

# Lancelin

*Sand, surf and sunsets*

Visitors' Guide

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# Welcome

The small coastal town of Lancelin is home to around 700 people, but that figure triples over Christmas/New Year. It's sandwiched between impressive sand dunes and the calm waters of Lancelin Bay and enjoys a warm and temperate climate.

It has long been a lobster fishing town but today, more and more visitors are discovering the joys of this charming seaside hamlet. Here you can [rent a sandboard](#) and descend a 40 metre dune at speed or take a [quad bike or buggy tour](#) or [4WD adventure bus tour](#) of the extensive Off Road area. There's great surf at the Back Beach, swimming, snorkelling and boating in the bay, kitesurfing, windsurfing and so much more.

Lancelin looks forward to welcoming you soon.

## Getting Here



### By Car

Take the Mitchell Freeway north, turn right at the end of the freeway and turn left at Wanneroo Road. Head 90 kilometres north (Wanneroo Road turns into Indian Ocean Drive) and look for the Lancelin turn-off. The journey typically takes around 90 minutes.

### By Coach

Transwa runs a coach service to and from Lancelin twice a week. Call 1300 662 205 or visit [www.transwa.wa.gov.au](http://www.transwa.wa.gov.au) for the latest schedules.

## Contact Details



Lancelin's renowned sand dunes

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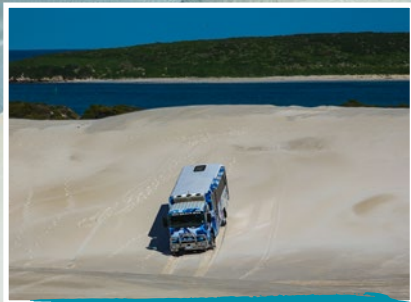


# Sand Dunes

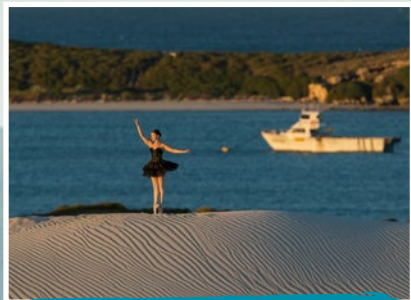
Every year tens of thousands flock to Lancelin's Off Road area to immerse themselves in these pristine white sand dunes. Most come to [sandboard](#) down dunes up to 40m high, while others opt to tour the dunes on a [quad bike, buggy](#) or [4WD bus tour](#); few leave disappointed. The area also attracts plenty of 4 wheel drivers and trail bike riders given its proximity to Perth.

There's no charge to enter the Off Road area which is accessed from Beacon Street. If you're coming to sandboard and have a 2 wheel drive vehicle, park in the car park near the entry track. For those with a 4WD, you can park at the bottom of the dunes.

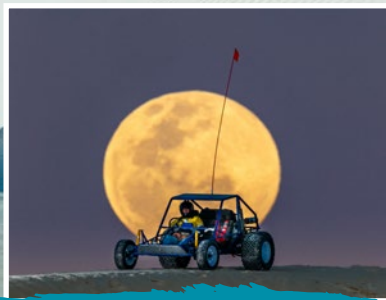
For full details about the Lancelin sand dunes [click here](#)



Discover the dunes in comfort on a [4WD adventure bus](#) tour



The dunes offer a myriad of photographic opportunities



Watch a full moon rise over the dunes

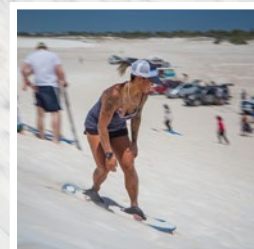
# Sandboarding



## THE NUMBER 1 ACTION ACTIVITY IN LANCELIN

Sandboarding is fun and inexpensive. You can ride sitting or standing, solo or tandem and unlike snowboarding, no special training or skill is required - it's dead easy. There's no age limit, but youngsters are best riding tandem with an adult. Access to the dunes is free of charge and you can ride between 7am and sunset 365 days a year.

You'll need a sandboard (forget boogie boards or surfboards - they simply won't slide). Book them online at [www.lancelin.com.au](http://www.lancelin.com.au). They're just \$5/hour (min 2.5 hours) and that includes wax which you apply to the board before each descent. During busy periods you're advised to book online a day or two in advance. Off-peak, you can book online on your way to Lancelin and your email receipt will contain the address for collection of your boards from a provider with stock.





# Quad Bike/Buggy Dune Tour



Share a buggy or quad bike

Ready for an adrenaline rush? Well, explore Lancelin's extensive sand dunes on a late model quad bike or buggy!

You'll be abuzz for days after experiencing one of these 90-minute ATV/UTV [adventure tours](#) around the magnificent Lancelin Off Road area.

You'll be guided by an experienced rider so no prior Off Road riding experience is necessary. Tours are suitable for adults and children, and you can ride solo or tandem.

Book at least a day prior at [www.lancelin.com.au](http://www.lancelin.com.au) and you'll be smiling for days after.



# Back Beach

4WD entry track



Toilets/showers

The Back Beach is Lancelin's most popular beach – and is located at the south end of the bay. Entry is via Fisher Way with 4WDs able to take the track and park on the beach. Those less adventurous drivers can park at the car park and walk over the dune.

The beach is a haven for surfers, boogie boarders, bodysurfers, kitesurfers and swimmers. It's not patrolled though and there can be a strong rip, so please play it safe. Like everywhere along the coast, the best conditions are in the morning before the sea breeze arrives.

## SURFING

The Back Beach is Lancelin's premier surfing beach.

You can surf, SUP or boogie board all year round, although the pick of the months are March, April, May, June, October and November when the winds are lighter and the weather warmer.

Rent a surfboard or SUP at [www.lancelin.com.au](http://www.lancelin.com.au).





# Lobsters

Lancelin has been a lobster fishing town since 1950. Today, around 20 commercial boats ply the rich waters off the coast for lobster (crayfish). These creatures are prized around the world and much of Lancelin's catch finds its way onto the plates of diners all over Asia.

Amateurs with the appropriate fishing license can take lobster all year, although there are some restrictions to fishing for them at night.

The commercial fishing season runs year-round and from October 2020 you'll be able to [buy live lobsters](#) straight from the commercial boats as they dock at the jetty. These can be ordered online at [www.lancelin.com.au](http://www.lancelin.com.au). Prices depend on supply and demand and will be promoted on the website. Once you've ordered your lobsters, you will simply roll up to the jetty on the day and collect them; you won't get them any fresher!



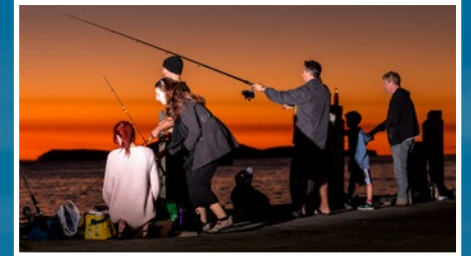
# Fishing

Grab your tackle and head to the jetty where you'll find Herring, Whiting, Squid, Tailor and occasionally a sizable Samson fish.

Beach fishing offers some fine catches, particularly at dusk at the north point.

You can also book a land-based fishing tour or head out on a [charter boat](#) for the likes of Snapper, Baldchin Groper, Dhufish or game fish.

Note: The Demersal ban runs from October 15 to December 15 inclusive; no Demersal fish (e.g. Snapper, Dhufish, Baldchin Groper) can be taken during that time.







# LANCELIN

- Public toilets
- Surfing
- Shopping area
- Public telephone
- St John Ambulance
- Transwa bus stop
- Boat launching
- Sandboarding
- Picnic/BBQ
- Windsurfing
- Skate park
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- Post office
- Medical centre
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- Lookout
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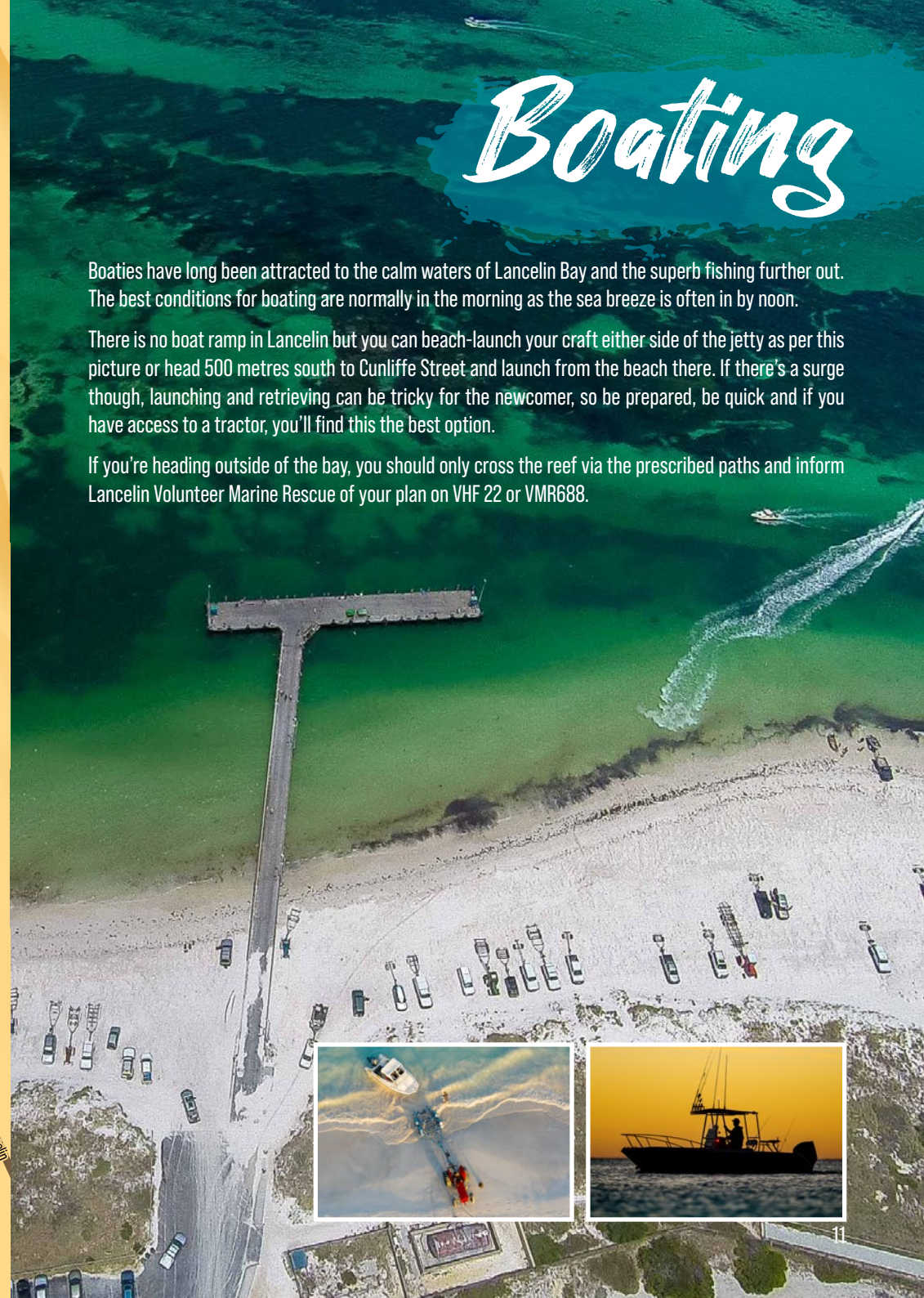


# Boating

Boaties have long been attracted to the calm waters of Lancelin Bay and the superb fishing further out. The best conditions for boating are normally in the morning as the sea breeze is often in by noon.

There is no boat ramp in Lancelin but you can beach-launch your craft either side of the jetty as per this picture or head 500 metres south to Cunliffe Street and launch from the beach there. If there's a surge though, launching and retrieving can be tricky for the newcomer, so be prepared, be quick and if you have access to a tractor, you'll find this the best option.

If you're heading outside of the bay, you should only cross the reef via the prescribed paths and inform Lancelin Volunteer Marine Rescue of your plan on VHF 22 or VMR688.





# 9 More Things To Do



In the heart of town at Wangaree Park



South end of Harold Park



Early morning, in the bay, close to shore in knee-deep water



Rent a board at [www.lancelin.com.au](http://www.lancelin.com.au)



Lancelin has very little light pollution



The lookout is at the northern end of the bay



Play 9 or 18 holes



In front of Harold Park from September to April



Visitors welcome Oct - May



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# Lancelin Island



**NO FISHING** is allowed in this habitat protection area

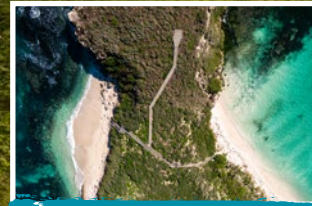
Lancelin Island is the larger of the two islands off the mainland and is at the northern end of the bay just 700 metres from shore. Today it's an A class reserve with a fish habitat protection area to the west and a sheltered beach to the east. It has a maximum elevation of 29 metres and last century it was used as a bombing target.

Those with their own boat/watercraft can access the island. Once there, you are only permitted on the eastern and western side beaches and the boardwalk that crosses the island. There's also an offshoot that takes you to a viewing platform.

The island is home to many birds including Terns, the Common Noddy, Gulls, Pied Cormorant and others. It's the second most diverse seabird breeding island in WA after Pelsaert Island in the Abrolhos.



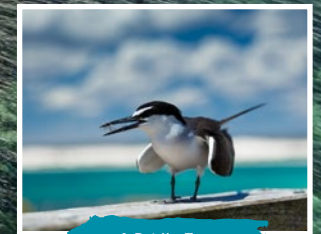
A popular spot on a hot day



Boardwalk and lookout

## Did you know?

The world's oldest message in a bottle was found 30 kilometres north of Lancelin in January 2018! The bottle, containing a scrolled note (left), was tossed overboard from the German ship Paula in 1886. It remained "lost" for 131 years and 223 days before being found on a dune just 60 metres from the high water mark after a storm.



A Bridle Tern



# Edwards Island

Edwards Island (also known as Edward Island) is at the south end of the bay and occupies an area of .454 hectares with a maximum elevation of 5 metres. The island sits between 50 and 150 metres from shore depending on the time of year. Like Lancelin Island, it is an A Class nature reserve. It is home to many birds and access is prohibited.

## Did you know?

The Guinness World Record for the Largest Convoy of Off Road Vehicles was set in 2016 on Lancelin's sand dunes! 449 4WDs travelled 3.2kms, 2 car lengths apart.

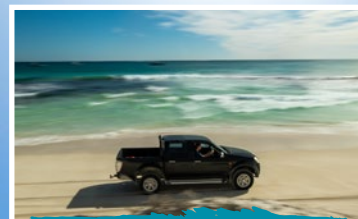


# Off Road



Lancelin's Off Road area is open every day of the year from 8am to 7pm. Entry is free but all vehicles need to be licensed. If your vehicle is not road registered you can secure an Off Road license for under \$20.

Be aware that the Off Road area does not run the full north to south length of the dunes. Only the middle third is open to the general public.



Head north or south of the bay on the beach



Get your mates together and make a day of it



Deflate your tyres to 15psi and let it rip



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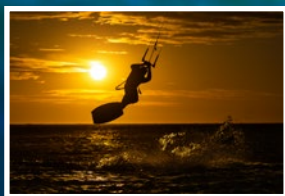


# Kitesurfing

From December to early February, eager kitesurfers flock to Lancelin's beaches to take advantage of the strong and reliable south easterly winds.

Most of the action takes place in the late afternoon at the south point, with surfers setting off from Grace Darling Park where there's parking, a rigging area and a public toilet/shower.

Bring your own sailing gear and revel in near perfect conditions.



# Windsurfing

Lancelin is one of Australia's premier windsurfing destinations. It is also home to the annual Lancelin Ocean Classic - the longest windsurfing marathon in the world held each January since 1986.

During the summer months, windsurfers from around the world head to Lancelin chasing the perfect wave and reliable winds. They are never disappointed.

In the past you could hire gear here but today you'll need to bring your own kit.





# Lancelin Bay



Ledge Point

Sports Complex

Wangaree Park

Harold Park

North Point

Jetty

Back Beach

Grace Darling Park

South Point

Lancelin Bay is protected by outer reefs and islands that create ideal conditions for all manner of calm water activities: from swimming, snorkelling and jet skiing, to fishing, boating and **SUPing**.

## BEACH WALK

A walk from the north point to the south point of Lancelin Bay and back measures 5.4 kilometres and most can do it in under an hour. Take a friend and enjoy a chat.

Driving on the beach is permitted except in the 4 areas marked in red



# Sunsets

One never tires of watching the sun set over the Indian Ocean, and in Lancelin, we are regularly treated to some stunning displays of colour. And don't be too quick to leave as the best displays often come 15-30 minutes after the sun has set.



Tag your Insta sunset posts #lancelinwa



There are numerous vantage points to observe the sun setting over the Indian Ocean, including the lookout, **either of the two hotels**, Grace Darling Park, Harold Park, the sand dunes and the jetty. Oh, and keep a lookout for the green flash. It is a meteorological optical phenomena that sometimes occurs as the sun disappears over the horizon. When the conditions are right, a distinct green spot is briefly visible above the upper rim of the sun's disk; the green appearance usually lasts for no more than two seconds.



# Events



## The Ocean Classic

Held each January.

## The Lancelin Triathlon

It takes place in February.



## The Annual Primary School Fete

This is held on the Sunday of the Feb/Mar Labor Day holiday weekend.

## The LDCA Colour Blast

Held on the Saturday of the Labor Day holiday weekend.



## The LDCA Buskers Festival

Every year in September.



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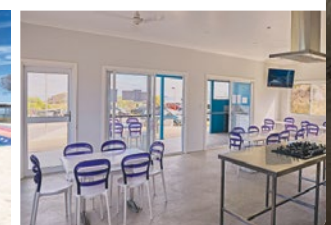
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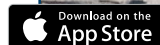
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# Hook up to the rec fishing rules

Make sure you know all the rules before you head out to fish around Lancelin. For fishing rules, bag and size limits, visit [fish.wa.gov.au/rules](http://fish.wa.gov.au/rules)

- Use a powered boat? Get your Recreational Fishing Boat Licence from [transport.wa.gov.au/DotDirect](http://transport.wa.gov.au/DotDirect)
- No fishing, jet skis, anchoring or landing a boat within the Lancelin Island Fish Habitat Protection Area.
- Demersal fishing closure  
15 October – 15 December inclusive.
- Minimum legal size for pink snapper landed in Lancelin is 500mm.
- Licences are needed to fish for lobster, marron and abalone (no abalone fishing north of Moore River). For seasonal advice check [fish.wa.gov.au/guide](http://fish.wa.gov.au/guide)
- ID fish and access the rules when out of phone range with free Recfishwest app.



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