

Chronic wanderlust and a dedication to tasting the region's top-quality food and wine are the key reasons **Taya Reid** pursued a career in writing and photography. Her musings on travel, food and culture can be found in a number of articles on margaretriver.com. When Taya isn't up to her knees in Indian Ocean or interviewing curious locals, you'll find her writing her next novel. She took five to answer five about the Margaret River Region.

What did you discover when writing your article about the Gnarabup swimmers (pg.26)?

Fred Annesley is funny as heck and the White Elephant cafe makes a bloody good ham and cheese croissant. Buttery and chunky – the croissant, not Fred.

Top three local food experiences?

Farm lunch at Glenarty Road, pasta at Barnyard 1978, kingfish poke bowl at Shelter Brewing Co.

Best time of year down south?

I love sunshine, but cellar door fireplaces and big, smoky cabernets make it Djeran (April-May) for the win. Plus, I have a photographer's interest in crashing waves and moody skies.

Favourite place to watch the sunset?

With my family and friends on the rocks at Yallingup beach, camera in one hand, local frothy in the other.

Any inside tips for travellers to the Margaret River Region in autumn and winter?

You don't have to spend your whole day going up and down Caves Road. If it's raining, skip the skipper and order wine tasting, breakfast hampers, private chefs and yoga sessions to your accommodation.





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