

Windsurfing in Western Australia



Welcome to the Windsurfing in Western Australia Site. This site describes the locations of Australia's best Windsurfing Locations.

The aim of these pages is to provide useful information for people that want to visit and sail the area. I believe that the area provides some of the best windsurfing in Australia.

The descriptions of the resources described are generally from first hand experience. I do not guarantee the currency of all the information, and will update it with changed details as they come to my notice.

The page has been constructed without any commercial alliances or sponsorship. The people/places/shops referenced are those with which I have dealt and had good experiences. Your mileage may vary. I have included some advertising type stuff where it is useful to the intent of the pages. It is fairly obvious.

I have been sailing wave boards for over twenty years, with little slalom and race board experience, and the comments and recommendations are made from that standpoint. I have also been kitesurfing for about four years and believe that this sport is a great adjunct to sailboarding. WA provides some magnificent kiting locations, some of which are described on this site.

Comments, corrections etc are welcome, please email

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I would be interested in hearing from you if you find the information useful.

 This page is being heavily edited and added to currently (September 2010)

General

Western Australia is undoubtedly the best place for windsurfing in [Australia](#) during the Australian Summer. The main sailing season runs from November to March, with the months of December and January providing exceptional conditions.

Over the last 18 years, I have sailed at least 4 days out of 5 over the Xmas period (Late December - Early January), on a small board (sinker) with 5.5 down to 4 meter sails. This being said, it can happen that a lull in the movement of the weather pattern across Australia (mostly due to tropical cyclones to the north), can produce stagnant conditions for a few days.

The main recognised sailing areas are Esperance, Margaret River, Perth, Lancelin, Geraldton and Gnarialoo. This site describes the conditions and resources in these areas (some of the descriptions are under construction).

Western Australia is also a very interesting area for the tourist. It is an extremely large state, with a large coastline, and a hot and arid interior. An excellent reference for a description of the area is the [Welcome to Western Australia](#) web site.

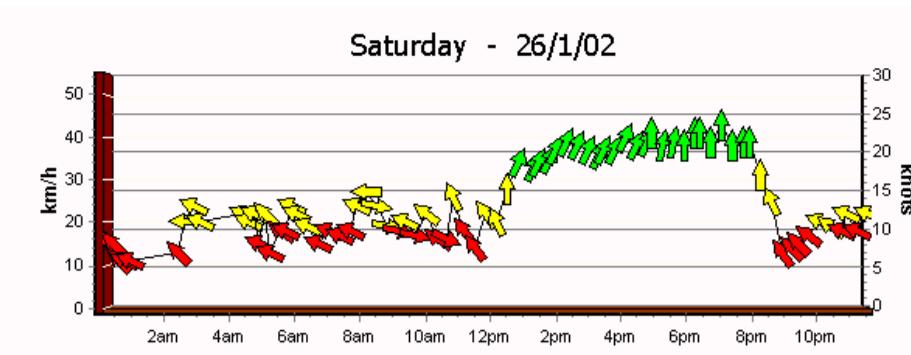
[Auinfo.com](#) also has useful information about the area, including descriptions of some of the main towns, as well as accommodation details that can be useful.

Weather and Wind

This [diagram](#) shows a typical synoptic situation that produces wind in Western Australia over the summer months.

The climate is quite warm, with temperatures ranging typically from 25 - 39 deg Celsius. The windy days are usually those that lie between 25 - 32 degrees, since the lower temperature is usually due to the early onset of the sea breeze, cooling what otherwise would have been a 'stinking hot' day. This breeze is known as the 'Fremantle Doctor' in Perth, and comes in along the coast from Fremantle in the south (and doubtless lower) to well past Carnarvon in the north.

The following graph (from the excellent resource [SeaBreeze](#)) (see below) shows the wind movements on a typical sea breeze day. The wind is easterly - south easterly during the night and morning, and the S-SW sea breeze kicks in (suddenly) at about 12.30am. You have to experience it to believe it. The first indication of the breeze is the smell of the ocean.



This [link](#) displays a map of WA. You can click on the appropriate area to get the weather details.

The current wind observations in Perth can be found [here](#).

The current [synoptic chart](#) can be viewed here.

Current WA Observations can be found [here](#).

SeaBreeze

An excellent resource is [SeaBreeze](#). It is amazingly well done and extremely useful. It is a must for the serious sailboarder and kitesurfer.

The WA coast is divided into Metro (around Perth), North West (Gnaraloo - Geraldton) and South West (Busselton - Esperance). For each region you can browse both **Today's** and **Yesterday's** wind graphs. The **Today's** graph pages also show the 7 day forecast conditions.

The links below take you directly to some very useful pages.

Metro [Yesterday](#) [Today](#)

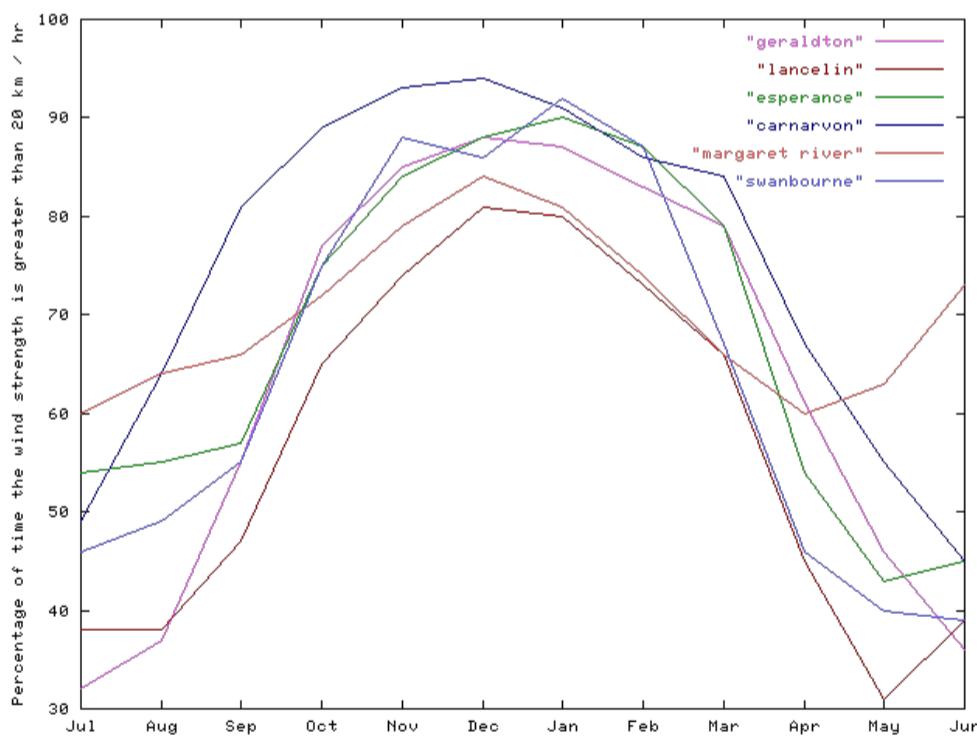
North West [Yesterday](#) [Today](#)

South West [Yesterday](#) [Today](#)

Surf Cams.

The Surf Cam website <http://www.coastalwatch.com/camera/cameraOverview.aspx> provides access to views of Margaret River, Yallingup, Cottesloe, Scarborough and Trigg Beach.

Historical Wind Data.



The diagram above shows the proportion of the time that the wind is in excess of 20 km / hr, for various locations for the whole year. This information is taken from historical data averaged over 40 or so years, purchased from the [Australian Bureau of Meteorology](#). It is unfortunate that the reference speed is 20 km / hr, I would have preferred 15 or 20 knots, however that is the speed that the figures are published at. 20 km / hr is about 13 knots, which is just too marginal for a wave board really.

Swanbourne shows the conditions near Perth. The Margaret River data is actually that of Cape Naturaliste, which has more relevance to the sailing conditions at Margaret River than the actual wind station, which is quite inland. The Lancelin wind station is also protected by some sand dunes in the area, and the figures are somewhat lighter than the offshore winds. Lancelin should probably be somewhere between Swanbourne and Geraldton.

Carnarvon can be taken as a good indication of the conditions at Gnaraloo and Coral Bay, which unfortunately don't have wind monitoring stations.

As it can be seen, the season is mainly between Mid November and February. It can also be seen that the wind starts earlier in the Gnaraloo area, around October and November, and that Esperance runs later than the Lancelin / Geraldton area.

1999-2000 Season

The 1999-2000 season was the worst in living memory for most of the coast. A tropical cyclone on the North West coast left a low pressure in the area, which pushed all the standard weather patterns under the Australian continent (see [chart 1](#) and [chart 2](#)). The season had started well during November and some good consistent winds were experienced. The cyclone came in mid December, and caused in excess of 2 months of very marginal conditions. This has not occurred in the 18 years previous

to this. The low pressure is still having an effect in March 2000.

2000-2001 Season

This season was the longest for several years. It started early, but unfortunately had 2 - 3 weeks of hiatus over the new year. The season started at the end of September and lasted till the end of April. In December there was a record of 28 straight sailing days (wave sailing conditions, 4 -5.5 m).

Traveling to Western Australia

The West Australian coast reaches some 3000km. The area being described in the following pages is that from Esperance (about 750km south of Perth) to Carnarvon (about 1000km north of Perth). Most people fly into Perth. This [picture](#) shows Perth city from the air. This [picture](#) shows the city of Perth as seen from across the Swan River (taken in Applecross).

The domestic airlines in Australia will carry boards and sails as luggage if the weight is not too great (it is best to keep the weight of each luggage item less than 20 kg). Sometimes you may be charged excess baggage at about AU\$20 per extra bag. Needless to say, all gear needs to be well packaged with bubble wrap etc. Also, it can help to offer to help carry the gear onto the trolleys (at some of the smaller airports).

I have no idea about the efficacy of flying boards into Australia on international flights, but urban myth reports that several airlines will not take gear at all, and some people have been caught out, expecting to take their gear, and finding that they couldn't at the last moment. That being said, there is the opportunity of buying and hiring excellent gear as described in the following pages.

Crossing the Nullabor

If you live on the East coast of Australia, you should drive across the Nullabor at least once. It is quite a trip, and well worth the experience.

My roving reporters **Baz & Champers** have done that and some information that they found is described [here](#).

Andrew Watkins drove across the Nullabor and has written an [excellent description](#) of his trip across. It is well worth reading, with some excellent advice.

Australian Visa Requirements

If you are coming from other countries, you will very possibly require a Visa. Visas are generally granted for a period of either 3 or 6 months, and are valid for 12 months. There are exceptions. More complete information can be found at the [Department of Immigration and Multi-cultural Affairs](#) site. This site also has the link to the electronic visa application form. All is explained there in detail.

Tourist Information

This link to [Discover West Holidays](#) has a lot of general information on accommodation and attractions throughout Western Australia. It is a useful resource for the traveler.

Phone Numbers

In this document, there are several contact details listed. A lot carry phone numbers. Sometimes they look like

+61 8 9965 1234

The +61 is the international code for Australia. The 8 is the area code. If dialing from within Australia, 08 is dialed. If from outside Australia, only the 8 is dialed. The last 8 digits are the actual phone number.

Sometimes phone numbers are written

(08) 9965 1234

This form is the internal form for Australia. If dialing internationally the number is transformed to

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as described previously.

Telephone Directories

The [Australian White Pages](#) (phone directory) and [Yellow Pages](#)  (commercial phone directory) are available on line. These are excellent resources for identifying and resources in the area. You should remember to set the state to WA, since the directories cover the whole of Australia.

Sailboard Shops / Hire / Tuition

Windsurfing Perth (Perth)



They stock Pryde and North sails ([picture](#)), and have a large quantity in stock ([picture](#)). They have Tiga, Bic, JP and F2 boards, ([picture](#)), as well as a range of kiting gear ([picture](#)), as well as all the usual hardware ([picture](#)).

Reg, ([picture](#)) a sailboarding identity in WA, owns the shop. Reg is knowledgeable and helpful with all your requirements as are all the staff. They have a good collection of windsurfing and kitesurfing gear. Well worth a visit if you need to buy something. I have bought most of my windsurfing gear there over the last few years.

[Contact Details](#) are here.

Windforce (Perth)

Windforce is on the old Pelican Point site in Nedlands. They stock both windsurfing and kitesurfing gear.

Their web page can be found [here](#). It is quite extensive and has an on line catalog showing their products and prices.

2nd Wind Sailboards (Perth)



2nd Wind sailboards have a large range of new Mistral and Starboard boards ([picture](#)) and second hand boards ([picture](#)). They also sell new Tushingham and KA sails, as well as having a large stock of second hand sails ([picture](#)). They also provide lessons (at Applecross) and have hire gear. Call in and speak to Jez ([picture](#)).

[Contact details](#) can be found here.

SOS Surf Company (Perth)



The SOS Surf Company is a Surf and Sailboard shop in Fremantle. They stock a large number of good brands, and have knowledgeable sailing staff. They have a [web page](#) describing their location and resources. Their [contact details](#) are here. [This links](#) shows pictures of the shop.

Airborne Kitesurfing (Perth)

Airborne Kitesurfing are a complete kitesurfing shop. They stock all the boards and kites that you could want as well as all the other hardware, such as bars, lines, 4 line kits, etc. They have second hand and demo gear as well.

These pictures ([pic1](#) [pic2](#)) show the inside of the shop. [Contact details](#) can be found here.

Sails and Windsurfing Centre (Perth)



I have never been to the Sails and Windsurfing center, I have just found their [web page](#) details. Their page is very detailed, including details of all their services and indicative prices of new and second hand gear. This can be very useful for overseas visitors trying to decide whether to bring gear or buy here. [Contact details](#) can be found here.

SurfSail Australia (formerly Broadway Surf and Sail) (Perth)



SurfSail Australia has taken over what was known as Broadway Surf and Sail. They are at 260-262 Railway Parade, West Leederville.

They have new and second hand gear, such as Stuart Bell and Ezzy Sails, Delta boards and masts and booms to suit most people.

They are also the distributor of Thule roof racks, and will hire roof racks out for most makes of cars at reasonable rates. This is very useful for those doing the Windsurfari with hire cars. It should be noted that the addition of roof racks to hire cars may void insurance contracts. It is useful to check on that.

SurfSail Australia [contact details](#) are here. They also have a comprehensive and useful [web page](#). On this page you can find out about all their services, from new and used gear sales, gear hire, lessons, etc.

SurfSail do a great hire gear deal. They provide good gear and accept breakages within reason (ie. normal wear and tear or faulty gear breakages are OK). A friend hired from them for the 2003 - 2004 season and found the gear of excellent quality (skinny mast, carbon boom, new board, good sails).

He [broke the boom](#) in a place where it should not have broken (ie. gear malfunction) and there were no questions asked. You can't have better than that.

[Here](#) is an album of the shop.

Werner's Hot Spot (Lancelin)



[Werner's Hot Spot](#) is a gear hire business in Lancelin. If you want to sail in Lancelin, and don't want to bring your own gear, then Werner has all the gear for you. Werner's service is very convenient and reasonably priced. You can exchange boards and sails as the conditions require, and the gear is there and set up for you when you want it.

You just walk down to the beach, decide what you want to sail, it gets set up for you, and away you go.

[Contact details](#) and details of his services are available here. Werner can arrange gear and car hire as well as accommodation in Lancelin and car hire.

Werner is helpful and friendly, and are an asset to the Lancelin area.

Lancelin Surf Sports (Lancelin)



Lancelin Surf Sports ([contact details](#)) is the only sailboard shop in Lancelin. Lancelin Surf Sports stocks some new gear, and some breakable hardware, such as power joints and harness lines, etc. They also have some second hand boards for sale as well as accessories, clothes, shoes, diving gear, fishing gear, surf-boards, etc. [This picture](#) shows the T-shirt cupboard in the shop.

Lancelin Surf Sports also sells new custom Delta boards, some of which are pictured [here](#). The Delta Design boards are very popular amongst the wave sailors in W.A. Delta have a [home page](#).

In the back of the shop, there is also a list of second hand sails and gear for the budget minded. Historically the shop does quite a lot of trading with the European sailors who come for the summer. You can pick up some great bargains here.

On the counter you will find the wind meter, for checking out the current conditions.

Geraldton Surf N Sail

Geraldton Surf N Sail is along Chapman road, north of the main town. They have some gear in house and a good [web page](#) for on-line ordering.

The Gspot (Geraldton)

The Gspot, formerly Blue Planet, formerly Geraldton Surf Co., is worth visiting for kiting and sailboarding gear. It is now the only windsurfing and kitesurfing shop in

Geraldton. Their web site is [here](#).

Other Possibilities

There are several other sailboard shops in Perth and surrounding suburbs. The local 'Yellow Pages' details many sailboard shops, and is worth a try if the suggestions above can't meet your requirements. The [Australian Yellow Pages](#)  is available on line. Note that you want to specify the state as WA.

Local Gear Manufacturers

Delta Design

Delta design are a long standing board manufacturer in Western Australia. They manufacture sailboards and surfboards, and have a very good reputation up and down the coast.

Martin, the owner, works out of Margaret River, and boards are available in many shops throughout the state. He mainly does custom designs, so it is necessary to contact him about making a board.

[Further details](#) are available, and he has a [web page](#).

Car Hire



Western Australia being such a large state, you will probably need a car to do your wind-surfari.

Bayswater Car Rental

([contact details](#)) is one car hire company that is currently providing cheap, reliable cars. They seem to have a lions share of the car rental market, and can provide a small car for about \$28 / day. They do have an extra surcharge for over the busy Christmas period. They do not supply roof racks however, but these can be supplied by [Surf Sail Australia](#).

Ace Car Rentals

Ace Car Rentals have a large fleet, and include vans and utes. This is an excellent organisation. You can organise your rental before your trip, and pick the car up at the airport. It is an excellent service. You need to book ahead however.

Their web page is [is here](#).

Perth Rent a Car

([contact details](#)) also has cars for hire at slightly greater prices. They have a web page at [this link](#).

Werner Lortscher

can arrange car hire with roof racks for the windsurf surfari. The car can be picked up at the airport and has unlimited kilometres. Details of Werner's business can be found [here](#). [Contact Werner](#) directly for car hire details.

Hertz Car Rentals

([contact details](#)) also have vans to hire. The rates may not be as good as some of the other options, however the cars are sound, and the service good.

Backpacker Car Rentals

Another possibility for the more budget conscious is [Backpacker Car Rentals](#) I have tried to get cars from them without success. You need to book ahead.

They only have cars for hire in the Perth Metropolitan area however. So Lancelin and Geraldton would be off limits.

Camper Vans

Another option, that will also provide accommodation, is to hire a camper-van. There are 2 and 4 wheel drive camper-vans for hire in and around Perth.

[Discover West Holidays](#) have a [page](#) that details several camper van and four wheel drive options.

The [Australian Tourism Net](#) also have a [page](#) that provides such details.

Some other possible companies are: (nb. I have not had dealings with these companies, but provide the links in case people want to chase them up.)

- [Aussie Campervans](#) <http://www.australiancampervans.com/>,
- [Self Drive Australia](#) <http://www.selfdriveaustralia.com>
- [NQ Australia Rentals](#) <http://www.nqtravelshop.com.au/>
- [Atlas Rent A Car](#) <http://www.selfdrive.com.au> (Beware, this is a nasty page, that tries not to go away!!!).
- [CAMPERWORLD](#) <http://www.camperworld.com.au>
- [Action Hire Cars](#) <http://www.actionhirecars.com.au>
- [Castaway.com](#) <http://www.castaway.com>
- [M2000 Car Rental On Line](#) <http://www.m2000car.com.au>

Another possibility for the more budget conscious is [Backpacker Rentals](#) <http://www.backpackerrentals.com.au>. They provide a low cost alternative of older but reliable cars. They are however not that keen to take bookings, but more happy to provide a car (if they have one) on request. Their web page details all.

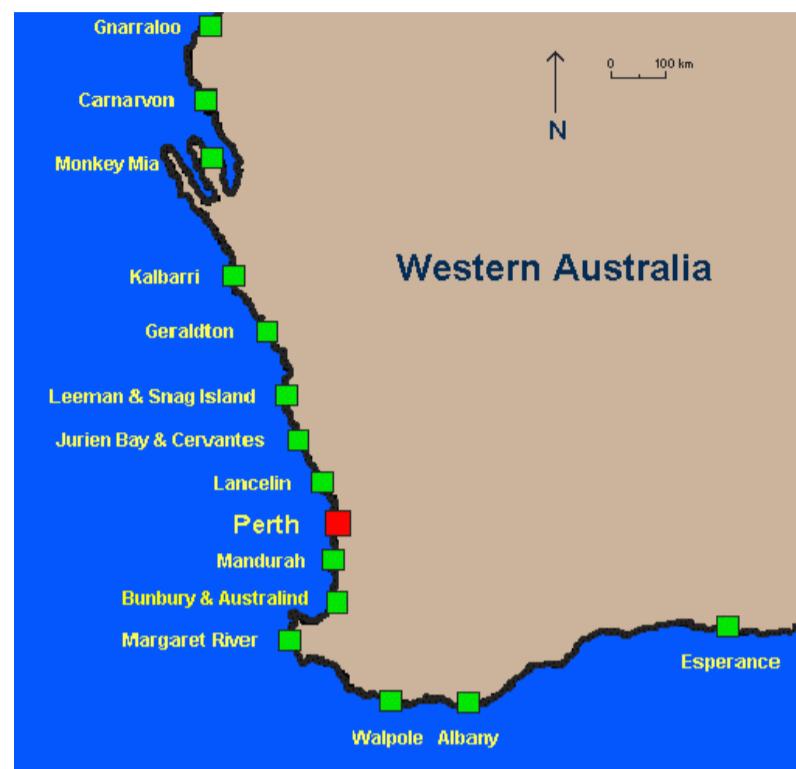
It should be noted that (currently (Oct 2001)) they quote their address as <http://www.backpackerrentals.com>. (similarly with their email address, they quote a .com address.) However, despite having registered the domain name, it is not hosted (ie. no domain name server serves the name), and all email to this address will (does)

bounce, and the web url cannot be found. Use the .com.au address and all will go well.

 Note that it can be hazardous driving in the early morning and at dusk (and probably much of the night). The country roads can have Kangaroos on them. Some of these animals are quite large, and tend to jump out in front of passing vehicles. Hitting a 'roo can really mess your day.

Sailing Locations

The map below shows the layout of the main WA sailing coast. Some of the locations are click-able, and will take you directly to parts of the page describing the area.



There are many sailing locations in Western Australia, and the following pages describe [Margaret River](#), about 270km south of Perth, [Lancelin](#), about 130km north of Perth, [Jurien Bay / Cervantes](#) that are about 200km North of Perth, [Geraldton](#) about 400km North of Perth, and [Gnaraloo](#) about 1000km north of Perth.

[Patrik Hamlyn's text](#) gives a brief description of places up and down the coast. I do not recall where the original came from, however the author is credited in the document. It is well worth reading, as a brief synopsis the spots up and down the coast. Over time I have added some pictures to this excellent document as well.

In my estimation, the main two places for the first time visitor would be [Lancelin](#) and [Geraldton](#). Lancelin is a nice place to visit and stay and the sailing is good (well, great). It also has the advantage of being only an hour and a quarter drive from Perth (or the airport).

Geraldton is a larger and more busy city but heralds the 'Mecca' of windsurfing in Australia '[Coronation Beach](#)'.

It should be noted that Coronation beach is a great windsurfing beach, but much less a good kitesurfing beach. The problems are two fold: One problem is that the beach is quite narrow, and putting your kite down can be tricky, you can come into conflict with trees and fences.

Another problem is that the windsurfers tend to spread out to quite some extent. You may have to go quite a long way down wind to get an uncrowded spot to kite.

I doubt that I would kite Coronation again. I would kite at Point Moore. Now that's a kiting beach!

Generally, as the season progresses, the wind tends to move south. This is obviously a generalisation, however it is often accepted that in October and November, the best locations are up around Gnaraloo. In December and January, Geraldton and Lancelin provide consistent conditions, and in February Margaret River starts to pick up and become consistent.

This does not mean that any of these areas are un-sailable outside these times, it is just observed that they are more consistent during these times.

Sailing spots in Western Australia.

This text was from a page by Patrik Hamlyn. Unfortunately I cannot find the URL of the site from which this came or I could have linked directly to it, and my email address for Patrik does not get through. I can not find any reference to the original any more. I include the text here because it is informative. I do not claim ownership, it is Patrik's work. I have added a few photos with appropriate text. I hope Patrik approves, and will continue to allow me to include his excellent precise of the spots described. Here is Patrik's description:

In WA the main sailing season (as in the rest of Australia) is from November through February. Some places get plenty of wind at other times of year, though. The main source of wind during the 'on' season is the sea-breeze, which can easily blow every afternoon for weeks on end. In a good season, the wind will blow five to seven days a week in the middle of the season. In a bad season, expect three to four days in any week. The wind usually starts up nice and light for beginners in the morning, before the sea-breeze comes in any time from eleven to four, anything from 15 to 35 knots.

Places on the southern coast rely more on 'weather', ie frontal passages, and get more wind than the rest of the state during Winter.

Places North of Perth rely more on the sea-breeze effect, and the season can extend through March or later in the far North.

List of sailing spots:
(distance from Perth given first)

South of Perth:

Esperance
750 km

Very scenic spot, lots of offshore islands, windsurfing comp in January. Estuary, flat-ish sea sailing and wave sailing. Wind here is nowhere near as dependable as in Perth, but you often get as much as seven straight days of strong winds, varying in direction as successive fronts pass through. Water can be a bit cold, even in Summer. In fact the air temperature can be a bit cold too. Personally, I would avoid this place during the main season because other places get much better wind, but it can be a good Easter holiday spot if you are lucky with fronts. Very good scuba diving here.

Albany **~600km**

Another scenic spot, also very good for Scuba, (Dive the Sanko Harvest), but not a major windsurfing destination.

330km Augusta This can be a very nice spot, if you get the wind. When it blows, it blows hard for days on end, but there can be week-long gaps. Very nice caravan park run by the Shire, (Turner's Caravan Park), right on the edge of the Blackwood River Estuary, 200 meters from the sea. You can launch thirty feet from your tent (fifty feet for caravans), and sail out the mouth with two gybes. Excellent flat water/wave combination spot. Grass rigging, showers at the camp site and at the road-access point just up the road. Not-so-modern windsurfer and catamaran hire right at the campsite, nearest sailboard shop 50km North in Margaret River. Table tennis, trampolines, etc available in easy walking distance.

Margaret River **280km**

World-famous wave-sailing destination, gets some of the biggest surf on the coast when conditions are right. Advanced wave-sailing spot, slightly tricky launch, unfriendly carry to the water. More friendly launch/conditions available 1km South of the main break, with a nice tea-room and showers at the waters edge. Closer to Perth, so sea-breezes more dependable, but still not as good as Perth. This town is the centre of a lot of 'alternative lifestyle' types, making wave-boards, arty-crafty wooden and pottery-type things, tofu, cheese, wine etc. It is also in the centre of one of the finest networks of caves in the world.

This [picture](#)  shows the keyhole and wave area at Margaret River. A fuller description can be found [here](#).

Busselton, Yallingup etc **~220km**

The Southern edge of Geographe bay (North-facing shoreline). Also a good Scuba area (the warm West-coast current comes very close to shore here, resulting in some of the most Southerly hard corals in the world), this area is not a prime windsurfing destination, since the prevailing winds are off-shore. I have had a marvelous time in thirty knots at Busselton, though. 'Round the corner at Yallingup, you can sail the South Westerlies, but there will usually be very few other people there, and it's not the easiest spot to sail.

Bunbury **180km**

Fairly large town, very large estuary with shallow (knee to waist deep) water, fairly dependable sea-breezes. Lots of sailing spots, sailing club etc.

Mandurah **80km**

Nearest 'holiday house' location to Perth, real estate is not cheap here. A number of Sailing spots, very good flat water slalom available. Why would you go here, though, if you can go to Safety Bay or Perth or Lancelin, etc?

Safety Bay **40km**

Very good, dependable sea-breeze. Lots of grassed launch locations, active sailing club (if you like that sort of thing), lots of flat-water slalom spots but not much in the way of waves. Big negative - a lot of the time, there is tons of weed in the water, all of the locals have weed fins.

Woodman's Point **15km**

This spot works in any wind except an Easterly, and has a variety of different conditions available. (Speed course, waves when wind is strong) Unfortunately it is not very developed, despite being very close to some pretty ugly-looking factory-ish sort of buildings, very little grass rigging, no showers.

Perth ocean locations

The following descriptions are of the beaches along the west coast in Perth, from Fremantle going north along the coast road.

Leighton's (Port Beach, north of North Mole at Fremantle Harbour) (South to South-West winds mainly)

This [picture](#)  shows the bridge that serves as a handy landmark for Leighton.

This [picture](#)  shows the beach looking south.

Good for getting the wife used to waves, basically a slalom spot which has a tame wave

Dutch Inn: (Cottesloe) (South to South-West)

Excellent wave sailing, but small car park and slightly dodgy launch. Recommended for more advanced wave-sailing types. (Can be hard on fins at low tide)

This [picture](#)  shows the shelter at the top of the hill at Dutch Inn. This [picture](#)  shows the main sailing area looking north, including the walk down to the beach. It is easier to take the rig and board down separately, unless you like carrying them together on your head.

This [picture](#)  shows the sailing at Dutch Inn looking south on a windy day.

Brighton Beach: (Southern end of southern car park at Scarborough) (South to South-West)

Reasonable wave sometimes, good jumping usually, always a nice strong rip and often a nasty wind-shadow right in the shore-break. Site of the world wave champs last year. Also start of the Sunset Slalom Classic.

Scarborough: (North end of northern car park) (South to South-West)

Similar, but shower not quite so convenient. Use to sail here all the time, until they bulldozed the parking lot. It's all fixed now, but I got used to Brighton.

Trigg, Waterman, etc: (Various beaches between Scarborough and Hillarys) (South to South-West)

Tends to be difficult to park, tricky launch (rocks), lots of surfers. Some people swear by Triggs, usually people who live near by.

This [picture](#) shows the Cafe at Trigg beach. The food served here is great. This [picture](#) shows the main sailing break. It is usually full of surfers.

Mettams Pool

This is a small beach, with a lot of reef to the south and a small launching spot. The parking isn't much, however it does get quite a good wave at times. Study the reef from above before attempting to sail this beach.

This [picture](#) shows the area from the road. It is sign posted. This [picture](#) shows the sailing area to the north.

Hillarys/The Island: (North wall of the boat harbour) (South to South-West)

Another good spot to get the wife into waves slowly, lots of parking, but no grass for rigging, no showers. Major advantage: you can get to The Island, which is about 2 km out. There is a good wave here - when conditions are right, one of the best wave-sailing spots in Perth. Good rides, excellent high jumping. Make sure your equipment isn't on its last legs before you set out for The Island. If you have to drift/swim in, you'll end up about 5km North up the beach.

This [picture](#) shows the beach at Hillarys, and this [picture](#) shows an amazing house just across the main road from Hillarys beach.

City Beach:

City beach generally has a smaller shore shore break than Scarborough, but can be good sailing in S - S/W winds. It is usually sailed to the north of the groin.

This [picture](#) shows the beach looking north towards Scarborough, and this [picture](#) shows it looking south towards Fremantle.

Pinnaroo Point: (Whitfords Sailing Club launch site) (Southerly through Westerly through Northerly)

Just about the only spot where you can sail in Westerly through Northerly winds on the sea. Also fair in South to South-West Basically another slalom/bump&jump spot for the wife. Good spot to go to if you want to try out your short board in a strong North-Westerly. No grass rigging, but shower/toilet block under construction and grass may follow in a year or two.

This [picture](#) shows the beach, this [picture](#) shows the rigging area and car park, while this [picture](#) shows some of the magnificent houses in the area.

Rottnest Island:

Sailing in all wind directions, but access not so easy. There is a ferry to the island but no cars are allowed. There are good roads for bicycles, so you could take a cycle-trolley of some sort for your gear. There is accommodation on the island, but book in advance.

River Sailing:

The Swan river in Perth has some of the most scenic sailing available anywhere, excellent for beginners (waste-deep water in large areas, warm, dependable winds which are light in the morning and get stronger in the afternoon). When the sea-breeze gets up over thirty knots, even the hardened wave sailors head for the river for some bump&jump.;

Melville Beach: (Applecross)

Slalom, chop-hopping in strong winds. Good in South through North-West winds. Not so hot in North-East. Windsurfer hire right in the car park, lessons available too. [Windsurfing Perth](#) and [2nd Wind](#) are shops local to the area if you want to buy gear in this area.

Pelican Point: (next to UWA)

Same, but good in North-East through South-West winds (definitely no good in West through North). Windsurfer hire and lessons in the car park.

North of Perth:

110km

Lancelin:

(South to South-Westerly)

Good winds, excellent wave and slalom, and a camp-site right next to the beach. Couldn't ask for more (well, maybe grass rigging and showers). This is a major destination for "Euros" as they are known locally. There is very good on-beach hire available. The beach is drive-on (hard-packed, very fine sand) Lots of comps held here, including the Ledge Point to Lancelin downwind marathon, usually in early January, sometimes late December. Slalom conditions right off the beach, just keep going and you hit the wave zone, which is fairly tame (easy to dodge incoming waves), but the waves can be very good. You can get some huge jumps in here. This could be the best spot in WA. If you're not into sailing or fishing, forget it. There is _nothing_ else to do here!

This [picture](#) shows the Lancelin beach at Lancelin several years ago. The beach has been eroded somewhat, but the concept is still the same. Further details

can be found [here](#)

420km

Geraldton



Another favourite Euro destination, Geraldton has lots of excellent sailing spots, plenty of wind with a nice long season. Slalom, waves, windsurfing shop right at the premier wave sailing spot. Geraldton is a biggish town, a bit more to do here than Lancelin, but definitely no cultural centre. One of the best sailing spots in WA.

Further details can be found [here](#).

~900km

Carnarvon

Getting quite far North here, longer season for sea-breezes. Good sailing in the mouth of the river and in the sea. Lots of spots up the coast, including Gnaraloo (pronounced narloo), several hundred km North, which is fairly popular but pretty much out in the wilds and undeveloped, although apparently Gnaraloo station (that's a cattle station, no trains out here) is operating some sort of guest house - if you can find it!

~1200km

Coral Bay, Shark Bay (Monkey Mia), Exmouth

Far North - lots of wind, tropical warm conditions, literally hundreds of deserted sailing spots. Not too many windsurfing shops that I know of. The Shark Bay Classic 100km windsurfing marathon is held here. This is also one of the premier dive destinations in the world, go to Exmouth March through May for whale sharks, July through November for giant manta rays. Giant Queensland groper can also be found by experienced dive operators (we're talking surrounded by a dozen VW-sized fish). The variety of small colorful reef fish and large pelagics is astounding. Don't miss the Navy Jetty dive in Exmouth.

This [picture](#) shows Coral Bay from the resort. Further details can be found [here](#).



This [picture](#) shows The famous dolphins that visit Monkey Mia. Further details can be found [here](#).

There are dozens of well-known spots in between all the spots mentioned here, but this should give you an idea of the seasons and winds. The best month for wind in Perth is November. December and January are usually very good as well. As you go North the season starts earlier and lasts longer.

Western Australian Accommodation

The following pages describe many places to stay in areas described. They are all places of which I have first hand knowledge. A further handy reference is the [Western Australia Accommodation and Tours Listing](#) page, that has an easily browsable and searchable index and details of hundreds of places to stay. They also have some great maps that show the locations and places to visit.

Perth Accommodation

The [Yellow Pages](#) provides a comprehensive reference for places to stay in Perth. There are a lot of choices. Four possibilities are listed here.
Bel Eyre Motel

If you fly in, and require a place to stay overnight while arranging your car, roof racks etc, you can stay at the Bel-Eyre Motel. This motel is close to the airport, and has a courtesy bus that will pick you up from the airport. The bus is big enough to take sailing gear. [Contact details](#) are here.

Harbour Village Quest Apartments

If you want a really great place to stay you can try the Quest Harbour Village Apartments. It is a little more expensive than some (most), but is quite superb. The Harbour village is in the middle of the exciting area of Fremantle. This is a vibrant and exciting area of Perth, that hosted the America's cup one year.

The harbour area is fascinating, and at night there are dozens of restaurants and places to go, all in walking distance of the Harbour Village. This place is worth the stay. [Contact details](#) are here.

Underground Backpackers

The underground backpackers appears to provide good backpacker accommodation. It is situated in the city of Perth, close to all amenities. [Contact Details](#) are here, and their [web page](#) gives further details.

Terrace Central Bed and Breakfast

This Bed and Breakfast looks quite superb. I have never stayed there, however their [web page](#) shows that the place is quite interesting, and in a great area. The rooms look great, and the place is 108 years old.

If you mention this site (ie. [windsurfwa.com](#)), you will get a 10% discount. [Contact details](#) are here.

Cherokee Village

If you wanted reasonably priced accommodation for a longer stay, while sailing the local beaches, you could also stay at the Cherokee Village. It is reasonably centrally located for sailing the coastal beaches. [Contact Details Village](#) are here.

Wave Sailing Rules

Sailing safely in waves requires adherence to a certain set of immutable rules. The wave riding rules are aimed at making wave riding safer and more enjoyable for all. They are largely taken from surfing rules, with some additions, applicable only to sailboards.

- Don't sail in conditions way out of your experience. Wave sailing requires a good water start (fast and efficient), preferably a reliable gybe (or tack), and probably the ability to jump. Don't sail conditions that are way out of your capabilities, you will just break gear and ruin the waves for everybody else (especially in crowded breaks).
- The sailor who is heading out has right of way of the sailor that is coming in on the wave. The sailor riding the wave has speed and manoeuvrability, and must give way to those sailing out.
- The sailor riding the wave closest to the breaking part of the wave has right of way over all other wave riders. Usually this is the sailor most upwind. You can ride a wave with a sailor closer to the breaking part of the wave than yourself, but don't crowd the sailor, and watch closely and be prepared to get out of the way.
- Don't drop in. This is a very bad practice, completely abhorred in surfing and windsurfing circles, and is very dangerous. Dropping in is the act of climbing on a wave that someone else is already riding. Dropping in is often achieved by sailing over the back of a wave that someone else is already riding. Doing this can lead to landing on top of the person riding the wave, and is thus dangerous. The first person on a wave, owns the wave.
- Don't ride shore-wards on the back of a wave. This practice is dangerous. In such a position you cannot see the sailors that are in the water until the last moment, and it is easy to hit them as they appear through the back of the wave.

These rules are universally accepted around the world. If you abide by them, you will have little trouble with other sailors in the waves. If you don't, you will have some very angry sailors confronting you on the beach.

Kite Surfing.



Kite surfing is growing quite quickly in Western Australia. A lot of sailboarders are seeing the advantage of these sailing devices and are giving some thought to taking up this new challenge.

That being said, the kite surfers must also realise the dangers of the devices and regulate their use to places where they will not interfere with the sailboards and the general public. There is some friction between the windsurfing/kitesurfing camps already, which is a shame for such excellent and complementary sports.

Western Australia has thousands of kilometers of beach along its' coast. There are some superb areas that have great rigging, great sailing and are free from the more established water users such as sailboarders and surfers. Some of these areas are detailed in the following pages.

A lot of the coast is kitesurfable, and it is easy for kitesurfers to move their operations to less crowded areas where they will not endanger or interfere with other beach users. I am labouring this point because I am a kitesurfer (and sailboarder) and do not want to see kitesurfing regulated or to produce bad blood with other water users, especially when there is so much beach for us all to play in.

Kitesurfing has a lot to offer sailboarding. Think of your favourite sailboard shop who were struggling with diminishing turnovers. Now they have a new line of product to sell. This will keep them in business and help with their overheads, which should make for more choice and smaller prices for all our gear, both sailboarding and kitesurfing.

The Swan River provides some excellent locations for kitesurfing, especially for learning. More and more people are doing it up and down the coast also. Around Perth, Pinnaroo Point provides a long (usually) uncrowded beach, with flatish water. It is great for rigging up and kite launching, great for kite sailing, and generally uncrowded, not being a preferred sailboarding beach.

Cervantes is becoming a kite surfing mecca. There are some great rigging areas, and a nice kiting beach. Although Cervantes does get some sailboard action, it is limited most of the time. The beach is relatively empty also, providing good kite rigging conditions.

Kitesurfing Resources

Airborne Kitesurfing

Airborne Kitesurfing is a dedicated kitesurfing shop. They stock and sell a large number of kites, boards and accessories. This shop has everything. They have demo and second hand gear as well, and do promotional tours and lessons up and down the coast.

[Contact details are here.](#)

Ian Young

One kite surfing school in Perth is run by Ian Young. He mainly teaches on the Swan river in Perth, and can be seen regularly on his jet ski, accompanying students across the water.

Ian's [kiting web page](#) describes the sport in more detail and his [links page](#) has pointers to useful resources.

Windforce.

[Windforce](#) runs a kitesurfing school (and windsurfing school) at Pelican Point.

SOS Surf Company

[SOS](#) is heavily involved in Kitesurfing. People from SOS can often be found on the Swan. They have all the gear you need (both for kitesurfing and windsurfing).

Kitesurfing Information

The best page I have seen on Kitesurfing is Hung Vu's superb [page](#) which describes everything about kitesurfing that you could want. It is an extremely complete and detailed page, obviously taking a lot of time and energy to put together.

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95-96 Sailing Diary - Western Australia

I have been going over to WA sailboarding for the last 8 years. The following is a synopsis of my sailing diary for a typical year. I have included this to give an idea of typical conditions. Your mileage will vary. I am mainly a wave sailor, and am reasonably heavy. Also, I generally sail a smallish board, around 8' 6". This year I also took a slalom board, but didn't get a lot of use from it. It wasn't the windiest year, however we sailed most days. Certainly couldn't complain about the conditions.

Monday 31C

Arrived in Perth, picked up car, arranged roof racks, did check flight at Amity Aviation. Unpacked Sailing gear from trip over. Didn't sail, even though it was windy, didn't have time.

Tuesday 12kn 25C

Picked up Barry from Airport, loaded all the gear onto and into the car. Did some shopping for stuff we needed. Drove to Lancelin, arrived about 1pm. Wind was strange and on shore. Sailed 5.5m on wave board, not very good day. Stayed in Lancelin camping ground.

Wednesday 15kn 23C

Went to Offshore Cafe for breakfast. Had hair cut, went to Lancelin Surfsports. Left Lancelin about 11am, Drove to Geraldton arrived at about 2.30. Went to Sun City, rented a park home for our stay. Sailed Sunset beach 5.5M on wave and F2. Barry sailed 6m on slalom. Good day despite light winds (15-18kn).

Thursday 15kn 26C

Light wind day. Visited the Aerodrome, Sailwest, Point Moore, met Rick from Sailwest. Sailed 6m on F2 from 1.30pm till 5pm at Sun City. Good Slalom sailing (if you like that sort of thing). Had dinner at Pizza Hut, \$6.95 for all you can eat.

Friday 15 - 20kn 28C

Another light day, but stronger than Thursday. Sailed 6m on F2 from 10.30 till 1, then wind picked up and sailed 5m on wave board till 6.30.

Saturday. 25 - 30kn 32C

Drove to Northbridge, looking for Coronation. Eventually found Coronation Bay (road sign was missing). Too early for wind, drove back to Sun City. Sailed 5m on wave board, then 4.5. Very windy. Decided to take gear to Coronation.

HAVE BEEN TO MECCA!!!!

Sailed 4.5m on wave board in 2-4m swell at Coronation Bay. Best sailing spot ever. Same concept as Lancelin, however wave area is larger, flat area is deeper, swell is better. Great jumping beach.

Sunday. 30kn 30C

Had to leave Geraldton to go back south, despite wind, and the fact that Coronation is a bloody great spot. Drove from Gerro to Jurien Bay. Booked spot in camping ground. Sailed short board with 5.5m out to the Island and back. A bit down wind, 10 mins there, 60 mins back! Not a bad day, 15-20 knots. Had several red wines and went to pub for dinner.

Monday - Xmas Day 25kn 28C

Both B and I were VERY hung-over in the morning. Rang wives, parents etc. Drove to Cervantes at about lunch time, sailed 5.5m on wave and slalom board early, wind came up further and had a great sail. Our XMAS present:

25 Knots. - 5m on wave board.

Drove back to Jurien.

Tuesday 20 - 25 kn 29C

Left Jurien and drove to Lancelin. Unpacked stuff into unit. Wind came up about 12. Sailed 5m on wave boards in excellent conditions. Not much swell, however got some good duck gybes and some jumps.

Wednesday 20 - 25 knots. 35C

Very hot day. Wind came through at about 1.30pm. Went snorkeling with Werner on the reef early. Sailed 5m on wave board till 7.30pm. Great day. Big gybing session, little swell.

Thursday 20kn. 30C

Got up early. Drove to Perth to pick up Prue and Liz. Returned to Lancelin by 1pm. Offshore breeze would allow sailing of the 'Back Beach' however didn't sail. B and I bought new 5m Combat Wave sails from Lancelin Surfsports.

Friday 20 - 25 kn. 30C

Easterly blew in the morning (offshore). Went shopping. P&L bought too much! Sea breeze came through about 12am. Rigged 5m on wave board. Sailed for several hours, put crease in new 5m sail!! Probably need Carbon 25 mast for sail. Had BBQ dinner, went to offshore for desert.

Saturday 20 - 25 Kn 30C

Easterly blew in morning, sea breeze came through at about 12.30pm Sailed 5m on wave board till 7pm. Little swell. B&L went to Perth for night. Went to Grahams (Offshore Cafe) for dinner.

Sunday. 20 -25 kn - New Years Eve 34C

Still no swell. Really bad year for swell. Strong offshore in the morning. Pomms came in to watch soccer. B&L came back from Perth. Ricky had a hair cut. Wind came in about 12.30pm. Sailed till 5.30pm. Wind dropped out - IT NEVER DOES THAT. sailed 5m on wave board. Had drinks with Kylie & Zac, went to Werner's (El Tropo) for dinner.

Monday 15 - 20 kn 39C

Hot day. Wind came through about 12.30pm, not so strong Sailed 6m on Slalom.

Tuesday 20kn, 39C

Very hot day. Strong offshore breeze in morning. Sailed off the back beach, a bit tricky getting back. Did flight plan for Monkey Mia trip.

Wednesday 25kn 26C

Windy day, however flying to Monkey Mia today. Drove to Jandakot. Weather cloudy, didn't get reasonable cloud base till 11.30am First real clouds we have seen in WA in 6 years! Cloud lifted to 1800 ft. Departed Jandakot at 1200 ft, flew coastal to Geraldton dodging low cloud. Refuelled in Gerro (I am cautious), then departed for Shark Bay (Monkey Mia). Weather lifted, cloud only coastal. Great flight. Got to Denham, booked in to motel, had dinner at pub. Very windy at Denham, definitely sailable, only A/C didn't have room for 4 pax and boards!!!

Thursday 25 kn 26C

Went and did the dolphin thing. Swam in inland lake. Saw sharks across the water, did the touristy things around the area. Windy!!

Friday 20 - 25kn, 27C

Did flight plan. Packed up and departed Shark Bay at about 9am Flew to Gerro via Kalbarri. Interesting spot. B&L will visit there next year by car. Refuelled in Gerro, returned to Jandakot, coastal. Did orbits over Coronation Bay, Geraldton, Lancelin and Perth City. Great flight. Even think Liz was getting used to small A/C flying. Got to Lancelin by 4pm. Sailed 5m until 8pm Tim came over for dinner.

Saturday 15 - 20kn 32C

Lighter wind day. Sailed 6m on Slalom. B sailed 6m on Mistral, P sailed 6m on F2, L sailed 5m on Mistral Tim came for BBQ. Not quite enough wind for 5.5 on wave board, close.

Sunday 15 - 20 kn

Hot in morning. Barry started sailing at 10.30, 6m on Slalom. Sailed 6m on F2, then 5.5m on wave board till 4pm. Sailed down to South Passage, caught some good waves. Prue sailed 6m on F2. Ricky trashed sail at South Passage.

Monday 15-20kn 31C

Went to Offshore for breakfast. Sea breeze cam in by 9.00am, an increased during the day. Sailed 5.5 m on wave board, Barry sailed 5m on wave board. Wind dropped out in the evening. Quite a good day.

Tuesday 20kn 27C

Prue went to Perth to visit Margot & Karinga. Sea breeze came in about 10am. Went to Offshore for breakfast, did washing. Sailed 5.5m & 5m on wave board. Great day.

Wednesday 25-30kn 29C

Sailed 4.5m in good surf, great jumps, flat water area a bit shallow. Got some good jumps and some great waves.

Thursday, 25 kn, 30C

Another great sailing day, unfortunately our last for the season. Sailed 4.5m on wave board. Cleaned unit. Drove down to Perth at about 7pm. Flew home on the 'Red Eye'. Thursday

Western Australian Windsurfing Event Calendar 2010-2011.

For full information about any event, got to the West Australian Windsurfing Association Site <http://www.windsurfingwa.org.au>.

[This link](#) takes you directly to the 2010 - 2011 event calendar on the WindsurfingWA site.

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Lancelin



Lancelin lies about 130km north of Perth ([map](#)). It is a small fishing village (mainly Crayfish (lobster) Fishing), that also has a large contingent of sailors from Perth, the rest of Australia and from around the world. It has about a dozen shops, 2 Hotels, 1 sailboard shop, 400 local residents and many holiday residents.

During the Australian summer Lancelin comes alive with windsurfers from all over the world. It provides a great holiday place for the sail-boarder, with warm weather, consistent winds, and surf. Lancelin is close enough to Perth to attract day sailors as well as long term visitors from the rest of Australia and around the world.

The following pages describe the conditions, accommodation, night life and resources for the windsurfing holiday.

Weather

The best sailing season in Lancelin is from December to February (inclusive). During this period the area gets regular strong sea breezes. Typically these are of the order of 18 - 25 knots. This means that sailors (at least wave sailors) are using 4.5 - 5.0 sq m sails. Slalom sailors use whatever Slalom Sailors use. The sea breeze comes in at anywhere between 10 am and 3 pm, usually at about 11am. The typical scenario starts with a land breeze (offshore) blowing during the night, and a sudden wind as the sea breeze comes in. This sea breeze comes from the S/W, which is cross shore for the main sailing area. A description of the weather patterns that are associated with a good sea breeze can be seen [here](#).

Getting There

Lancelin lies at the end of Wanneroo Road ([map](#)). It is about 130km from Perth. There is no public transport to Lancelin but there are several ways of getting there.

One method is via Catch-A-Bus. **Catch-A-Bus** has changed somewhat, and is now run by Trish and Trev from [Lancelin Lodge](#). The service is mainly offered to run guests of the lodge to and from Perth. Other services can be arranged by [contacting Trish & Trev](#) directly.

The bus is well equipped, with air conditioning, stereo music and a trailer for all your luggage. It can carry all your sailboards. [Here](#) is a picture of the bus. [Here](#) is a picture of the trailer attached to the bus.

Other possibilities are to [hire a car](#) in Perth, or possibly arrange transport from one of the tour companies that run tours (typically 4WD) through the area.

Werner Lortscher of [Werner's Hot Spot](#) will also arrange transport from Perth to Lancelin.

Here is a [picture](#) of the road in to Lancelin. About 12 km before this sign it is possible to get a glimpse of the ocean over the sand dunes. If you can see (very distantly) white caps on the water, it will probably be sail-able at the main beach.

Sailing Attractions

The Lancelin sailing beach offers both flat water sailing and wave sailing (swell permitting). Lancelin sailing is mainly done in the bay, which is bordered by a reef out to sea. This reef provides some excellent wave sailing off shore, and some exceptional flat water sailing in-shore.

The main wave sailing area is called 'Main Break'. It can be crowded, though not to the same extent as most of Maui etc. As well as Main Break, there are several wave sailing spots such as 'Hole in the Wall' and 'South Passage'.

The flat water sailing is mainly done in-shore of Main Break. The area is quite exceptional, but a little dependent on the depth of water, which is mainly dependent on the tide and phase of the moon.



[Here](#) is a picture of the main sailing area. In the foreground is the flat area, out to sea is main break.

The flat area in Lancelin has been getting shallower over the years, as sand and sea weed builds up in the bay. Some of the bay is now too shallow for sailboarding now. This has provided some excellent kite surfing areas. One advantage of this is that kiting can be done in the areas too shallow for sailboards. This can provide excellent separation between the two activities. There is a growing realisation that the two activities need separation.

Sailors can also sail on the back beach, or throughout the main Lancelin bay (wind and reef permitting).



[This picture](#) shows the rigging area on the lawn beside the beach. [This picture](#) shows a panoramic view of the Lancelin Bay.



The Lancelin beach has changed somewhat over the years. The bay has become quite shallow, and the beach has eroded. [This picture](#) shows the beach



on a typical day in the early 90's. [This picture](#) shows a sailor duck gybing in the shallow area around that era also.



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Sailboard Shops

Lancelin Surf Sports

Lancelin Surf Sports ([contact details](#)) is the only surf shop in Lancelin, and it is an excellent shop. Lancelin Surf Sports stocks some sailboarding gear, enough for repairs and breakages.

As well they stock accessories, clothes, shoes, diving gear, fishing gear, surf-boards, etc. [This picture](#) shows the T-shirt cupboard in the shop.

On the counter you will find the wind meter, for checking out the current conditions.

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Sailboard Hire / Tuition

There is currently 1 sailboard hire and tuition school.

Werner's Hot Spot

The longest established sailboard hire business in Lancelin is Werner's Hot Spot. [Werner \(pic\)](#) is a long time resident of the area and has hired out gear and sailed the area for many years. He also arranges holidays and tours for Europeans to visit and Sail Lancelin.

He rents his gear from a large trailer on the lawn in front of the main sailing beach ([picture](#)). [This picture](#) shows him doing the books in the trailer. You can rent gear by the hour, half day or week.

Werner updates his gear every year. Current details can be found on his [home page](#).

Werner also has a set of beginners boards, and can provide windsurfing lessons.

He will also arrange transport to and from Perth, as well as car hire for your stay in WA.

If you intend hiring gear from Werner, it is well worth booking the gear you require in advance. I find it best to Fax. You can also change boards and sails as required by the conditions while in Lancelin.

[Contact details](#), including details of his sailboard (and other) hire services are available here.

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Accommodation

Lancelin Beach Breaks

Lancelin Beach Breaks provides a complete accommodation service for Lancelin. Beach Breaks has a number of excellent properties. The proprietor, Michelle, is a long time local of Lancelin and knows the area and requisites of windsurfers. She provides good and reliable information and can cater for your accommodation needs in Lancelin.

Lancelin Beach Breaks has a [web page](#) that details the services and properties that they provide. Get in contact with Michelle and she will sort out your requirements.

Lancelin Lodge



A favourite place for the international visitor to stay in Lancelin is Lancelin Lodge. The lodge provides up-market backpacker style of accommodation. The rooms are nice, and private and shared accommodation is available. There are shared bathroom and cooking and relaxation facilities.

It is hosted by Trish and Trevor. They do an excellent job of hosting and maintain a friendly and happy environment. I have known hundreds of people that have stayed at the lodge, and have never heard anyone complain. Everybody that stays there is enamoured of the place.

It is very well situated for the sailor being about 200m from the main sailing beach. Trish and Trev provide trollies for use to carry gear to and from the beach as well as a fleet of bikes for pedaling around the place.

Lancelin Lodge has a great atmosphere, and has people of many nationalities staying at any given time. Also they tend to get lots of repeat business, which indicates that the guests really enjoy staying there.

The [Lancelin Lodge Web Site](#) gives complete details of the lodge. Just check it out.

In 2001 Lancelin Lodge won Best Backpackers in WA, and was rated second best backpackers in Australia. This award was decided by backpacker votes. When you experience Lancelin Lodge, you will know why.

Trish and Trevor love to get mail and news from previous guests, and they can be e-mailed at lanlodge@windspeed.net.au.

Trish and Trev go to a lot of trouble to provide a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, and it works well. There are also some communal activities such as night time movies (and daytime if the wind drops out), as well as the occasional BBQ ([picture 1](#)) ([picture 2](#))

[Here](#) is a picture album of the lodge.

Rental Accommodation via Lancelin Accommodation Services

Lancelin Accommodation Services have listings of many houses for rent throughout Lancelin. Their [web page](#) provides details (including pictures) of a large number or properties of varying price around the town. This is your one stop shop for accommodation in Lancelin. They have a number of great places on their books, including some of the places (but not all) mentioned below.

Windsurfer Chalets

The Windsurfer Chalets are a group of units in Hopkins St., right next to the main sailing beach. These are superb accommodation for the Sailor, mainly due to their location. We have stayed there every year for the last fifteen years, and will stay there for several years to come (hopefully).



For those who new the units of old, they were rebuilt in 2002 and are now much more luxurious. They have been well fitted out and look magnificent.

The units are owned and managed by Kim and Kate Price ([picture](#)). They are friendly and helpful, and are keeping the units running very smoothly.

[Contact details](#) for Kim and Kate are found here.

Lancelin Beach resort (formerly the Lancelin Inn)

The Lancelin Beach resort is at the North end of the main street. It is a fair distance down from the main sailing beach (about 1.5km), but is right on a beach that is becoming a preferred kiting beach.

The beach resort has an in-ground swimming pool, a large number of rooms, a restaurant and bar and wonderful views of the water. Also the nightly rates look quite good.

The beach is also quite a good fishing beach and has Lancelin Island just across the water (easy kiting distance).

[Here](#) is a link to their web page which shows the facility in good detail.



Wave house is a great place to stay in Lancelin. It is right on the beach, close to shops, the pub, is architecturally interesting ([pic](#)) and is just north of the main sailing beach overlooking the main sailing beach ([pic](#)).

The house is split into an upstairs and downstairs apartment. The downstairs is usually available for rent and consists of a luxury studio room with ensuite as well as 2 bedrooms a kitchen and a lounge. The upstairs is only occasionally available for rental and is fully self contained. Both areas have ocean views". Here is an [album](#) showing the house and views. [Contact details](#) are here.

Studio Lancelin (Swiss Chalet)

The Swiss Chalet ([picture](#)) is a lovely two storied unit off the main street in Lancelin. It is owned by Stefan and Tess, two friendly locals. [This picture](#) shows the downstairs area comprising Kitchen, shower, lounge, dining area etc. [This picture](#) shows the upstairs bedroom. It is a very comfortable, well well presented unit. The chalet provides very nice accommodation for a great price. Tess and Stefan can be [contacted by phone or fax](#) for prices and availability.

Caravan Parks

There are 2 caravan parks in Lancelin. The one closest to the the main sailing beach, is the Southern Caravan park.



This caravan park is very close to the main sailing beach. In fact it is excellently situated for the sail-boarder. The tone of the park is changing gradually, and although the amenities are not as good as they could be, it is still worth staying there if you want to camp, and it boasts a superb location for the sail-boarder. [Contact details](#) and details of the amenities and indicative prices are listed. It is a good idea to book ahead for a site, especially if you want an on site van.

[This is a picture](#) of Barry putting up his tent there the last time we stayed there (December 1995). The main sailing beach, is just over some sand dunes, on the left of this picture. There are not all that many trees on the sites, which are fairly necessary in that environment.

In 2003 it was interesting that although the park had few itinerant clients, it was not taking campers. This [album](#) shows the strange occurrence.

North End Caravan Park, Lancelin

The Northern park is smaller, and is about 1.5 km from the main sailing beach. It is a good location for kiters wishing to sail that end of Lancelin. The kiting conditions are excellent there. It is less crowded and the beach is great for launching. The caravan park has all powered sites, with 6 on site vans and the rest being tent sites. Please book to guarantee a site during the holiday periods.

Daily site prices are

Powered Site \$22 for 2 people
On Site Van \$45 for 2 people

[Contact Details](#) are here.

Coastal Real Estate

Coastal Real Estate is a real estate agent in Lancelin They have details of rental property and can fax details and location maps ([contact details](#)).

Eating Out/Night Life

Lancelin boasts two pubs, several fast food places, and some good restaurants. The main night spot is the Endeavour Tavern, which puts on good pub meals, and has entertainment on most weekends throughout the summer period.

Endeavour Tavern



The Endeavour Tavern is the main pub in Lancelin, and provides great counter meals. It is half way down the main street (Gingin Road), North of the main shopping area, and has a superb beer garden, looking out over the water. The Tavern now has its own [web page](#) showing some of the spectacular views.

The Tavern also hosts the Lancelin Ocean Classic each year. It provides great entertainment for all sailors during this event. It is great to finish the Ocean Marathon event and walk across the finishing line to the bar for a refreshing beer.

Race night (the Saturday night of the Lancelin Classic) at the Tavern is a lot of fun. They always have great bands, often fireworks and other entertainment, and the place really rocks. Don't miss race night at the Tavern.

Lancelin Inn

The Lancelin Inn is at the far north end of Gingin Road. It boasts a restaurant and Counter meals, and is very handy to the northern caravan park (actually right next door). I have never been to the Inn.

Lancelin Bay Restaurant

The Lancelin Bay Restaurant is the best restaurant left in Lancelin. They do breakfast, lunch and dinner most days of the week. They are also fully licensed.

Contact details are: Lancelin Bay Restaurant, Lot 110 Gingin Rd, Lancelin 6044, (08) 9655 2686.

Lancelin Ocean Classic



The Lancelin Ocean Classic is an annual sailboard race from Ledge Point (13km South of Lancelin) to Lancelin. It is usually held in mid January. Associated with this race, there is also a slalom event and a wave contest, over a three day weekend. The race attracts big names, such as Byron Marsh, Jessica Crisp and Anders Bringdal. Anders has won the Ocean Classic many times, and the slalom races are fought between some of the world's best.

The Ocean Classic is quite a race, having a long downwind leg. It is highly contested, and it is quite an achievement to finish the race, let alone do well at it.

The marathon event finishes at the Tavern, the wave event is done just offshore (and to the south a little) from the tavern, and the slalom is done in front of the Tavern. The Tavern also hosts the pre, during and post race social events. The place really jumps during the race weekend.

The Ocean Classic [web page](#) has detailed information about the classic. It is well worth visiting. Also the classic weekend is great.

Other Activities

Golfing Tours - "Fairways Holidays"

Fairway Holidays provides a full commentary, all inclusive package to visit all Perth's Major Golf Courses. For details, contact [Werner Lortscher](#)

Pictures of Lancelin



Geraldton



Geraldton lies about 400km north of Perth. Geraldton is a major port for the central west coast. It is quite a large city, with a population of 20,360. The coast generally faces West, into the Indian Ocean, and most of the sailing is done on beach and possibly reef breaks.

This [photo](#) was originally on the Geraldton Sailboarding club site, which unfortunately I cannot find any more. It shows the city of Geraldton, taken from the air from the south.

Being north of Perth (and Lancelin) it is generally hotter than either of these places, and the sea breeze is stronger, at least than Perth, and to a lesser extent than Lancelin. Also, arguably, the surf is smaller than Lancelin, as it often seems that the surf decreases in size the further you go North.

This [diagram](#) shows a broad map of the city of Geraldton. The main sailing spots on this map are from South to North, Separation Point, Point Moore, Bluff Point and Sunset Beach. Of these places I have only sailed Sunset beach.

One of the major spots for sailing, and in my estimation one of the best spots that I have sailed in Australia is Coronation Beach. Coronation is not shown on this map as it is further north.

Weather

The best sailing season in Geraldton is from December to February (inclusive). During this period the area gets regular strong sea breezes. Typically these are of the order of 18 - 25 knots. This means that sailors (at least wave sailors) are using 4.5 - 5.0 sq m sails. Slalom sailors use whatever Slalom Sailors use. The sea breeze comes in at anywhere between 10 am and 3 pm, usually at about 11am. The typical scenario starts with a land breeze (offshore) blowing during the night, and a sudden wind as the sea breeze comes in. This sea breeze comes from the S/W, which is cross shore for the main sailing area. A description of the weather patterns that are associated with a good sea breeze can be seen [here](#).

It is popularly believed that the wind is a little stronger in Geraldton than in Lancelin or Perth.

The current forecast for Geraldton can be found [here](#).

This [page](#) has a lot of useful information about Geraldton weather.

Sailboard Shops

Geraldton has lost most of its sailboard shops. Strange, since it is a great windsurfing and kitesurfing spot. I suspect that the seasonality of the area makes it hard for shops in the area.



Sailwest closed in 2009. It was a great shop. There is still a [web site](#). I am unsure if it is active. I hope Rik is travelling OK.

G-spot

The G-spot is located at 241A Lester Ave, Geraldton. They have sailboarding and kiting gear. It is one of the last sailboarding shops left in Geraldton. Their web site is <http://gspotxtreme.com.au>.

Geraldton Surf and Sail

Geraldton Surf and Sail is on Chapman road on the way out of town. They have an extensive [web page](#).

Accommodation

Geraldton is quite a large country city. To this end there are lots of motels and units for those with the budget to stay in such places. There are also quite a number of Caravan Parks however, for the more budget conscious. Described below are some places I have stayed at and know about.

At the end of this section is a list of other possibilities. I have not stayed at most of these and cannot give any commentary. They are there as a resource only.

Sunset Beach Holiday Park

The Sunset Beach Holiday Park has new managers. They are working hard to bring the park back to its former glory. This is great news since it is a superb place for windsurfers to stay. The local sailing is good and the trip to Coronation is easy. You are right on the water, so you can see what is going on with the wind all day long.

Sunset Beach can boast some good swell at times. We usually sail there till the trip to Coronation guarantees a good sail.

Historically there have been a lot of sailboarders in residence over the sailing season.

Their web page can be viewed [here](#).

The park is north of the city, over the sand dune from Sunset beach. You can rig in the park, and carry your gear over the (small) sand dune to the beach to sail. [Here](#) is a picture of the front of the office. Everyday, in the office, a fax of the weather chart and details is available for the consideration of the sailboarding contingent.

The park has both powered and un-powered camping sites. There is also a camp kitchen ([picture](#)) and games room for the use of the patrons. The camp sites have trees and shade.

The park also has a number of park homes ([picture](#)). These units are self contained, with a kitchen and bathroom. They vary in size, but generally can accommodate 4 people, or less with gear ([picture](#)).

There are also on-site vans (in essence caravans), that are similar in concept to the park homes, however don't have their own bathroom ([picture](#)).

It used to be necessary to book ahead if you wanted to get a park home or caravan. Park homes may still require booking ahead, however caravans seem reasonably easy to get at short notice. Still it may not hurt to book ahead.

Geraldton Bed and Breakfast



The Geraldton Bed and Breakfast is superb accommodation near the center of Geraldton. The property has a three bedroom self contained house, as well as two separated self contained one bedroom bungalows on site. The house is rentable on a per room basis, sharing kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Being near the center of the town, it is centrally located to go north to Sunset Beach, or south to sail Pt Moore. It also has a pool, which would be great on those occasional hot but windless days.

The [web page](#) has details and pictures. If you don't want to be right on the beach, but want some comfort and seclusion, this is the spot to be in Geraldton.

Pam and Brett make you feel at home with their charm and hospitality. It is a great place to stay, and is a little oasis in what can otherwise be hot living in Geraldton. You can sail hard all day, and it is great to come home to the B&B.

[Here](#) is a picture album of the B&B. I told you it was superb. This is my favourite place to stay in Geraldton.

[Contact details](#) are here.

Oceanview Beach House

The Oceanview Beach House is located about 10km north of the town center, well on the way to Coronation. Local sailing would also be done at St. Georges beach, Horrocks and Sunset Beach. It is full house accommodation that sleeps six (queen bed, and 2 sets of bunks), 1 bathroom fully self contained including all linen and bedding with TV, DVD, Music and DVDs, Washing machine, microwave, fridge, etc. It has a huge lawned yard/plenty of space/lockup garage. It is also very reasonably priced at \$100 per night this is a flat rate for a maximum 6 people.

Details and pictures can be at [this link](#).

Geraldton Beach Cottages

The Geraldton Beach Cottages are in just near Point Moore. There are two cottages each sleeping up to 9 people. They are very close to the main surfing beach in Geraldton. This beach is not often sailed as it does not face the right direction for the sea breeze. It does provide some great surfing however.

Contact details are provided [here](#).

Belair Gardens Caravan Park.



This caravan park is south of the main city, quite close to the Point Moore sailing spot.

This may well be the caravan park to stay in in Geraldton.

The park has a shop ([pic](#)), a swimming pool and several grades of accommodation. They offer:

Chalets, which are self contained, including kitchen and bathroom,

Park Homes, that are self contained, with air conditioning,

Cabins, which are air conditioned, without bathroom,

Vans, which are caravans, no air conditioning, no bathroom,

En suite camping sites, which have private bathroom facilities for each site,

and

Shaded powered sites, which are nice camping sites, using communal toilet and shower facilities.

Their web page can be found [here](#).

Ocean West Holiday Units

For the traveler that doesn't want to stay in a camping area, these units may be of some interest. I have never looked through them, however the owners contacted me with details. They appear useful, and I will certainly check them out when next in Geraldton. Their web page is [here](#).

Other Possibilities.

I have not been to most of the places listed below. They may be useful if you are looking for somewhere to stay in Geraldton.

Abrolhos Reef Lodge
126 Brand Highway - 9921 3811

African Reef Resort
Broadhead Avenue - 9964 5566

Batavia Backpackers
Cnr Chapman Rd. and Bayley St. 9964 3001

Batavia Coast Caravan Park
Lot 3 Hall Road - 9938 1222

Batavia Motor Inn
54 Fitzgerald St. 9921 3500

[Belair Gardens Holiday Centre](#)
Wilcock Drive - 9921 1997

Bluntisham Bed and Breakfast
21 Sexton Drive - 9938 1448

Champion Bay Bed and Breakfast
31 Snowden St - 9921 7624

Champion Bay Retreat
28 Trigg Street - 9921 1647

Foreshore Backpackers
172 Marine Terrace - 9921 3275

[Geraldton Bed and Breakfast](#)
183 George St - 9921 6334

Geraldton Motor Inn
Brand Highway - 9964 4777

Greengables Lodge
7 Hacket Rd - 9938 2332

Goodwood Lodge
Corner Durfacher St and Brand Hwy - 9921 5666

Hospitality Inn
Cathedral Avenue - 131 779

Mahomets Village Holiday Villas
Willcock Drive - 9921 6652

Mercure Inn
Brand Highway - 9921 2455

Ocean Centre Hotel
Cnr Foreshore Drv & Cathedral Avenue - 9921 1777

Ocean West Holiday Units
1 Hadda Way - 9921 1047

[Sunset Beach Holiday Park](#)
Bosley St - 9938 1655

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Sailing Locations.

Point Moore provides good reef breaks for surf sailing and good flat water sailing and kiting.

Personally, I believe that Coronation is the best sailing spot in Geraldton. Sunset Beach is quite good, especially when the swell comes through, and is handy if staying at Sun City.



Point Moore is a well known spot, that boasts great wave riding in the right conditions. It consists of a flat area (center of the picture, with reef breaks to the left and right, out to sea. Point Moore can be found by its [Light House](#), which is visible from that land and from the air, from quite some distance.

Point Moore is ideal for wave, bump and jump and slalom Sailing. The point is the windy-est location, since it is situated 4 km out to sea, and thus gets better uninterrupted wind.

The area consists of a bay, flanked by two points.

The wave action is on the two points mentioned above. As a wave location, it is really meant for the advanced wave sailor. You need to know where to sail, where the reef is, and be able to wave sail reasonably well to stay out of trouble.

The bay is perfect in the morning for beginners, with the late morning and afternoon providing the right conditions for the intermediate and advanced sailors.

Point Moore also is a great spot for kiting. The beach is wide and generally uncrowded. There is ample setup area, and safe launching. The bay inside the two points provides a great relatively flat area for kiting. This is my preferred kiting beach in Geraldton.

The grass area behind the beach is also great for packing gear away, and there is a good parking area.

St Georges Beach

Ideal Slalom and Bump and Jump sailing for beginners to advanced sailors. St. Georges Beach has a grassed rigging area and shower and toilet facilities.

Sunset Beach

Sunset Beach is a beach break to the north of the Geraldton city centre. It is directly next to the [Sun City Caravan Park](#). Sunset beach is great when there is swell, with both jumping and wave riding, however it does not seem to hold swell well. Probably Point Moore would provide better swell a lot of the time. It would be well to ask Rik from Sail West.

Coronation Beach

Coronation Beach is arguably one of the best Sailing spots in Australia (at least for wave action). It is a very good jumping location, also providing some good wave riding as well. Coronation Beach is about 25km North of Geraldton.

Coronation beach is also a good kiting area. The kiting area is north of the sailing area, down wind of the sailboarding area. This provides good separation of kiters and sailboarders. Kiters can go down wind and sail miles of beach and reef breaks and then sail back up wind to the launch spot at the end of the day.

The Coronation Beach turnoff is 14km north along the North West from the corner of Chapman road (by the Gull Service Station ([picture](#)). The road is dirt and corrugated often doesn't have a road sign, but when it does it looks like [this picture](#) (without Barry). The beach is 8km along this road. It is a made road almost all the way now. It used to be quite rough.

It is legal now to camp at Coronation Bay. I believe that numbers may be limited however.

Coronation is controlled by an on site ranger who is there almost full time over the xmas period. This is great, especially for medical emergencies and unexpected occurrences.

There are toilet facilities at Coronation now. Not spectacular, but do the job. Remember to take some toilet paper, it is unlikely that there will be any there.

The main sailboarding area is directly offshore from the car park. The main kiting area is north of the carpark. It is obvious once you get there.

[This photo](#)  shows some sailing action at Coronation Bay.

[This photo](#)  shows some more sailing action.

[This photo](#)  shows the beach from the distance, as you drive down the road towards Mecca.

The mpeg below was provided by [Peter \(stoklas@swipnet.se\)](mailto:Peter(stoklas@swipnet.se)). His original [mpeg page](#) has some great shots of sailboarding and skiing. Well worth a look. There is a great video of a loop as well. Beware that the mpegs are quite large (4 mb) and may take some time to load. This mpeg shows some of the wave action at Coronation Bay.



Pictures of Geraldton





Cervantes



Cervantes lies about 200km north of Perth, off the Brand Highway. It is a small town with quite a nice sailing beach. It Certainly worth the visit on the way up North. It can have slightly more wind than Lancelin at times, however doesn't have the wave conditions. It gets choppy allowing for some jumps however.

Getting There

Most sailboarders on surfari will drive in. The turn off is sign posted from the Brand Highway, from memory a sign that directs to Cervantes and Jurien Bay. If you do not have a car, there is a bus service from Perth and Geraldton, that stops at the Brand Highway turnoff to Cervantes, and is met by a daily service from Cervantes. [Details](#) can be found in the Pinnacles Beach Backpackers page.

Sailboard Shops

There are no sailboard shops in Cervantes. Thus it is necessary to make sure that you have all your gear when you go there. Lancelin is the closest place with a shop lies about 100km south. It doesn't take too long to get there if need be.

Accommodation

Cervantes is a small town. There are a few shops, including a general store, a laundromat and a pub (hotel). There are a few motels, and doubtless some rental property.

Pinnacles Beach Backpackers

One excellent place to stay is the Pinnacles Beach Backpackers facility. This is a new facility, and has been rated a 4 star rating from the Royal Automobile Club. A picture is shown [here](#). The proprietor is Tony Lambert, and he is very proud of the success and quality of his establishment. Details can be got from their [web page](#). This [photo album](#) shows the facilities.

Other Accommodation.

I have not been to most of the places listed below. They may be useful if you are looking for somewhere to stay in Cervantes.

Cervantes Backpackers
Aragon St - 9652 7060

Cervantes Pinnacles Motel
Aragon St - 9652 7145

Sailing Locations.

The main windsurfing spot is Thirsty Point. This is part of a shallow sandy bay, with a reef and Island offshore, providing quite a good flat water area, that will get some wind swell when the wind gets high.

The prevailing wind is almost on shore, however it is quite an easy sail from the shore. It is excellent for the Slalom types, with good sailing for the short board sailor as well.

Attractions and Activities.

Pinnacles Desert



There are many things to do around the area. One famous landmark is the pinnacles desert. This is about 35km out of Cervantes, and is worth the drive. Be careful around dusk however, kangaroos abound. Doubtless there are tours from the town, and certainly there are via [Pinnacle Tours](#) from Perth.

[This album](#) shows some shots of the Pinnacles dessert.

Lake Thetis



The Thetis Lake is worth driving into for a look. It contains Stromatolites, organisms living from millions of years ago. The [photo album](#) contains descriptions.

Other activities include ocean cruises, whale watching (in season), fishing, bush walking and wild flower Tours. This is well referenced in the [Pinnacle Beach Backpackers activities page](#).

Pictures of Cervantes





Jurien Bay



Jurien Bay lies about 266 north of Perth, off the Brand Highway, quite close to Cervantes. In fact the turn-offs to Cervantes include Jurien. There are several turn-offs along the highway, and you can take your pick. It is worth looking at a map to determine the best road surface.

Jurien Bay is a small quiet town, with a few shops, a hotel, an air strip and a caravan park. It includes an extensive marina and boat launching ramp

Sailboard Shops

There are no sailboard shops in Jurien. Thus it is necessary to make sure that you have all your gear when you go there. Lancelin is the closest place with a shop lies about 100km south. It doesn't take too long to get there if need be.

Accommodation

There are some rental properties in Jurien (details of some are listed below), however there is also a nice Caravan Park. The park is nicely grassed and has some trees for shelter. The toilets etc. are clean. Generally it appears to be a well run park. I have stayed there on a few occasions. [Their web page](#) details the park and activities in the area.

Other Possibilities

I have not stayed at the majority of the places listed below. They are listed as possibilities if you want somewhere to stay in Jurien.

[Jurien Bay Caravan Park](#)
Roberts Road - 9652 1595

Jurien Bay Hotel
Padbury Street - 9652 1022

Jurien Beach Front Units
13 Cook St. - 9652 1022

Top Spot Cottages
Bashford Street - 9653 1290

Jurien Chalets
8 Dalton Street - 9652 1064

Sailing Locations.

Jurien Bay, as the name indicates, has a small bay to the west of the main street. The usual wind is a South Westerly, which is cross wind, that sometimes can be a little

flukey off the main beach. The bay is however flanked to the south by a sailable beach, that gets the cross wind nicely.

There are reefs offshore that limit the swell that comes in to the area. This fact means that the area is really a flat water sailing spot. There are several Islands off shore (before the reef) and it can be quite fun blasting out to them across the flat bay.

This [album](#) shows some pictures taken around Jurien.

Pictures of Jurien Bay





Gnaraloo



I have never sailed Gnaraloo, but I know lots of people that have. I have however flown over it on the way to Coral Bay. It is an isolated cattle station, and a mega wave and wave sailing spot.

The Gnaraloo wind season is earlier than that for Geraldton or Lancelin, usually starting in October. Probably the best months would be October and November.

[This map](#) shows the position of Gnaraloo on the coast. It is about 160km north of Carnarvon, which is about 1000km north of Perth. Carnarvon is a place worth going to in its own right, but arguably not a wave sailing spot. [This map](#) shows the layout of the station area including the sailing spots. For the visitor and sailboarding tourist, it would be a great trip, up through [Lancelin](#), [Geraldton](#), Kalbarri, [Monkey Mia](#) (a bit off course, but a must), Carnarvon and finally to Gnaraloo. These are all places that are interesting to see, and most are Meccas for sailing.

There is a web page that describes a lot about the area. The owners are keen to keep the outback and environmental facets but also make it accessible to visitors so that they can also enjoy the area. The web page is at <http://www.gnaraloo.com.au>

This is an excellent page, which describes the area, the facilities and the attractions. It is well worth visiting.

Links to other pages about Gnaraloo sailing.

- [Kim Sailing at Gnaraloo Station/Tombstone](#)
- [Jef Turner's Page about sailing at Gnaraloo](#). This is a very useful page.
- [A geocities page about Gnaraloo](#).

Gnaraloo Station Accommodation



The station has building accommodation and camping facilities. The building accommodation is of varying sorts, and is described on [this page](#) of their web page. The accommodation includes self contained kitchens, gas ovens, stoves, fridge, freezers, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils. There is fresh water, hot showers and toilets.

The 3 Mile Camp has 45 camp sites. It is close to the main surf breaks, and has a safe lagoon area for swimming and snorkeling. There is no fresh water, and the camp sites provide little shade, so it is necessary to keep this in mind when packing for the camping holiday.

Gnaraloo Sailing Conditions.

The Gnaraloo season starts in the end of September, and goes through November and December. It can start to get flukey in January, however there can also be some good conditions through into February.

The area is really better for the experienced sailor, since the coral bottoms and wave size make it an area for the experienced sailor. It is reported that there are areas in the bay for the novice wave-riders as well, where there is slightly greater depth and less prominent coral.

You sail in booties in Gnaraloo. Coral cuts can be nasty and slow to heal.

The following description is taken from Per Ronnbak's old Gnaraloo page.

It's a little bit tricky to climb down the rocks to the launch-site. But if you do so you are going to be rewarded with epic wavesailing on probably one of the best windsurfing reef breaks in the world.

The wave-ride is so long, 16 bottom turns on one single wave is nothing unusual, the place is just unreal, extremely good wavesailing. It's NOT a place for beginners, you must be into serious down the line wavesailing before you go there, it's dangerous and very expensive to sail in Gnaraloo if you can't wave-ride, the reef and the waves shows absolute no mercy.

If you break your mast you can buy new ones at a retailer in Carnavon, 140 km on dirt roads to go there, but my advise is that you buy masts and other gear at Surf&Co in Geraldton before going to Gnaraloo.

Average size of the waves are 2.5 meters, but there are also days with only one meter and BIG days with well over mast high. The reef can handle all sizes, but when the waves are big they become hollow and turns into barrels, that's why surfers go there during June, July, when the swell is bigger, to surf barrels and pipelines (Billabong challenge surf-videos are produced in Gnaraloo and surroundings). If there is mast-high waves gnraraloo offers very fast down the line wavesailing.

If you are a wave-sailor the best season is the end of September, October and November, there is also a high chance that you will have glimpse of whales if you go there early in the season. But you can also go there in December and January but then the swell is smaller and it's also very hot, temperatures above 40 C, are then very common and very small probability so see whales.

Gnaraloo is only 10 km south of the Tropic of Capricorn so expect warm weather in the Australian summer.

The following descriptions are from www.windsurfer.com site. They are included here because links can go bad!

Description 1

This spot is about 1000kms north of Perth, and about 160kms from the nearest town. It is about a 10 hour drive from Perth.

The coast is pretty wild, and there are loads of sea urchins whose spines just love to break off in your feet. This place is only good for wave-sailors, and accomplished ones at that, not beginner wave-sailors. This is not the place you come to learn to wave-sail. Go to Lancelin or Perth for that. By the way, you can get better conditions most of the time in Geraldton or Lancelin, where there are windsurfing shops as well as towns. Find out from locals what the rules are for rights to waves before you go out. The locals have little time for people who drop in. (Basically this applies to all breaks in Western Australia - the further away from Perth (apart from Geraldton) the more the locals hate the tourists. Respect the locals and you will enjoy yourself, otherwise you can expect a lot of aggro and no fun). And BTW it is spealt 'Gnaraloo' and pronounced 'Narloo'.

Description 2

Small coastal station on the western side of Australia. Ten hours drive north from Perth. This is a mecca for sailors during the winter/summer months from July to February. Average wind speed - 25-30 knots. Wave sailing conditions on the reef. Plenty of sea urchin and sharks, but they are well fed. Take plenty of spare equipment as there isn't a shop for 2 hours. You can always rely on the South Westerly sea-breeze everyday.

Pictures of Gnaraloo





Margaret River



M Margaret River lies about 270km south of Perth. It is quite an easy drive down either the South Western Highway, or the more scenic (but longer) coast roads through Rockingham, Mandurah etc.

It is quite a trendy tourist spot, and there are quite a lot of tourist activities, and some wonderful wineries in the area. Some of the activities include visiting wineries, walks through beautiful national parks, exploring spectacular caves, and horse riding.

The area is littered with restaurants, galleries and the like. Further to south (about 50km) is Augusta, a small and picturesque coastal town. Augusta has a beautiful ocean beach, and is meant to be a secret sailing spot.

The actual township of Margaret is about 3km inland from the beach. [This picture](#) shows part of the main street.

About 40km to the north is Dunsborough, another coastal town, with a beautiful beach, a pretty coastal road, and a nice caravan park, right on the beach. Dunsborough would be quite sailable, but flat water (possibly bump and jump) only. It also runs East - West, so requires a slightly different wind direction.

There Margaret River Tourism Association has a [web page](#) that describes a lot of the attractions of the area. I strongly recommend visiting this site to get a feel for the multitudinous number of activities in the area.

Margaret River Accommodation

M Margaret River, being such a tourist attraction, has a large number of places to stay, including Motels, Bed and Breakfast places, Lodges and Camping Facilities. The Margaret River Tourism Association publishes a guide with details of hundreds of places. Their [web page](#) has an accommodation search and booking facility.

The sailor probably wants to stay close to the beach to have continual awareness of the conditions. Three options are:



This facility is described as budget accommodation, but at its best. It has backpacker style as well as motel style accommodation. It is exceptionally good value, and in

my opinion, definitely the place to stay.

Accommodation ranges from \$20/night to \$100/night, depending on facilities and size of room. [This is a picture](#) of the front reception area. Further details can be found on their [web page](#). [Contact details are here](#)

Margarets Beach Resort

The resort is comprised of dozens of units, with verandas, looking out over the Margaret River area.

Apartments start from \$150 / night (1 bedroom) (peak season), to \$225 / night (2 bedrooms). Beach houses start at \$225 / night (3 bedroom) to \$280 / night (4 bedroom). [Contact details](#) are included.

Prevelly Park Beach Resort



Prevelly Park beach resort is a camping area, reasonably close to the main sailing beach. It is a nice treed camping area, providing camping sites, caravan sites, park homes and beach cottages.

[Contact details are here](#).

Margaret River Sailboarding Shops

M Margaret River is the home of Delta Design, a board manufacturer of renown throughout Western Australia. Delta design build custom and production sailboards and surfboards of high quality. Martin, the owner of Delta Design, is a long time sailor and sails the area regularly.

Martin has a great knowledge of board design and construction. He appears to be a perfectionist with his board manufacturing, and is always looking for innovation in his designs. Talking to him you realise that there is a lot of effort and time going into his work. If you were looking to buy a new board for your WA sailing, Delta Design would have to be a major contender.

Martin designs and custom shapes at his home in Margaret River ([picture](#)) and the finishing is done at his main factory in town ([picture](#)). In this factory they will also do sailboard and surfboard repairs.

There are no real sailboarding shops in Margaret River. Some of the surf shops sell Delta Design boards, but there appears to be little other hardware available.

Delta Design have their own [web page](#).

Sailing Spots

M Margaret River is not a sailing spot for beginner wave sailors. The beaches can have large swell that breaks on to a reef. It can suck dry, and it requires good wave riding skills. Also the area can get quite crowded, there being one main sailing area where most people sail. The locals can also get quite aggressive, especially if you break the [wave sailing rules](#). These rules are accepted world wide, so they will not come as any surprise to a wave sailor. It is necessary that they are strictly adhered to in this area, due to the size and speed of the waves and the number of people sailing here. They are really an augmentation of the basic surfing rules, which are also strictly adhered to in the Margaret River area (as they should be everywhere). [This is a picture](#) of the surfing rules as depicted on a plaque at Surf Point.

Surfers Point

The main sailing spot is called Surfers Point, down Surfers Point Road. The car park is on the cliff above the sailing beach, and a wooden ramp/steps leads down to the beach about 70 ft below. The beach is relatively limited here, and most people rig on the grass as the top of the hill, and carry the gear down to the beach.

[This picture](#) is taken from the Surfers Point car park, viewing the boards on the beach. It should be noted that the beach has eroded somewhat recently, and rocks have been uncovered in this area.

[This picture](#) shows some of the swells at Surfers Point. As can be seen, there is reef inshore, and it is necessary to corner left or right on the wave. Most seem to go left (right in the picture). Again [a picture](#) of the swells at the point.

Getting out into the break can be interesting. It is usual to go out through the keyhole, [pictured here](#) with reference to the waves out the back, [and here](#) showing the key hole explicitly.

If you know what you are doing, you can sail both in and out through the key hole. Most regular sailors of the spot do. You can also go in / come out upwind and downwind from this spot, as some sailors do, probably for safety.

Boat Ramp

South of Surfers Point there are also other breaks. They are sailed by fewer people, and the usual launching place is by the boat ramp. I would suggest that the first time sailor to the area only sail these reefs when someone else who (hopefully) knows the area is already sailing there. Due to the cliff to the south of the area, sailing from the boat ramp is best when the wind has some on-shore component, otherwise it can be hard to get out from shore.

The mpegs below were provided by [Peter \(stoklas@swipnet.se\)](mailto:peter.stoklas@swipnet.se). His original [mpeg page](#) has some great shots of sailboarding and skiing. Well worth a look. There is a great video of a loop as well. These mpegs show some of the wave action at Margaret River. Beware that the mpegs are quite large (4 mb) and may take some time to load.



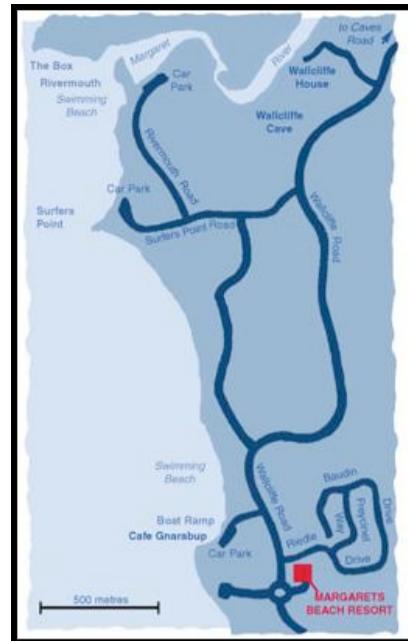
[Surfing action at Surfer's Point](#)



[Sailing action at Surfer's Point](#)

Pictures of Margaret River





Monkey Mia



I have never sailed Monkey Mia, however I have flown up there. It is certainly windy, and some sailing is done. There appears to be little swell. The following report

describes the area a little, and the main reason it is a tourist attraction, DOLPHINS. Details about the dolphin viewing can be got from the



[Monkey](#)

[Mia Home Page](#)

Monkey Mia lies about 1000km north of Perth. [This map](#) shows its position up the coast. It is a great flight, and you can see the main sailing spots on the way up. It is a well known spot for its [native dolphins](#), that visit the beach every day.

Unfortunately, although you can see dolphins at VERY close range, the viewing is very controlled. This is probably necessary, since they attract large crowds, and even thought they are quite tame, they can get a little annoyed if you treat them wrongly. A dolphin is a very powerful animal.

We decided to fly from Perth to Shark Bay (just West of Monkey Mia) and hire a car from there. There are several commercial flights to the area, however, as I have a pilots license, we decided to fly ourselves.

I did a check flight at [Amity Aviation](#) a small flying school in Jandakot (15km South of Perth). The School is a family business, and the CFI is Trevor Baxter. Initially I did an area reconnaissance flight with John Barker in a Grumman Tiger, since the Arrow that I was to do a check flight in was unavailable. The Tiger is an excellent Aircraft (I had never flown one before) and we had a great hour identifying in-bound/out-bound points, playing [inside the Perth CTR](#) and doing some circuits.

Subsequently to that, I did a check flight in the Arrow I was to take to Shark Bay with Trevor. Again, whenever you fly with someone new, you see some different techniques, and get some good advice.

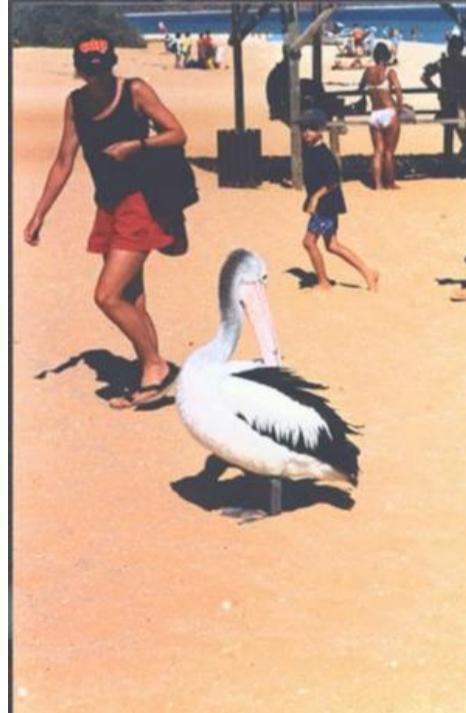
[We left Jandakot](#) after waiting for some low cloud to lift, and tracked Coastal to Geraldton, where I refueled, and thence flew on to [Shark Bay](#).

There is a lot of sightseeing to be done around the area, and you really need a car to get around the place. We did the [dolphin thing](#) however, and another attraction of the area is the very tame, and large [pelicans](#).

Accommodation

A great place to stay is a the Monkey Mia resort. Details can be found on their [web page](#). Other places can be found in and around Denham, which is just a short (not too distant) drive from Monkey Mia itself.

Pictures from Monkey Mia





Kalbarri



General

Kalbarri is about 130km north of Geraldton. It is not really a sailing spot. You may be able to sail in the mouth of the river if the wind was westerly, however this is not a likely wind direction.

Kalbarri is however a beautiful spot, with gorges and the Murchison river meandering through the town. It is well worth the drive from Geraldton, especially if the wind is light for a couple of days. It only takes about 1.5 hours to drive there.

The web page <http://www.kalbarri.com> has many informative details about the area and attractions and is well worth visiting as is the page <http://www.kalbarriwa.info/>

Accommodation

There are many places to stay in Kalbarri, including resort style accommodation, units, backpackers accommodation, camping grounds and bed and breakfast houses. The way to pre book accommodation is to contact the Kalbarri Tourist Bureau, they have details of lots of places. Contact details are [here](#).

Also a lot of information about accommodation is available via the Kalbarri accommodation service page <http://www.kalbarriaccommodation.com.au>

We stayed at a bed and breakfast on the main street in Kalbarri. It was superb, having access to the swimming pool directly out the front. This [album](#) shows pictures of the B&B.

Attractions and Activities.

Kalbarri is at the mouth of the Murchison river, on the coast of WA. The Murchison meanders through a series of gorges, on its way to the sea. There is horse riding, abseiling, canoeing, walking and much sightseeing to be done in the area.

We did a tour with Kalbarri Adventure Tours, that took us walking through some of the gorges and canoeing down the river. It was an all day tour for \$60, and exceptional value. This [album](#) shows some pictures taken of the scenery during the tour.

Contact details for Kalbarri Adventure Tours can be found [here](#)

Pictures from Kalbarri



Coral Bay



Coral Bay is about 100 km north of Gnaraloo. You can get there by driving, or via light aircraft.

Coral Bay is not really a place for windsurfing. The coral comes right in to the shore, and the offshore reef stops all the possible surf. The height of the coral at low tide would probably reek havoc with your fin, and a lot of local knowledge would be required to sail the area. That being said, there were a couple of windsurfers there when I was last.

Coral bay is however a great place to visit, and if you were up at sailing at Gnaraloo, it is well worth driving the relatively short distance from Gnaraloo to Coral Bay. Unfortunately, unless you have a 4 wheel drive, it would be advisable to drive out to the main highway before venturing North to Coral Bay. If you had a 4wd, I believe that you could drive straight to Coral bay, saving quite some distance.

I flew into Coral bay, thus have no experience of the road conditions.

Accommodation in Coral Bay

We stayed at the Ningaloo Reef Resort in Coral Bay. The resort is lively and friendly, and right next to the main activities beach. [This picture](#) is taken looking up from the beach to the resort. [This picture](#) is taken looking down from the back of the resort towards the main beach.

We stayed at the resort during mid January. This is not peak season, since the weather is quite hot, and can be sticky. I am lead to believe that the winter (July, Aug, Nov) would probably be the ideal time, however this does not coincide with the windsurfing season.

The resort has several types of accommodation, ranging from \$90 per day to \$130 per day. [Contact Details](#) and indicative pricing can be found here.

Another place to stay is the Bayview Coral Bay. The Bayview has several levels of accommodation for those with a smaller budget. It is also a little further from the main activities beach, not that that is a major concern, since nowhere is far in Coral Bay!

The Bayview has Holiday and Budget Motel units, chalets, cabins, on site caravans and caravan and tent sites. [Contact details](#) are found here.

Coral Bay Activities

Snorkeling the reef

The main reason I went to Coral Bay was to view the coral reef. Unlike the Great Barrier reef on the east coast of Australia, the Ningaloo reef comes right in to the shore at Coral Bay. This means that the reef is much more accessible, you can walk off the shore and snorkel over coral and fishes in minutes.

I also believe that the reef is equally as good as the Barrier Reef, with a good variety of fish and corals. It is well maintained, and quite spectacular.

I also mentioned earlier that I do not believe that it is a good sailboarding spot. I have heard of people that have sailed and kitesurfed there, and lived to regret it. Possibly there are areas away from the main coral areas that could be good, however in lots of places you could really damage you board, feet and pride.

We did a glass bottom boat tour of some of the area. This is a must. The tour guides know a lot about the area, the best sites, and some of the fish by name. Our tour had three snorkeling stops over some of the best areas, and was very beneficial before doing your own snorkeling trips from the shore.

Turtle Hatching

Another tour we did was a turtle tour with [Pete](#) the turtle man. Pete is concerned with keeping the turtle population going in the area. He points out that a large proportion of baby turtles don't make it from their nest to the ocean, in this area mainly due to foxes.

Pete scouts the beaches around the area looking for turtle nests. He logs where they are and reinforces the nests from foxes (via various means). He also knows when the nesting babies are due to leave the nest and make for the water. When the turtles are ready to migrate to the water, Pete helps their progress, and keeps the waiting predators away, while the turtles make their way on their perilous journey to the water.

Pete allows a small number of people to accompany him to the nest sites, and to see the migration of the turtles. The groups are arranged by a local tourist operator. The tour involves picking up three wheeled motor bikes (that have little or no impact on the beach or turtles) and doing a sunset drive to the current hatching spots, helping the turtles, watching the [sunset](#) and driving home.

On the evening we did it, it was a superb event. We helped 96 migrating [baby turtles](#) to the water, much to the ire of the local fox brigade. Pete does all this work for free, so a small donation is welcome, to pay for his expenses incurred in helping the turtles.

Addendum

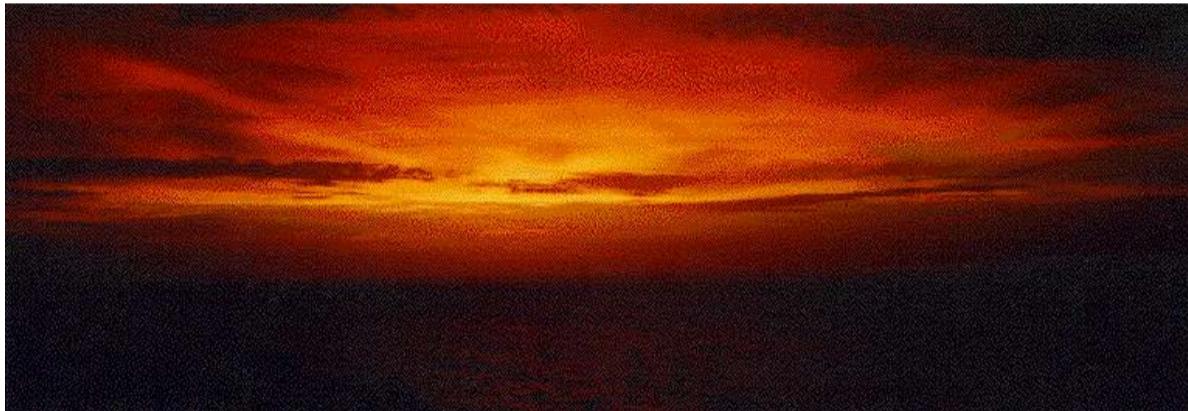
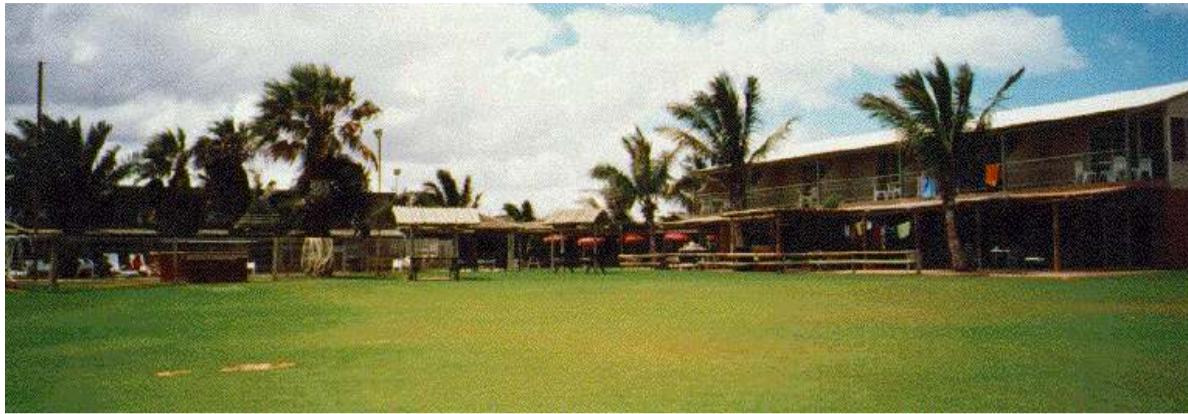
It appears that the 'Authorities' have put an end to helping baby turtles to the water. The explanation I have heard is that it is providing human intervention to the turtles struggle for survival.

The main thing that Pete achieved was to protect a small percentage of the baby turtles on their journey to the water from foxes, their main land predator, and help them over the large ruts left by four wheel drives, driving on the beach. If it weren't for these two problems the majority of baby turtles would make it to the water in this area.

As we all know, four wheel drives and foxes are native to the area!!!

The stupidity of the cretins that make these rules is mind blowing.

Pictures of Coral Bay



Cocos Islands



The Cocos (Keeling) Islands are about 2700km north west of Perth. They are located in the Indian Ocean at latitude 12 deg 10 min south and longitude 96 deg 50 min east. The map above (linked to the Cocos Island Tourism Commission) shows the position of the Island from the mainland of Australia. [This map](#) (Courtesy of the General Libraries, The University of Texas at Austin), shows the islands' layout (114k).

The Islands have a complex and turbulent history, which is described in an excellent book The Cocos (Keeling) Islands by Pauline Bunce and can also be outlined in the [Department of Transport and Regional Services](#) page, the [Cocos Island Tourism Commission](#) page and the [Cocos Solutions page](#).

The islands are now a territory of Australia and provide a superb windsurfing and kite sailing location around the June - September period.

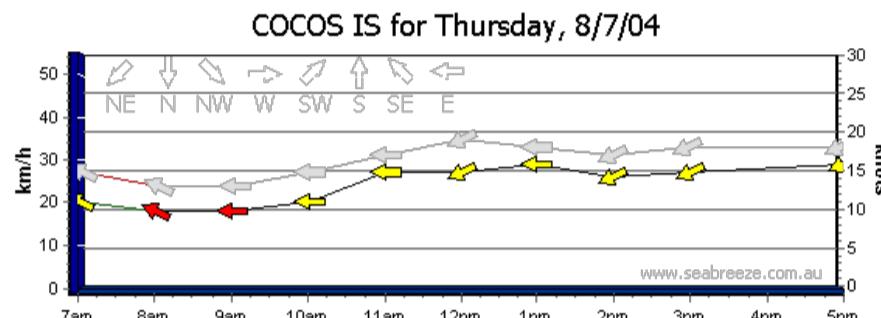
Sailing Conditions

The Islands are surrounded by a coral fringing reef, on which the surf pounds down almost all the time. It is possible to surf at some locations however sailboarding and kitesurfing would probably not be feasible. The sailing is mainly done in the central lagoon. The lagoon is several kilometres in diameter, and much of it is only waist deep. This can pose some problems in some areas, since it can be quite shallow (unsailably so) for quite some distance from the shore when the tide is out. In the southern half of the atoll, most sailing is done on the high half of the tide. It is usual to sail from the sailing club in this area. (See [this map](#))

[This link](#) shows tide predictions for the cocos islands (<http://www.ntf.flinders.edu.au/TEXT/TIDES/TIDES/co.html>).

It is deeper in the northern half of the atoll ([map](#)). I have only ever sailed from the sailing club and have no knowledge of good spots in the northern sector.

The Islands are in the path of SE trade winds for most of the year. The Islands are situated in a cyclone prone region and are effected by cyclone conditions during the summer months. The south east trades are most consistent from June to September, peaking in August. The wind strengths average 15 - 20 knots, with occasional windless days and windier days.



This graph

(from [Seabreeze](#)) shows a typical day.

In August 2001 there was a period of 4 low wind days, an event very unusual according to the locals.

The area is exceptional for beginner and intermediate sailboarders, and those keen on slalom sailing. There are no sailable waves, and the depth of tide restrict sailing largely to the high half of the tide. The area is exceptional for kite sailing, providing good winds and flat water. The best area for sailing seems to be the Cocos Island Sailing club. There is a good beach on which to rig up and a good sailable area. This [page](#) shows some shots of the sailing club region.

Getting yourself and gear to the Cocos Islands.

The Islands are serviced by [Virgin Blue](#) departing from Perth. There are only one or two flights per week and they are quite expensive (but the location is great).

There are no sailboard or kiteboard shops on the Islands. There is a surf shop, but they don't stock that type of hardware.

The best way to sail the Islands is to go with a group of like minded people. Zephyr Kite Tours ([web page](#)) conduct tours there most years.

[2nd Wind Sailboards](#) also conduct tours and clinics and provide all gear.

[Here](#) is a link that shows some of the action. It is a great youtube video that shows the atmosphere somewhat.

Accommodation on the Cocos Islands

Only 2 islands are inhabited, West Island and Home Island. The tourist Island is West Island, which has the runway, administration and tourist accommodation facilities. Home Island is the home of most of the resident Malay population, and is serviced regularly by a ferry from West Island.

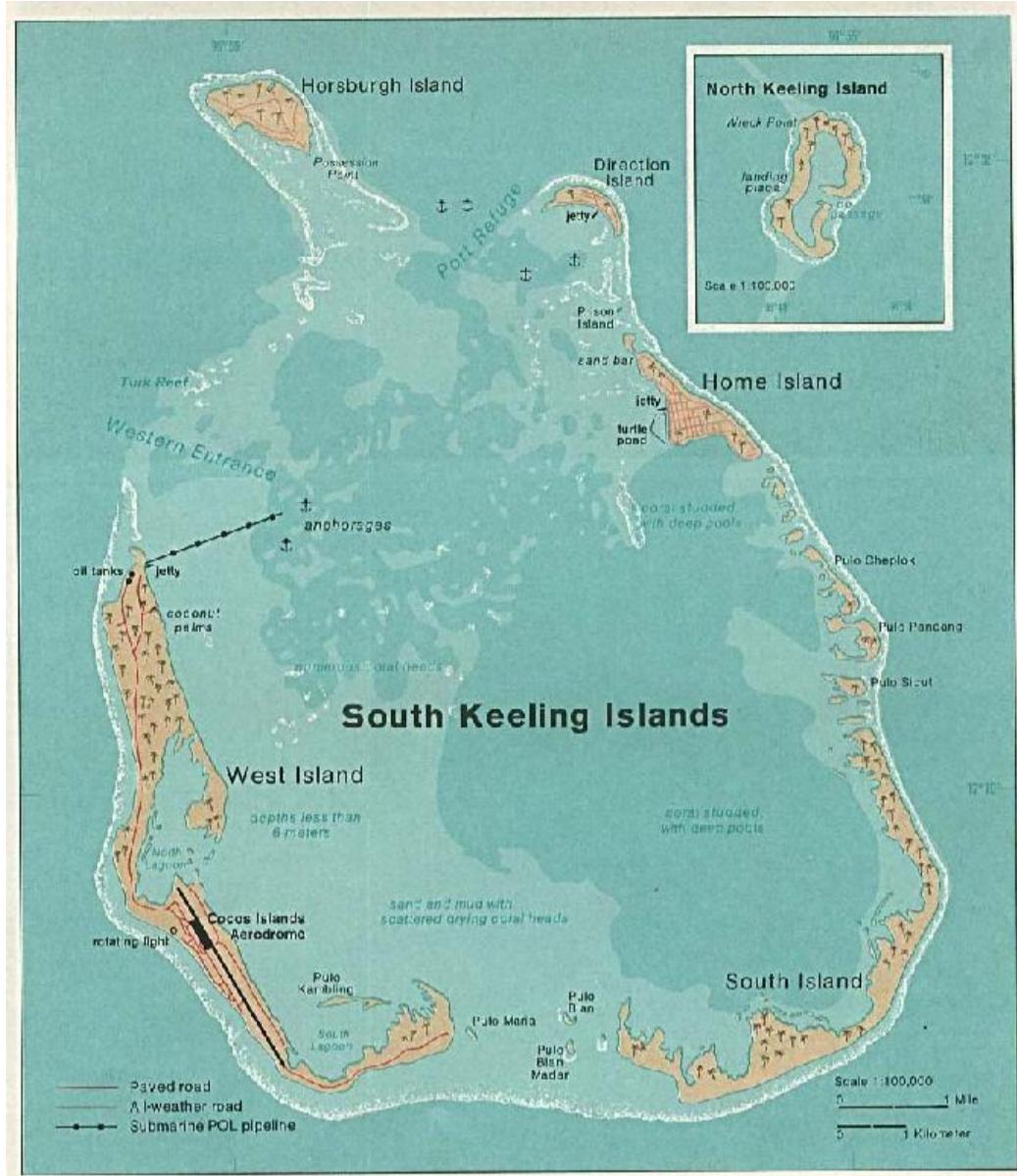
The [Cocos Solutions page](#) describes some of the accommodation options. It appears that the Cocos Cottages ([pic](#)) provide the best accommodation, however it is rumoured that they are hard to book. They are self contained cottages, and you do your own cooking etc. A description from the Cocos Island Tourism Commission can be found [here](#).

We stayed at the West Island Lodge now called the Cocos Beach Motel, which consists of a series of blocks of rooms. The rooms are serviced daily. The lodge also contains a restaurant and meals are served from the servery. The meals are generally buffet style, or you can ask for particular dishes to be made. The restaurant is open for breakfast lunch and dinner, and will also provide meat and salads if you want to go somewhere on the Island and use one of the frequent barbecues ([pic](#))([pic](#)).

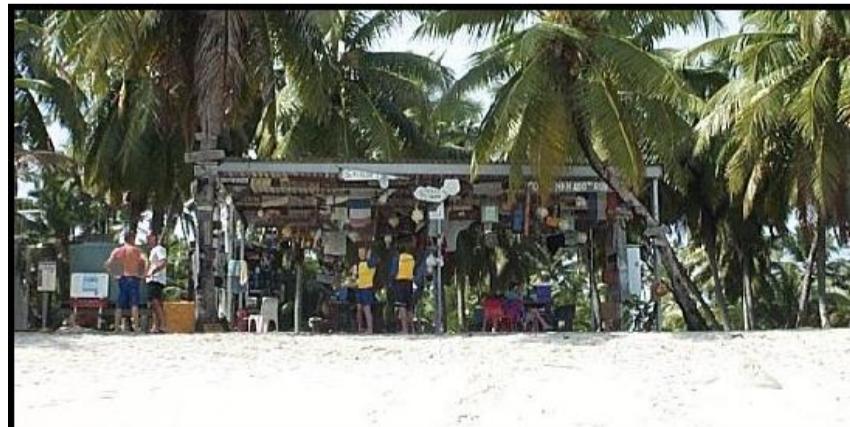
I would suggest that the lodge is a good place to stay. The rooms are ok and the living is easy. [This link](#) shows some shots of the Lodge. A description from the Cocos Island Tourism Commission can be found [here](#).

Cocos Island Map

(Courtesy of the General Libraries, The University of Texas at Austin)



Pictures of the Cocos Islands





Broome

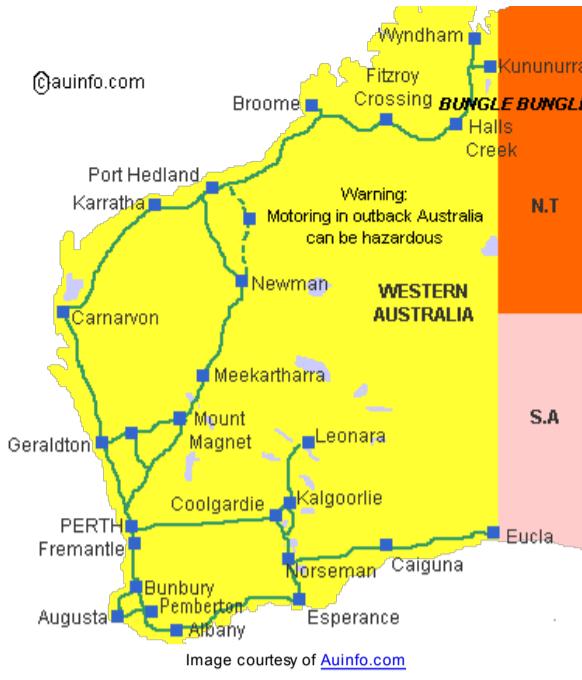


Image courtesy of [Auinfo.com](#)

General

Broome is about 2200 km north of Perth. It is not really a sailboarding spot but can provide some kitesurfing. Kiting off Cable beach is ok, since the beach is wide and great for launching. The prevailing wind is onshore, maybe with some cross wind. The beach doesn't really provide wave or flat water sailing, just light chop most of the time. The breeze seems reasonably consistent over the winter.

It is also possible to kitesurf in the mouth of the Willie Creek, 30km north of Broome. This looks like a great location, however there are Crocodiles inland and Tiger sharks off shore. I gather that you have to choose your spot. It would be really great flat water kiting however.

This area isn't really a great windsurfing or kitesurfing location, however there is some kiting if you are passing through. I would certainly not go there to specifically kite or sailboard, however it is interesting to see. You can also visit interesting places in the Kimberley from there.

The Broome Visitor Center has [a web page](#) that describes a lot about the area.

Accommodation

There are many places to stay in Broome, however the best spot is the [Cable Beach Resort](#). If it is within your budget, you would be disappointed not to have stayed there. It is right on Cable beach and you can easily carry your gear from your room to the beach. After a good kite, you can also have a quiet drink at the [sunset bar](#) on your way back to your room.

Attractions and Activities.

The best season for visiting Broome is probably between May and September. These are the winter months when the weather is warm and beautiful. The summer months are the wet season, which is hot, humid and can suffer from cyclones. We found October had good weather, however it was humid.

The two main tourist trips that we did were a Pearl Farm tour to Willie Creek and a Sailing trip on a large gaff rigged boat. Both trips were excellent. We were a little late in the season (October) and some tours were closed.

We also flew north up to Cape Leveque. This is a great flight providing a good look at the Archipelago. The conditions were very hazy however, which made it stressful for the pilot (me). It is possible to get commercial trips into the area.

Album

[Here](#) is an album of shots we took while in Broome.

Pictures from Broome



Some Appropriate Links

West Australian Sailboarding Links

- [Windsurfing Perth](#) (<http://www.windsurfingperth.com.au/>)
- [2nd Wind](#) (<http://www.2ndwind.com.au/>)
- [Surf Sail Australia](#) (<http://www.surfsailaustralia.com.au/>)
- [Sails and Windsurfing Center](#) (<http://www.windsurfing.net.au/>)
- [SOS Surf Company](#) (<http://www.iinet.net.au/~sossurf>)

- [Werner's Hot Spot](http://windsurfwa.com/werner/) (<http://windsurfwa.com/werner/>)
- [Sea Breeze](http://seabreeze.com.au/) (<http://seabreeze.com.au/>)
- [Sailwest](http://www.sailwest.com.au/) (<http://www.sailwest.com.au/>)
- [Lancelin Weather](http://www.wunderground.com/global/stations/95606.html) (<http://www.wunderground.com/global/stations/95606.html>)
- [Delta Design Sailboards](http://users.highway1.com.au/~delta/) (<http://users.highway1.com.au/~delta/>)
- [Ian Young's Kite Surfing](http://members.iinet.net.au/~ianyoung/kiteski.htm) (<http://members.iinet.net.au/~ianyoung/kiteski.htm>)
- [KA Sails](http://www.kasail.com.au) (<http://www.kasail.com.au>)
- [Starboard Boards](http://www.star-board.com) (<http://www.star-board.com>)
- [Windsurfing WA Association](http://www.windsurfingwa.org.au) (<http://www.windsurfingwa.org.au>)
- [Geraldton Windsurfing Club](http://www.geraldtonwindsurfclub.com) (<http://www.geraldtonwindsurfclub.com>)
- [Lancelin Ocean Classic](http://www.lancelinoceanclassic.com.au) (<http://www.lancelinoceanclassic.com.au>)

Australian Sailboarding Links

- [Sailboard Headquarters](http://www.shq.com.au) (<http://www.shq.com.au>)
- [Australian Windsurfing Sites](http://www.zeta.org.au/~ajmathew/ozwsurf.html) (<http://www.zeta.org.au/~ajmathew/ozwsurf.html>)
- [John Rhode's Australian Windsurfing](http://www.box.net.au/~jrohde/windsurf/) (<http://www.box.net.au/~jrohde/windsurf/>)
- [Victorian Surfcoast Photos](http://www.surfshop.com.au/) (<http://www.surfshop.com.au/>)
- [Repeat Performance sailboards](http://www.rpstheboardstore.com) (<http://www.rpstheboardstore.com>)
- [Trigger Brothers](http://www.triggerbros.com.au) (<http://www.triggerbros.com.au>)

Other Sailboarding Links

- [Big Winds](http://www.bigwinds.com/) (<http://www.bigwinds.com/>)
- [Hatteras Island Sail Shop](http://www.hiss-waves.com/) (<http://www.hiss-waves.com/>)
- [High Tech Maui](http://www.htmaui.com/) (<http://www.htmaui.com/>)
- [Hookipa Sail and Surf Maui](http://www.maui.net/~hookipa/) (<http://www.maui.net/~hookipa/>)

Kitesurfing Links

- [Kitehigh](http://www.kitehigh.com/) (<http://www.kitehigh.com/>)
- [Kitesurfing.com](http://www.kitesurfing.com/) (<http://www.kitesurfing.com/>)
- [Kitesurfing in Antigua](http://www.kiteantigua.com/) (<http://www.kiteantigua.com/>)
- [Hung Vu's Superb Kitesurfing page](http://www.kitesurfschool.org) (<http://www.kitesurfschool.org>)
- [Ian Young's Kitesurfing Page](http://members.iinet.net.au/~ianyoung/kiteski.html) (<http://members.iinet.net.au/~ianyoung/kiteski.html>)

Western Australian Activities Links

The page [Western Australia, Land and People](#) has an enormous number of links to Western Australian web resources. What you can't find here isn't worth knowing about.

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World Windsurfing Directory



This site is also referenced in the [World Windsurfing Directory](#). This site lists a great number of windsurfing resources world wide.

Appendix - Contact Details

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2nd Wind Sailboards

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Email: Jez@2ndwind.com.au
Web: www.2ndwind.com.au



SOS Surf Company

1 Quarry St
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Email: sossurf@iinet.net.au
WWW: www.iinet.net.au/~sossurf



Airborne Kitesurfing

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Osborne Park
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email: ian@windsurfing.net.au
WWW: <http://www.windsurfing.net.au/>

Surf Sail Australia

Surf Sail Australia
260-262 Railway Parade
West Leederville
Western Australia, 6007

Web Page: <http://www.surfsailaustralia.com.au>.

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381 Guilford

[Web Page:](http://www.bayswatercarrental.com.au) <http://www.bayswatercarrental.com.au>

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North Perth 6006.

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Lancelin Lodge



Shop 1



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LANCELIN LODGE ROOM RATES

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6 Double/Twin rooms
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Ample toilets, showers etc.
Commercial Kitchen
Lounge and Dining Rooms
Lockup storage for sailing gear

Room Rates as at 1st July 2000, including GST.

Prices include sheets, pillows and continental quilt.
Weekly rates apply - special rates for groups
6 Bed Group Room is \$17 per night per person.
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Double and Family rates increase during Dec/Jan and Public Holidays.

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\$6 per extra adult, \$3 per child.
Bed linen and pillows required.

10 Powered Sites
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