

# ≡ FAMILY FRIENDLY DINING ≡

## in the Margaret River Region



We're blessed to live in a region that really understands travelling with families. With 3 kids of our own, we often seek out dining options where we can eat and the kids who refuse to sit at the table can run around while we can eat and talk like adults should.

In our experience, there are venues that are family friendly, and then there's venues that are more family focussed. The below leans more towards the family focussed, though many places you visit will have kids colouring tables or outdoor space available.

Make sure you check with the venue directly to reconfirm opening days/times and if you need to book. For ease of planning, we've broken the list into Around Margaret River, A little to the North and A little to the South.

Oh, and they're endorsed by Bella (7), Jonah and Maxi (both 5)

### Around Margaret River

#### • **The Brewhouse:**

located in Margaret River Town, a gastro pub with a lovely bushy outlook, a kids playground and activity books. The food is designed to share and offers a children's menu - our locals favourite.

#### • **The Berry Farm:**

Offering everything berry-like (conserves etc, but not fresh berries) in a bush location about 15 minutes from town. It offers a great country kitchen, perfect for lunch or a coffee/cake stop and amazing playgrounds.

#### • **The White Elephant Cafe at Gnarabup Beach:**

doesn't have a playground though has a big sofa near the fireplace and a box of kids toys, as well as a lovely beach for winter sand castle building if the sun is shining.

#### • **Colonial Brewing Co.:**

just north of town, they offer good food, their own brewed beers and a massive outdoor play space with green spaces, ball games and a sand based playground. (can be a little damp when wet).. Follow their facebook for promotions.

#### • **Xanadu Wines (across the road from us):**

has a neat little playground within site of the cellar door and restaurant. Its not so much family focussed, but a good balance for parents and kids. Their style is contemporary yet casual.

#### • **Settlers Tavern:**

is a local pub with good food and a vibrant local atmosphere. and a good balance for parental and kiddies fun.

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### *Keen to go rustic - try something different*

- Grab fish & chips from Squid Lips in town or Hooked Up at Surfers Point and head to the River Mouth, Surfers Point or along the coast and enjoy the sunset.
- Visit the famous Margaret River Bakery at the northern end of town and take your delights a short walk away to Rotary Park to enjoy the playgrounds.. Walk over to Hairy Marron cafe for a post-food espresso so you can keep up with the kids.
- Go to Blue Ginger Fine Foods or the supermarket, make up a picnic and visit one of the smaller wineries with picnic tables.

### *A little to the North*

- **Swings & Roundabouts Winery on Caves Road:**

Renovated end of 2019, it has hands down the best playground at a winery in the region. They serve great wood fire pizza. and it comes out fast and the wine is good value.

- **Wild Hop Brewing Company:**

is a relatively new favourite in the local brewery world, with a more gourmet food offering and great kids alternatives with healthy options. There's an intimate play space for the kids with a sand base and a rustic train for the kids to climb on. They don't take bookings, so go early!

- **The Colony Concept:**

Newly opened in 2020 and focussing on everything bees and honey. A family favourite with a playground.

- **Cheeky Monkey:**

a famous WA brewery with local beers / ciders, food to share and a kids menu with activity packs. They have a popular playground with tables nearby to watch the kiddies and if it's raining, sit by the roaring fire inside.

- **Wills Domain:**

a delicious local winery, this is a more upmarket dining experience. There's a kids playground, though it's tucked away from the restaurant which makes it harder to see the kids and eat at the same time (more summer friendly).

### *Keen to go rustic - try something different*

- Visit a local store for provisions and then head to a winery that has picnic spaces. Willespie Wines set up is fantastic, with picnic tables on the balcony of the cellar door, some kids toys and it's free to sit as long as you buy a glass of wine or 3.
- Take away pies or sandwiches from the Yallingup General Store and go down to the playground at Yallingup Beach. Best ocean side play space on the cape.

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## *A little to the South*

### • **Glenarty Road Wines:**

Excellent bush winery experience, farm style play for kids, great wine (try the Amphora shiraz) and in the winter/spring, keep an eye out for lambs (live ones). Its a good stop for a tasting, an icy pole or coffee on the way back from Augusta. Its an intimate space, so if you're planning to eat, you should book.

### • **The Colourpatch Seafood Cafe:**

a lovely bistro style cafe that focussed on local seafood and wines from the south. It's mid priced and has limited children's entertainment, though there's the river and a grassy park just opposite.

### • **Blue Ocean Fish and Chips:**

our tip is to order take away by phone when you're nearly at Augusta and then head to the playground at Flinders Bay (in Augusta). Great play space on the water front, big Norfolk pine trees and shelters, perfect car picnic spot. After lunch, climb a tree or take a stroll to Granny's Pool. (call ahead and order on a week end to avoid delays)

### • **The Karridale Tavern:**

is a good country pub with plenty of indoor and outdoor space. It's not glamorous but the food is reliable and there's activities for kids.

### • **Yardbyrd Cafe in Witchcliffe:**

is a lovely local cafe with a market garden style atmosphere. Great pit stop either on the way or way back from Augusta. and they have a box of toys and books to keep kids entertained.

## *Keen to go rustic - try something different*

• Witchy Pies in Witchcliffe has arguably the best pies in the region along with a variety of other cafe style food. It's basic but the pies are spot on. •

Visit the bakery in Augusta, take your food and head to a picnic table or a patch of grass on the banks of the Blackwood River.