

## Discover Family Adventures

Unveiling Collie's Hidden Gems



 Stockton Lake

**POWER  
YOUR  
PLAY >**

### Your 4-Day Family Adventure

Collie is Western Australia's ultimate adventure playground, built for those who crave the outdoors. Just two hours south of Perth, it welcomes thrill-seekers with world-class mountain bike trails, striking turquoise lakes, and rugged bushland perfect for hiking, camping, and water sports.

Whether you're carving through the Wambenger Trails, paddling along the Collie River, or pitching a tent beneath the stars, adventure in nature is waiting. Pack your gear, escape the ordinary, and dive into four days of pure outdoor excitement.



## Choose your Accommodation

Whether you're a family who likes to camp under the stars or prefers a little luxury after a day of adventure, you'll be sure to find an option to suit your family's needs.

### Honeymoon Pool

One of the best-known swimming and camping spots in the Wellington National Park. Nestled among Jarrah and Marri Forrest, this tranquil location is the ultimate camping spot. It has a communal camp kitchen with gas barbecues, burner rings for cooking pots, sink, and picnic tables. Other facilities include non-flush toilets and campfire pits to enjoy in the winter months. Sites are suitable for tents and swags.

- Activities: Bush walking, swimming, mountain biking and canoeing/kayaking
- Pet policy: No dogs allowed
- Rates per night: Adults: \$20, Concession \$15, Child (5-15 years) \$5
- Bookings: Online at [www.parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au](http://www.parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au)



### Stockton Lake

Stockton Lake was originally an open-cut mine, which is now filled with water to form an artificial lake. Visitors will find a large open area with many trees, which provide some welcome shade on those long hot days in summer. The campground has accessible toilets and although there are no designated individual campsites it does have the ability to offer group, family, and individual camping. Also suitable for caravans.

- Activities: Water skiing, SUP boarding/kayaking and swimming
- Pet policy: Dogs are allowed on leashes
- Rates per night: Adults: \$15, Concession \$10, Child (5-15 years) \$5
- Bookings: Operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Camping fees are collected daily.



### Potters Gorge

Potters Gorge Campground sits within the scenic Jarrah forest, right on the shores of Wellington Dam and just moments from the world's largest dam mural. The campground features sheltered dining areas with gas barbecues, food preparation areas, and dishwashing sinks (cold rainwater only, availability not guaranteed year-round). Each campsite includes a picnic table and fire ring. Amenities include no-flush pit toilets and a portable toilet dump point. Sites are suitable for tents, camper trailers and caravans.

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### Lake Kepwari

The calm waters of the lake are ideal for swimming, canoeing, and water activities. Bring your boat and test your skills with water skiing or wakeboarding. The campground features toilets, a dining shelter with barbecues, picnic tables, and benches. Compacted gravel paths provide access to all facilities, with varying grades but no steps. Toilets, dining shelters, and picnic tables are wheelchair accessible. Campsites accommodate tents, camper trailers, and caravans, each equipped with a picnic table and fire ring.

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### Glen Mervyn Dam

Glen Mervyn Dam is 18km south of Collie and is a popular waterskiing, swimming, and fishing spot. Camping is permitted on the western shore of the dam where a toilet is provided. Camp and cooking fires are not permitted. Access to the western shore is via a narrow-unsealed track and not designed for towing caravans.

- Activities: Water skiing, swimming, fishing
- Pet policy: Dogs on leads are allowed
- Operates on a first-come, first-served basis

### Collie River Valley Tourist Park

The tourist park has a range of accommodation options and facilities to suit most tastes and budgets. Choose from tent sites, powered sites, cabins, or onsite vans. Located close to the Town Centre and a short walk or ride to the popular Minningup Pool. A great place to swim or kayak. This caravan park is dog friendly.

Rates:

- Powered Sites start from \$40 per night for 2 people
- Deluxe Family Cabin \$180 per night
- Family Cabin \$155 per night

### Collie River Valley Tourist Park



### Harris River Estate Chalets

Immerse yourself in the beauty of Harris River Estate in a 2-bedroom chalet with vineyard views. These chalets are great for a quiet family getaway and for easy access to the Arklow Mountain Bike Trails.

- Rates: \$185 per night (minimum 2 nights)



### Harris River Estate Chalets

### Collie Ridge Resort



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With contemporary-styled accommodation, the Collie Ridge Resort is located just minutes from the town centre. Enjoy a 2 bedroom self-contained apartment for a luxury getaway. Enjoy a night out at the Ridge Restaurant located onsite.

- Rates: From \$230 per night for a 2-bedroom suite

### Mandia Bed & Breakfast

Set on a large property on the outskirts of town and surrounded by the lovely Collie bushland. The Olive Grove Cottage is the perfect tranquil setting for a family getaway. Have breakfast prepared for you each day and enjoy strolling through stunning gardens and olive grove.

- Rates: From \$180 to \$225 per night

### Wambenger Lodge



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Wambenger Lodge offers accessible, modern, pet friendly accommodation in the heart of Collie, perfect for a comfortable and convenient stay. With stylish interiors, spacious living areas, and easy access to local attractions, it's an ideal base for exploring the region.

- Rates: From \$380 per night for 4 people in a suite

### Glen Mervyn Lodge (Farmstay)

Glen Mervyn Lodge is situated on 50 acres of land just a stone's throw from the very popular Glen Mervyn Dam amongst the amazing Preston Valley.

- Rates: From \$295 per night



## Choose your Tour

To make the most of your Collie family adventure, consider booking tours in advance to ensure availability and avoid disappointment. The Collie Visitor Centre can also assist you with bookings, it's recommended to reach out to them ahead of your stay for a seamless experience.

### Adventure Connections

Adventure Connections offers fully guided nature-based tours, in and around the Collie River Valley region. They also have a Hire Hub at Wellington National Park where you can hire bikes, hiking gear and kayaks.

- Tours start from \$125
- Bike hire from \$81

### Forest Explorers

Guided tours in the Collie River Valley, where you can truly connect with nature and its beautiful flora and fauna landscapes. Tours range from one hour to five hours, along the iconic Collie Mural Trail, Taphouse Tour, Wildflower Tour (September-October only), and Heritage Tours.

- Tours start from \$35

#### Adventure Connections Hire Hub



### Crank'n Cycle

Hire an Atmos hardtail mountain bike for the day for all the family to enjoy the trails. All bikes are hired out with a helmet, water bottle cage and emergency repair kit. Hire is on a first come, first serve basis.

- Bike hire from \$30

### TraaVerse

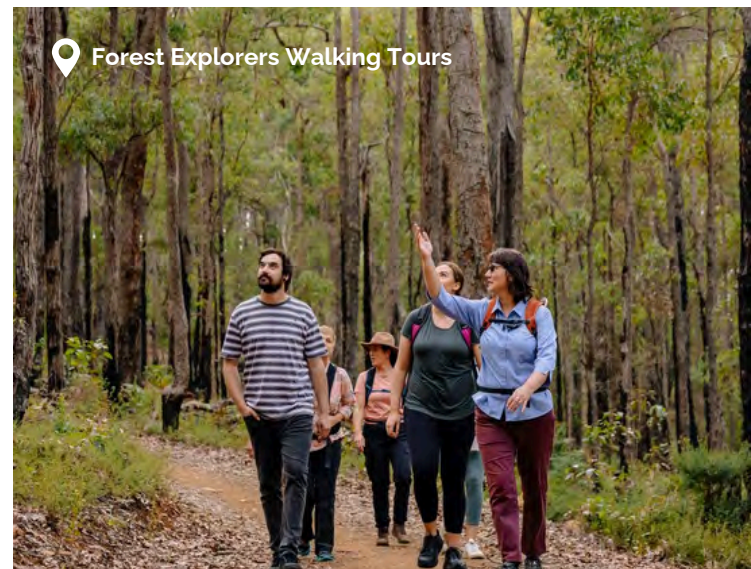
Collie has plenty of waterways for you to explore. TraaVerse has kayak and standup paddleboards (solid and inflatable) to hire with the option to pick up or have them dropped off.

- Hire rates start from \$50

#### TraaVerse Kayak and SUP Board Hire



#### Forest Explorers Walking Tours



### Outback Horse Trails

Outback Horse Trails offers private and group horse riding lessons, camps, as well as scenic trail rides and picnic rides through natural bushlands, catering to riders of all ages and abilities.

- Trail rides start from \$88

#### Outback Horse Trails



# Day 1.

## Step back in Time

Discover Collie's rich history! Explore restored locomotives and step into the Underground Coal Mine Experience. Visit the Coalfields Museum for hands-on history, then enjoy lunch at Central Park while the kids splash in the water playground. Hunt for murals along the Collie Mural Trail before ending the day with a hearty meal at one of the town's historic pubs.



Underground Coal Mine Experience



Collie Mural Trail



Federal Hotel

### What to Bring

Sunscreen, water, hats and snacks.  
Optional: Bathers and towels

### Morning

Head to the **Collie Visitor Centre** where you can view the restored **Locomotives** and visit the **Underground Coal Mine Experience** (open 7 days). Find out about life as a miner and experience the big blast.

Browse the Visitor Centre for souvenirs and local crafts before speaking to one of their friendly staff who will point you in the right direction with maps and information packs before heading across the road to the **Coalfields Museum** (open 7 days). This fascinating collection of everything Collie will be sure to entertain. The children's activity sheet will help keep the younger family members engaged as you wander around.

### Lunch/Afternoon

Make your way to **Central Park** in the centre of town where you will find **The Wagon** (open 7 days), an outdoor café serving coffee and light snacks, or you can pick up lunch from one of the cafes or bakery across the road.

The children can enjoy an afternoon of fun on the **playground** or at the **water splash park** before you head off to find the many murals that make up the **Collie Mural Trail**. Don't forget to keep an eye out for the 12 Wambengers\* hiding around the town's murals. This is a great way to keep the children entertained whilst you explore this outdoor artwork display.

### Evening

Finish off the night at **The Federal**, **Crown Hotel**, **The Vic Hotel**, or **The Club Hotel**. These local pubs, all housed in original historic buildings, offer traditional pub-style meals the whole family will love. While The Federal, Crown Hotel, and The Vic Hotel are located on Throssell Street, The Club Hotel sits just a short distance away.

Did you know?

Collie was named after Dr Alexander Collie RN, a ship's surgeon aboard the HMS Sulpher, who explored the region and in 1829 discovered the river from which Collie took its name.

\*A Wambenger brush-tailed phascogale (Phascogale tapoatafa), also known by its Noongar name "Wambenger" is found in the Collie River Valley and across the southwest. These small, nocturnal, carnivorous marsupials primarily hunt and live among the tree canopy. Wambengers are currently listed as threatened species, and they can be rather difficult to spot in the wild.

# Day 2.

## Enchantments in the Forest

Today we'll take a drive through the beautiful forests of Ferguson Valley and Wellington National Park. Explore Minningup Pool for a morning swim, marvel at the King Jarrah Tree, and visit Gnomesville for a whimsical tea break. Lunch at the Wellington Dam Wall to admire the mural by Guido van Helten, then cool off at Big Rock, Little Rock, or Long Pool. End with a relaxing kayak or walk at Honeymoon Pool before dining at the Ridge Restaurant.



 Minningup Pool



 Honeymoon Pool



 Wellington Dam  
Lookout

### What to Bring

Sunscreen, water, hats, bathers, towels and snacks.  
Optional: Kayak/SUP Board

### Morning

Stop into one of the many local delis to pick up your breakfast and/or lunch or try Spry's Butchers (open Mon-Sat) for scrumptious BBQ options. Alternatively, there are choices along the way to purchase your lunch.

Head out along Mungalup Road to **Minningup Pool**. This is a great spot to stop for breakfast and to see the bird life. Have an early morning swim or take a walk along the trails. This area is alive with wildflowers during the Spring months.

From here continue along Mungalup Road to Pile Road, then King Tree Road where you will find the **King Jarrah Tree**, one of the area's largest Jarrah Trees estimated to be between 300-500 years old.

Next, head to Ferguson Road to visit **Gnomesville**, home to thousands of Gnomes from all around the world. Enjoy morning tea in the picnic area before visiting the local gnomes in their village.

### Lunch/Afternoon

Follow Wellington Forest Road to Falcon Road. From here, enjoy a scenic drive along Lennard Drive where you can visit **Big Rock**, **Little Rock** or **Long Pool** and have a swim if you'd like to cool down. When ready continue along River Road to **Honeymoon Pool** where this beautiful campsite and picnic area is set among giant Yarri and weeping Peppermint Trees. Enjoy a swim or kayak in the Collie River or a short walk along the Jabitj Trail (maps available from the Visitor Centre).

Stop into the **Kiosk at The Dam** for lunch (open Fri-Mon and Wed, 9am-5pm) or enjoy a picnic or BBQ at **The Quarry**.

A short stroll from the Kiosk you can head to the viewing platform of the **Wellington Dam Wall**. From the lookout you will have a great view of the Collie Mural Trail's main feature, '**Reflections**', where artist Guido van Helten spent many months painting one of the world's largest murals. This mural is part of the larger Collie Mural Trail featuring over 45 works of art. Head back to Collie along Wellington Dam Road and turn right onto Coalfields Highway.

### Evening

Finish your day with a relaxing meal at the **Collie Ridge Restaurant** (Mon-Sat, 6pm-8.30pm).

**Did you know?**

Originally constructed in 1933 (enlarged in 1945 and 1960), the Dam wall measures at 366 metres across, 34 metres high and stores about 186 million kilolitres of water when full.

# Day 3.

## Traverse the Trails

Embark on a morning of mountain biking adventures, offering a mix of forestry tracks and dedicated mountain bike paths for riders of all levels. For lunch and the afternoon, unwind at Harris River Estate Winery with scenic lake views, gourmet platters, and locally crafted wines and gin. Conclude your day with a relaxing evening at your accommodation, savouring locally made woodfired pizzas.



📍 Arklow Trails



📍 Harris River Estate Winery



📍 Crank'n Cycles

### What to Bring

Sunscreen, water, hats, bikes, helmets and snacks.

### Morning

This morning we'll try out some mountain biking along the **Arklow Trails**, part of the **Wambenger Trails**. Set near the stunning **Harris River Dam**, this network of trails is a combination of forestry tracks and railway formations, and dedicated mountain bike trails catering for beginner and intermediate riders. It offers riders a variety of experiences from rolling cross-country rides to sensational fast-flow descents with challenging technical features and big jumps.

Try out the Arklow adaptive for the beginner riders in the family or alternatively, the 220 Trail and Far Lap make a good ride for the more experienced. This blue (or moderate) level track has some optional black (difficult) features and jumps for the skilled riders in the family.

If mountain biking isn't your thing, there are other great ways to explore Collie's natural beauty. Saddle up for a guided horse-riding adventure with **Outback Horse Trails**, where you'll meander through scenic bushland on a gentle trail ride. Or, join an educational walking tour with **Forest Explorers** to learn about the local flora, fauna, and history from an expert guide. Both options offer a unique and immersive way to experience the great outdoors at a more relaxed pace.

### Lunch/Afternoon

After tackling the trails, head over to **Harris River Estate Winery** (Wed-Sun, 12pm–3.30pm) where you can enjoy the views of the lake with a gourmet tasting platter and locally made wines and gin for the adults. It's a great place for the whole family to relax after tackling the trails.

### Evening

After a day of activity, why not relax in your accommodation with some locally made woodfired pizzas from **Steere Street Deli** (7 days, 4am–11pm) or the **Kebab & Pizza** (Tues–Sun, 5pm–8.30pm).

### Hire Options

Mountain Bike hire is available from **Crank 'n Cycles**, the local bike shop and resident experts in everything mountain bike related. E-bikes are also available for hire from **Adventure Connections**.

Did you know?

Collie is also home to the Collie Motorplex and Collie Speedway. For those motoring enthusiasts, check out the venue's calendars for race dates.

# Day 4.

## Splash into Play

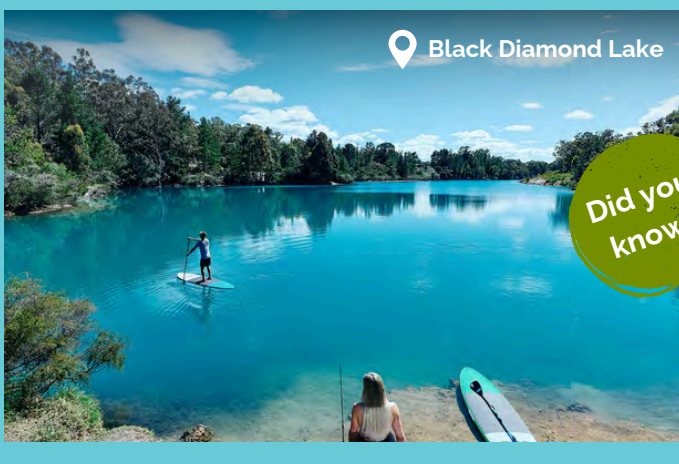
Conclude your Collie adventure with kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding at stunning lakes like Black Diamond, Stockton, and Lake Kepwari, each offering unique experiences for a perfect day of outdoor fun.



Stockton Lake



Lake Kepwari



Black Diamond Lake

Did you know?

### What to Bring

Sunscreen, water, hats, bathers, towels and snacks.

### Morning

Finish off your adventure in Collie at one of our stunning lakes where kayaking and stand up paddleboarding are popular activities. Explore one of the below lakes or visit all three – the choice is yours!

**Stockton Lake** – Well known for its stunning turquoise waters, spend the morning kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding. Water skiing is also popular at this location. Toilets are on site and dogs are permitted on a lead. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy by the water.

**Lake Kepwari** – Kepwari comes from the local Wilman language meaning 'playing in water' and this is the best place to play! Spend the day water skiing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding or lazing away on your floatie in the separate area just for swimmers. There are multiple BBQ, picnic areas and toilets available and it is wheelchair accessible. Dogs are permitted on a lead.

**Black Diamond Lake** – Known to be an iconic Instagramable location. The brilliant turquoise blue waters make it a photographer's delight. Please be aware that there are no facilities at this location, so plan ahead.

### Please Note

These lakes can be quite cold and get deep quite quickly they may not be suitable for younger children or novice swimmers.

Don't forget to take your Collie Visitor Guide home with you so you can plan your next Collie adventure. We look forward to welcoming you back to explore more of our outdoor adventure playground.

### Hire Options

Kayak and stand-up paddleboards can be hired from **TraaVerse**. Bookings can be made online and they can even deliver to your favourite location.

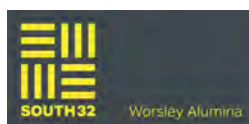
The lakes listed above are all former open-cut coal mines.

**For more information or to book visit the Collie River Valley website at [collierivervalley.com.au](http://collierivervalley.com.au) or call and speak to one of the friendly Visitor Centre staff on (08) 9734 2051 or email [info@collierovervalley.com.au](mailto:info@collierovervalley.com.au)**

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