

Caring for Country through tourism celebrate the world's oldest living culture in parks

Are you interested in cultural tourism?

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) *Culture in the Parks* program encourages Aboriginal people and/or Aboriginal organisations wishing to conduct Aboriginal cultural tours or events in WA's national parks and reserves.

Background

Aboriginal people are the custodians of the land and waters managed by the department. The department respects the important roles and knowledge Aboriginal people have as Traditional Custodians and is committed to building strong relationships with Aboriginal people to care for country.

DBCA is seeking interest from Traditional Custodians wishing to conduct cultural tours or events on national parks, marine parks, nature reserves and regional parks.



Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)

DBCA works to conserve WA's biodiversity, cultural and natural values. We also provide outstanding nature-based tourism and recreation experiences for the community. We:

- manage WA's parks, forests and reserves for conservation
- provide sustainable recreation and tourism opportunities
- protect communities and assets from bushfire
- work to grow visitor numbers at Rottnest Island by providing memorable tourism experiences
- enhance Rottnest's unique heritage and environment
- inspire and act for wildlife conservation at Perth Zoo
- work with the community to conserve and showcase our biological diversity at Kings Park and Botanic Garden and Bold Park
- provide support to the Conservation and Parks Commission and Swan River Trust.





An opportunity to showcase Aboriginal culture

Aboriginal tourism gives visitors rich and diverse experiences of culture.

Aboriginal businesses that operate on country can offer unique tourism opportunities such as:

- boat tours
- walking on country
- bush tucker tasting
- sharing language and stories
- providing transport.



What can Aboriginal operators offer?

Aboriginal operators can hold a commercial event or develop a tourism business that celebrates Aboriginal culture.

These help to increase the level of public knowledge and respect for Aboriginal heritage and culture.

The opportunities are endless, including partnerships with non-Aboriginal commercial operators.

How to submit your registration of interest

If you are an Aboriginal person and/or Aboriginal organisation interested in applying to operate Aboriginal cultural activities on lands and waters managed by the department, please contact the relevant section below.



For national, marine and conservation parks and reserves, contact DBCA staff from the Park and Wildlife Service Tourism and Concessions Branch:

email: licencing@dbca.wa.gov.au, or by phone: (08) 9219 8411



For Rottneest Island, information relating to the Rottneest Island Authority can be found at ria.wa.gov.au/approval-and-permits or by phone: (08) 9432 9300



For Kings Park or Bold Park, information relating to the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority can be found at bgpa.wa.gov.au/about-us/information/publications-and-resources/plans-and-policies/1211-new-businesses-and-events-policy, or by phone: (08) 9480 3600

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