



Robyn Parker MP

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MEDIA RELEASE

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INTERNATIONAL WORLD PARKS DAY

Environment Minister Robyn Parker marked World Parks Day today by reminding families to take advantage of school holiday Discovery Programs in NSW.

Ms Parker said NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Rangers had activities planned to suit all ages and mobility levels.

“World Parks Day coincides with the first Saturday in the school holidays so I encourage families to explore a nearby national park,” Ms Parker said.

“The NSW Government is working to increase visitation to national parks and the NPWS Discovery Program is an integral part of engaging the public with their local environment.

“In Australia, states and territories have agreed to observe a national Parks Week from March 3 to 9, however this international day is still a great opportunity to promote spending time in our parks and reserves.”

Ms Parker said activities were coincidentally planned on September 21 and the range from botanical bushwalks to Aboriginal craft workshops.

“Our parks are truly magnificent in NSW and if you have not visited one this spring, the school holidays provide the perfect time to visit or stay.”

Discovery activities can be searched by date on the website:

www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

Events on Saturday 21 September 2013

Tag-along to the Walls of China

Where: Mungo National Park

When: Friday 6 September 2013, 2pm, and 24 other dates

Tag along with the Aboriginal Discovery rangers in your own vehicle on a guided tour of Walls of China in Mungo National Park.

Bairne and Basin tracks walk - West Head

Where: Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

When: Saturday 21 September 2013, 8.30am

Explore the park; see one of the best Aboriginal engraving sites along with some magnificent views.

The plants and history of Muogamarra

Where: Muogamarra Nature Reserve

When: Saturday 21 September 2013, 9am

When you walk through Muogamarra you'll see majestic angophoras, delicate native orchids and amazing wildlife.

Waihou Road to Get Lost trail

Where: Sherwood Nature Reserve

When: Saturday 21 September 2013, 9.30am

Cycle through coastal ridges and subtropical rainforest gullies and soak up panoramic views over Orara Valley.

Pearl Beach Arboretum to Warrah Trig

Where: Brisbane Water National Park

When: Saturday 21 September 2013, 9.30am

Learn about the fascinating ecosystems of the area, surrounded by sweeping views.

The signature of all things – Book treasure hunt

Where: The Royal Botanic Garden

When: Saturday 21 September 2013, 10am

Hunt for literary treasure amongst idyllic plants in Sydney's Royal Botanic Garden.

Evening adventure

Where: Mungo Visitor Centre in Mungo National Park

When: Saturday 21 September 2013, 5pm, and 2 other dates

Meet Aboriginal Discovery rangers, enjoy an outdoor information session and be amazed at the star-filled skies.

The magic of the night

Where: Bouddi National Park, and 1 other location

When: Saturday 21 September 2013, 5.45pm, and 1 other date

Walk the loop track by torchlight and discover what the nocturnal animals get up to in the darkness.