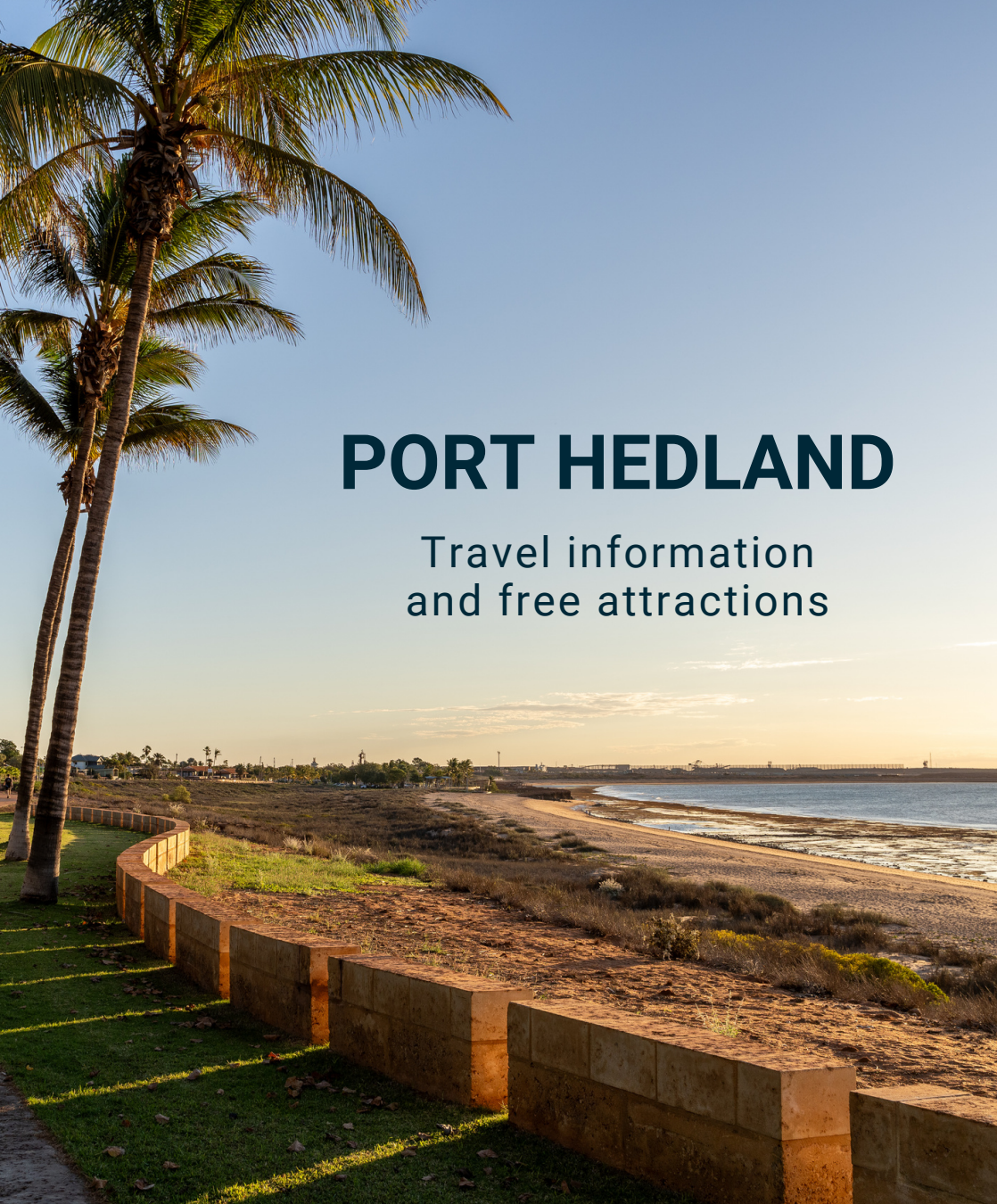




PORT HEDLAND

Travel information
and free attractions



Town of
Port Hedland



Port Hedland / Marapikurrinya

Port Hedland, traditionally known as Marapikurrinya, is named by the Kariyarra people after the hand-shaped pattern formed by tidal creeks running from the harbour.

Mara = Hand | Pikurri = Pointing straight | Nya = A place name marker.

Our town is a striking mix of rugged beauty and world-class industry.

We are famous for our giant salt piles, long iron ore trains, rich Aboriginal culture, fishing, local flatback turtles and year-round warm weather.

Where to find us



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Places to stay: Caravan parks

Caravan parks:

- **Discovery Caravan Park:** 2 Taylor Street, Port Hedland
- **Blackrock Tourist Park:** 2115 North Circular Road, South Hedland

Places to stay: Free campsites

Free campsites:

- **RV Overflow 72-hour free camp:** McGregor Street, Port Hedland
- **De Grey River Campground/rest area:** Great Northern Highway
- **Pewah Rest Area:** North West Coastal highway



Tours and paid experiences

Seafarers Harbour Tour:

Get up close and experience the giant iron ore ships coming in and out of the world's largest bulk mineral export port. A must-do in Port Hedland. *

Pilbara Tours - Salt Tour:

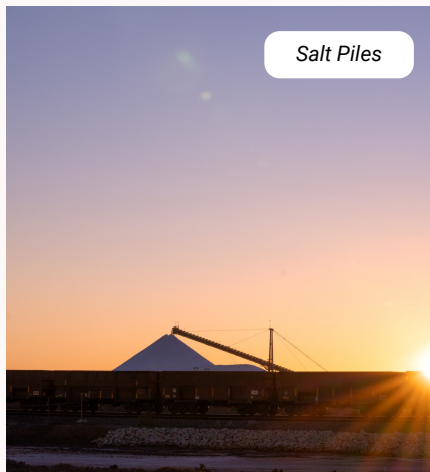
This memorable guided bus tour takes you into the salt fields of Port Hedland to experience the amazing process that takes huge amounts of ocean water and turns it into pure salt for export all over the world. *

Pilbara Tours – Twilight Tour:

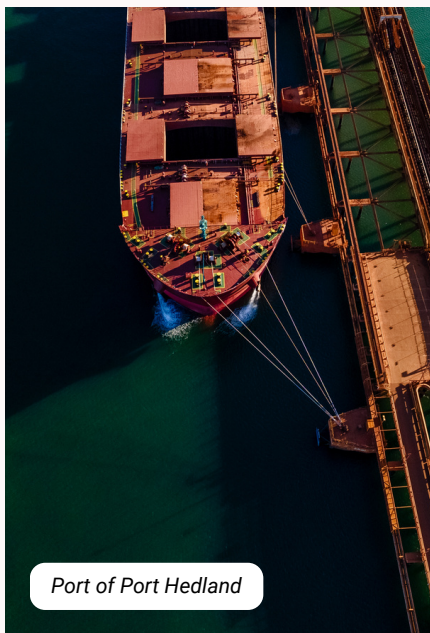
Experience the port industry at its most majestic from the outside looking in on this memorable guided twilight tour. *

Dalgety House Museum:

Open seasonally May - October. Discover Port Hedland's rich history at this volunteer-run museum. Explore interactive displays, artefacts, and photographs that reveal the town's beginnings as a port and its impact on the Kariyarra people. Knowledgeable locals from the Historical Society are always on hand to share stories and offer guided tours. \$3 entry fee.



Salt Piles



Port of Port Hedland

** = Bookings can be made through the Port Hedland Visitor Centre.*

Tours and paid experiences continued

Luxe Coastal Charters: Experience Port Hedland in unmatched luxury through a harbour tour, a sunset charter, whale watching and snorkelling tours! Head to their website for booking information:

www.luxecoastalcharters.com.au/wa

Aquapark: Dive into a world of fun with thrilling water activities, exciting slides, and endless adventures for all ages. Please note this offering is seasonal. More information via their website:

www.porthedlandaquapark.com.au

Things to do

Port Hedland Golf Club: The sand green course has 18 holes and a licensed clubhouse. Carts and clubs are available to hire.

Matt Dann Theatre and Cinema: Hedland's premier live entertainment and movie venue. Enjoy blockbusters, live music and performing arts in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. More information via www.mattdann.com.au

JD Hardie Youth and Community Hub: A community facility with various kids and youth activities all year round, including a Kids Club and outdoor basketball courts.

Aquatic Centres: Swim and soak up the sunshine at one of our two outdoor aquatic facilities. Both include a 50-metre pool, toddler pool, BBQs, and play equipment.



Free attractions and things to do

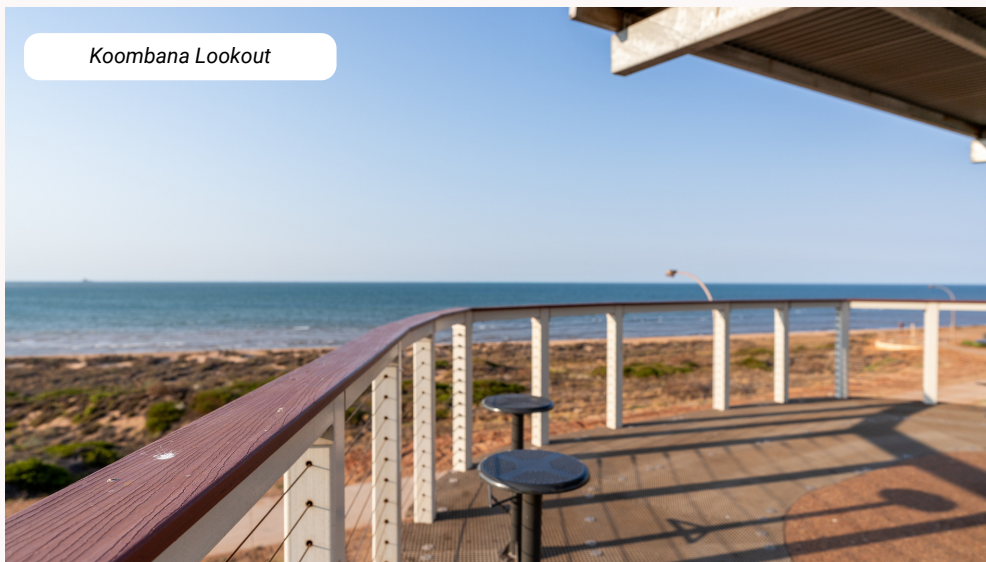
Parkrun: A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5km community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Held every Saturday at 7:00am at the Civic Centre Gardens.

Staircase to the Moon: A natural phenomenon unique to Western Australia's North West, when the rising full moon reflects over the tidal flats to create the illusion of a shimmering staircase reaching up to the sky. For the best view, head to the Cooke Point viewing platform.

Cemetery Beach: Named for its location opposite the town's old cemetery, this grassy beachfront park is prime for a barbecue or a picnic. It includes a large kids' playground and adjacent beach with small rocky cliffs.

Koombana Lookout: Enjoy history and views at the lookout (tribute to the lost SS Koombana in 1912). Follow with a picnic at the adjacent Civic Centre lawns. Epic at sunset and you may even spot nesting turtles at the right time of year.

Koombana Lookout



Free attractions and things to do

Reef walks: Take a self-guided walk on our intertidal reef at low tide and see a huge variety of sea life among the rocks. Wear suitable footwear.

Boating and fishing: You will be spoilt for choice anywhere on our coastline, with 2 dedicated boat ramps and 2 public jetties. Fishing specific brochures available from the Visitor Centre.

Big Wheelbarrow: Featured in Australia's Big Things, with its own minted coin. Be sure to take a picture with the big yellow wheelbarrow located in Wedgefield.

Port Hedland Visitor Centre: Located on Wedge Street, this will very likely be your first stop when you reach Port Hedland! Staffed by long-term locals whose combined knowledge of the town and surrounding areas is worth its weight in iron ore. The Visitor Centre also stocks a wide range of souvenirs and has all the latest info on local tours and events.

Marapikurrinya Park: Watch the epic GIANT iron ore ships coming in and out of the port at Marapikurrinya Park. This area features a large, shaded playground, BBQ facilities and even local food operators at the pop-up containers (seasonal).



Ship viewing at Marapikurrinya Park

Free attractions and things to do

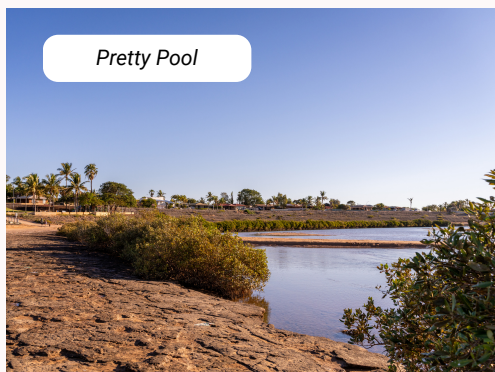
Swimming at Pretty Pool: A tranquil coastal oasis with natural rock pools, picnic facilities, BBQs and a shaded playground. Perfect for families and swimmers seeking a relaxed seaside escape at low tide. Please be mindful of stonefish.

Courthouse Art Gallery + Studio: Located in the heart of the Portside precinct. The gallery is more than just an exhibition space; it's a vibrant hub for artistic expression, cultural exchange, and community engagement.

Spinifex Hill Studio: Standing on Kariyarra Country in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. Home to one of the youngest Aboriginal art collectives in the north-west of Australia, the Spinifex Hill Artists.

Walking experiences: Take a self-guided stroll through Port Hedland's Heritage and Street Art Trail, showcasing colourful murals and stories of the town's past. Continue your walk through the Pioneer Cemetery (est. 1900), one of the region's earliest historic landmarks. Free maps and trail guides are available at the Port Hedland Visitor Centre.

Walk, run or ride: Along a variety of town shared pedestrian/cycle paths, from Marapikurrinya – Cooke Point – Rock of Ages – Pretty Pool, or out to the salt pile/Redbank Bridge. Plan ahead with water and sun protection. Some paths even feature luminescent seeding which glows at sunset/dark.



Free attractions and things to do

Flatback turtles: Witness adult nesting and hatchling flatback turtles at Cemetery Beach, with free tours available through Care for Hedland, or spot green sea turtles' year-round from the lookouts at Cemetery Beach Park. Nesting season = October to January | Hatchling season = December to March.

Redbank Bridge Lookout: Head to Redbank Bridge off Wilson Street for stunning views of the salt piles and the passing 2.8km-long ore trains, a striking contrast of Pilbara industry and scenery that makes for an iconic photo moment.

Spoilbank Marina: A multi-million-dollar, state-of-the-art waterfront hub featuring a four-lane boat ramp, a fishing jetty, boat pens, a newly opened, inclusive and all abilities adventure playground - Kurlu Kurlu Wirri. Beautifully landscaped public spaces, all enhanced by Kariyarra-artist installations and a vibrant cultural precinct.

Don Rhodes Museum: Learn about Hedland's mining and iron-ore history at this open-air display of retired mining machinery and railway rolling stock.



Events

Races at Port Hedland Turf Club: Frock up and take a punt on the horses at the Port Hedland Turf Club from May to August. Check their website for race dates.

Pilbara Pride Festival: An annual, week-long festival with a variety of events celebrating LGBTQIA+ diversity and inclusion in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

Spinifex Spree Carnival: Hedland's largest community event with roving entertainment, sideshow alley, market stalls, delicious stalls, rides and a fireworks spectacular.

Always Good Nights: Intimate and acoustic performances from well-known artists in activated spaces. A rare chance to experience artists up close up.

Ship to Shore: Hedland annual community fun run that's free, family-friendly and suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

Fishing competitions: Blue Water Classic, run by the Port Hedland Game Fishing Club, held annually in June. Tournament runs over 2 days.

Wedge Street Footpath Markets: West End and Sunset Markets. For the latest dates, please check with the Visitor Centre.



Scan the QR code to access the events calendar. Please note that event dates and times are subject to change at the event organiser's discretion.

