

Western Australian Free Beaches

WARNBRO BEACH, PERTH



Warnbro Beach

Description

Warnbro is a delightful beach south of the Perth / Fremantle metropolitan area that can be reached from Perth in approximately 30 minutes by car. The yellow sand is quite fine but clean and forms dunes behind the beach. The beach shelves very gently and does not usually have large waves so the swimming is safe for all the family. The water is clean, very clear and there are no rocks. At a very high tide the sand can reduce to a strip 10m wide.

The nude section of the beach is some 900m long and has been clearly marked with signposts. Dogs may use the northern end of the nude section. In late summer March flies are occasionally on the beach (they can give a small bite) so some insect repellent can be a good idea.

There are active efforts to protect the dune area that is fenced off so please use the marked paths. Neither the car park nor paths leading on to the beach are designated as nude areas.

Facilities

The access road and car park are both sealed. There are no showers, toilets or other facilities so be sure to take water onto the beach with you. The nearest showers and toilets are some 3.8km north at the junction of Warnbro Beach Road and Francis Street (drive 2.2km north along Fendam St, 0.4km along Blakey, then turn left and drive for 1.2km along Warnbro Beach Rd).

Current Status

Warnbro Beach has been gazetted as a legal nude beach by Rockingham City Council. Although there has been a slight move in the northern boundary of the beach, its future appears secure at the moment. Development is continuing behind the dunes at the back of the beach, and at the southern end of the bay. At the southern end there was access for four-wheel-drive vehicles until pressure from a developer prevented this. It is hoped that this decision may be reversed in future.

Council reviewed the status of the beach in November 2006 as the population of the area behind the beach had increased significantly since 1988. Over 400 submissions were received and Council resolved at a meeting in July 2007 to retain the free beach status by a very close 5/4 vote.

When To Visit

The weather is usually suitable between November and April but occasional days outside this period can be delightful. Temperatures vary from 20 to 40°C during the day in these months and rain is unusual from January to April.

The sea breeze usually comes in around midday and can blow the soft sand everywhere, so the morning is usually the best time on the beach. Take a strong windbreak if you intend staying during the afternoon. On those days when the sea breeze does not arrive enjoy a barmy evening on the sand and watch the sun sink into the Indian Ocean. Beautiful!

Contacts

There is an informal group of frequent beach users known as "The Friends of Warnbro Beach" who are active in maintaining the legal nude status of the beach.

How To Get There

The quickest route by car from Perth is to take the Kwinana Freeway (Route 2) south to the end where it changes into Safety Bay Road (route 18). Follow the road over the bridge across Ennis Avenue (route 1) to the roundabout on Warnbro Sound Avenue (Read Street, dual carriageway). Turn left heading south towards Warnbro & Port Kennedy. After 2.3km take a right turn into Grand Ocean Boulevard (opposite the shopping complex).

Follow Grand Ocean Boulevard straight through 2 roundabouts, then 500m to Bayeux Avenue (park, lake and fountain on corner). Turn right and drive 600m to the car park. Walk on to the beach, turn left and walk 200m to the start of the clothing optional section.

