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The Coral Coast is divided into four sections: Coral Bay, Cape Range, Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands.

Coral Bay

Coral Bay is a popular destination for snorkelling, diving and general beach activities. Coral Bay is located 36 km south of Exmouth. The Coral Bay jetty is suitable for smaller vessels. A fuel stop is available for more than 400 L of fuel.

Cape Range National Park

Cape Range National Park is located 1000 km north of Perth. It is one of Australia’s most significant landscapes and the only place in Australia where the land, the sea and the shallow, south-eastern reefs create a diverse mix of habitats for a wide variety of colourful coastal and more than 450 species of fish.

Ningaloo Marine Park

Ningaloo Marine Park protects Australia’s largest and most important fringing reef ecosystem. This iconic beachfront reef, and the red and yellow coral reefs, create a diverse array of habitats for a wide variety of coastal and more than 450 species of fish.

Muiron Islands

The Muiron Islands Marine Park is located south-east of Exmouth. The islands are only accessible by boat. It is recommended to travel to and from the islands with a local charter boat operator.

Services and facilities

Exmouth offers a range of shops, caravan parks and other services and facilities including limited banking, post office, hospital and police station. Contact the Exmouth Visitor Centre for more information and for accommodation or tour bookings. Contact the Ningaloo Marine Park for more information.

Cape Range National Park

Cape Range National Park is an area of significant natural beauty, with spectacular coastal scenery, ancient gorges and rugged mountain ranges. The national park is home to many unique and diverse plant and animal species, including the black-footed rock-wallaby.

Ningaloo Marine Park

Ningaloo Marine Park is located in the Coral Coast and is one of the most significant reef ecosystems in the world. The park is home to a diverse range of marine life, including coral reefs, fish, turtles, dugongs, dolphins, manta rays and humpback whales.

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Fishing on the beach at Ningaloo Marine Park.

The park provides a variety of recreational opportunities, including fishing, camping, beach activities, and photography and much more.

Where is it?

Coral Bay is located on the Coral Coast, approximately 36 km south of Exmouth. Coral Bay is most easily accessed by road, and there are no public roads to the Coral Coast.

To camp outside the park on pastoral lands, you should contact To camp outside the park on pastoral lands, you should contact the DEC Exmouth Office.

Planning your visit

Ningaloo Marine Park is serviced by Exmouth, Carnarvon and the coastal resort settlement of Coral Bay, which have excellent facilities for visitors.

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