

Winter is nearly upon us here at Abbey Beach Resort and the mornings are certainly getting colder, as Easter now seems a distant memory! At the resort we are looking forward to welcoming all the 70.30 Half Ironman competitors this weekend as they descend for the [SunSmart Busselton Festival of Triathlon](#).

While the mornings maybe colder and the night's drawing in there is still plenty for our guests to do in the South West. Many of our guests always ask our staff for recommendations on where to visit when checking in so I thought I would share my Top 5 Winter attractions for our guests to visit!

5.) **The Wellington Dam**

Set in the Collie River Valley and approximately a 60 minute drive from the resort the [Wellington Dam](#) you are met with spectacular views as you drive through the tall timber forests and the unmistakable smell of Jarrah trees. Built in 1933 the Hydroelectric Station that accompanied the dam was the first such power facility constructed by the State in Western Australia.



4.) **Nannup to Balingup Tourist Drive**

Nannup is a 45 minute drive from Busselton but the [tourist drive from Nannup to Balingup](#) is certainly worth the drive. A small but vibrant village, Balingup is nestled amongst rolling hills in the Blackwood River Valley situated two and half hours southwest of Perth, Western Australia, in the picturesque Shire of Donnybrook – Balingup, and surrounded by vast expanses of native forest interspersed with orchards, vineyards and farmland.

Leave yourself plenty of time as the whole trip is around 3 hours in duration!



3.) The Cape to Cape Walk

With fantastic views of the South West coast, I highly recommend the [Cape to Cape Walk](#). With varying terrains it is perfect for hardened walkers or for families who like to take a stroll and spot a dolphin or a whale!



2.) Simmo's Ice Creamery

You may have seen it in the Frozen section of your local supermarket, now here is your chance to try all their flavours. (and trust me I have!) Only a 20 minute drive from the resort [Simmo's](#) is a great day out for the family and after you have indulged a double scoop there is also mini golf too!

1.) Whale Watching

Join one of the local Whale Watching tours as they leave from Augusta, Dunsborough and Busselton to watch these majestic creatures as they take rest in Flinders and Geographe Bay from their migration South. Take a trip on board with the experts who promise to give you a memorable encounter with these giants of the sea.

To book a tour just visit the resort reception and we will take care of your booking for you!

http://youtu.be/B80obHGI_yY

I hope this gives you a taste of all that the South West has to offer! I am sure if you ask other staff members they will also give you're their recommendations and secret spots! Have a great weekend everyone and if you are stuck on what to buy Mum next week please do not hesitate to check our fantastic [Mother's Day Package](#) we have running!

Kind Regards

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