

Warnbro beach

Bare Essentials!



Warnbro beach is a legal nude beach near the town of Rockingham 30 minutes drive south of Perth. The beach is 900m long and well signposted to show where the nude area begins and ends. It's part of a much larger beach, which is a clothed beach.

I found the beach a bit uninteresting. It's just 900m of sand and that's about it. There was good parking but no shade, and nothing much else to draw you to the beach.

That said this is my favourite beach so far! Ok, I may be confusing you a little here but I'll explain. Warnbro beach had the most beautiful water I've ever been in. Those who have been reading the Bare Essentials series will know that I rarely get in the water without whinging. That's usually because it's cold or the seas are rough. Actually I love the ocean, I love gentle waves but I love it warm. Warnbro's water was lovely, it was clean, clear and the temperature was perfect; so nice and warm. The ocean was calm with just small rolling waves. I got in the water and didn't want to come out. I floated and floated and floated. It was so relaxing, just perfect. I loved it so much that we were three hours late for our visit to Sunseekers. It is great if you just want to swim and relax, are a bit of a wuss like me or have small kids that love the water.

I've heard that like all of the WA beaches we visited, Warnbro is subject to strong winds in the afternoon but we were there until about 4pm and didn't experience it.

Another thing about Warnbro was the friendly people. They were more than happy to have a chat and didn't mind us taking their photo. I found most people in South West Western Australia the same. A very friendly and relaxed bunch. In looking at the Free Beaches WA site, I saw that there is a group of people called "Friends of Warnbro" who look after the beach and organise regular beach bbq's during summer months. Check out the web site at the bottom of the article for details.

As I mentioned the nude section of Warnbro is part of a much larger beach. It's a long beach that had lots of people on it. There were many families on the clothed section of the beach and I quite liked that they didn't seem at all worried about the nude area.

Sadly this beautiful beach is another one under threat. Free Beach representative Tony Morgan told me that the council is reviewing the nude status because of its close proximity to housing and also





Getting there...

because of unspecified inappropriate behaviour but after talking to the police, Tony says this was unfounded.

Submissions to council were due on May 31st. Beach users and nudist clubs in WA collected signatures, which was evident when we were in WA as we were approached by at least 5 different people asking us to sign the petition. Let's hope these efforts aren't in vain and we can keep Warnbro nude. If you'd like more information you can visit <http://www.fbwa.iinet.net.au/warnbro.html>

I loved this beach! Please help save it and if you're visiting the Perth region, make sure you get to Warnbro for a swim.

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 to the roundabout on Warnbro Sound Avenue (Read Street, dual carriageway). Turn left heading south towards Warnbro and Port Kennedy. After 2.3 km take a right turn into Grand Ocean Boulevard. Follow Grand Ocean Boulevard to Bayeux Avenue. 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.

On the bus you can take the 718 from the Perth Busport. This will get you to Warnbro Sound Avenue and Warnbro Fair shopping centre. From there you have to walk 1.6 km along Grand Ocean Boulevard. Alternatively, if you get to the Rockingham bus station, then the 117 will take you along Grand Ocean Boulevard. Get off at stop 21403 after Durance Street. Bayeux Avenue is back 50m on the other side of the road.

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