Practical planner

Decision tree, how-long table, last-town notes. Not walked. Confirm everything on official pages.

Independent unofficial planner — not DBCA. Park fees, Park Stay and official cave tickets are never sold here. Emergencies: 000. We do not publish a contact email.

Pick a shape (write yours in the margin)

Shape	On the ground	From Perth	Who should not
~3 hours	McNess + koala boardwalk + picnic oval	Possible if you already live north / left with buffer	Anyone also booking a 45-min cave plus Ghost House
Half day	Koala + wetlands or Caves Walk + booked Crystal Cave	Honest first visit for most metro groups	Late Saturday start still hoping for 12.4 km
Full day	Ghost House 12.4 km Class 3 ~5 hrs, Walk Safe, early start	Full calendar day; cave is a different day	Heat-stressed groups; no lunch; no map from McNess
Overnight	Henry White Oval (Park Stay) + short walks or Ghost House next morning. Camping band with showers: adult $20 / concession $15 / child $5 pp/night plus vehicle entry [VERIFY Park Stay]	Skip the "we'll just stay if we feel like it" — book	People treating the campground as a free day car park

Operating layer (no invented prices)

- **Fuel / food** — Last practical town shops: Yanchep / Two Rocks before the park gate. Joondalup is the larger supermarket / hospital corridor. Do not assume a cafe inside the park is open every hour McNess is.
- **Medical** — Joondalup Health Campus is the usual northern-metro hospital planning note — not a promise of drive time.
- **Water** — Carry it. Henry White drinking water is not guaranteed.
- **Comms** — Developed nodes usually have usable reception; Ghost House / Coastal Plain can drop. 000 needs reception. Download Emergency+. Optional PLB for multi-day only.

Plan B titles (read before you leave)

- Crystal Cave tours booked out → wetlands + koala + picnic still counts.
- Weekend koala boardwalk too busy → Loch McNess wetlands or Caves Walk; do not crowd the animals.

Official links

- Explore Parks WA — Yanchep
- DBCA alerts
- Park entry fees
- Park Stay WA (Henry White)
- Emergency WA