

GO WILD IN WELLARD!

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Kids, it's time to let your imagination run wild and explore your new village! To help you, we've come up with 10 cool activities for you and your friends to enjoy – but just make sure there's always an adult close by.

1 Set Up Base

Every kid needs a base of their own – and what better way to make one than with natural materials? To set up your base camp, grab your parents and go hunting for fallen sticks and branches along the nearby nature trails. Ask Mum and Dad if they remember how to set up a bush cubby, or look on the internet for ideas before you start. Once you've set up camp, why not take a picnic lunch to enjoy your new space? Just remember to clean up any rubbish!

2 Henley Bushland – Special Spaces

What's your special space? You'll find heaps to choose from in Henley Bushland. Take an adult with you and go exploring. Your special space might include an awesome tree for climbing, or one with a great view. Take some photos of your special space, then visit every month to see if anything has changed. Another great way to enjoy your space is with a family picnic, where you can all discover the different animals and plants that call the area home.

3 Natural Works Of Art

Why not enjoy a family walk along the nearby bushland trails this weekend? While you're there, make sure to collect as many natural objects as possible. Feathers, rocks, sticks, flowers – all can be used to make a sculpture that other people can look at and enjoy as they walk along the trail. If you're feeling extra creative, why not make several sculptures along the trail? Or, take home as many natural materials as you can carry and get arty at home. Using glue, string or sticky tape, make a sculpture out of your materials. Then, display your finished artwork in your front garden for all your neighbours to admire.

4 Junior Master Chef

Grab your apron and ask Mum to tell you where the hidden cookies are, because you're in charge of putting together the picnic hamper tonight! Once you're done, round up the family and head to Maldon Park. Here, you'll find BBQ facilities and picnic tables to help prepare and enjoy your dinner, or you can lay your picnic rug on the many grassed areas and eat your meal before having a game of footy. Whatever you do, just make sure to always clean up any mess.

5 Say Cheese!

Next time you and your parents visit your local Linear Park for a picnic, make sure to ask them if you can borrow the camera for the day. That's because Linear Park is set on a hill, which means you can see right down towards all the houses at The Village, and the shops, too! It's a great opportunity to learn how to take the perfect picture. Who knows, if you take a really good photo, maybe your parents will let you get it printed and framed!

6 Nocturnal Adventures

Lots of animals only come out at night, including possums, bats and owls. Have you ever seen one of these animals? Maybe it's time to find some! Grab your parents and a torch and head to your local park at night, where you might spy some nocturnal animals up in the treetops. If the animals are hiding, you can still try stargazing! Lie down on a picnic rug and see if you can spot Venus, the Southern Cross and Big Dipper.

7 Let's Go Fly A Kite!

Can you fly a kite? Head to the big grassed open spaces at your local park to find out! Making your own kite is easy. All you'll need is some newspaper, skewers or two thin sticks (one longer than the other), some stick tape and string.

1. Take the shorter stick and place it over the longer stick to make a t-shape, and bind together with sticky tape and string.
2. Cover the t-shape with newspaper, and remember to keep it light!
3. Poke two holes in the newspaper at the top and bottom.
4. Cut a piece of string a little longer than the large stick.
5. Lay the string along the kite, feed through the holes and tie onto the stick. Secure with sticky tape. This is called a brindle.
6. Measure and cut a piece of string 10 large steps long. This is the bit you will hold on to when you fly the kite.
7. Find a stick and wrap the string around it to create your own spool.
8. Tie the end of your string to the brindle about 1/3 of the way down. This may have to be adjusted as you test your kite.
9. Make a tail for your kite out of leaves, feathers and string – but don't make it too heavy.
10. Now it's time to test your kite. How high can your kite fly?

8 Creative Costumes

Why not be a prince or princess for a day? Or a lion, a soldier, or your favourite cartoon character? First, you'll need the right costume, and your local bush trails are the perfect spot to find some materials. Create a crown from feathers and leaves, or make a wand out of a stick and come up with some cool magic spells.

9 Bush Walk

Did you know Wellard is surrounded by beautiful bushland? There are some awesome bushland trails to explore, including Kwinana Loop Trail, which goes all the way around Wellard. It's a long trail, so it's probably better to tackle it in sections. Or, if you have a bike, why not pack some food in a backpack and go on a cycling adventure for the day! Whatever you choose to do, just make sure you're accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Find the trail here: http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/Documents/Your-Community/Kwinana-LoopTrail-DL-4pp_WEB

10 Find Your Feet

The best part of living in a village is that everything is so close to home! If you want to go to your local park or the shops with friends, there are some great ways to get around. These include riding, rollerblading or skateboarding along the paths – but just remember to wear a helmet and knee pads! There are also plenty of cycling paths to discover. You can always walk and run, too – why not race each other and see who is the fastest? Just make sure to always look both ways when crossing the road.



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