of the beautiful southwest. Marvel at 5 tonne suspended formations; learn about the limestone geology and the cave adapted fauna that dwell deep in this unique environment. Hear the stories of the first Europeans to venture underground and the longstanding relationship between the caves and the local Wardandi people.

Available at: Ngilgi, Mammoth, Lake and Jewel Cave

Duration: Allow 1.5 hours

Price: From \$10 per student; vary at different sites
1 teacher free per 10 kids

Megafauna Workshop

Based at Lake and Mammoth Cave, the Megafauna Workshop will introduce students to Australia's prehistoric giant animals. Through the use of actual fossil casts, extant marsupial skulls and life-size replicas, students are transported back 50,000 years before present and introduced to such amazing animals as the marsupial lion 'Thylacoleo', and the enormous 'Zygomaturus'. They will meet three megafauna species unknown to science until being discovered in Mammoth Cave! Students can participate in a 'bone dig' at the Lake Cave theatriette and learn about the process involved in conducting a palaeontological dig. Last but not least, the experience culminates in a private guided tour of Mammoth Cave, the 'time capsule' that preserved more than ten thousand fossil remains of these ancient animals.

Available at: Lake and Mammoth Cave

Duration: Allow 2 hours

Price: Adults \$18 / Students \$16
1 Teacher Free per 10 Kids

Ancient Riverbed Adventure Tour

A 'soft' adventure tour designed to take inexperienced cavers off the boardwalks and into the hidden areas of the cave. This tour winds its way into the red sandy soils of the ancient riverbed. On the journey, guides explain how the cave formed and point out some of the most amazing and beautiful cave decorations. These are a great team building exercise and extremely popular with school groups. Our adventure tours won the bronze medal in Western Australian Tourism Awards and can be tailored in difficulty to suit students from Yr 6 upwards.

Available at: Ngilgi Cave

Duration: allow 2 hours

Price: Adults \$35 / Students \$27.50
1 Teacher Free per 10 Kids



Cave Education Programs

*(All prices subject to change; GST inclusive)

Legends and Lanterns

Explore the cave as people did 100 years ago! Lit only by the torch in your hand, expert guides take you through the boardwalks of the main showcave. Hear the beautiful Dreamtime stories associated with the cave and the tales of European explorers as they slipped, slid and fumbled their way through the darkness. An amazing tour, great for school camps.

Available at: Ngilgi Cave

Duration: allow 1.5 hours

Price: Adults \$26 / Students \$17

1 Teacher Free per 10 Kids

Explorer Tour

Designed to take students that little bit further, the Explorer Tour offers a new challenge for older or more able participants. Encompassing all the challenges of the Ancient Riverbed, cavers will head further into the darkness under the main showcave and tackle the legendary 'Footloose' and 'Double Squeeze'. Safety is foremost as always, and our certified guides will deliver your students back to the boardwalks after an unforgettable experience.

Available at: Ngilgi Cave

Duration: allow 2.5 hours

Price: Adults \$50 / Students \$36

1 Teacher Free per 7 Kids

Koomal Dreaming Student Tour

The Wardandi people of the Busselton, Dunsborough and Margaret River areas have walked this ancient land for almost 50,000 years. Take this opportunity to experience the country through their eyes. Taste bush tucker, learn bush medicine, discover the art of traditional re lighting and tool making, and meet the animals, plants and Dreaming spirits that have enriched the lives of Wardandi people since time began.

Available at: Ngilgi Cave

Duration: allow 1.5 hours

Price: Adults \$25, students- primary \$14, secondary \$16
minimum booking 20pax 1 teacher free per 10 kids



Lighthouse Education Programs

*(All prices subject to change; GST inclusive)

Shipwrecks and Settlers Program

As the Swan River Colony spread south, the calm waters of Geographe Bay became an important trading post for local industries. Built in 1903, this fully operational lighthouse has stood guard over the cape for the past century. Students step back in time on a guided tour of the lighthouse and precinct, learning about the first inhabitants, colonial settlement and the lives of the lighthouse keepers and families in this once isolated outpost.

Duration: 60 minutes; dependent on group size

Prices: Adults \$12.50, students \$8
1 teacher free per 10 kids

Culture and Heritage Program

Spend some time with one of our expert guides at the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse where students are entertained and intrigued by the stories of the spectacular and harsh environment experienced by the first Europeans to sight, shipwreck and settle in this unique landscape. Enjoy a private tour of the lighthouse and gaze out to the meeting point of two great oceans: the Indian and Southern. Wander through the new Interpretive centre, housed in one of the original lighthouse keepers' cottages. Learn about the history and lives of the numerous lighthouse keepers who were guardians of this rugged coastline. Using artefacts and stories, interactive technology and a large-scale animated film, visitors can discover fascinating insights into the lives of the men, women and children who once lived at the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia.

Available at: Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse

Duration: allow 1.5 hours

Price: Adults \$17, students \$12.50
1 teacher free per 10 kids

Tours can be tailored to suit your school requirements



Lighthouse Education Programs

*(All prices subject to change; GST inclusive)

Kaya Cape Experience

Learn about the deep connection the Wadandi people have to the Cape to Cape region.

Our Kaya tour is wheelchair accessible and begins with a 'Welcome to Country'. Your guide will escort you on short (200m round trip) walk around Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse, where you are surrounded on three sides by oceans, interpreting the landscape to you through the eyes of an indigenous custodian. Next, gather at our private Meeting Place for an interactive experience with an artefact interpretation and a didgeridoo music session.

Available at: Cape Naturaliste

Duration: allow 1.5 hours

Price: Adults \$25, students- primary \$18, secondary \$22
1 teacher free per 10 kids

Cape Cultural Experience

Discover the hidden wonders of Cape Naturaliste. Commencing at Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse, you'll experience a "Welcome to Country" then an easy guided walk (~2.5km) around the tip of the cape learning about local flora and fauna, like schools of fish and dolphins, along the way. On arrival at the Meeting Place, enjoy local Dreaming stories, artefact & tool display, followed by an interactive didgeridoo music session.

Available at: Cape Naturaliste

Duration: allow 2.5 hours

Price: Primary - Adults \$34, students \$24
Secondary - Adults \$39 students \$28
1 teacher free per 10 kids



Forest Adventures South West

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Forest Adventures is a high-ropes adventure course set among the treetops near Busselton

Hight Ropes

With 77 activities spread over 6 courses of varying height and difficulty, students of all ages (from 7 years old) and abilities can enjoy a fun, safe and rewarding experience. Starting off at just 3 metres and working right up to 19 metres above the forest floor, the activities increase in difficulty; getting wobblier, longer and more challenging as you progress. Each course has a series of fun and challenging activities that wind their way through the treetops.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: \$32 per person
1 teacher free per 10 students

Archery

We have 15 lane targets up to 15m away. Fees are with a recurve bow and includes all shooting and safety instructions. Perfect to rotate activities with larger climbing groups.

Price: \$12 per person
1 teacher free per 10 students

Team Building

Choose from a selection of team building activities for students based on creativity, team work and problem solving. Challenging, rewarding, fun and suitable for all ages.

Price: \$12 per person
1 teacher free per 10 students

Visit us at:

<https://www.forestadventures.com.au/school-groups>
for more information or to book.



Location

The Margaret River Region is located 2.5 hours south of Perth and refers to the stretch of coast between Cape Naturaliste, Cape Leeuwin and inland. For schools visiting the area, there is a myriad of outdoor activities to engage all students including caving, hiking, camping, mountain biking, surfing and snorkeling to name a few. Featuring a rich Indigenous, European and maritime history, there is a host of cultural experiences available to cater to all interests. The area is also listed as an international biodiversity hotspot, being home to a collection of unique and endangered flora and fauna protected in the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park.

Accommodation

There is a range of accommodation options available in the Margaret River Region from campsites and dormitories through to villa style accommodation. For more information or to make use of our free booking services please contact us on 9755 2152.



Booking Your Cave, High Ropes or Lighthouse Field Trip

To book any of the tours in this teacher guide contact us on the details below:

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