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Ern Halliday Recreation Camp Client Information Pack



*Sanctuary
in the
Suburbs*

Preface

The experience

Ern Halliday Recreation Camp is a special place where Western Australians of all ages can participate in unique and exciting outdoor recreation activities within the Perth metropolitan area. Whether it is the conquest of the first abseil, the team success on the Jacobs Ladder or tunnelling through the Cave, it will be an experience and an adventure always remembered.

Purpose of this guide

Recreation camping in Western Australia continues to be a popular leisure alternative for small to large groups from a range of sectors. The Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) in its current and past forms (including National Fitness Council, Community Recreation Council, Recreation Camps and Reserves Board, Ministry for Youth, Sport and Recreation) has provided accommodation-based camping facilities for the Western Australian since 1939, when Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp was opened in Orange Grove.

The Ern Halliday Recreation Camp is becoming increasingly popular with a wide variety of groups in WA. Camps are also becoming increasingly risk-managed with staff in charge having moral and legal obligations to fulfil. The purpose of this guide is to assist organisers with the preparation of a high quality, safe and successful camp at Ern Halliday Recreation Camp.

DSR Camps philosophy

Our mission at DSR is to enhance the life of Western Australians through their participation and achievement in sport and recreation. DSR camps serve this mission as they are designed to provide physical activity and experiential learning opportunities through participation in outdoor activities.

Our camps are committed to encouraging maximum participation in a wide range of activities and programs. We believe that those who engage in our activities and programs will:

- Learn skills related to a particular physical activity and be confident participants in the future.
- Enhance their interpersonal and leadership skills.
- Improve their self-management, decision making and time management skills.
- Learn to appreciate the outdoor environment for sustainability in the future.

Promoting participation in physical activity is our main aim because we realise the added value sport and recreation has on our well-being. Therefore, we will always aspire to provide a safe and supportive environment for the WA community to attain the holistic benefits that come from quality physical activity.

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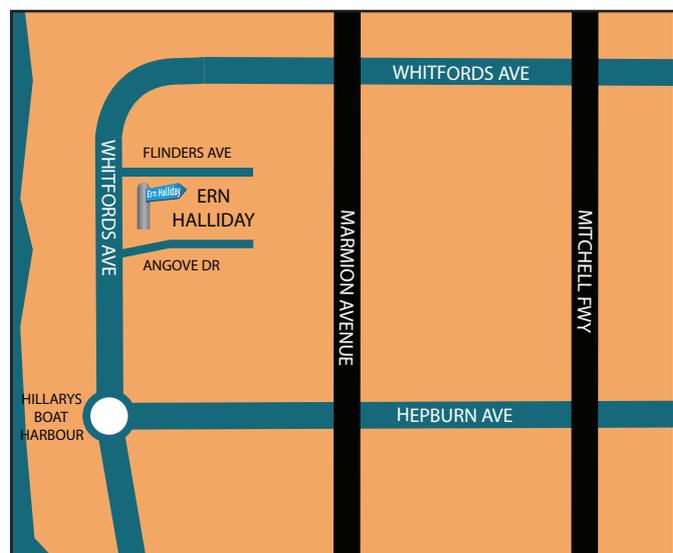
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Why come to camp

Camps and overnight stays have the power to transform participants through the experiences they obtain in a brief space of time. Ern Halliday Recreation Camp provides a large range of adventure recreation programs that are designed to challenge participants on a variety of levels. Overnight communal living empowers participants to develop various life skills in an environment unique to that of everyday life.

Benefits of a camp include:

- Development of communication, interpersonal, leadership and cooperation skills.
- Increased interest in accepting responsibility, organisation, self-discipline and independence.
- Awareness and management of emotions.
- Understanding responsible risk taking.
- Teamwork and collaboration.
- Improved decision making and problem solving.
- Encouragement and incorporation of an active, healthy lifestyle.
- Reduction in antisocial behaviour.
- Socialisation.
- Outdoor recreational skills.
- Most importantly – fun!



Information for schools

Our recreation programs allow students to develop skills within the Health and Physical Education learning area of the *Western Australian Curriculum Framework*.

Our programs also promote several of the Overarching Learning Outcomes and Core Shared Values of the *Curriculum Framework*. More information on these links can be found at: www.dsr.wa.gov.au/camps

Department of Education Excursions : Off Site School Activities (2003, p.4)

"The Department of Education recognises that the experiences of students outside the school grounds contribute to the development of their understandings, skills and attitudes. The provision of opportunities for students to learn from the wider community builds on and reinforces the school curriculum."

Encouraging participation

The following are ideas and suggestions on how you can encourage parents and students to participate in school camp:

- Utilise the "4th R" resource to demonstrate the learning opportunities to parents, other teachers and school administration.
- Utilise the resources and research to advocate the benefits of camp from the following websites:
www.natureplay.org.au
www.beactive.wa.gov.au
- Advertise the camp in the school newsletter.
- Run parent/student information night and discuss:
 - » The aims and objectives of the camp.
 - » How they relate to the curriculum and student development.
 - » Risk management strategies Ern Halliday and the school will employ.
 - » Pictures and images of the camp experience.
- Develop a fundraising for camp project .
- Have photos and images around the school.
- Utilise camp staff to deliver a presentation or discuss the opportunities of camp experiences (this options may be available—please contact Ern Halliday Recreation Camp (08) 9492 9788) to discuss this.

Camp Journals have been developed for each individual year level for your students coming to camp. They are available on our website and support the student's camp experience.

About Ern Halliday

Overview

The camp was originally known as the Sorrento Recreation Camp and opened in the early 1970's. In recognition of Ernest Halliday's exceptional contribution to Sport and Recreation in the mid 1900's in WA, the site was renamed Ern Halliday Recreation Camp.

Situated on 28 hectares of 'A' class reserve only 20km north of the city centre and right on the shores of the Indian Ocean, the camp is home to one of the largest range of outdoor recreational activities in Western Australia. Being located right on the beach also lends itself to a large variety of aquatic—based activities.

With an accommodation capacity of 252 in beds and virtually unlimited tent camping space we are able to cater for most groups, no matter how large or small.

All of these features combine to create your perfect *Sanctuary in the Suburbs*.

Location

Ern Halliday is located on the beach in Hillarys, approximately 20kms north of the Perth CBD and 1.5kms north of the famous Hillarys Boat Harbour.

Directions

From the north

Exit the Mitchell Fwy at Whitfords Avenue, turn right and head towards the coast.

- Whitfords Avenue will turn south and begin to follow the coast.
- Turn left into the camps entry. The entry is the first left hand turn after Flinders Avenue.

From the south

Exit the Mitchell Fwy at Hepburn Avenue, turn left and head towards the coast.

- At the large roundabout at the entry to Hillarys Boat Harbour, turn right and continue along Whitfords Ave straight through another two roundabouts.
- Turn right into the camp's entry. The entry is the first right hand turn after Angove Drive.

Handy hint: Remember to take this pack with you for driving directions and our phone numbers!



Staff

Our team

Ern Halliday Recreation Camp is administered by the Department of Sport and Recreation through a team of six full time staff.

An additional team of dedicated and highly-qualified outdoor instructors deliver and facilitate the camp's adventure programs, together with a facilities and cleaning team which maintain the camp.

A central bookings and administration branch is based in our Leederville office. For information regarding the camp's facilities or camp programs, please contact the camp directly on (08) 9492 9788. If you wish to make an accommodation booking please contact our bookings office on (08) 9492 9999.

Staff qualifications

All of our staff are required to have Working With Children Checks and a National Police Clearance. All of our instructors and full time camp staff also have Senior First Aid qualifications or equivalent.

Instructors or camp staff involved in specialist recreation program instruction (roping, paddling, water) hold additional qualifications for that particular discipline and have been formally inducted on the program at Ern Halliday camp by senior camp staff.

For example:

- Water programs: Aquatic Rescue Qualification (preferred), Surf Rescue or Bronze Medallion.
- Surf ski programs: Australian Canoeing Coastal Guide Sit-on-Top (kayak).
- Roping programs: National Outdoor Leaders Registration Scheme (NOLRS) – Abseiling Guide, or recognised equivalent.

All qualifications of these instructors meet the minimum requirements of the Adventure Activity Standards for WA, or the Department of Education (DOE) *Outdoor Education and Recreation Activities: Procedures and Guidelines* (whichever is the strictest for that activity). Many of our staff are advisors on the relevant committees who oversee the industry standards and the DSR Camps strive to be the industry leaders in terms of qualifications, development of safety guidelines and instructor training.

For privacy reasons, we do not provide individual clients with copies of qualifications held by individual instructors. We can provide a letter to clients verifying that all staff in contact with their group have the required qualifications.



Accommodation

Ern Halliday offers a wide range of accommodation areas, meeting facilities and dining areas for all group types and budgets. It's separated into five distinct areas that include: Commodore, Spinnaker, Port and Starboard, Windmill and the Cardinal Meeting Hall.

Our accommodation areas have a standard check-in time of 2pm and a check-out time of 10am, Monday to Saturday. On Sunday and public holidays check-in time is 5pm and check-out time is 2pm. An earlier arrival and later departure time may require booking additional facilities at the applicable rates. This can be discussed by contacting the Camp directly prior to your arrival.

Commodore Dormitory and Dining Area

The Commodore Dormitory and Dining Area contain the largest set of accommodation dormitories within Ern Halliday Recreation Camp. The area consists of six identical dormitories which each have separate toilet and bathroom facilities, along with wheelchair access to two of the six dormitories. Commodore also consists of a dining hall which can hold up to 200 people and a Leaders Cottage (booked separately) which consists of a small common lounge room that is equipped with a HD TV with built-in DVD player, small fridge, kettle, lounge chair and a sink. Each of the two bedrooms features ensuite access, one of which is wheelchair friendly. Each ensuite can also be accessed directly from the undercover decking. This is a perfect location to supervise students at play on the main oval area.

The Leaders Cottage is usually available for groups utilising the Commodore Dormitory area to add to their booking at the applicable rate. Only when a group with an existing Commodore Dormitory booking confirms that they do not wish to book the Leaders Cottage, can the Leaders Cottage be booked by another group. There is a minimum stay of two nights for all bookings of this area, except public holidays and long weekends where a minimum of three nights is required.



Commodore Dormitories



Capacity	138 persons
Type	Bunks and single beds
Rooms	6 dormitories
Configuration	23 persons per dormitory 11 bunks, 1 single bed
Ablutions	2 showers and 2 toilets per dormitory (all 6 dormitories have wheelchair access, 2 dormitories have modified bathrooms and toilets)
Catering	No self-catering allowed
Min Stay	2 nights except long weekends and public holidays 3 nights



Commodore Leaders Cottage



Capacity	8 persons (2 extra beds in lounge)
Type	Trio bunks and trundle beds
Rooms	2 sleeping, 1 lounge
Configuration	4-5 persons per room, 1 trio bunk and 1 bunk bed per room
Ablutions	Both rooms have ensuites and one is wheelchair accessible
Catering	No self-catering allowed
Min stay	2 nights except long weekends and public holidays 3 nights

Spinnaker Dormitory and Tent Area



Capacity	50 persons in dormitory (plus 6 additional beds for camp leaders near the kitchen) or up to 120 people in tents
Type	Bunk beds or tents (must supply own tents)
Rooms	1 large room and 5 smaller rooms
Configuration	Large room—11 bunk beds and 1 single bed; Smaller rooms—2 or 3 bunk beds in each
Ablutions	2 toilets at dormitory for night time use and a large abluion block located near the dining room/kitchen
Catering	Self-catering available
Min stay	2 nights except long weekends and public holidays 3 nights

Spinnaker is the most used camping area on the Ern Halliday site. It consists of both dormitory and tent accommodation with access to a 50-person dining hall. The dining room has a large wall-mounted whiteboard, and is equipped with a TV with VCR/DVD player.

Spinnaker contains a separate room located near the main kitchen and abluion area which sleeps an additional six people in bunks—perfect for bus drivers, camp leaders or extra guests. This room can also be used for groups who are tenting at Spinnaker and not using the dormitories, as a lockable storage room, or a leaders' sleeping room.

Self-catering is available at this area for a nominal kitchen use fee. Our contract caterer can provide full catering for your group if required.

A campfire pit is located near the abluion and kitchen area and firewood is available nearby (local fire restrictions apply, please check with staff before having a fire). There is also a volleyball net, basketball ring and flag poles in this area.

Port and Starboard Dormitories



Capacity	56 persons (including camp leaders)
Type	Bunk beds
Rooms	Two large rooms and one leaders room in each dormitory
Configuration	12 persons per large room, 4 persons per small room (camp leaders)
Ablutions	5 toilets and 5 showers located in each dormitory building including modified toilets and showers
Catering	No self-catering allowed
Min stay	2 nights except long weekends and public holidays 3 nights

Port and Starboard is the newest accommodation area on site. The facility consists of two identical dormitories, Port and Starboard which hold 28 people each and both are fully accessible by wheelchair.

Port and Starboard also has a large meeting and dining hall located at the main kitchen area. This area has the capacity and tables and chairs for 100 people. The dining room has a large wall-mounted whiteboard, and is equipped with a TV with VCR/DVD player. There is also a wall-mounted projector screen for use but please bring your own projector and speakers.



Windmill Tent and Picnic Area



Capacity	50 persons tenting (including camp leaders) and 100 day use
Type	Tents (not provided)
Ablutions	Toilets and showers located near camp site including wheelchair accessible facilities
Catering	Self-catering available (no kitchen facilities available—gas barbeques only)
Min stay	Day use and one day bookings available

The Windmill Tent and Picnic Area is a grassed area on two separate elevation levels, with an undercover patio and large seated camp-fire area.

There is a shower and toilet block in close proximity to the area. Two gas barbeques, tables and chairs for 50 people, camp sink and a small fridge in a lockable shed is available for all guests staying at the Windmill area. Self-catering is allowed at this area, although Accolade Catering or our contract caterer can provide a meal service if required. Day-use or one night bookings are permitted in this area.

Extra facilities

Cardinal Meeting Hall

The Cardinal Meeting Hall can be configured into either 1 or 2 rooms divided by a central partition. The hall has enough chairs for 100 people and holds a small kitchenette with refrigerator, sink, hot water urn, dishwasher and cutlery which can be utilised for tea/ coffee or snacks*.

The Meeting Hall has an audiovisual system that includes a digital data projector (laptop-ready), DVD, VCR, sound amplifier and wall-mounted speakers. This AV system can only be used by groups who have booked the entire room or the west side, as the projector and speakers are mounted inside the west side of the meeting hall. There is also a projector screen in the west side, a large wall-mounted whiteboard in each side, and an electronic portable whiteboard with four printable screens available for hire.

The hall is available to be booked for three separate four hour blocks (morning, afternoon and evening) at the applicable rates. Bookings may be limited for external users at certain times as booking preference is given to internal groups.

* Please note: Full self-catering is not permitted at this venue and groups should contact our contract caterer to provide finger food, platters or lunch-style meals.

Lake Area



The Lake Area is a pleasant location for a picnic or just for some time-out from a hectic camp.

With a small lake surrounded by grass and many varieties of coastal vegetation, the lake area is also used by a number of groups for debriefing sessions, meditation and other activities. The adventure tower and caving practice tunnels are also located within this area.

At present this area is not available for hire/bookings but groups in residence in camp may request access to the area.

A local community model sailing and powerboat club have built a launch jetty at the lake and groups on a weekend may see some small model yachts sailing around the island of the lake. There are retaining wall styled seating areas with gazebos at the lake area, which may be utilised by groups in residence at the camp.



Gumbooya Scout Camp

Hidden away opposite the Cardinal Meeting Hall is the Gumbooya Scout Camping. This site was the first camp site in the area and could originally only be accessed by driving to Warwick Road, taking that road to the beach and walking for a day up the coast to a small track that led inland to the camping area.

Since those days, Perth has grown. The Gumbooya Scout Camp still remains but now, the area exists as part of Ern Halliday Recreation Camp. The area has space for tents, a small firepit and a small hall. Use of Gumbooya is limited to Scout and Guide groups, who make their enquiries through Scouts WA (honorary caretakers of the precinct). Access to the area may not be granted if there is a pre-existing booking of the Windmill Area, as these areas share toilets and ablutions. Users of Gumbooya are not permitted to use any other facility within the camp except for the Windmill ablution block and the beach track.

If Gumbooya users need to utilise other areas of the camp during their stay, they should make a separate booking of another camp area through the DSR Camps Bookings Office on (08) 9492 9999.



Camp buildings

Ern Halliday Office

Camp staff are based in the office, located at the front entrance of the camp. All visitors to the site should register at the office on arrival. Group leaders can collect their keys from this office. Emergency contact numbers and a site map are posted alongside the front door.



Storage sheds

The camp's main storage shed is located along the service road adjacent to the on-site residence. Recreation, cleaning and maintenance equipment is stored in this area and access by camp guests is not permitted.

On-site residence

The residence is located in-between the Cardinal Meeting Hall and Commodore Dormitories. A member of the Ern Halliday staff resides on-site with their family, therefore we ask you to please respect their privacy. They are able to assist where possible with site security and emergency response. Urgent enquires and emergencies should be directed in the first instance to the **on-call officer on 0417 948 816**.

Recreation programs

Structured programs have been offered at Ern Halliday since 2000 and have evolved to contain 22 distinct recreation programs, with an additional range of program variations, training packages, workplace adventures, custom programs, self-directed activities and holiday programs.

The primary strategy outcome of the programs offered at the camps supports the agency emphasis in promoting healthy active lifestyles. By incorporating participation in recreation and physical activity during camping experiences, recreation programs provide a chance for camp guests to experience new activities, explore the benefits of physical activity and promote the maintenance of healthy lifestyles.

In order to meet these outcomes, Ern Halliday Recreation Camp operates on the ethos of Challenge by Choice.

Challenge by Choice can be defined as:

All camp instructors facilitate programs in accordance with the philosophy of Challenge by Choice. This is based on experiential learning theory, which we is defined as being able to undertake an experience that a participant can relate back to their life or existing lifestyle in a positive way.

There is an understanding that everyone has varying thresholds for challenge and these challenges can range in their nature and variety. We aim to provide an experience that enables participants to determine their own level of challenge and broaden and develop their perceived limitations through participation in adventure activities both in individual and team environments.

All camps staff will aim to provide a safe experience in which the participant can explore and extend their abilities and limitations. Our DSR Camps Program Standards and Instructor Code of Ethics encompass that overriding intent. Participation through excessive pressure and intimidation will not be supported by DSR camps.

This ethos recognises that the *attempt* is as significant as the result.

A central bookings and administration branch is based in our Leederville office. For more information regarding the facilities at our camp or the camp programs offered, please contact the camp directly on (08) 9492 9788. To make an accommodation booking contact our bookings office on (08) 9492 9999.

Clothing and attire during programs

Due to the active nature of the programs offered, participants must wear enclosed shoes for all land-based programs. Thongs or sandals are not suitable except for beach programs such as surf life saving and surf ski paddling.

Participation in land-based programs will not be allowed for persons wearing sandals or thongs. Short tops (e.g. crop tops) that leave the midriff exposed are not suitable for roping programs such as abseiling or rock climbing. It is also preferred that shorts are longer than mid-thigh on roping and paddling programs. Necklaces, chains, scarfs or similar articles are to be removed from around participant's necks before the commencement of any roping program. Similarly, piercings, large or lengthy earrings and exposed body piercing may need to be covered on request from the instructor in charge.

Inclusivity

Ern Halliday Recreation Camp strives to be inclusive through programs and its facilities. All accommodation and dining areas, excluding the Spinnaker living area and Windmill area, provide wheelchair access and ablutions suitable for wheelchair use. Any group requiring special requirements need to arrange a site tour before booking the facility to ensure the site is suitable. This can be arranged through the camp. Many of our programs can also be modified to include all participants.

Department of Education Guidelines

Most adventure recreation programs at Ern Halliday meet or exceed the Department of Education (DoE) guidelines for *Outdoor Education and Recreation Activities 2006*. In consideration of specific environments at the site, variations from the DoE guidelines exist to increase safety.

Ern Halliday management strongly recommend that all groups intending to use the beach book qualified life savers through the camp for water safety. All groups should check with their governing bodies to make sure their water safety is in accordance with official procedures.

All equipment is supplied for participants in all our activities at the Ern Halliday Recreation Camp. All instructors have a Working With Children Check (WWCC), National Police Clearance and Senior First Aid as a minimum qualification. Other specialist activities are conducted by staff with appropriate and current qualifications for that activity.

Program descriptions

Program	Recommended for school years	Description
ROPING		
Abseiling	7+	5m or 10m vertical abseil off a custom-built adventure tower overlooking the Indian Ocean with spectacular coastal views. Participants are top line belayed by qualified instructors. All equipment is supplied.
Ascending	8+	Ascend 9m using prussic lines, caving ladders and frog ascents. Qualified instructors will help you learn and develop advanced roping techniques as well as revisiting existing techniques. All equipment is supplied.
Big Swing [#]	5+	A roping activity that will give you the swing of your life! Team mates haul one participant at a time up to 8m in the air. Pull a pin and swing like a giant pendulum. Qualified staff will help you to overcome your fears. All equipment provided.
Crate Climb	5+	In your team, design, build and then climb a 6-9m structure using only crates whilst being safely belayed on rope by a qualified instructor. Can you reach the sky on milk crates?
Flying Fox [#]	3+	Starting 5m up, zoom down two 80m long Flying Foxes. Jump off backwards, try X-Man or cannon ball. Confront your fears with our qualified staff.
Jacobs Ladder	8 +	Try your luck at climbing to the top of a Giant Ladder. Belayed on rope, three climbers will work as a team to reach the top of the 9m ladder. A qualified instructor will also teach how to safely belay climbers.
Rock Climbing [#]	6 +	Climb seven graded routes set by outdoor enthusiasts on a 9m artificial climbing wall. Also learn the correct technique to safely belay a climber. All equipment provided as well as a qualified instructor.
Roping Combo	Varies depending on combo	Roping combos are great for fitting more activity into a shorter space of time and saving money while you are at it. Only camp approved combos are available. Contact the camp for more details.
Vertical Ascent	6 +	Try climbing 5 vertical roping elements suspended 9m from the roof whilst being safely belayed by team mates. Elements include a cargo net, caving ladder, wharf rope and caterpillar climb. Develop roping skills, climbing and belay techniques. Qualified staff are present to ensure you make it back to the ground safely.
WATER		
Beach Team Building [#]	3+	Purpose designed for initiative beach activities without going into the water. Qualified instructors will run uniquely styled beach games with a splash of a difference. A great introduction into team building activities.
Surf Lifesaving	5+	Learn beach safety, awareness and lifeguard signals down the beach only 100 metres from the Ern Halliday Camp. Also learn how to use rescue boards, rescue tubes and try your speed in flags. Qualified staff and equipment are provided.
Paddling [#]	7+	Using sit-on-top paddle craft, learn the basics behind paddling then use this knowledge to paddle along the coast of the Indian Ocean with qualified staff. All equipment is supplied. Dual sit-on-top crafts are also available for hesitant paddlers or participants with a disability. Please advise camps staff when booking this program.
Paddling (Advanced)	9+	Paddle Cross Trainers for 3 hours along the Sunset coast, having various breaks along the way. Start the paddle from North Scarborough to Hillarys with qualified paddling instructors. Along the way learn some advanced paddling techniques and skills. Route may vary for weather conditions. Must have previous paddle experience and own transport.
Water Supervision [#]	3 +	Aquatic supervision can also be supplied for groups. Instructors all have their Aquatic Rescue Qualification or equivalent and are supplied according to set ratios for DoE and DSR aquatic supervision guidelines.

Program	Recommended for school years	Description
LAND		
Archery [#]	3+	Using re-curve fibreglass bows, test your aim at hitting Olympic-style bullseye target boards. Along the way master your archery techniques. All equipment is provided.
Caving	5+	Crawl 280m in the first artificial cave system built in Perth with qualified staff. In complete darkness, attempt Zorro's tunnel, the Maze as well as an underground tunnelling system. Head torches and helmets supplied.
Coastal Bike Tour	7+	Fully guided coastal bike tour along the picturesque Sunset Coast. Our 1½ hour tour is conducted at a relaxed pace and only a moderate level of fitness is required. Helmets and bikes are provided.
Ice breakers [#]	3+	Fun, short, basic level team building activities designed to break down barriers and get everyone working together. Exciting activities allowing teams to be creative in small or large groups. A great introduction towards team building activities or if a group is newly formed.
Kite Making ^{**}	3+	Design, colour, build and fly your very own personalised kite. Fly your kite over 15m in the sky.
Lost Pilot	5+	Using CB radios and navigation skills find the remnants of a helicopter crash without being taken prisoner by the Ern Halliday staff. Once all remnants have been located, track down the lost pilot and bring him to safety. A great team building program.
Lost Pirate	3+	Using CB radios and navigation maps find the pirates' treasure chests marked by pirate flags and unravel the clues to discover the pirates' hidden loot. Aim is not to be captured by the pirates. A great team building program for the younger groups.
Orienteering*	3+	In over 28 hectares of coastal bushland use our maps to navigate to the 22 orienteering markers located within the Ern Halliday Recreation Camp. Will you have enough time to find them all?
Orienteering (Advanced)	8+	This is an expanded version of the current orienteering program. Participants learn to work with compasses to map out several tracks throughout the camp grounds. The tracks used in this class are more challenging than the ones used for the basic program. Participants are recommended to have prior knowledge of map reading and an understanding of compass navigation.
Team Building [#]	3+	Qualified instructors running purpose-designed team building exercises to help groups achieve set tasks and goals. Can your team outsmart the challenges?
Team Building (Advanced)	8+	Interactive and diverse team building activities designed for groups wanting a more challenging experience. Test the capabilities and dynamics of your group within the natural bush environments. A higher facilitated team building program.

* Can be self-directed at appropriate charge.

Can be modified to suit mobility restrictions. This must be discussed with the camp well in advance of your arrival.

Please note:

We also provide Workplace Adventures or tailor-made programs. These are suitable for all ages and abilities and can be designed to suit any aims or objectives you may have. They are only available on request, increased program costs may be incurred.

Recreation facilities

Indoor stadium

Our indoor stadium is the activity hub of the camp. Located alongside the Morup Recreation Oval and the outdoor basketball and netball courts, the stadium is used by guests and is also the home of many of our exciting adventure recreation programs.

The stadium has a full-sized basketball/netball court, and its own ablution facilities. There are three large roller doors on the side of the stadium, which can be opened to link the inside to the sights and sounds (and breezes) from the Morup Recreation Oval. Ern Halliday programs such as Crate Climb, Rock Climbing, Big Swing, Indoor Team Games, Icebreaker Games, Ascending, Vertical Ascent and Jacob's Ladder are facilitated inside the stadium. This equipment can only be used under qualified supervision by camp staff and while taking part in our structured recreation programs.

Accommodation guests may book the stadium (for basketball, meeting, indoor games, etc.) for a single two-hour block each day. Guests have to reserve these blocks ahead of their stay by contacting the camp on 9492 9788. The timing of these blocks is subject to change at the Camp's discretion. In these cases, camp staff will try to accommodate the needs of any group which has requested use of the stadium.

The stadium is a multi-user facility and is an asset that all accommodation groups should be able to access.

The stadium is not available for hire by external groups (e.g. basketball team training, weekly karate sessions, etc). Registered and approved providers of adventure activities or other adventure training organisations may hire the stadium to make use of the adventure recreation equipment. These bookings are subject to a daily hirerate if available and are to be made through the camp manager on 9492 9788.



Adventure Tower

The Ern Halliday Adventure Tower is one of the most recognisable facilities at the camp. Visible from Whitfords Avenue, the Adventure Tower is the most used tower of its kind in Western Australia.

Constructed in 2000, the Adventure Tower is used for abseiling, rock climbing and the popular flying fox. There is a beginner's abseil platform at 5m which allows for two lines of abseiling at any time. At the 5m level is the start of the flying fox. There is two lines on the flying fox, and the height of the cable starts at approximately 8m. For the more adventurous, the top of the tower is 10m from the ground and groups of an appropriate age may take part in the 10m flat-wall or 10m overhang abseil. The outdoor climbing holds also reach the 10m overhang height and the view from the 10m platform at sunset has to be seen.



Morup Recreation Oval

At the centre of the camp is the large Morup Recreation Oval. Named after Steve Morup, our accommodation officer for 30 years, this oval is a focal point for all groups who stay at the camp.

With a length of 170m, the oval is about the size of an Australian Rules Football (AFL) field. The oval contains a set of cricket nets at the southern end, a pavilion which is home to our archery program and volleyball net.

The turf is not perfect like a professional field, but most of the groups who use the oval are very happy with the surface. Therefore, the oval may not be suitable for elite sporting groups who wish to train at a high level on a perfectly even ground.



Cave

A unique feature of Ern Halliday camp is our underground caving system, consisting of more than 280m of crawlspace and tunnels.

Starting in the lake area, the cave consists of a practice tunnel area, a Hobbit's door entrance, 200m of underground tunnels of various widths, escape hatches, and some adventurous ramp tunnels and mazes inside two 12m (40ft) sea containers stacked 8m high.

To venture into the cave, you need to make a booking directly through the camp. All groups are led by qualified instructors, trained specifically for the caving system.



Outdoor basketball and netball courts

Located next to our stadium and accessible via the Morup Recreation Oval or the internal access road, the outdoor courts provide a large open bitumen space for any group to use. There are two full-size basketball and netball courts next to each other, with interchangeable swing goals which can be changed easily between basketball and netball goals.

The courts have lights for night use. Ask our camp staff for directions on how to turn on the lights. To guarantee use of the courts at a particular time, bookings of two hour blocks per day can be made for any accommodation guests at the site.



Coastal dual-use bike path

Extending many kilometres either direction along the coast from Ern Halliday, the local dual-use bike path is a good way of exploring the Sunset Coast. There are several parks, picnic areas, playgrounds and toilets along the path and most of the path is smooth red stone bitumen, which is very user-friendly.



The path can also be used to walk a group to nearby Hillarys Boat Harbour. Only a 15 minute walk along the dual use path, attractions such as the Great Escape Waterslides, AQWA, Marine Education Centre, restaurants and shops are all within easy reach of the camp.

The beach

Hillarys Beach is a quiet stretch of coast, with waters that are protected from major swell by a reef line about 1km from shore. Ern Halliday has a sand track that starts next to our Cardinal Meeting Hall, exits the camp through a pedestrian gate and continues through a tunnel under Whitfords Avenue to the beach. All up, the distance from the Cardinal Meeting Hall to the water is about 150m and the fantastic feature of this path for any concerned camp leader, is that the underpass tunnel allows groups to access the beach without having to cross any roads.

Groups should be aware of their own duty of care in relation to water-based activities. Further guidance can be provided by staff at the camp and camp instructors can be hired in advance for group water supervision.

The beach is also good for early morning exercise or a general group walk. It's a 15 minute walk to the north wall of Hillarys Boat Harbour and its attractions.

Extending 60m south of the camp beach entry is a dog beach. Typically, dogs are walked early morning and late afternoon (before and after normal business hours) and on weekends. We suggest that groups avoid the area when spending time at the beach.



Self-directed activities

Self-directed programs

Ern Halliday has a small range of self-directed recreation programs that can be conducted by camp leaders. Self-directed programs provide a cost effective alternative to the camp-led programs. Further information about self-directed programs can be obtained by contacting the camp.

Free play equipment

We have a range of sporting equipment available on request. Should you require this please come to the office and we will be able to arrange the equipment for you. The oval, outdoor basketball courts, cricket and volleyball nets are free to use at any time, however please be aware this is a multi-user site, so sharing may be required. If you wish to utilise the stadium this must be arranged in advance in 2 hour blocks. Please contact our office to discuss this option further.

Information for camp leaders and supervisors

Leader responsibilities

What is your role on camp programs?

All groups with participants under the age of 18 years **MUST** supply appropriate adult supervision at each program site. Ern Halliday staff members will supervise the participants while participating in DSR facilitated programs and minimise the risk of injury to them wherever possible. Group supervisors are required to take responsibility for the monitoring of the group and individuals behaviour and enforce disciplinary action as required. The DSR staff member has the right to discipline or remove a participant(s) from a program either temporarily or permanently if they deem them to be a risk to themselves or others in the group.

We encourage teachers and adults to participate in all programs to build a strong rapport with the group, provide duty of care, assess where appropriate and enjoy the experience for themselves.

Creating a positive experiential environment

We expect group leaders to ensure the following:

- Students are on time and prepared adequately for the specific program.
- Encourage students in a positive, non-intimidatory approach to the program.
- Participate in the activities, however be aware if the program requires problem solving or decision making, refrain from providing too much support that impedes the skill being demonstrated.

There may be occasions where teachers and adults are asked to help facilitate certain aspects of a program. The instructor will discuss this responsibility with the group leader prior to the commencement of the program.

What is your role outside of camp programs?

It is recommended that a supervision roster is developed to supervise free time, meals and other activities. It is also recommended room checks are done after lights out to ensure students are asleep. It is encouraged that all staff are briefed prior to coming to camp about their roles and responsibilities.

What to know before camp

What camp leaders should bring:

- Sleeping bag.
- Pillow slip.
- Blankets, sheets (optional).
- Shorts and t-shirts (no sleeveless shirts to promote sun safety).
- Jeans.
- Warm clothing: jumpers and tracksuit pants.
- Raincoat.
- Underwear.
- Swimming attire.
- Two towels (beach and shower).
- Enclosed shoes.
- Thongs (for beach activities).
- Hat, sunscreen and sunglasses.
- Torch.
- Toiletries.
- Water bottle.
- Alarm clock.
- First aid kit.
- A day-backpack.
- Ern Halliday client information pack.
- Camera.
- Relevant paperwork including student medical forms, emergency response document.
- Whistle.
- Mobile phone.
- Personal medication.

Supervision roster

A template for a supervision roster can be found at www.dsr.wa.gov.au/camps.

Emergency plan

Our emergency plan can be found under the Ern Halliday section of our website:
www.dsr.wa.gov.au/camps

The Ern Halliday Recreation Camp emergency mobile is 0417 948 816. **Camp leaders should provide their own emergency mobile to parents and campers.**

Risk management

First aid

All DSR Camps staff are required to have a current senior first aid or equivalent qualification as a minimum. In the event of an injury occurring to a participant during one of our programs our staff will provide first aid care. First aid care may be handed over to the client group upon their request and only if they have personnel capable of delivering an equivalent or better standard of care due to their training and experience upon their request.

Ern Halliday camp management recommends highly that every client group should have at least one qualified and current first aid practitioner and their own comprehensive first aid kit on site at all times.

Oxygen and advanced first aid equipment is onsite in the office and all full time staff are trained in its use. Should an ambulance need to be called, please notify camp staff or the emergency number.

Muster points

There are five separate muster points (emergency assembly areas) located at Ern Halliday Recreation Camp. Please find these points on page 2 of our Emergency Response Plan which can be found on our website at:
www.dsr.wa.gov.au/risk-management

Programs

To facilitate programs at Ern Halliday, all staff must have completed a DSR induction and have been deemed competent by a senior staff member in the particular pursuit they are facilitating. Depending on the program being facilitated, qualifications relating to that outdoor activity are also required by DSR.

Alcohol policy

Our Alcohol Policy can be found at:
www.dsr.wa.gov.au/alcohol-policy

What to know upon arrival

Upon arrival

When you arrive you will need to check in at the front office. Your group will be given an accommodation briefing by one of our staff members who will ensure all appropriate paperwork has been completed. Other matters of concern are:

Gate access

To increase site safety and ensure that only authorised vehicles access the site, a cable gate has been installed at the entrance of the camp.

Your allocated unique five digit Booking ID (BID) number followed by a # will be the code you need to use to gain access through the gate. Please inform all members of your group this code is required to access the site.

To exit the site, simply drive slowly close to the gate and it will drop automatically. Should any issues be encountered follow the clear directions displayed at the gate.

You will be posted specific directions about use of the cable gate prior to your arrival onsite. The code will only be active for the duration of your stay.

Keys

When you check in at the front office you will be given a set of keys. These will open all of the dorm and dining hall doors that you have access to. Any lost keys will incur a replacement fee.

Catering

If your meals are organised through our contract caterer they will take care of all the cooking and washing up during your stay. All you need to do is clear the plates to the central cleaning area. This will be explained to you by your helpful chef. When you arrive it is recommended that you confirm with the chef meal times and that any dietary requirements have been accounted for.

Tables and chairs

The dining hall is equipped to easily seat more than your dorms capacity. The chairs and tables are located in a storeroom within the dining hall. These are to be packed away as indicated by the signs located in this area. Please ensure that all tables and chairs are returned and chairs stacked in towers of 10 prior to departure.

Dining hall set up

You are responsible for the setup of your own tables and chairs. Feel free to arrange these in any format you wish to suit your group's needs for both dining and/or meeting. You do not share your dining room with other groups so equipment can be left set up, however, please ensure security of your valuables as the camp takes no responsibility for any loss during your stay.

What to know whilst on camp

The following are a few things to be mindful of when on camp. These include:

Rubbish

Wheelie bins have been provided in various locations for your use. These should be empty (or close to it) upon your arrival onsite. They will be emptied after you depart. Should you notice that your bins are becoming full, please inform a staff member who will ensure they are emptied. Please do not leave rubbish bags out of bins as the wildlife onsite will make a mess of them.

Toilets and showers

Each dorm area has showers and toilets and has provisions for disabled campers. We ask that after returning from the beach, groups use the taps outside to remove any excess sand prior to entering the dorms. There are also toilets located within your dining hall. If you notice the toilet paper supplies becoming low, please inform one of our staff members who will restock them.

Laundry facilities

Your group has access to a free to use washing machine and dryer. You will need to provide all washing detergent for these machines.

Cleaning responsibilities and equipment

Each dorm has dust pans, brushes and brooms. Each of these is clearly labelled and must not be removed from the dorm. There is also cleaning equipment located within your dining hall. It is your group's responsibility to ensure your dorms and dining hall are kept clean during your stay. This includes any mopping of spilt liquids and removal of sand from the floors.

Recreation programs

If your group is participating in any of our recreation programs on site, it is your group's responsibility to be at each program site on time for the start of the program. If you do not know where programs are please speak with one of our staff members who can provide a map to point out the meeting area..

Audio visual equipment

Each dining hall is equipped with a television along with a VCR/DVD combo unit. These are mounted on the wall and cannot be moved. There is also a projector screen and large white board mounted on the walls for your convenience. Should you require a data projector we have one that can be hired or you can bring your own. Please contact our staff for pricing prior to your arrival as this is required to be pre-booked to ensure availability.

Beach access

Our proximity to the beach allows for quick and easy access. Access to the beach is via the sand track located just west of the Cardinal Meeting Hall. This track leads to an underpass below Whitfords Avenue ensuring safe passage to the beach. The pedestrian/cycle path also leads to Hillarys Boat Harbour, approximately a 15 minute walk.

If you wish to run activities on the beach we advise that you walk approximately 100m south past the dog beach (towards Hillarys Boat Harbour).

Security and valuables

To ensure the safety of your valuables please ensure that you lock all dorms and dining halls whilst they are not being attended. The camp takes all care however is not responsible in regards to lost items. Some areas may be alarmed against intruders. Please discuss this option with camp staff.

What to know prior to leaving camp

Paperwork

Prior to your departure, our Accommodation Officer will come and see you and complete any final paperwork. You will be asked for formal records of adults and children who stayed at the camp on each night as well as the number of day visitors who attended each day. Please gather an accurate record of these numbers prior to the last day of your stay.

Departure time

You must have vacated the dormitories and dining hall prior to 10am Monday to Saturday, 2pm on Sunday or public holiday. Should you require this time to be different please arrange this at the time of booking. We may be able to accommodate this, however due to operational requirements we can not guarantee we will be able to extend these hours.

Seated meals are not permitted on departure days. Our caterers can provide a packed lunch that can be enjoyed under the shady trees on the site.

Lost property

Any lost property found during your stay or after your departure is collected and placed in our lost property cage. Uncollected goods are donated to local charities if they are not be collected after one month.

Loss or breakage

Should anything be lost or broken please inform our staff members during your stay. Additional costs associated with repair or replacement may be charged.

Cleaning responsibilities

Although all dorm areas are thoroughly cleaned prior to your arrival, to make our job easier, prior to departure from the camp, your group will be required to do some simple cleanup around the areas you have used:

- Sweep all dorms, bathrooms & dining halls.
- Ensure one mattress, fitted sheet, pillow and pillow slip on each bed.
- Pick up all rubbish from the areas utilised (we encourage each group to perform an emu bob).
- Remove any lost property from dorm areas.
- Mop all spills in dorms and dining halls.

Our cleaning staff will utilise a floor scrubbing machine to clean dining floors thoroughly.

Dorms

Please ensure that each bed has a pillow and maroon pillow case together with a fitted bed sheet. Prior to departure please check the sleeping and bathroom areas to ensure no personal items have been left behind and all rubbish is placed in the bin provided.

Dining Hall

Wipe down all tables with a damp cloth. All tables and chairs must be packed away and stored correctly in the table and chair store room. Follow the instructions on the signs in these areas. The entire dining hall needs to be swept clean of dirt and rubbish. There is no need for you to mop the entire dining hall however, please mop any excessively dirty areas. There are dust pans and brooms provided for your use.

Key return

As you leave the camp please ensure that you drop all keys you have at the office. If the office is unattended please drop the keys in the drop box next to the door.

Payments

An invoice will be forwarded to your group after your stay with details of all accommodation and program related charges. Catering charges will be invoiced separately by our contract caterer.

Feedback

We seek feedback and improvement ideas. Please take the time to complete and return the feedback form that you will receive in the post after your stay. After all, the only way we can improve is to know what can be improved.

Information for parents/guests

Getting ready for camp

Going on camp is exciting for most children but can be terrifying for others. It is important that parents talk with their children prior to them going on camp and discuss any concerns they may have: missing home, sharing with others, fear of participating in a certain activity. Please try to reassure them that they are in good hands and that the school staff and the DSR staff will take good care of them. Remember to also discuss what they are looking forward to or are most excited about attending camp. By talking with your child on a number of occasions prior to attending will help them prepare for their camp experience.

What to bring

When staying at Ern Halliday the following items are required by each guest:

- Sleeping bag or single sheet and doona or sufficient blankets.
- Pillow case – or own pillow if preferred.
- Towels (1 bath towel & 1 beach towel).
- Water bottle.
- Hat.
- Sunglasses.
- Sunscreen.
- Toiletries.
- Insect repellent (roll-on).
- Personal medication – e.g. diabetes, Ventolin, EpiPen. Medical conditions and medications must be discussed with the camp leader.

- Torch.
- Rain coat.
- Bathers / board shorts and rash vest.
- Thongs / sandals for beach activities.
- Trainers / sneakers x 2 pairs (ALL roping and land based activities require enclosed footwear).
- Sufficient clothing suitable for the season and intended activities.

What to leave at home

- Chewing gum.
- Spray aerosol cans including deodorant or insect repellent—use roll-on types if required.
- Camp participants are advised not to bring valuables to camp (like jewellery, money, portable music and gaming devices, etc).
- Mobile phones – parents to contact camp leader in emergencies.
- High heel shoes.

Medical conditions and medications

It is important that the group supervisors and DSR staff have ready access to the relevant medical information to be able to respond appropriately to an emergency situation and prevent further injury. Medications should be stored appropriately and located within close proximity to the person to whom the medication belongs.

Frequently asked questions

Can our group self-cater?

Self-catering is available at our Spinnaker camp, and also at our Windmill Area. The Spinnaker Camp has a kitchen with cool room, which can be accessed and used by our guests for a fee to cover additional cleaning, power and gas charges (please see fees and charges summary).

All groups staying at our Commodore, Commodore Leaders Cottage or Port & Starboard Areas must use our contract caterer. The caterer has a range of affordable and nutritious menus and can tailor your camp menu to suit your budget or particular requirements.

Guests are not permitted to hire other professional caterers to supply food on-site (eg spit-roast caterers).

Can we use a picnic area or have lunch if we are only at Ern Halliday to participate in some of your recreation programs?

You certainly can. We have a number of options and depending upon your group size and duration on site, a day visitor charge may be applied.

These areas are subject to availability. Please discuss your group's requirements when you book your day program directly through one of our Program Coordinators at the camp on 9492 9788.

Can our group check-in before 2pm?

Check-in time for accommodation groups is 2pm, to allow time for our cleaners to prepare your facilities. Groups that choose to arrive on site prior to 2pm to participate in recreation programs will be encouraged and this is discussed and approved in advance. Contact our bookings office for more information on 9492 9999.

Can our group stay later than our 10am check-out time?

Outgoing accommodation groups must vacate their dormitories and dining area by 10am. Upon prior arrangement the contract caterer will arrange a packed lunch if required.

The Cardinal Meeting Hall (capacity 100 persons) may be utilised as a "late checkout" venue at the applicable rate.

This may be a good option for groups who wish to have facilities beyond that supplied at their dining hall (eg audio visual equipment, 2 separate rooms) or if they require the use of a meeting room beyond 10am. The booking of the Cardinal Meeting Hall is subject to availability. To book this venue, please contact our bookings office on 9492 9999.

Can we hire audiovisual or meeting equipment?

The Cardinal Meeting Hall has been specially designed for groups requiring additional meeting facilities. Included in the hire fee, your group can have access to the custom built audiovisual system. This system comprises of a digital data projector, wall mounted speakers and VCR/CD/DVD player. Groups using the meeting hall can also access a four screen electronic whiteboard for a small fee. Laptops are not available and groups must bring their own.

Each of the three dormitory accommodation area dining halls is equipped with a TV with VCR and DVD. There is also a large wall-mounted whiteboard and a projector screen (no projector) in each dining hall facility. The common room of our leaders accommodation block also has a digital TV with inbuilt DVD player. Groups who require additional equipment should consider consulting with the camp staff, and bringing their own equipment and power cords. Guests should note that the camp is in a residential area and has multiple accommodation areas within the site. As such, guests should be considerate to other residents in relation to sound volume and appropriate finish times in the evening. Please refer to the Noise Restrictions within Ern Halliday.

There are no photocopying or printing facilities available for guests. In an emergency, use of the photocopy and fax machine at the main office may be utilised upon request. Ern Halliday is primarily a recreation camp, and does not cater for groups requiring extensive conference-style facilities. One of our other metropolitan DSR Camps, Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre, is able to provide more appropriate facilities and equipment for conferences and weddings.

Can we use Ern Halliday for a birthday party, wedding, bucks/hens party, etc?

Ern Halliday is primarily a Recreation Camp. Given that it is also a multi-user venue, parties associated with excessive alcohol drinking, noise or inappropriate behaviour are not permitted. Our facilities are also not suitable for Weddings.

We do encourage family days, reunions and other events that incorporate recreation and physical activity.

All user groups wishing to consume alcohol at any time during their stay must sign and abide by the DSR Alcohol Policy, which can be obtained from our website www.dsr.wa.gov.au/alcohol-policy

Can we drink alcohol at Ern Halliday?

All user groups wishing to consume alcohol at any time during their stay must sign and abide by the DSR Alcohol Policy, which can be obtained from our website. Normally, groups who follow the Alcohol Policy will not have any problems. This policy is guided by responsible and controlled consumption of alcohol by adults.

Generally groups may only consume alcohol at their associated dining hall. In any case, group leaders lodge a written request to the Camp Manager prior to their stay, stating how their group will provide for the conditions stipulated in the DSR Alcohol Policy.

Is smoking permitted at Ern Halliday?

Smoking is discouraged at Ern Halliday, given that the main users of the site are children. Smoking is not permitted inside any building on site, or within 10m of any building. Smoking is also not permitted near areas of vegetation as this is a fire risk. Smoking or use of any other illegal or illicit substance is strictly forbidden.

Why not go smoke-free for your stay at our Sanctuary in the Suburbs?

How do we book accommodation or facilities?

Accommodation and day-use areas for all of our DSR metropolitan recreation camps can be booked through our bookings office. The camps bookings office can check the availabilities of all areas at all four of our metropolitan camps at the click of a mouse. They can also help you with queries regarding accommodation costing, deposits, refunds, etc.

The Bookings Office can be contacted by phone on (08) 9492 9999, or (08) 9492 9998.

They can also be emailed on campinfo@dsr.wa.gov.au

For more information, go to www.dsr.wa.gov.au/camps. You can also go directly to www.dsr.wa.gov.au/ernhalliday for information about Ern Halliday Camp.

How do we ask questions about your campsite or your recreation programs?

For specific questions about the camp, please contact one of the friendly staff at the camp directly by calling +61 8 9492 9788.

The camp can also be emailed on ernhalliday@dsr.wa.gov.au.

For more information, go to www.dsr.wa.gov.au/camps. You can also go directly to www.dsr.wa.gov.au/ernhalliday for information about Ern Halliday Camp.

How do we make a booking for recreation programs?

The first step for most groups interested in participating in one of our many exciting Recreation programs at the site should be to visit our website. Go to www.dsr.wa.gov.au/camps.

You can also go directly to www.dsr.wa.gov.au/ernhalliday for information about Ern Halliday Camp specific programs and information.

On the website, you will be able to see a description of our programs, some action photos, a price list and associated age-limits. Most of our programs have age restrictions relating to the school year (e.g., Year 6) due to guidelines produced by the Department of Education.

The majority of our programs are conducted for 90 mins including a safety briefing. Most programs also have a limit of approximately 20 participants per session, although exceptions may apply. Our experienced Program Coordinators are highly skilled in designing a custom schedule of activities for your group, for any budget, timeframe or group size.

Call our camp direct and ask to speak to one of our Program Coordinators on 9492 9788.

Are there any free recreational activities or facilities at Ern Halliday?

There are lots of things to do at Ern Halliday for FREE!!! Use of the basketball stadium, recreation oval and basketball/netball courts can be arranged through the camp. There is also a volleyball net and cricket nets on the recreation oval. A small quantity of sporting equipment is available to be borrowed with a deposit from our camp staff. There are several campfire pits available on site for use at certain times of the year. Fire bans do apply.

Guests at our Spinnaker Camp can also make use of the volleyball net and basketball ring in that area.

There are many walking paths inside and outside the camp. Hillarys Boat Harbour is only 1km south of the camp. The camp is also linked to Hillarys Beach by a path via an underpass.

For more ideas for things to see and do in and around Ern Halliday, call our camp to speak to one of our staff on 9492 9788.

Can we have a camp fire?

Camp fires can be an enjoyable way of bringing your group together at the end of a day. However, they have particular risks which restrict how and when they are allowed to be lit at the camp.

Camp fires may be used at Ern Halliday under the following conditions:

- Campfires permitted in designated fire-pits.
- No fires during DFES announced total fire bans, or when fire danger rating for the day is very high or above.
- No fires between 1 November and 31 March (may be extended).
- Fire no higher or wider than 1m x 1m.
- Only between 6pm and 11pm.
- Responsible person in attendance at all times.
- Running water with hose readily available.
- Weather conditions and fire warnings checked by client that day.
- Check with camp staff on the day for any changes in site-related restrictions and to request running water supply (hose).

Can we book the indoor stadium?

The indoor adventure stadium is a wonderful hub of activity for all of our guests. We try to allow all of our guests to use this facility, and as such, there are some restrictions on booking the stadium which is intended to allow this multiple group access.

Accommodation groups can make a request for a two hour block per day. This request can be made directly to staff at the camp. Bookings of the stadium can only be made within one month prior to your intended stay. Recreation programs booked and run by Ern Halliday camp have priority over these stadium requests.

Ern Halliday staff will do their best to allow your group to have your preferred two hour block per day, but no request for stadium use should be considered as a formal booking. Exclusive access to the stadium is allowed with prior arrangement with camp management and will incur a fee.

The stadium can be formally booked by third party groups who intend and are qualified to use the adventure recreation equipment for training or delivery of adventure sports. Strict conditions must be met by such groups and these bookings are subject to a hire charge. For more information on such bookings, please call and ask to speak to our Camp Manager on (08) 9492 9788.

Can we use the new Leaders Accommodation if we aren't booked in to the Commodore Dormitories?

The Leaders Accommodation block will always be provided as first preference to groups choosing to use the Commodore Dormitories. Groups at other locations (or a separate booking altogether) who wish to book the Leaders Accommodation may make a request for the Leaders Accommodation at the time of booking. The camps bookings office will then seek confirmation from the existing Commodore group who have booked at that time to check that they do not require the Leaders Accommodation. Once this occurs, the Leaders Accommodation will be available for the group who makes the request. If there is no Commodore booking for the dates in question, the Leaders Accommodation is unlikely to be released for other groups to book until a month before, in case of last minute bookings for the Commodore Dormitories and Leaders Accommodation.

In any case, users of the Leaders Accommodation who are separate to the users of the Commodore Area, must respect the security and privacy of the these guests.

There are no kitchen or dining facilities in the Leaders Accommodation and guests must use the catering arrangements of their main accommodation area, or if they are a stand-alone booking, must go off-site for their meals (e.g., Hillarys Boat Harbour and Marina).

Can we have a 1 night accommodation booking?

Normally we do not allow 1 night bookings at our camp. Our Windmill Tent Area is the exception, where we allow one night bookings at any time.

This policy is in place to allow schools or community groups who are not able to afford more expensive camp style accommodation to access the facilities at an affordable rate. As such, we put a 2 night minimum stay restriction, except long weekends and public holidays minimum 3 night stay, on our client groups. This is so a 1 night booking doesn't block out a half-week or full-week for a school or community group who would like to stay for this longer period of time. Ern Halliday is a heavily booked facility and we have had to turn away many groups due to existing bookings.

However, Ern Halliday has put some allowances into place to allow 1 night bookings in certain circumstances.

These bookings must meet certain conditions:

- Must fill a 1 night gap between existing bookings.
- Can only be booked within 2 months of intended stay.
- Only consider 1 night bookings at our Spinnaker Area or Port and Starboard area.
- Must have written manager approval.

For more information on 1 night bookings, please contact our bookings office on (08) 9492 9999.

Can we use the Gumbooya Scout Camping Area?

The Gumbooya Scout Area lies in the centre of the camp opposite the Cardinal Meeting Hall. Although part of the Ern Halliday facility, responsibility for the area lies with Scouts WA. Most Scout or Guide groups can use this area subject to availability, by contacting Scouts WA.

Internal users of Ern Halliday camp may informally access and visit the area during their stay if it is unattended, but are unable to book the area as part of their regular booking of the camp. Internal users should also note that these external Scout or Guide groups may be using this area at various times.

Can we book the entire site for exclusive access to all facilities?

Large groups can book the entire camp facilities at the applicable rates. Minimum charges exist for the Commodore Dormitories, Leaders Accommodation, Port & Starboard Dormitories, Spinnaker Area, Windmill Tent Area and the Cardinal Meeting Hall. If all of these venues are booked at the applicable rates, this is deemed to be a full-site booking. If one or more of these areas is not booked, we will leave those areas available for other groups to book.

Please note however that Ern Halliday is used by other groups for different reasons. If you have a full-site booking, there will not be any overnight bookings of the Gumbooya Scout Area, but a Scout Group may use the area for a short time in the evening. The Lake Area may be used by a local model boat club and there is an onsite staff member who lives in a house inside the camp.

The regular policy relating to stadium bookings still applies, as Ern Halliday may conduct recreation programs at the stadium during your stay. Other day-groups may also be on-site for other camp-run recreation programs including the adventure tower or internal orienteering course. Please note that these groups are under full supervision of qualified instructors employed by DSR.

What happens if we have to cancel our booking?

The staff at the Ern Halliday Recreation Camp can take care of all enquiries that you may have apart from the booking of accommodation, transfer of dates or cancellations. These tasks are taken care of by the camps bookings office at Leederville and they can be contacted on 9492 9999 during office hours. Penalties apply for cancellations depending on the length of warning that you can provide. Understandably late cancellations are seldom ever rebooked and the camp administration is severely penalised financially when this occurs. The Ern Halliday Camp staff appreciates that many community organisations will find that participants are not forthcoming and the camp may not be viable to run.

Organising Checklist

The following is the **minimum** recommended timeline for organising your school camp. Bookings can be made up to 13 months in advance. Initial bookings will require possible arrival/departure dates, accommodation requirements, year level and estimated numbers. A tour of the camp can be organised by contacting the camp direct.

Once your camp is booked

- Contact your Program Coordinator to discuss the various program options (if possible 6–12 months in advance).

Twelve weeks before camp

Date: ____/____/____

- Check your student numbers to ensure your original estimate was realistic.
- Contact your DSR Program Coordinator to discuss the various program options (express special needs if required).
- Confirm accommodation requirements.
- Print external provider form (www.dsr.wa.gov.au/camps) and complete your school's internal excursion proposal forms.
- Organise site visit (if not done so already).

Ten weeks before camp

Date: ____/____/____

- Confirm program options with Program Coordinator.
- Organise a supervisory team of school staff/adults for camp.

Six weeks before camp

Date: ____/____/____

- Distribute details of the camp to parents, including information for parents, excursion information letter and medical and consent forms.
- Begin collection of consent and medical forms and camp fees.
- Discuss catering options with our caterer and a menu can be found at:
www.dsr.wa.gov.au/catering

Four weeks before camp

Date: ____/____/____

- Ensure all consent and medical forms are completed and returned.
- Confirm student numbers with your Program Coordinators plus any students with special requirements.
- Confirm menu with our caterer and
- 50% deposit must be made on confirmation.
- Deposit payment due for catering.

Two weeks before camp

Date: ____/____/____

- Complete the supervision roster (found on website) and supply supervisory team information regarding roles, responsibilities and information regarding your camps program.
- Brief accompanying group leaders.
- Allocate students to groups as requested by Program Coordinator (camps programs have limitations in instructors to student ratios and what our resources can accommodate).
- Allocate students to dorm rooms.

On arrival

Date: ____/____/____

- Provide Program Coordinator with final numbers.
- Receive pre-camp brief.

On departure

- Provide camp office with final participant and visitor numbers.
- Return all camp keys.

Post camp

Date: ____/____/____

- Complete post-camp survey form.
- Discuss with staff the availability of your next booking.

10 days after receiving invoice

Date: ____/____/____

- Final payment due.

Other DSR Recreation Camps

Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp

Bickley Camp is your bush valley adventure. The camp is located in the Darling Scarp just 19km from Perth next to the picturesque Bickley Reservoir where you are close to the bush, dormitory accommodation, tent site and day areas.

You can take advantage of the bush setting and enjoy a diverse range of outdoor adventure activities including abseiling, flying fox, canoeing, raft building, low and high ropes courses, mountain biking, team building activities and more.

The camp can accommodate groups of up to 70 people in dormitories and 50 in tents. The main accommodation facility is the Kookaburra dormitories, consisting of four 16-bed dormitories and two leaders huts.

You can pitch your tent in the Billabong camp site on the shaded banks of the reservoir. The Billabong day picnic area features a large gazebo, fireplaces, outdoor tables, barbecue area and amenities.

Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre

The Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre overlooks the Swan River showcasing spectacular views of Perth.

This exceptional setting allows us to deliver our well-renowned outdoor recreation programs, which promote team building and trust, enhance communication and foster positive self-esteem, while at the same time develop leadership skills.

Set amongst well maintained grounds, the accommodation is modern and functional and can sleep up to 124 people, in six blocks. There are 31 rooms with a maximum capacity of four bunk beds per room.

With a conference room, two seminar rooms, dining room and a multi-use function room the centre is the perfect venue for not only school and community camps, but for conferences, workshops, weddings, functions, professional development days, dinners and presentations.

Woodman Point Recreation Camp

Woodman Point has its own pristine beach and is just eight kilometres from Fremantle. When you drive through the gates into the 54-hectare nature reserve, Woodman Point seems a long way from the hustle and bustle of city life.

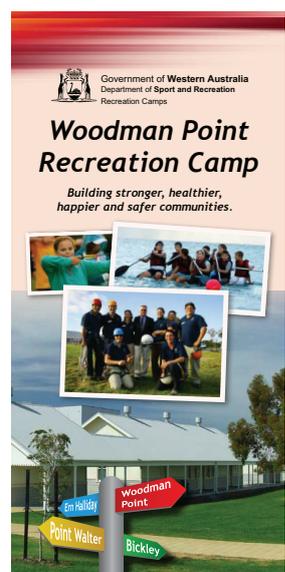
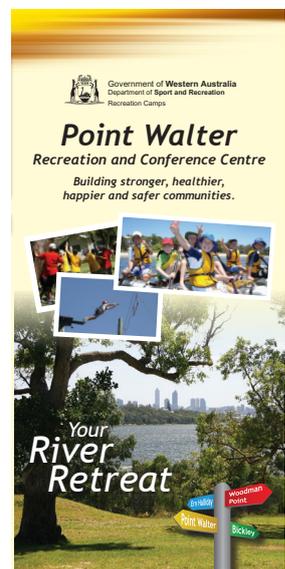
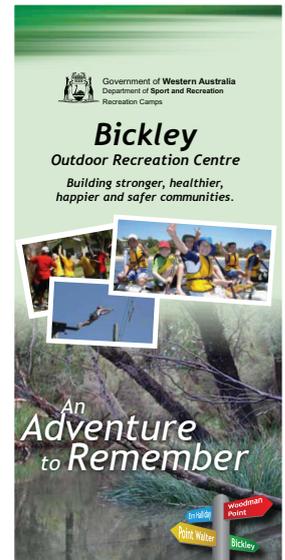
Woodman Point is ideal for sea kayaking, snorkelling, fishing and a range of team building and problem solving games.

The camp has separate dormitories and cottages that can accommodate up to 262 people. The three main dormitory blocks offer a full catering service.

The Jervoise accommodation facility, which can sleep 32 people, is located separately from the main dormitories and has its own ablution blocks and kitchen/dining room.

Woodman Point also has a fully self-contained cottage, which accommodates 10 people. It is fully furnished and contains all the items you need including crockery, cutlery, cooking utensils, refrigerator, stove, shower and toilets.

The new Adventure CUBE is a prominent feature at the camp, and artistically contrasts the historical feel of the surrounding buildings. This specialised roping facility contains high ropes, abseiling, artificial rock climbing, vertical climbing challenges and flying fox. There is simply no facility of its kind anywhere in WA.



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