



# Saddle Up

HOP ON YOUR HORSE AND EXPERIENCE  
HARRIS RIVER FROM NEW HEIGHTS.

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Is there a more inspiring way to explore the Bunbury Geographe region than on horseback? The landscape and beauty of the region lends itself perfectly to horseback riding, with endless stretch of beaches for you to gallop along before walking into pristine waters to cool off.

Sit high atop your horse as it canters along the beach or let the hypnotic sway of it lull you into a peaceful state while taking a slow walk through the forest.

The experience is all about bonding with and immersing yourself within nature, so take the road less travelled and jump on a horse riding tour alongside knowledgeable guides who will show you the secrets of the area.

## Outback Horse Trails

Experience serenity when you head out on a two-hour ride through the beautiful Harris River bushland with Linda Yates from Outback Horse Trails, any time of the year.

"You can spot native wildflowers in the spring," says Linda, "or take a deep breath of fresh air while trotting through lush greenery in winter."

Even if you know the region like the back of your hand, everything looks different from above. When you take a ride through the magnificent countryside with Linda, it's a chance to soak in expansive views and discover native flora and fauna as you walk through the vines at Harris River Estate. This beautiful winery set on 350 acres is known for its carefully crafted wine, beer and gin, so at the end of your ride you're in the perfect place to

enjoy your drink of choice with a platter to complement, while gazing out over the manicured lawns from the balcony.

If you don't have any horse riding experience no need to worry, you're in safe hands. Outback Horse Trails aims to provide a safe environment for all their riders, from beginners to the experienced.

"Our horses are highly trained which enables customers to feel completely at ease on their horse," says Linda. "Horses are also chosen specifically for different riding abilities."

Throughout your ride, the more experienced riders have the opportunity to freely walk, trot and canter as newer riders are offered all the guidance they need for a safe trot, too.

Even the little ones get to have a go! Children aged three years and up can join in on any of their rides. Opt for the one hour bush ride to get a taste of riding on one of their quiet, well trained horses, while those under three can get a feel for riding on a pony.

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## Harris River Equestrian

Harris River Equestrian is situated on the picturesque Harris River Estate Winery and is in collaboration with Outback Horse Trails to provide the fantastic Harris River Estate picnic ride. Imagine walking out on green lawns, through rows of grape vines and breathing in fresh country air while atop a beautiful horse. There's no better way to appreciate the beauty of nature. **BG**

