City of Fremantle
Maps 15-16

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Map 15A: Use / Infrastructure

Legend

- BBS
- Covered picnic tables
- Car parking
- Universal beach access
- Cafe
- Surf Life Saving SLSC Club
- SLSC observation tower
- Surf
- Fishing
- Showers
- Public toilets
- Bike racks
- Playground
- Lookout
- Natural attraction
- Dog beach
- Marine park boundary
- Erosion hotspot
- SLS patrolled beach
- Shared use path
- Classification boundary
  (Refer to Map 15B)
The entire Cottesloe and Mosman Park near-shore marine area – that is, between North Street at the north and McCabe Street to the south – also falls under the Cottesloe Reef Fish Habitat Protection Area (FHPA). Special rules for fishing and other marine activities apply here to protect the ecological significance of the reef area.

The entire stretch of Mosman Beach is designated for dog exercise, with extensive parking provided to support this use. The elevation of the dunes also provides several lookout opportunities.

Dog exercise continues several hundred metres south into Fremantle with Leighton Dog Beach. The parking facilities at this beach access node also facilitate kite and wind surfing further south.

The main beach at Leighton is a moderate activity node, with recently upgraded changing and picnic facilities and a small café precinct. There is a SLS club and extensive parking to the south, which facilitates general water-based recreation and surfing, with the beach also used for beach volleyball tournaments and state championships of Ultimate Flying Disc. Beach wheelchair hire is available from the SLS club.

Port Beach to the south is also a moderate activity node, with extensive parking space, a SLS outpost and a restaurant. The popular Sandtracks surfing spot lies to the south of the main beach. To the south of Port Beach is a recently constructed lookout that provides views back along the beach (Photo 15A). Adjacent to the lookout is the unique natural attraction provided by a fairy tern nesting site.

The shared path continues several hundred metres into the Port, with public access permitted to the North Mole (see port example on page 29 for more information). The mole is a popular fishing spot, with tackle disposal bins and a universal access fishing platform (Photo 15B).
Bathers Beach is classified as a major activity node, with the presence of various adjacent commercial areas as well as the Bathers Beach House, which holds regular special events at the beach. The uniqueness of the node is also enhanced through several heritage and cultural features: including the Roundhouse to the north, an art gallery and an Indigenous walk trail (Photo 16A). Beach wheelchair hire is also available from the WA Shipwrecks Museum.

While Fremantle Harbour has limited public access and no beach recreation opportunities, it is notable for its commercial and entertainment precinct to the north and a sailing club at the south, with a shared path running along the eastern edge of the node.

South of the harbour is South Fremantle Dog Beach, a popular local dog exercise node with parking, supporting infrastructure and public artwork (Photo 16B).

Directly south of the dog beach is South Beach, a moderate activity node with several cafes and considerable park-based recreation, including a recently completed sports hub and basketball court. Beach wheelchair hire is available from South Beach Café, and there are also sunset markets held on weekend evenings during summer. The node is also used as an access point to the adjacent dog beach that runs south into Cockburn.

Map 16B: Classification

Legend

- Light red: Minor Activity Node
- Light blue: Moderate Activity Node
- Dark blue: Major Activity Node
- Light green: Urban Connector
- Red: Boat Harbour Node
- Blue: Port

Photo 16A: View of Bathers Beach, showing Indigenous culture signage and, in the background, the Roundhouse.

Photo 16B: Showers, dog bowls and public art at South Fremantle Dog Beach.