

Diving and Snorkelling Guide

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1	The D9
	The middle of Cockburn Sound between Garden Island and Mainland (S 32° 11.65, E 115° 44.57).
	15 metres deep.
	Ideal for scuba diving.
	50 metre long shipwreck sunk in 1962.
	You might see: The wreck is completely encrusted in marine growth and is a good place to find many types of nudibranchs.

2	Point Peron
	Parking at end of Point Peron Road.
	3 – 7 metres deep.
	Ideal for shore diving or snorkelling.
	You might see: Small caves and swimthroughs, sea urchins, sea anemones, turban shells, plump sea stars, spider crabs, whiting and baitfish. Deeper swimthroughs and caves are about 150 metres offshore; ideal for scuba diving.

6	The Five Fathom Bank
	About 3 nautical miles west of Garden Island.
	5 – 20 metres deep.
	Ideal for scuba diving.
	Bank near the Orizaba.
	You might see: Five Fathom Bank is renowned for its abundant and diverse fish life consequently making it an extremely popular spot for keen fisherman and divers alike. Dolphins often play on the surface, the water is clear, and the bank is home to massive schools of fish, and occasionally tuna, and sharks. In the shallower waters you will spot large numbers of crayfish which are fairly common along the bank and those armed with a loop, a licence and a keen eye should be rewarded with a catch in no time at all.

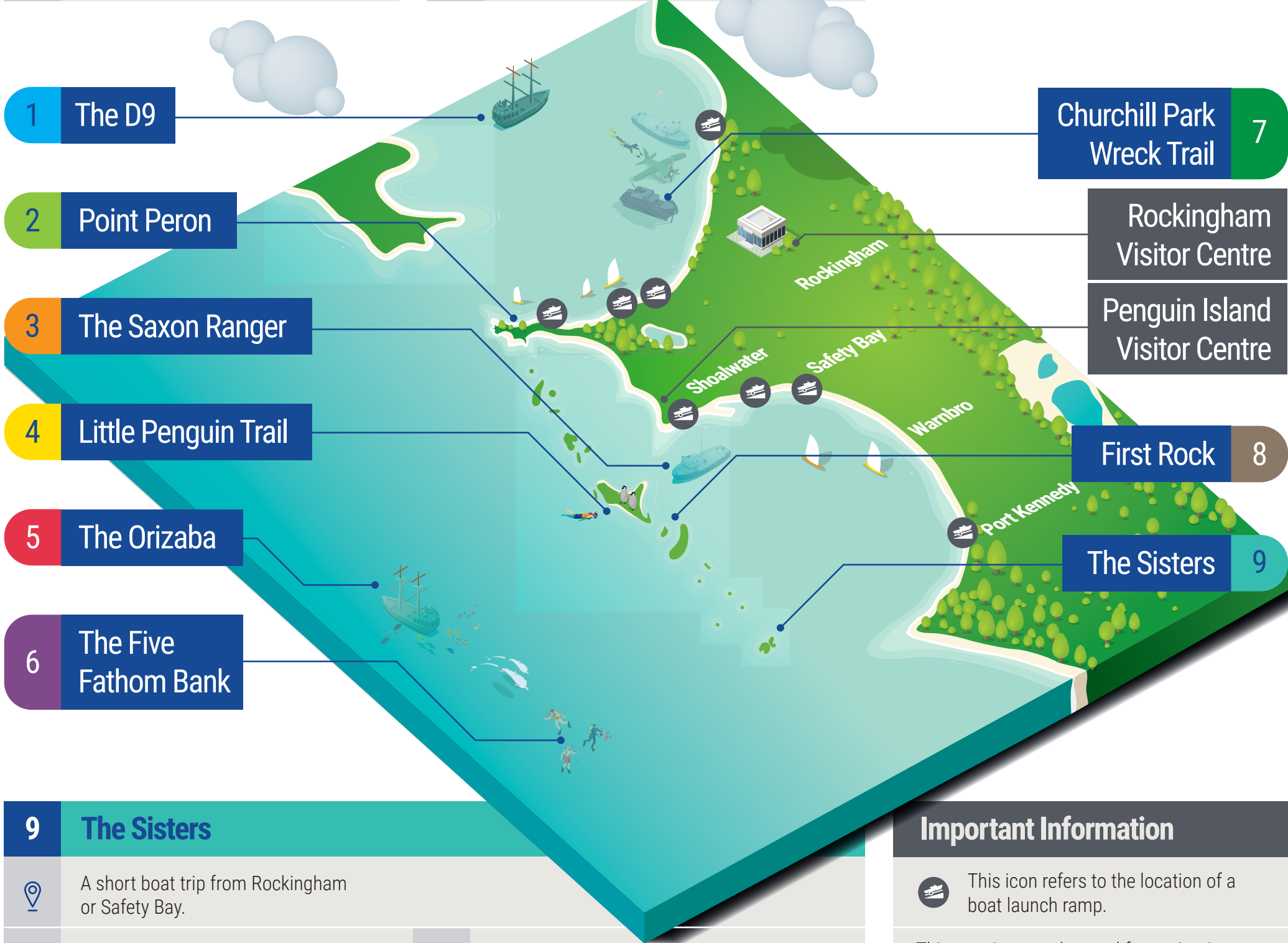
3	The Saxon Ranger
	Warnbro Sound (S 32° 19.605, E 115° 42.319).
	22 metres deep.
	Ideal for scuba diving. (Dive permit required – available from Rockingham Visitor Centre)
	400 tonne former fishing vessel purposely sunk in 2006.
	You might see: The wreck lies amongst other sunken wrecks on the sea floor, and is encrusted in marine life. There are two public moorings on site, both with lines running from the moorings to the wreck.

4	Little Penguin Trail
	Penguin Island's Southern Beaches.
	2 – 5 metres deep.
	Ideal for snorkelling.
	You might see: Wade across the shallow reef around the base of the rocks and caves, and the entry point is in 2 – 3 metres of water. This shallow area is packed with marine life and is one of the most exquisite places to snorkel. You may notice schools of tiny baitfish, which are the main diet for the local penguins.

7	Churchill Park Wreck Trail
	Rockingham Beach, parking at the end of Flinders Lane.
	17 metres deep.
	Ideal for shore diving.
	Two sunk boats, two sunk planes, a chicken coop, and a tyre reef.
	You might see: About a 60 metre wade out from Rockingham Foreshore, you will see two floats running parallel to the shore. Each one is attached to a rope that will guide you around the scuttled wrecks. The wrecks are heavily encrusted with tube worms, soft corals, bryozoans, sponges, ascidians and other forms of marine life. The fish community consists of wrasse, blennies, old wives, stripeys, WA butterflyfish, boxfish, herring, sea stars, eels and numerous crustaceans. The most striking of all would be the Western Australian sea horses that can be spotted by those with a keen eye.

5	The Orizaba
	West of Cape Peron (S 32° 16.978, E 115° 37.595).
	15 metres deep.
	Ideal for scuba diving.
	148 metre long shipwreck sunk in 1905.
	You might see: A memorable dive experience is on the wreck of the RMS Orizaba. The vessel was due to arrive in Fremantle from England in February 1905. Heavy haze from a nearby bushfire caused disorientation and the vessel grounded on Five Fathom Bank with all 160 passengers evacuated safely. The wreck is of historical significance as it was involved in the London to Albany mail transfer. The three boilers are the most imposing feature of the site, with crank shaft and conrods lying exposed on the reef top. The boilers are home to numerous marine life. In the darker holes you might find a stingray or wobbegong shark. Here you'll find yourself swimming with Western Australian dhufish, schooling bulleeyes, blue groper and queen snapper over limestone covered sponges, blue ascidians and corals.

8	First Rock
	A short boat trip from Rockingham or Safety Bay.
	2 – 5 metres deep.
	Ideal for scuba diving.
	A large rock with a reef and caves.
	You might see: If you follow the ledge you may discover wobbegongs tucked tightly under ledges and if you have a keen eye you may spot an octopus hiding in the weeds and crevices. Swim over the top of the reef and you may startle a number of large buffalo bream. Numerous high, kelp covered bombies lie to the West of the reef platform. Cave networks extend right under First Rock however winds and swells over one metre can make conditions dangerous.



9	The Sisters
	A short boat trip from Rockingham or Safety Bay.
	2 – 6 metres deep.
	Ideal for scuba diving or snorkelling.
	A series of limestone reefs at the southern end of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park, marked by a group of rocks protruding above the surface.
	You might see: The reef walls are coated with soft and hard corals, anemones, sponges, ascidians, gorgonian fan corals and sea stars. Sea cucumbers, nudibranchs and bryozoans are scattered over various underwater surfaces, while crayfish and molluscs hide under ledges and in caves. Clouds of baitfish, large schools of buffalo bream and schools of herring can also be seen.

Important Information	
	This icon refers to the location of a boat launch ramp.
This map is not to be used for navigation. For more detailed information, refer to the Department of Transport Nautical Charts.	
Contact Marine Rescue Rockingham on 27 Mhz - Channel 90 or VHF - Channel 73 or by phone 9527 9988 (radio tower). In an emergency , contact us 24/7 on 27 Mhz - Channel 88 or VHF - Channel 16 or phone 000 .	

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