

# TEACHER GUIDE

**Your guide to the caves, lighthouses, Eagles Heritage wildlife centre and high ropes activities in the Margaret River Region**

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





## Our Mission

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

## What We Do

Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association operate four caves, two lighthouses, Eagles Heritage wildlife centre 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 Programs

### **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

### **Megafauna Nightstalk**

As the sun sets, learn about the Megafauna species that lived in this area and then enter Mammoth Cave on a private tour with our guides

### **Koomal Dreaming Student Tour**

No cave access. Hear the stories and learn the bush tucker, medicine, and fire lighting skills of the Wadandi people. Can be booked with partner tours

### **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 Programs

### **Shipwrecks and Settlers Program**

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

### **Keepers 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.

### **Eagles Heritage Flight Show**

Students encounter the raptors close-up during interactive bird handling and a flight display. A 1km bush walk among native flora allows students to view aviaries housing resident diurnal and nocturnal birds of prey.



# 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 8	Year 9	Year 10 - Year 12		Science	History & Social Science	Cross Curricular	Outdoor Education
						Cave Science and History Tours				
						Megafauna Workshop				
						Megafauna Nightstalk				
						Koomal Dreaming Student Tour				

## LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAMS

				Shipwreck and Settlers Program				
				Keepers and Heritage Program				
				Kaya Cape Experience				
				Cape Cultural Experience				

## FOREST ADVENTURES SOUTHWEST

				High Ropes, Archery and Team Building				
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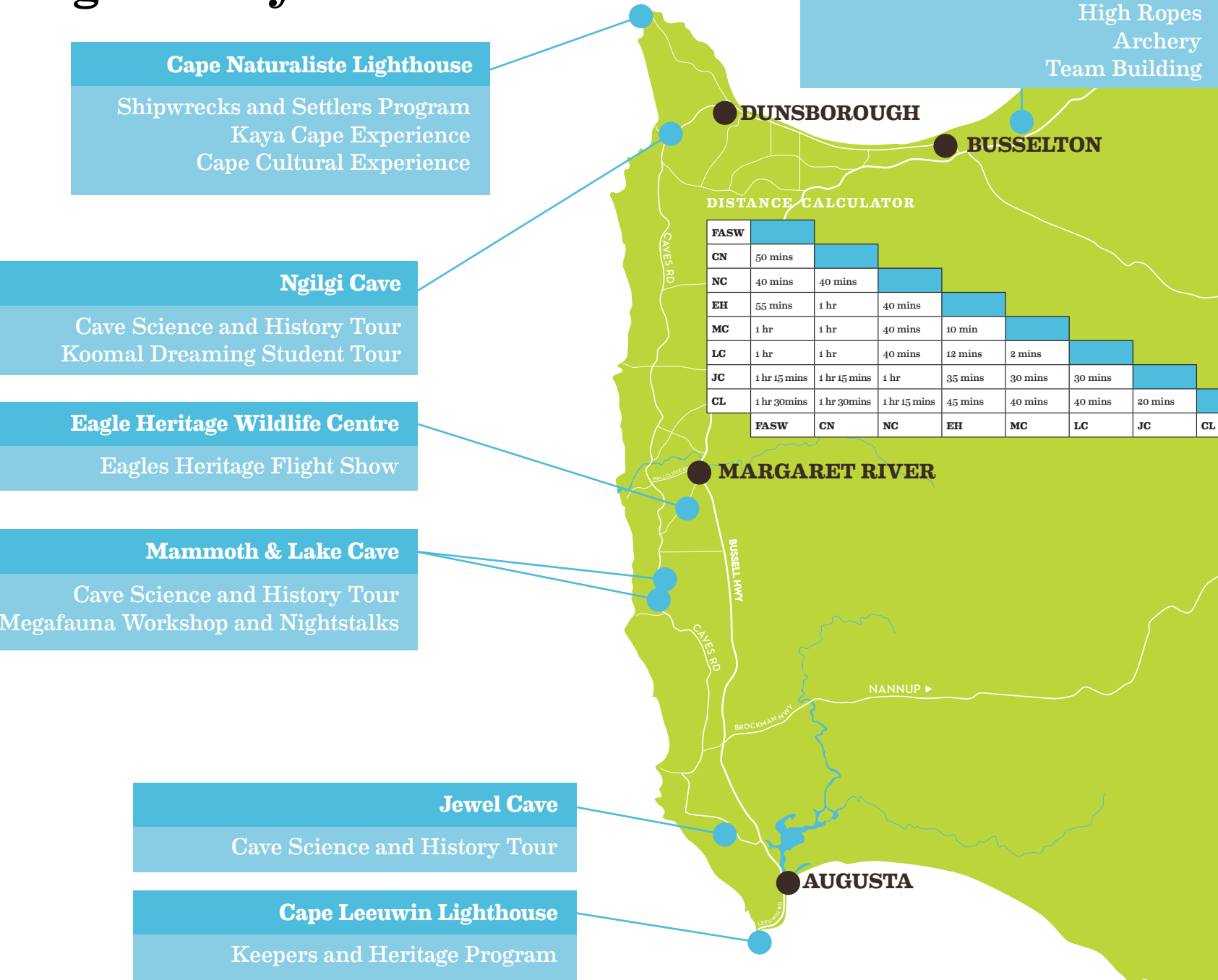
## EAGLES HERITAGE WILDLIFE CENTRE

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# Education Programs by Location



# 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.

**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 students

## 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 theatrette 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 students





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

## Megafauna Nightstalk

As the sun sets in the karri trees, visit giant replicas of the extinct megafauna species, and learn from our guides about the life and death of these supersized animals. Then head into the cave on a private tour to discover how fossils from 38 species were uncovered here in the early 1900's. Finish with a night walk through the towering trees, lit only by your torch. Who knows what you'll see!

**Available at:** Mammoth Cave

**Duration:** allow 1.5 hours

**Price:** Adults \$25 / Students \$12.50  
minimum booking 30, 1 teacher free per 10 students

## Koomal Dreaming Student Tour

The Wadandi 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 Wadandi people since time began. No cave access. Can be booked with partner tours.

**Available at:** Ngilgi Cave

**Duration:** allow 1.5 hours

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





# Lighthouse Education Programs

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## 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 learning about the first inhabitants, colonial settlement and the lives of the lighthouse keepers and families in this once isolated outpost. Program includes a guided tour of the lighthouse and a presentation in our classroom.

**Available at:** Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse

**Duration:** 60 minutes; dependent on group size

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

## Keepers 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 \$10.00  
1 teacher free per 10 students





# Lighthouse Education Programs

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## 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 students

## 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 students





# Forest Adventures South West

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

## High 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.





# Eagles Heritage Wildlife Centre

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## Eagles Heritage Flight Show

Encounter some of the magnificent resident raptor's close-up during twice daily flight displays. Flight shows run for approximately 40 minutes at 11.00am and 1.30pm daily.

Learn how the birds use their extraordinary sensory abilities to track and catch prey and watch their precision in action as they swoop from the treetops to catch their food. The displays feature the rare opportunity to have your photograph taken with a raptor. The Centre provides the main care and rehabilitation facility for raptors in Western Australia.

It currently offers a permanent home to over 20 raptors, including Eagles, Hawks, Falcons and Owls which are unable to return to the wild, with many more birds rehabilitated and released each year. A 1km bush walk among native flora allows visitors to view aviaries housing resident diurnal and nocturnal birds of prey.

**Prices:** \$10 per student \$20 per adult  
1 teacher free per 10 students

**Visit us at :** [eaglesheritage.com.au](http://eaglesheritage.com.au)





# 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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