



## Wanneroo Botanical Gardens

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### Purpose of the Excursion

Wanneroo Botanical Gardens is a sub-tropical botanical garden located 25 minutes north of Perth. Boasting over 500 species of exotic plants and trees from around the world, the gardens offer students the rare chance to experience a unique sub-tropical ecosystem. A talk from one of our resident gardeners can be arranged by appointment.

Located within the gardens are two 18 hole miniature golf courses. The mini golf assists your students in developing their fine motor skills, extending their mental mathematic ability and challenging their problem solving skills. A mathematic worksheet is available for years: 1-3, 4-5 and 6-7. A plants and the environment worksheet is available for years 1-3. Worksheets can be down loaded from our website free of charge.

### Environment

Wanneroo Botanical Gardens incorporates:

- **5 acres of botanical gardens:** discover over 500 species of exotic plants and trees through out the stunning landscaped gardens, tranquil waterways, waterfalls and seasonal flower displays. The diversity of the plants, density of the canopy and waterways running through the gardens has created a unique ecosystem, offering students the rare chance to experience a sub-tropical micro climate in the middle of Perth!
- **18 holes of Botanic Golf:** Botanic Golf makes its way around the botanical gardens and walking the course will take you through the whole five acres of spectacular gardens. Based on traditional miniature golf, each track is uniquely shaped with its own obstacles, curves, ramps and devious dilemmas!
- **18 holes of Billiard Golf:** is set amongst a terraced flower garden with a central pond and water feature. Played on smaller tracks with a slower surface, Billiard Golf is a game of deflection, with the aim of the game being to deflect the ball from the track edge and into the hole, just like Pool or Billiards.

- **Kiosk:** located at the entrance to the park, the kiosk has a selection of ice creams, confectionary, cold drinks and take-away coffee available for purchase. If your class is bringing spending money, teachers are to supervise students when making purchases.
- **Kiosk seating:** shaded seating is available in the kiosk area for up to 40 students to eat their lunch or complete work sheets. Teachers wishing to use this area must reserve it when booking their class excursion.
- **Leapfrogs Café:** named after our resident frog population, Leapfrogs Café is open for breakfast, lunch or just coffee and cake.
- **Disabled amenities:** disabled toilets are located within in the park and over two kilometres of paths make the gardens, Botanic Golf and Leap Frogs Cafe accessible by wheel chair and prams. Please note Billiard Golf is not accessible by wheel chair.
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### Transport

Transport is to be arranged by the school. There are parking facilities for buses and cars in the car park. Directions and a map can be downloaded from our website.

Wanneroo Botanical Gardens is easily accessible by public transport, using the rail network and taking bus 468 from Joondalup train station.

### Student's Capacity

Wanneroo Botanical Gardens is suitable for all ages and welcomes students from years 1 to 12. Your students can:

- Play 18 holes of Botanic Golf.
- Play 18 holes of Billiards Golf.
- Explore 5 acres of sub tropical botanical gardens.
- A mathematic worksheet is available for years: 1-3, 4-5 and 6-7. A plants and the environment worksheet is available for years 1-3. Worksheets address student outcome statement criteria. Worksheets can be downloaded from our website free of charge.

If you have students with a disability, please contact the Schools' Coordinator to discuss ways in which we can assist you. Most areas have wheel chair access and a disabled toilet is available.

### Supervisor/Supervisory Team

Wanneroo Botanical Garden's staff will welcome your class as you arrive. However the teacher in charge and school supervisory team is responsible for the supervision and any specific requirements of your students.

Due to the fragile nature of the gardens and deep water ponds located within the gardens it is imperative that student groups are directly supervised by an adult at all times.

A talk from one of our resident gardeners/horticulturist can be arranged by appointment.

Please be aware that members of the general public may be visiting the park at the same time as your school and we would appreciate your students demonstrating responsible behavior to ensure an enjoyable experience for all.

<p><b>External Provider Information</b></p>
<p>Our public liability insurance is \$10 million and we are insured by Nexus. A copy of our certificate of currency can be downloaded from our website.</p>
<p><b>Supervision Strategies</b></p>
<p>It is a requirement of Wanneroo Botanical Gardens that your students break into small groups of 4 to 6 to play the miniature golf. Due to the fragile nature of the gardens and deep water ponds all student groups need to be closely supervised by a member of your supervisory team. Our suggested ratios are:</p> <p>Years 1 -3: 1 school staff member to 4 students  Years 4 - 5: 1 school staff member to 6 students  Years 6 - 7: 1 school staff member to 8 students</p> <p>The recommended ratios may vary according to the needs of your students. Please feel free to discuss supervision requirements with our Schools Coordinator.</p> <p>For groups of 50 or more students it is requirement that the group be broken up into 3 smaller groups and follow the rotating schedule below:</p> <p>Group 1: Botanic Golf  Group 2: Billiard Golf  Group 3: Lunch</p> <p>Allowing 40 minutes for each activity and a 5 minute change over time.</p>
<p><b>Identification of Excursion Participants</b></p>
<p>Schools are responsible for choosing a suitable method of identifying students and school staff. Wanneroo Botanical Gardens is open to the general public and it is important that your supervisory team can easily identify your students.</p>
<p><b>Communication Strategies</b></p>
<p>Wanneroo Botanical Gardens has normal mobile phone reception. We advise that the school supervisory team have mobile phones for use during the excursion. The teacher in charge must supply their mobile number to the Schools' coordinator on arrival.</p>
<p><b>Emergency Response Plan</b></p>
<p>Wanneroo Botanical Gardens has an Emergency Response Plan which can be downloaded from our website. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Evacuation Procedure</li> <li>• Emergency phone numbers</li> <li>• Park Rules</li> </ul>

We advise that the teacher in charge has a copy of our Emergency Response Plan and is familiar with the procedures prior to your visit. It is also recommended to have a list of the names of all students and supervisory staff in the event a roll call is necessary.

All senior staff at Wanneroo Botanical Gardens are trained in evacuation procedures and our first priority is to ensure the safety of our visitors.

### **Briefing Students and Supervisors**

To ensure a safe and enjoyable excursion to Wanneroo Botanical Gardens, it is recommended that the teacher in charge communicate all relevant information to their students and supervisory team prior to your visit.

Upon arrival, a staff member will address your group in the kiosk seating area to:

- Welcome you to the park
- Provide a brief description of the facilities at the park
- Brief students and school supervisors of the Emergency Evacuation Procedures
- Remind students to demonstrate care and respectful behavior toward the gardens and other visitors in the park.

### **Other Relevant Details**

#### **Opening Hours**

We are open to schools and the general public, Tuesday to Sunday, from 9am to 5pm.

#### **2009 School Excursion Prices**

- Year One to Year ten: \$6per student
- Year eleven & Year twelve: \$9per student
- Teachers & Carers: Free

Please note these prices are ONLY valid for school groups visiting weekdays during the school term. Bookings are essential.

If you would like to make a booking or require any more information please contact our Schools' Coordinator, Karen Trevis on:

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