



Information on Camping, Vehicles and Off-Road Vehicles Camping

Camping or sleeping in your vehicle / caravan overnight in the City of Busselton is not permitted unless you're staying in a caravan park or on private property with the consent of the land owner / residents. This includes all State and National Parks, local reserves and car parks. When camping on private property, you may only stay for a maximum of three nights in any period of 28 consecutive days.

City of Busselton Rangers undertake regular patrols of areas popularly frequented by illegal campers. Illegal campers, including every person in a vehicle found to be illegally camping, may be given a \$200 penalty in accordance with Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995.

Camping includes using anything portable like a shed, tent or awning – essentially any temporary structure capable of providing habitation. It also includes a vehicle.

The City of Busselton covers approximately 1,500km² and includes the town sites of Busselton, Dunsborough, Vasse, Yallingup and Eagle Bay. The City offers a variety of quality camping and caravan parks which cater to a range of different budgets. To support these accommodation providers and to preserve and protect the environment and local amenity, free camping is not provided within the municipality.

While there are ample caravan parks available to visitors all year round, it is recommended that you book ahead of time, so that you're not caught without accommodation on arrival.

Caravans, Camper Vans, Mobile Homes & Trailers

Caravan and trailer owners may use specified boat ramp areas for parking purposes but not for camping.

To view Boat Ramp locations visit:

www.transport.wa.gov.au/imate/region/regional-boat-ramps.asp

Camping over-night at any boat ramp, car park (including foreshore car parks) or road verge is not permitted and infringements may be issued.



Vehicles

Abandoned Vehicles

Any vehicle found abandoned and / or parked longer than 24 hours on public roads / verges or in a public place may be impounded under S 3.39 of the Local Government Act 1995. To reclaim an abandoned vehicle, the owner must provide proof of ownership and provide payment to the City of Busselton of towing fees and an impoundment fee prior to the release of the vehicle.

Four Wheel Drive Vehicles

Wonnerup Beach, between the high and low water mark from the boat ramp east to the mouth of the Wonnerup Estuary, is the only area within the City of Busselton where 4WD vehicles are permitted off road. This excludes dune and /or vegetated areas.

Drivers are required to travel at no more than 10km/h and to drive with extreme caution ensuring the safety and comfort of all beach users at all times (2.4 Local Government Property Local Law 2010).

Unregistered Off Road Vehicles (ORV) including motorbikes and quad bikes are not permitted in this area.

Off Road Vehicles (ORV) and Trail Bikes

An ORV not licenced under the Road Traffic (vehicles) Act 2012 are controlled by, and required to be registered under the Control of Vehicles (off-road areas) Act 1978 and includes: buggies, go-carts, 4WD vehicles and motor bikes and quad bikes.

ORV must comply with prescribed safety and noise standards.

ORV can only be used in the permitted area, this being the beach between the high and low watermark east of the Wonnerup Boat Ramp to the estuary mouth, excluding dune and / or vegetated areas.

ORV can be used on private land with the owner(s) and occupiers consent provided that private land is not zoned urban. Children under eight years of age are not allowed to drive ORVs except on private land where the owner and occupier of the land have given consent.

Quad bikes can not be driven for more than two hours on any given day.

The City's Rangers are authorised to impound an ORV that is being operated in a prohibited area or otherwise used in contravention of the Control of Vehicle (off-road areas) Act 1978.

Report illegal ORV use to City of Busselton on 9781 0444

Displaying A Motor Vehicle For Sale

It is an offence to display any vehicle for sale on a public thoroughfare, verge or car park that is open to the public. All vehicles displayed for sale must be on private property.

For more information on any of these matters or to report illegal camping, abandoned vehicles, or the illegal use of ORV please contact the City on 9781 0444 or city@busselton.wa.gov.au