

Over eighty percent of Australia's population lives within 50 kilometres of the coast. With this in mind, it's important that we learn about our coast, so we can also look after it!

We have over 12,500 kilometres of coastline in Western Australia to explore, with almost half our coastline made up of sandy beaches. Other areas along our coast include rocky shores, estuaries, mangroves, mud flats and sand flats.

When exploring our coastline, it's always important to be prepared so you can make the most of your beachcombing experience.

Here are a few helpful tips:

- Wear sun protective clothing, including a hat and sunscreen.
 - Take a bottle of water – it can get hot out in the sun!
 - Take a hand lens or magnifying glass for closer inspection.
- Be careful when picking items up – you never know what could be hiding inside, or what might sting you!
 - Help the environment and take any rubbish safely home with you – recycle or place it in the bin.
 - Take your camera to help you to capture memories of your finds.
 - Leave marine life on the beach where you found it – each plant and animal plays an important part in the environment.
 - Leave only your footprints...



Beach Pledge

Before you head down to the beach – take the Beach Pledge!

I will help **protect** the beach by using pathways.
I will be careful where I walk, to avoid treading on plants and animals.

I will **discover** many things on the beach, but leave the plants and animals where I found them.

I will **care** for the beach by placing my rubbish in the bin and recycle where possible.

I will remember my **experience** by memories and photos, and leave only my footprints.