



Learn, Explore, & Live IN FREMANTLE



Together, we can learn about the beautiful environment that we live in here in Fremantle through our exploration of our history, culture, and ecology! With an adult, let's have a great adventure learning about sustainability in our city.



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Esplanade Park

The park is one of Freo's great spaces to get outdoors and play! There are so many amazing things to see like the giant Norfolk Island Pines which are over 110 years old! Take a walk around the park and see if you can spot some of the amazing birds that can be found there like the Nankeen Night Heron which nests in the Monterey Cypress or the rainbow lorikeet and the brown honeyeater flitting about. On your way out of the park, take a look at the reverse vending machines where you can recycle and get vouchers for fun activities and snacks!



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Fishing Boat Harbour Boardwalk

Walking along the boardwalk look at the Duyfken ship. The Dutch came all the way from Holland aboard the original Duyfken in 1606. The English didn't come to Perth until 1827. The Swan River colony was set up in 1829 by a man named Charles Fremantle, which is how our city got its name! Before any Europeans came, the Aboriginal people were here for over 50,000 years!! The Aboriginal group from Freo are the Whadjuk people.

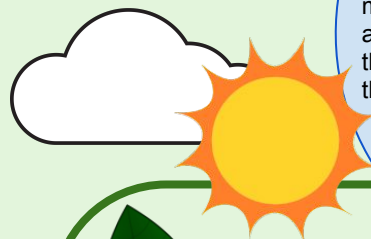


Captain Charles Fremantle

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Bathers Beach

Enjoy a splash in the waves or a nice stroll on the sand. Walking along the shore, imagine that you are Captain Fremantle. Imagine what Freo looked like when he first arrived...how many more plants and animals would be around. As you walk along the beach notice the gulls swooping for food. It's important that we never feed the wild animals that we see because they could become sick. Instead, watch as they hunt amongst the Pied cormorants looking for anchovies and whittings.



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The Whale Tunnel

Did you know that a long time ago, people would go out in boats and hunt whales? They would use the whales fat, called blubber, to power their lights and was used to make soap, perfume, and candles. The Fremantle Whaling Company used this tunnel to transport the whales into the city for harvest. Can you imagine walking through this tunnel after a hard day's work out at sea? Can you imagine the smell?! Whaling was a big business all around the world. Because of the large number of whales killed, almost all species of whale became severely endangered. Today, whaling is illegal in almost every part of the world but some species are still endangered. This means it is incredibly important that we all protect our oceans. There are little things that we all can do to clean up our environment and make it better for everyone; like picking up trash on the beach! The Whale Tunnel is a reminder to all of us of our history and how we all need to work together to make a better tomorrow.



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The Round House

Climbing up the steps of the Round House, you can look all over beautiful Freo! The old prison was built in 1831 and is the oldest building still standing in Western Australia. Walking inside, listen to the helpful tour guides on your way in and imagine what it was like living as a prisoner back when Australia had first become a colony. Ask any questions that you possibly have about what the prison was like and what the prisoner's lives were like. Use the lookout to see the ocean and the path you just walked. Look up at the flags and see if you know what all of them are and if you don't know, have a guess. Going onto the grass, have a look at the clouds and see what you can see while eating a snack or just having a lie down.

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Walyalup Aboriginal Cultural Centre

The Whadjuk people did not live like we do today. They moved with the seasons from the ocean, to the forests, to the mountains, and to the wetlands. They would move so that way the plants and animals had time to regrow and none of the species would ever be in danger. Can you imagine not having a big house and moving from place to place each month?

The Whadjuk people call Fremantle "*Walyalup*" which is why this is the name of the cultural centre here. You can come to Walyalup to see events and learn about Whadjuk culture.

The Whadjuk have a story of an rainbow serpent called the *Waugal*. In the beginning, there were hundreds of spirits in what is called the "Dreamtime" which is before Earth was formed. One day they became real and became animals and plants and all of the things that make our lives possible. The Whadjuk believe the *Waugal* is the most special of all because while his body moved across the land, he created the mountains and the rivers and lakes and allowed humans to live.

Try and picture the *Waugal* in your head and imagine it carving out the Swan River. What does it look like? Make your own *Waugal* out of old socks or a paper plate to create your own stories!

There are so many amazing things to learn about Fremantle and any place that you live! Hopefully, you've learned something new today and love Freo even more and are committed to protecting it through sustainability!

