

# AUSTRALIA'S GOLDEN OUTBACK

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# AUSTRALIA'S GOLDEN OUTBACK.

**H**it the road and let endless horizons lead the way as you take in the dazzling displays of wildflowers, rugged rocky outcrops, wild woodlands, brilliant beaches, and vast open plains of Australia's Golden Outback. Networks of road trips sprawling throughout the region will take you far and wide, covering 54 per cent of Western Australia.

In the north discover Gascoyne Murchison, the red heart of the state where pindan soils sweep the plains and station stays abound for a true-blue outback experience. The expansive ranges and massive Mount Augustus / Burringurrah are majestic sites to behold.

Venture to the Wheatbelt where country charm emanates, carpets of canola sweep over rolling fields, and quaint streetscapes light up with character. The iconic 100m wide Wave Rock is a must-see sight, and immersive farm stays and fresh produce will give you a rich taste of the region.

If Gascoyne Murchison is the red heart of state, Kalgoorlie and the Goldfields is its heart of gold. History and heritage of wild gold rush days of the late 1800s will forever be imprinted here, despite the modern mining boom transforming the Kalgoorlie-Boulder City into a progressive place to explore.

Travel further south and find the spectacular coastal destinations of Esperance and the Fitzgerald Coast. Glistening blue waters, snow-white beaches and over 100 islands are in stark contrast to the red earth of the surrounding outback, making for an invigorating spot to cool off and bathe in tranquillity. Cape Le Grand National Park and Fitzgerald River National Park are paradises of biodiversity to discover.

Spectacular displays of wildflowers bloom all around in season, erupting from August in the north and until November in the south. Discover these magical displays of colour on one of the regions many wildflower trails.

Walk the lands and stretch your mind back to over 60,000 years ago when Aboriginal people first began tending to this Country. Ancient Aboriginal culture and remnants of history run deep through Australia's Golden Outback and are inspiring to observe and understand.



While accessible to even the most inexperienced tourer, this is territory that should be respected. Use this guide to thoroughly plan ahead, contact our local visitor centres, and ensure you equip yourself properly to make the most of your adventure ahead.

With so much natural beauty to explore in this vast and varied region, when you immerse yourself in its rich experiences, the time is always now.

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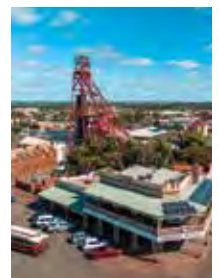


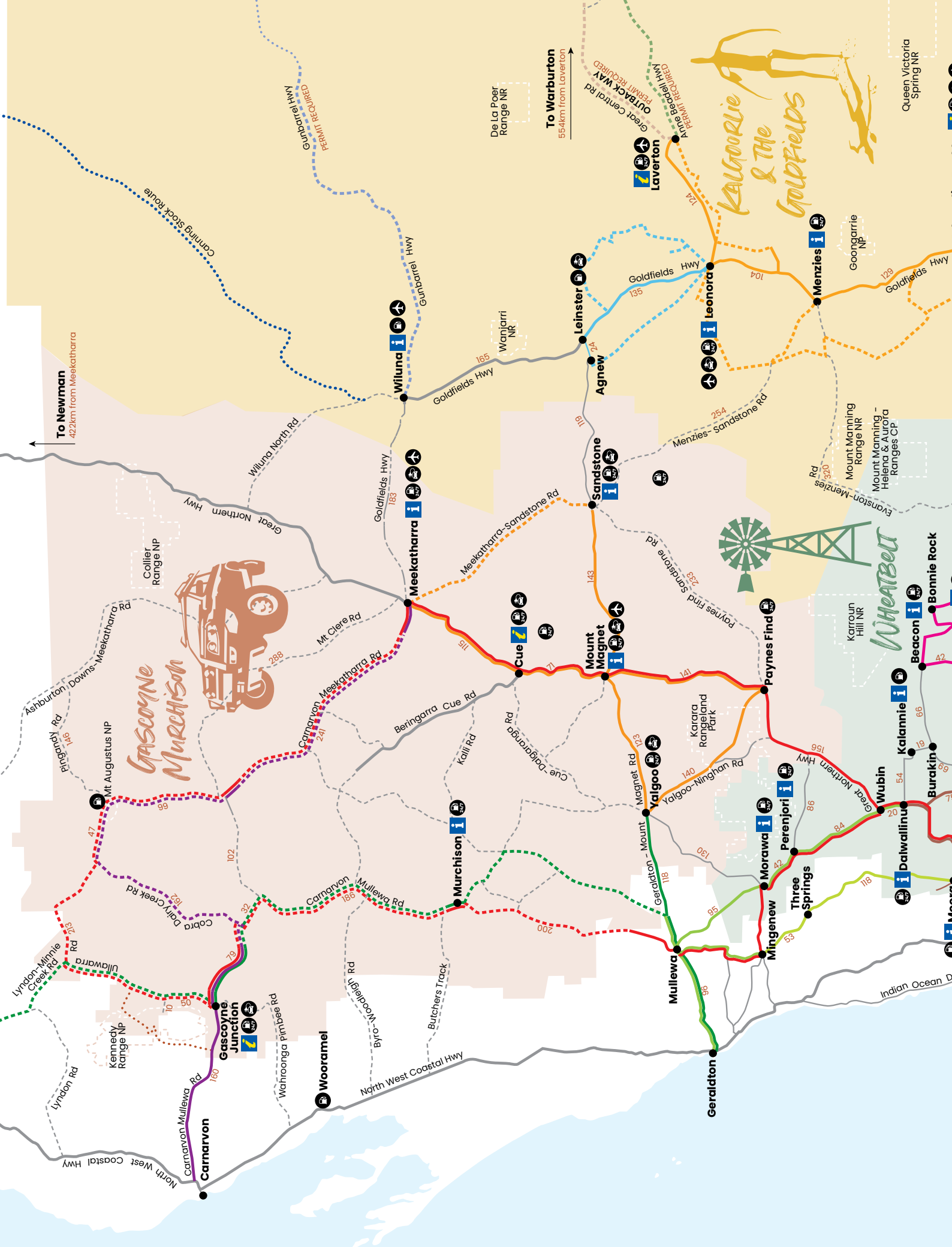
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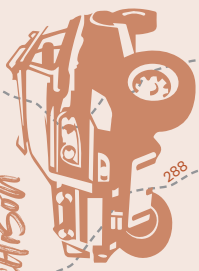
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To Warburton  
554km from Laverton

# Gascoyne Murchison

# Kalgoorlie & The Goldfields

# Wheatbelt



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# Road Trips

## Gascoyne Murchison

- Road to the Rock
- Kingsford Smith Mail Run
- Wool Wagon Pathway
- Miners Pathway

## The Wheatbelt

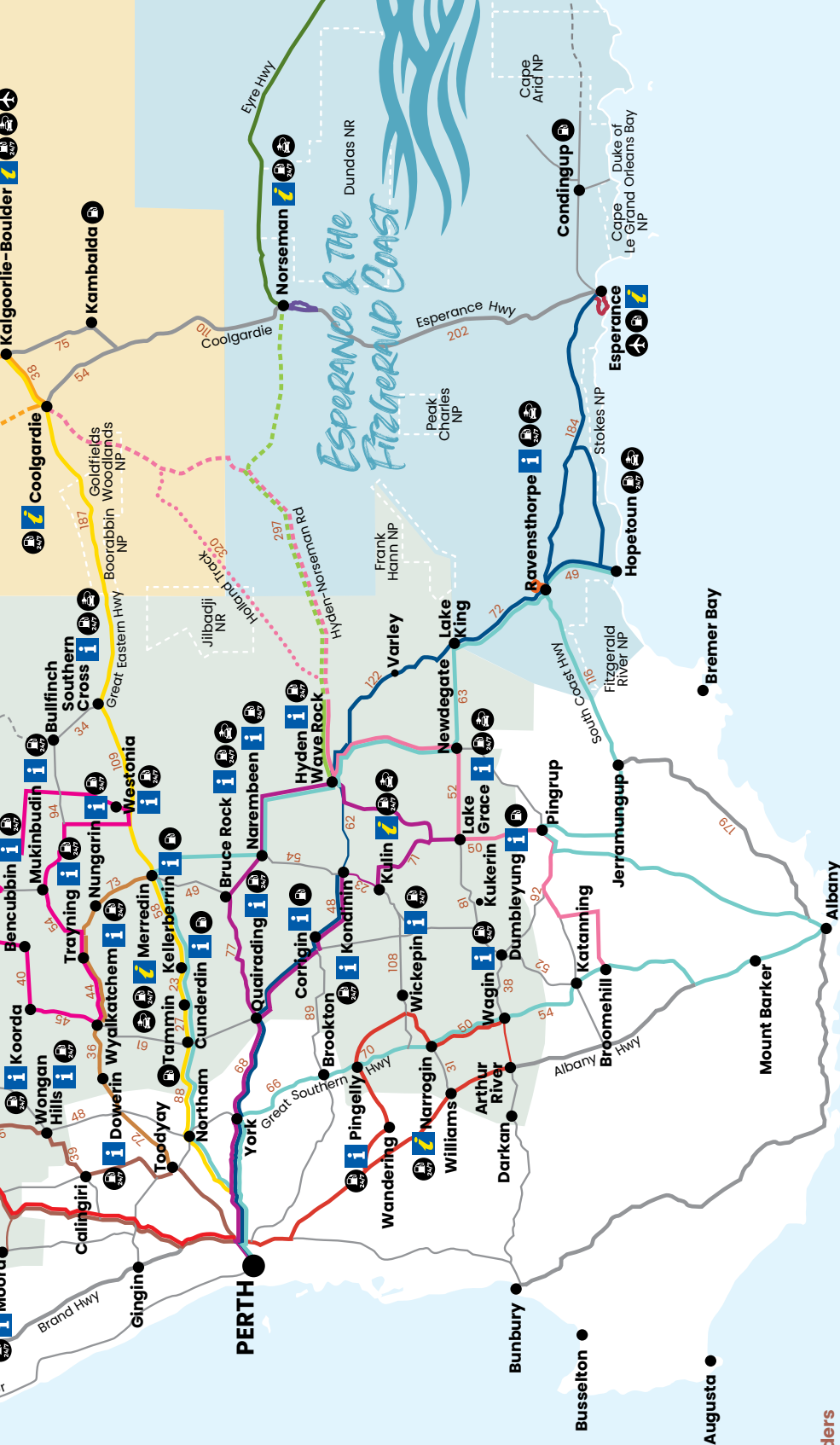
- Public Silo Trail
- Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail
- Granite & Woodlands Discovery Trail
- Wheatbelt Way
- Wildflower Way
- Pathways to Wave Rock
- The Holland Way & The John Holland Track
- Wineries, Woodlands & Wheatbelt Trail
- Northern Wheatbelt Wonders
- Pioneers' Pathway

## Kalgoorlie & The Goldfields

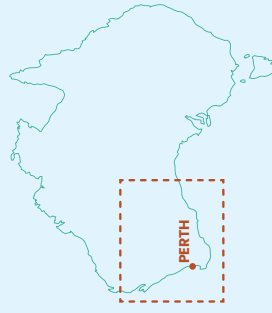
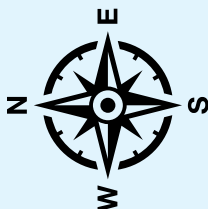
- Canning Stock Route
- Golden Quest Discovery Trail
- The Outback Way
- Anne Beadell
- Leonora Loop Trails
- Gunbarrel Highway
- Norseman Heritage Trail

## Esperance & The Fitzgerald Coast

- Road to Esperance
- Ravensthorpe Ranges
- Great Ocean Drive
- Eyre Highway and Nullarbor Links



- Sealed Road
- Unsealed Road
- 4WD Only
- Distance (km)
- National Park/  
Nature Reserve
- Airport
- EV charging station
- Fuel
- Fuel 24/7
- Visitor Information
- Accredited Visitor Centre



## Monthly Average Temperatures

### Gascoyne Murchison

Monthly Av Temp (°C)	Dec-Feb	Mar-May	Jun-Aug	Sep-Nov
37°	32°	25°	18°	25°

### Kalgoorlie & the Goldfields

Monthly Av Temp (°C)	Dec-Feb	Mar-May	Jun-Aug	Sep-Nov
32°	25°	23°	17°	21°

### The Wheatbelt

Monthly Av Temp (°C)	Dec-Feb	Mar-May	Jun-Aug	Sep-Nov
33°	25°	17°	24°	

### Esperance & the Fitzgerald Coast

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25°	23°	17°	21°	

# TOP 13 THINGS to DO



**1**  
Disconnect from the world and get up close with the Lucky Bay kangaroos



**2**  
Discover one of the world's largest outdoor galleries at Lake Ballard



**3**  
Marvel at rare and exquisite wildflowers throughout the vast outback



**4**  
Detour off the coastal highway to experience the rural lifestyle with an outback station stay

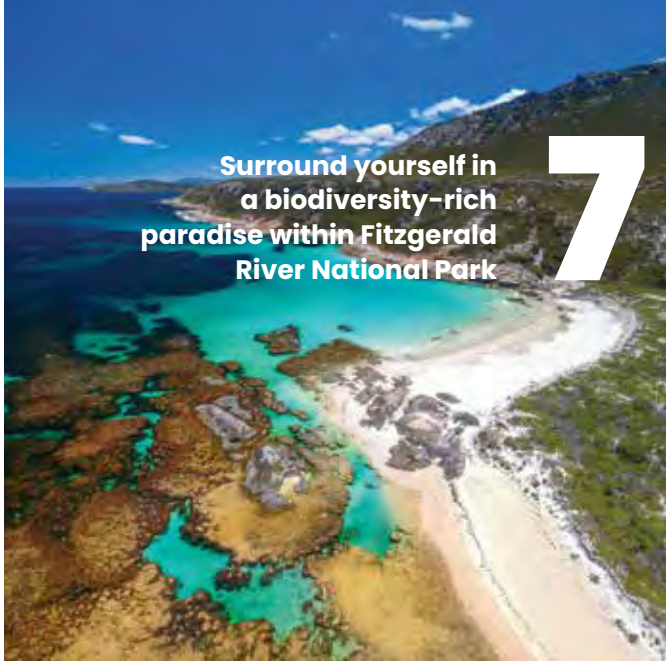


**6**  
Journey along the Golden Quest Discovery Trail and uncover the stories of prospecting and pioneers



**5**  
Catch some waves of a different kind at Wave Rock





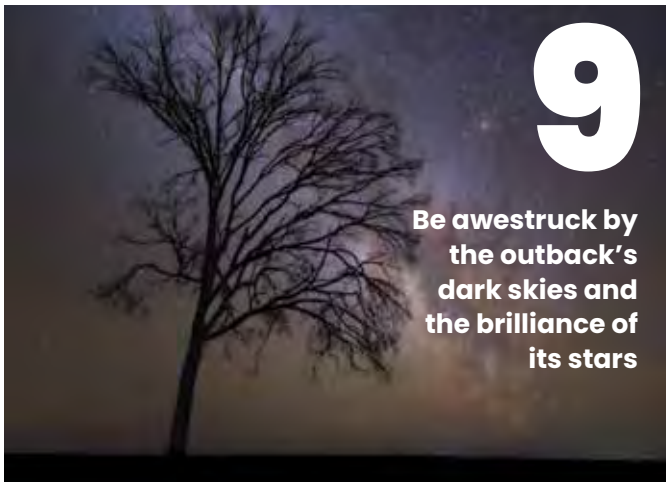
Surround yourself in a biodiversity-rich paradise within Fitzgerald River National Park

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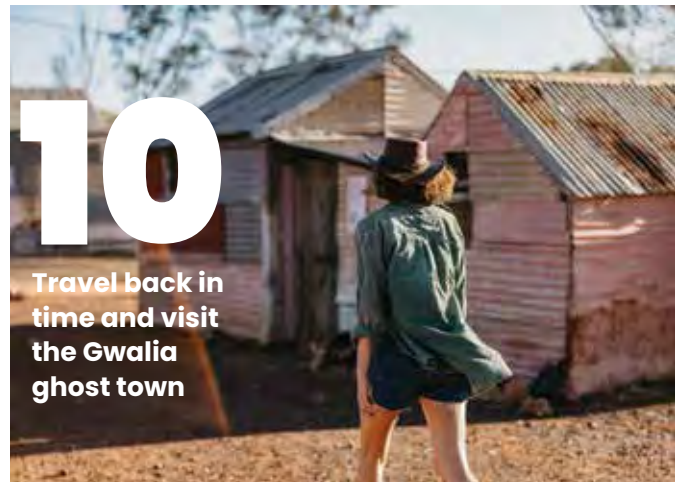
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Discover paddock to plate and farm life experiences throughout the Wheatbelt



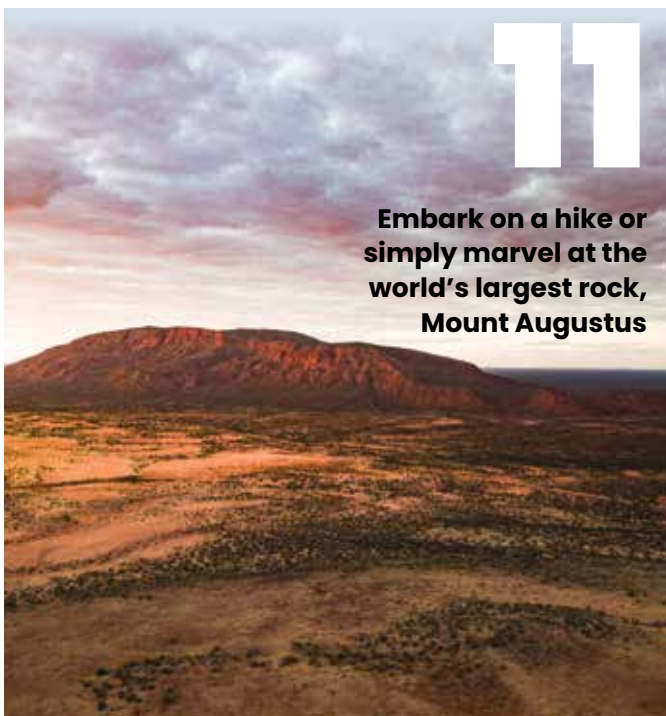
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Be awestruck by the outback's dark skies and the brilliance of its stars



10

Travel back in time and visit the Gwalia ghost town



11

Embark on a hike or simply marvel at the world's largest rock, Mount Augustus



12

Hit the road and explore the artfully quirky Tin Horse Highway



13

Embark on a tour along the Public Silo Trail to witness awe-inspiring art on a grand scale

2024

# EVENTS

# North West Flinders Ranges

## FEBRUARY

- Darkan Sheepfest

## MARCH

- Wagin Woolarama

## APRIL

- Merredin Show
- Nullarbor Muster
- Quindanning Picnic Race Day

## MAY

- Pipeline Challenge

## JUNE

- Goldfields Cyclclassic
- Leonora Golden Gift Weekend

## AUGUST

- Australia's Biggest BBQ
- Coolgardie Rodeo
- Dowerin Field Days
- Junction Races
- Sandstone Art Show
- Wyalkatchem Rodeo

## SEPTEMBER

- Coolgardie Day
- Dalwallinu Wattle Week
- Esperance Wildflower Festival
- Landor Races
- Meekatharra Outback Festival
- Mt Magnet Races
- Newdegate Machinery Field Days
- Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show
- Wave Rock Weekender

## OCTOBER

- Cunderdin Classic Car Show
- Kalgoorlie Cup
- Kalgoorlie Desert Race
- Kulin Bush Races
- Reynoldson Reserve Festival

## NOVEMBER

- Narrogin Revheads Weekend

## DECEMBER

- Pingelly Christmas Festival
- St Barbara's Festival



👉 Scan here to discover more amazing regional events





Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show



Leonora Golden Gift



St Barbara's Festival



St Barbara's Festival



Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show



Kalgoorlie Desert Race



Kalgoorlie Desert Race

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TOP

# TRAVEL TIPS for a Seamless Outback Experience

## Here's a handy checklist of important items to carry on your journey:

- ✓ A first aid kit.
- ✓ A good quality, 12-volt air compressor. You will need it if you want to drive on sand or corrugated roads.
- ✓ A quality GPS and carry a paper map road book as back up. Don't rely on Google Maps.
- ✓ Cash with a range of notes and change. Don't rely on internet.
- ✓ Dirty gear bag and bin bags. If you brought it with you, take it with you.

**A**ustralia's Golden Outback is rugged and beautiful, full of vast stretches of dry plains. Exploring it is a true adventure, warranting considered preparation.

**Here are a few top tips from the experts at Western 4W Driver to get you started.**

1. Get your vehicle serviced before you depart.
2. Share your plans.
3. Carry two to four litres of water per person, per day.
4. If you break down or get stuck, stay with your vehicle.
5. Fuel up when you can. Don't expect the next petrol station to be around the corner.
6. Check your tyre pressure, battery levels, coolant, engine oil levels and lights, daily.
7. Check current road conditions prior to departure. Visit [travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au/Home/Map](http://travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au/Home/Map).
8. For the best mobile connectivity, use Telstra.
9. Visit [plugshare.com](http://plugshare.com) for electric vehicle charging stations.

**Immerse yourself in the rugged wilderness of Australia's Golden Outback, which has remained largely unchanged for billions of years. Travelling this region will arouse a feeling of venturing back into ancient times, especially when you're with an Aboriginal guide who can reveal astonishing secrets handed down by their ancestors over thousands of years.**



Image: Njaki Njaki

With a variety of experiences in hunting, food gathering, bush survival and bush medicine, your guide will take you on a unique journey along 'hidden tracks', which unveil a fascinatingly different perception of the country's rich natural treasures and the influential role they play in paving their lifestyle.

For the Aboriginal people, their spiritual connection to the land and natural environment is a key part of their identity.

Their knowledge of the country and the sacred places that are scattered through it are priceless gems in a fast changing world and a deeply moving experience, that you're sure to take home as lasting memories.

**For more details about the full range of authentic Aboriginal tourism experiences in Australia's Golden Outback and Western Australia, visit [www.waitoc.com](http://www.waitoc.com).**

The Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Council (WAITOC) is the peak not for profit organisation representing Indigenous Tourism on Country, showcasing over 100 of the best of WA's unique Indigenous Tourism experiences & authentic cultural offerings.





# THE ROAD TO Wildflowers

Hit the road and admire the magic of wildflower season in Western Australia's Golden Outback, from endless inland plains to remote and rugged coast.

By TORI WILSON

**A**s late winter and early spring approach, the vast outback springs to life with over 12,000 varieties of wildflowers erupting from the earth. A myriad colours studded across sweeping plains herald the onset of spring. A wet winter, especially in the north, enhances this spectacle. From late July, as the season moves south, landscapes from golden canola fields to flower-studded cliffs beckon visitors to revel in their beauty. One of the most immersive ways to do so is on a self-drive wildflower trail, which wind their

way around the region, offering an array of sights. Most are 2WD accessible, with accommodation options like farm stays and station stays welcoming travellers along the way.

In the **Gascoyne-Murchison** region, wildflower season starts as early as July. Here, mulla mulla, sturt desert pea, and a host of other flowers thrive. The nine-day *Road to the Rock* road trip is the ultimate way to take in the region and its floral delights. Must-experience highlights of the route include the majestic Mount Augustus adorned with wildflowers,



Hakea Invaginata Burakin



colourful trails along the Gascoyne River, plus the gushing waterfalls and gorges of Kennedy Ranges.

By August, the wildflower season is ablaze across **the Wheatbelt**, in all its glory. Travelers are greeted by golden canola fields, the coveted wreath flower and a vast array of delicate orchids — from startling white sugar orchids and sunshine-hued cowslip orchids, to the incredible greens and reds of the many spider orchids. Make your way through the northern Wheatbelt towns such as Wubin, Buntine Rock, Latham, Caron Dam and Perenjori — renowned for dense blooms. Expect to admire carpets of everlastings, the unique and distinctive wreath flower, bright pink native foxgloves, many species of orchids, grevillea, acacia, purple darwinia and dampiera, thriptomene and many more distinctive wildflowers.

In the northeast, take your time meandering the many towns, from Wyalkatchem with its melaleuca and verticordia, to Wongan Hills with its Koorda rose, tinsel lily and delicate orchids. View a rich array of flora, extraordinary rock formations and ancient Aboriginal history along the way.

In the southeastern Wheatbelt, the diversity of wildflowers will inspire all. Explore the region's salt lakes; picnic at Australia's third-largest monolith, Kokerbin Rock; hunt for the holy grail of wildflowers — the rare Queen of Sheba orchid; and take in sights of the iconic Wave Rock / Katter Kich, the English name



Donkey Orchid

chosen aptly for its uncanny shape.

Also in August, **Kalgoorlie and the Goldfields** come to life with wildflowers like bush tomatoes and daisies. Experience maximum regional highlights by exploring natural attractions like the Yellowdine Nature Reserve, Boorabin National Park, the heritage-listed Niagara Dam, and Lake Ballard — with its striking Anthony Gormley sculptures amid the swathes of wattles. From Merredin to Kalgoorlie, the highway is bursting with blooms. Admire the flame grevillea, grass leaf hakea and Roe's featherflower, as well as a collection of semi-arid banksias including the rare Lullfitz's banksia.

By late August, the wildflower season reaches **Esperance and the Fitzgerald Coast**. Hopetoun is the gateway to Fitzgerald River National Park — a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve with 1,800 types of spectacular plant species, like banksia, coneflowers, starflowers, smokebushes and numerous orchids. You may even spot to rare royal and pincushion hakeas. Noteworthy eye-candy includes the qualup bells in Ravensthorpe and picturesque views of flower fields from Frenchman Peak in the Cape Le Grand National Park. Set to the backdrop of the vast blue sea, this is a breathtaking area to admire native blooms.

# ESPERANCE & THE FITZGERALD COAST



## TOP THINGS

### to See & Do



- ✓ Take a selfie with the kangaroos at Lucky Bay
- ✓ Marvel at the scenery along the Great Ocean Drive
- ✓ Explore biodiversity hotspots at Fitzgerald River National Park
- ✓ Check out paddock-to-plate and bush-to-bottle products from local farmers
- ✓ Visit Esperance's full-sized replica of Stonehenge
- ✓ Experience immersive glamping on Woody Island or spend the day exploring the waters with a snorkel
- ✓ Explore Esperance's Museum Village and Growers' Markets
- ✓ Take an immersive cultural tour and discover the rich history of Esperance and its surrounds.
- ✓ Take to the skies to see the rainbow lakes dotted across the countryside
- ✓ Discover larger than life art, admiring the Ravensthorpe Silo Art and Farm Gate Art Trail

**T**ucked away in Australia's Golden Outback, Esperance and the Fitzgerald Coast beckon as cooling coastal havens where nature's wonders unveil themselves in every nook and cranny.

With their dazzling blue waters, pristine snow-white beaches, and some of the country's most awe-inspiring national parks, these destinations offer a unique blend of tranquillity and adventure, ideal for family getaways, group escapades, or introspective solo journeys.





Fitzgerald River National Park

Esperance serves as the gateway to the region's mesmerising coastal beauty and intriguing hinterland. One of its star attractions is the majestic Cape Le Grand National Park, a sanctuary that harmoniously blends sheltered bays with imposing granite peaks, vast heathlands, and diverse native fauna. Within the national park, expect to be greeted by kangaroos basking in the sun at Lucky Bay — one of the area's most renowned beaches, voted World's Best Beach in 2023. The park's campgrounds, such as Le Grand Beach and Lucky Bay, immerse

visitors in this nature wonderland, allowing for intimate experiences with the environment.

Beyond Cape Le Grand, the UNESCO recognised **Fitzgerald River National Park** emerges as another natural masterpiece. Notably, **Four Mile Beach** and **Hamersley Inlet** are remarkable spots within this park, offering spectacular landscapes and biodiversity hotspots. Serving as the entrances to this park's beauty and worthy of exploration are Ravensthorpe, host of the world's biggest wildflower show, and Hopetoun, known for its rugged coastal scenery and fishing.

The coastal journey is made even more enchanting with two iconic drives. **The Fitzgerald Coast Loop** brings travellers through the heart of the region's captivating landscapes, while **The Great Ocean Drive**, stretching from Esperance's Esplanade to the magical **Twilight Bay**, offers an unparalleled coastal experience. These routes offer the quintessential Australian beach experience, where the vastness of the open coast allows for personal retreats into secluded coves, natural rock pool aquariums, and mesmerising sunsets.

In Esperance town, a vibrant blend of culture, history, and beach life awaits — from its lively music scenes, outdoor cinemas, and bustling twilight markets to the picturesque **James Street Precinct**. Landmarks like the **Whale Tail Sculpture** and a full-size replica of **Stonehenge** add to the town's charm and unique character.

Just a stone's throw from the coast, the **Recherche Archipelago** stands as a testament to the region's maritime wonders. Comprising 105 islands, this archipelago offers an unparalleled marine sanctuary, home to dolphins, seals, and seabirds. Take to the sky on a scenic flight and admire the collection of brilliant **Rainbow Lakes** amid Esperance's countryside — a multitude of colours, from pink to green to yellow and more.

The rich Indigenous culture of the region can be explored through local eco-culture tours, where visitors can delve into the Dreaming stories and songlines of the land, gaining insight into Esperance's Wudjari name, Kepa Kurl, which means "where the waters lie like a boomerang."

## How to Get There

### By Road:

Road conditions are excellent, with sealed main roads heading in and out of Esperance.

Esperance is accessible from many of the drive routes from Perth and the Nullarbor

### By Air:

Esperance is serviced by Rex with daily flights from Perth.

**Tel:** 13 17 13.

Skippers provides charter services from Perth to Ravensthorpe.

**Tel:** 1300 729 924.

### By Coach:

Transwa operates regular coach services from Perth to Esperance and from Albany to Esperance via Ravensthorpe.

**Tel:** 1300 662 205.

## TOP TRAILS

### Frenchman Peak Walktrail,

Cape Le Grand NP (3km)

### Great Ocean Walk and Cycle Trail,

Esperance (17km)

### Mt Arid, Cape Arid NP (3.6km)

### Coastal Trail, Cape Le Grande NP (20km)

### East Mt Barren, Fitzgerald River NP (3km)

### Hakea Walk Trail, Fitzgerald River NP (23km)

### Hamersley Inlet Trail, Fitzgerald River NP (3.6km)

### The Woodlands Walk (0.6km)

Lastly, for those looking to extend their adventure, the journey across the **Nullarbor Plain** offers a deep dive into Australia's outback culture. Starting at Norseman, with its quirky corrugated iron dromedaries symbolising the bygone camel trains, this route takes travellers to iconic landmarks like the **Caiguna Blowhole** and the historic **Eucla Telegraph Station** ruins.

Whether you're a nature enthusiast, history buff, or someone seeking solace, these coastal jewels of Australia's Golden Outback await your discovery.



Lucky Bay Brewing



Fishface



Taylor St Quarters

# FLAVOURS OF Esperance

In Esperance, experience authentic flavours as fresh as they get – sourced locally from bush, land and sea.

By ALEXANDRA CASEY

**W**hen it comes to natural attractions, this secluded south-coast WA town has it covered. Its allure is synonymous with some of Australia's most celebrated beaches and pristine national parks. But in recent years, it's become the paddock-to-plate microbrewery, bush-to-bottle distillery, and fresh-from-the-ocean foodie scene that have the masses talking. From the blue to the bush, Esperance – or Kapa Kurl, as it's known to the Wudjari Noongar people – is a hotspot for fresh, local produce worth writing home about.

**Taylor St Quarters** – a buzzing culinary scene, humming cocktail bar and charming, live music venue – is an apt destination to begin the ultimate Esperance foodie quest. Woven into the walls of the popular hang-out is the

vibrant historical tapestry of a building that once housed an old hospital and tearooms. TSQ supports small local producers to source the finest and freshest flavours from land and sea, as it's no secret the south western corner of Australia is home to some of the country's best food and wine. The menu is constantly evolving to reflect the seasons, think tempura fish tacos, local beef burger and beer and miso braised lamb ribs.

Feast on bread as fresh as it gets at **Bread Local**. Having been raised in Esperance by a broadacre wheat farmer, owner and baker Tiffany Brown has an innate passion for the process of sourdough. "I love that no two days are the same when you're working with natural fermentation – it's always a wonder seeing the bread emerge from the oven." While

the bread is hard to beat, Tiffany says it's the vanilla slice with passionfruit glaze that attracts the pilgrims.

A self-confessed ocean enthusiast, Craig Adams has been cooking since 1983. He and his wife Dalia opened **Fishface** in 2016, after realising there were no restaurants at the time using local seafood other than shark. Their goal is to use only Australian seafood and here locally caught produce. "Our focus has always been on where the fish comes from and knowing the boat and

skipper. We utilise as much WA product as possible – usually six to nine varieties per night – to support local industry and small businesses.” The menu changes subtly every day, depending on availability, but it’s the basic fish and chips that are the favourite.

Perched among a grove of olive trees with vistas of Cape Le Grand and Frenchman Peak, olive oil is the lifeblood of all operations at **Yirri Grove Olive Farm**. “Our restaurant menu begun with extra virgin olive oil,” owner and operator Anne O’Neill says. “It’s the start of a meal, the start of a conversation, the start of a lifestyle and for us, the start of a business.” According to Anne, their signature product features on every plate, all of which are baked and prepared onsite. Locality is central to production and due to their remote and rural location, food accessibility is a common struggle. For this reason, a vegetable patch was introduced – the

root of their Mediterranean-inspired meals. Born in England, Anne traces her love for living off the land back to her grandparents and their farm. “Everything was grown and produced – I remember learning so much from them.” As a teenager Anne migrated to a remote Australian sheep station where fresh food was non-existent, so they grew their own.

Inspired by nature, sustainability and an appreciation for the beauty of home, **Lucky Bay Brewing** is guided by a paddock-to-pint ethos, with beers named in honour of Esperance locations. It’s the only WA brewery that uses raw barley direct from local farmers to make beer. Their emphasis on locality reduces their carbon footprint, as the process doesn’t require the water, energy or food miles that malted barley does to be produced. The award-winning microbrewery also doesn’t use any preservatives, only pure ingredients, fresh rain water and real hops. According to

head chef Sam Burgell, “beer literally flows into our kitchen.” The woodfired pizzas made from local flour and beer yeast are the menu hero, while other share-style offerings include pulled pork tacos and chargrilled lamb skewers.

Driven by a love for spirits, surf and environmental conservation, the McCarthy-Price father-son duo behind **Esperance Distillery Co** is passionate about local flavours. Housed inside a once derelict fish processing plant, the award-winning distillery, which launched in December 2020, has grown from a micro-distillery operating out of a garage with a 30-litre pot still, to small-batch producing gins showcasing native botanicals – with many grown in their own garden. Inspired by the region’s beauty, the gin range features the names of Esperance locations, while the watercolour label artwork was designed by local botanist Katie White.



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# FLORA FOR ALL SEASONS:

Experience year-round displays of vibrant blooms at Fitzgerald National Park By DANIELLE AUSTIN



Giant Banksia (Banksia Grandis)

**F**itzgerald River National Park is renowned as one of Australia's most significant botanical parks, and for good reason. As the crowning jewel of the UNESCO-recognised Fitzgerald Biosphere, the park is not only home to one-fifth of the state's identified plant species but here, there is no single wildflower season — blooms burst forth year-round. Nature cycles through various vivid displays in tandem with the six Noongar seasons, the most accurate prediction of flora patterns.

## **BIRAK (December–January)**

Birak, which stretches from around December through January, is the real start of the warm season. Splashes of bright yellow buttercups paint the region, bulbous flowers of the banksia are in full bloom, and heady eucalyptus can be found all around. With many plants producing intoxicating nectar, you'll likely be treated to the sight of foraging birds — with around 210 species of birds found in Fitzgerald River National Park — as well as curious honey and pygmy possums. Melaleucas and coastal moorts shade the coastal campgrounds, protecting native fauna.

## **BUNURU (February–March)**

The heat only intensifies come Bunuru, the orange season of February through March. Under the crush of the blazing sun, it's a perfect time of year to stick close to the Fitzgerald River, or in the shallows of the coastline. Despite the heat, native eucalypts burst into bloom in Bunuru, breaking through the haze with their fresh cream flowers. Admire towering salmon gums, the tallest trees in the area.

## **DJERAN (April–May)**

With April and May come Djeran. The green season welcomes cooler weather and pleasant breezes, with plenty of plant life enjoying the spoils of the season. Early banksia flowers, qualup bells and hakea can all begin to appear during Djeran, with scarlett banksia particularly vibrant. With native fruits emerging, birds are enticed into the region.

## **MAKURU (June–July)**

As the skies open up and a chill descends on the ground, the Fitzgerald Coast welcomes Makuru. The rainy season, spanning June and July, is

characterised by the blues of falling rain and overcast skies. A smattering of melancholy flowers greets the season, the purple-blue mauves and lilacs of the herbaceous blueberry lily and the grassy purple flag forming groundcover as clouds roll overhead.

## **DJILBA (August–September)**

Carpets of wildflowers erupt in Djilba, transforming the Fitzgerald Coast into a kaleidoscopic of colour. This season is about new life, and as hundreds of native wildflower species lift their heads to greet warmer weather, the sweet sounds of newborn animals and their proud parents also ring through the region. Discover local qualup bells, with their imminently recognisable, soft pink drooping petals, and countless native orchids drawing in wildflower hunters from far and wide.

**TIME YOUR TRIP** – the spectacular Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show in September, celebrating the brilliant displays of the area's blooms, with over 700 flowering species on display and a series of curated events.

## **KAMBARANG (October–November)**

With Kambarang in October and November comes a return of radiant weather. Verticordias or feather flowers are in full bloom in every colour of the rainbow, and smoke bush envelopes the landscape. Acacias, banksias, kangaroo paws, orchids, and recently burnt balga grass trees continue to bloom, while the eye-catching saffron orange flowers of the Australian Christmas tree emerge to mark the end of the year.



Chittick (Lambertia inermis)

## **Hikes & Drives**

The world-class Hakea Trail and the Mamang Trail are the ultimate hikes to witness wildflowers in all their glory, though trails of various lengths and difficulties sprawl the national park. Chase wildflowers by road on the 40-kilometre Ravensthorpe Range drive.

# ROAD TRIPS

*Esperance & The Fitzgerald Coast*





Twilight Bay



Toolinna Cove



### THE GREAT OCEAN DRIVE

1-2 hours | Sealed roads

Shires along your journey: *Esperance*

The road trip that should be on everyone's bucket list, the Great Ocean Drive is a 40km circular loop showcasing a coastal wonderland of stunning, powder-white beaches, rocky headlands, small bays of crystalline water, steep cliffs and hidden ocean pools.

Highlights include the Rotary Lookout (an ideal first stop), the famous Twilight Bay, Observatory Point and Lookout, 11 Mile Beach, and Nine Mile Beach renowned for its serene rock pools. If you're feeling adventurous, you can also cycle or walk the trail, following the coast from the Esplanade all the way to Twilight Bay.

The best way to travel the Great Ocean Drive is slowly. Plan a picnic lunch, throw in your towel, picnic rug, snorkel and fins, surfboard or just your walking shoes. Wherever you go on this loop, the views are constant and amazing.



### EYRE HIGHWAY & NULLARBOR LINKS

2 Days | Sealed roads

Shires along your journey: *Dundas*

The Nullarbor Plain, with the epic Eyre highway to follow, is easily one of Australia's greatest road trip adventures. Take off into the west from the border town of Eucla down the sweeping highway into the scenic lower Nullarbor around Mundrabilla, then pause to look

back at the lookout at Madura.

The Eyre Bird Observatory, a remote research station, has fantastic programs (check them out online) and the 10th hole of the Nullarbor Links course at Cocklebiddy is a top introduction to Nullarbor Links — The world's longest golf course. The aptly named 90 Mile Straight will bring you to Balladonia by nightfall.

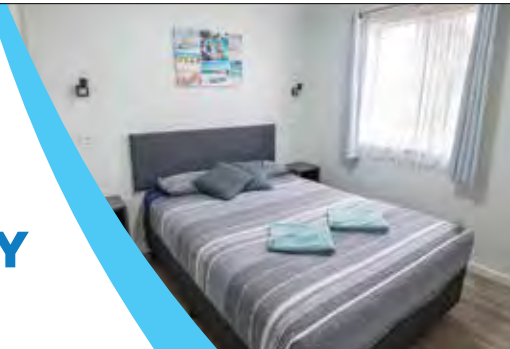
Explore the remains of Skylab station — which plummeted to earth in 1979 — at the nearby Balladonia Hotel, before continuing west. Take your time



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7 days | Sealed roads

**Shires along your journey:** *Kondinin, Lake Grace, Dumbleyung, Wagin, Ravensthorpe and Esperance*

Esperance is a picture-perfect reel of nature's wonders with an abundance of pearl-white beaches boasting translucent blue waters, and rugged national parks. Expect to experience a glorious journey, worthy of this stunning destination, on the 700km stretch to Esperance from Perth.

You can take two routes, so mix it up and see different perspectives of the Wheatbelt region. Go out via Hyden so you can take the famous surfing selfie at Wave Rock, then admire the bright white salt lakes at the Lake King Nature Reserve. Ravensthorpe is home to the superb 25m high wildflower murals of the PUBLIC Silo Trail, then head for the Southern Ocean and soon you'll be in the charming coastal town

and savour the sense of space and timelessness that makes the Nullarbor unique. Soon you'll arrive at Norseman, the end of this 880km trip and the Eyre Highway. Next to the town's cute tin camels is a photographic gallery where the region's stunning landscapes are captured in prints. To appreciate the vastness of the place, drive up to Beacon Hill Lookout before heading either north to Kalgoorlie or south to Esperance.

of Esperance.

On the way back, stop for more supersized art at Newdegate, before heading through the Southern Wheatbelt countryside including Lake Grace, Dumbleyung and Wagin. In Esperance, spend at least a day exploring Cape Le Grand National Park and, while there, climb Frenchman Peak for stunning views of the ocean and the myriad offshore islands. Meet the

photogenic kangaroos of Lucky Bay along the way, swim, snorkel or walk on some of the most incredible beaches in the world, or simply chill with a craft beer at the local Lucky Bay Brewing.

Finally, book a boat cruise to explore some of the 105 islands of the Recherche Archipelago, locally known as the Bay of Isles. You can also see the islands from the air if you hop on a scenic flight of the local coastline.



Esperance Beach



Ravensthorpe Silos

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#### Ravensthorpe Ranges

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#### NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

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#### Cape Arid National Park

This spectacular park is a place for the truly adventurous and bold explorers. You can see ruins of homesteads, buildings and dams constructed by pioneer graziers in the early 1870s, camp under the stars, and walk through the magnificent landscapes to your heart's content. 4WD vehicles and outdoor experiences are highly recommended. Check road closures before heading out.

#### Kepwari Wetland Walk Trail

Kepwari is the local Aboriginal word for 'place of moving water' and this interpretive walk trail in the wetlands is

designed to be a learning experience with bird hides and seating along the way. A short drive from town and nestled out of the wind, this one way 3.5km trail is perfect for families with young children. For a different perspective, explore the lakes from kayak or canoe.

#### Lake Monjingup

An ideal place for a picnic, birdwatching and walk through the bush or along the boardwalk, the Environmental Centre at Lake Monjingup has plenty of information about the various plants and animals which live there. With toilets and picnic tables, the reserve makes for a fantastic day out for the whole family.

#### Peak Charles National Park – Karrukarrunya (4WD recommended)

This ancient granite peak and its companion, Peak Eleanora, give sweeping views over the dry and plain heaths and salt lake systems of the surrounding countryside. The park lies within the Great Western Woodlands, an internationally significant area of great biological richness.

#### Recherche Archipelago

The 105 islands of Recherche Archipelago offer incredible spots for fishing, diving, snorkelling and sailing.

This natural treasure is a haven for a variety of wildlife, as well as a hotspot for holiday makers. Fishing charters and island cruises available.

#### Mount Ridley – Marbeleerup

Head north out of Esperance and explore our hinterland. The coast is a distant memory out here but you may encounter ancient Aboriginal cave art that shows a whaling ship in action and also enjoy a surf on 'Wave Rock'. The climb to the summit of this wave shaped rock is of medium difficulty but the spectacular views make it very worthwhile. 4WD access only.

#### Duke of Orleans Bay

East of Cape le Grand National Park, you'll find breathtaking beaches made of snow-white sand, washed by turquoise blue waters and framed with a backdrop of rugged granite peaks. Wharton Beach in particular is a sight to behold and for those looking to setup camp or settle in at a chalet, there's a lovely caravan park nearby. This area is dog friendly.

#### Munglinup Beach & Oldfield Estuary

West of Esperance, you'll find Munglinup Beach and the Oldfield Estuary. Picturesque views of the winding inlet and a rugged coastline await. The estuary offers small boat access for fishing and is a great place for canoeing, or strolling along the walk trail. The Munglinup Beach Holiday Park is not far if you would like a place to stay overnight.

#### Lake Hillier, Middle Island

This lake is a cause for fascination but



Frenchman Peak





Lucky Bay

Middle Island holds a greater mystery, with the ruins of the camp of Australia's rumoured pirate, Black Jack Anderson. The island is located off the coast of Cape Arid, and while the lake is not currently its signature bubblegum pink colour, it can be visited by helicopter or plane. Contact Esperance Visitor Centre to discuss the best option for you and arrange a booking.

### ARTS, CULTURE & COMMUNITY

With a population of almost 14,000, Esperance is home to a vibrant community abundant in history, creativity and culture. Bordered by the stunning Esperance Foreshore, the Esperance town centre offers unique retail with specialty crafts stores, markets, cafés, facilities, tourism attractions and much more.

#### Esperance Museum

As one of Western Australia's outstanding regional museums, view the world's largest and most comprehensive displays of Skylab (the first American space station), the Sanko Harvest (the largest diving wreck off the Australian coast) and learn about the agricultural history of the region.

#### Cannery Arts Centre

Located in town, the Cannery Arts Centre is a premier exhibition space and the gallery doubles as an event space for the local music scene. You'll find touring exhibitions, studios, and art and craft shops featuring local works for sale. Keep an eye out for events and workshops at this venue.

#### Mudjar Aboriginal Gallery

This gallery is community and fair trade focused, featuring a powerful collection of local artworks, authentic handcrafted traditional tools and ethically created and sourced giftwares. This guarantees that the original artists and their communities benefit from the royalties of all items sold, projecting their unique stories and talents.

#### Esperance Foreshore & Jetty

Grab a coffee and take a leisurely stroll along the foreshore and Esperance Jetty. More than a kilometre of oceanfront by the town centre is beautifully landscaped. Enjoy walking paths, exercise equipment, public artworks (including the Whale Tail sculpture), all abilities and nature playgrounds, barbecue facilities, picnic shelters, beach access, and an enclosed swimming area and lap pool.

#### Museum Park Village

Wander through the historical buildings of Museum Village. You'll find art, craft and design shops. Don't miss the bustling Sunday markets regularly held in the village.

#### Adventureland Park

Let the kids blow off some steam in this beautiful open space. Perfect for a picnic, there's plenty to do with various playgrounds, a duck pond, mini golf, and the mini steam train (October 1 to April 30).

#### Youth Precinct – Skate & Pump Track

Test out your skate skills on an array of

**TIP:** More than just a quick getaway, Esperance is the ideal place to 'get away from it all'. To book accommodation, find the perfect restaurant or pub or to explore more of the coastal region, head over to [visitesperance.com](http://visitesperance.com) to plan your perfect holiday.

## ATA GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Family Fun Day in the Park  
– 26 Jan 2024 (Australia Day)  
Winter Wonderland – July 2024  
Esperance Wildflower Festival  
– Sept 2024  
Esperance Districts & Agricultural Show – Oct 2024  
Edge of the Bay Festival –  
30 Nov 2024  
New Year's Eve (at the foreshore)  
– 31 Dec 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

The Great Ocean Drive  
/ Peak Charles National Park –  
Karrukarrunya / Cape Le Grand  
National Park / Lake Monjingu  
/ Mount Ridley – Marbeleerup

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Spider orchids / Pincushion hakeas  
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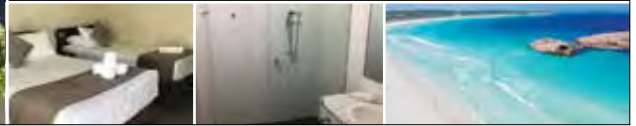
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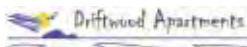
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## SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE



Hammersley Drive, East Mount Barren, Fitzgerald River National Park

Located on the South Coast Highway between Albany and Esperance / Kapa Kurl, the Shire of Ravensthorpe is located within the stunning Fitzgerald Biosphere Coast. The internationally-recognised biosphere reserve is brimming with undiscovered wilderness and easily one of the state's best kept secrets. It is the gateway to one of the largest and most botanically-significant national parks in Australia – Fitzgerald River National Park.

Two-thirds of the Shire of Ravensthorpe is natural bushland, made up of the national park, the Ravensthorpe Range, and reserves – rich in geology and native flora and fauna, including many rare species unique to the area. The coastal scenery of Hopetoun and Munglinup is spectacular, with grand headlands, pristine white beaches and idyllic rockpools for safe swimming.

### RAVENSTHORPE 509KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



Begin at Ravensthorpe Silos followed by a visit to the visitor centre and museum, before venturing on scenic drives around the stunning Ravensthorpe.

#### PLACES TO VISIT

##### The Ravensthorpe Range

The Ravensthorpe Range is a haven for natural attractions, scenic drives and walks. With geological complexity, an abundance of plants, wildflowers and fauna, it has the most eucalyptus species for its size in the world. The rugged range has seemingly endless unspoiled bushland stretching 45km from Ravensthorpe to Kundip. The range is accessible by all vehicles along Archer Drive although 4WD is required to access the remainder of the Range Top Drive. Enjoy sweeping views and picnic spots from Archer Drive Lookout, along

Mt Short Scenic Drive and Mt Madden Scenic Drive.

##### Farm Gate Art Trail

The Farm Gate Art Trail is a great selection of sculptures made from farm scrap metal, dotted around the landscape. A map of their locations and explanation of each work is available on [fitzgeraldcoast.com.au](http://fitzgeraldcoast.com.au)

##### Kukenarup Memorial and Heritage Walk

This memorial and heritage walk is a place for reflection and is one of the first memorials of its kind in Australia to acknowledge the tragic past and help move towards reconciliation.

##### PUBLIC Silo Trail

Visible for miles around, the 25m high mural by renowned artist Amok Island showcases the flowering cycle of a banksia, native to the region and is part of the PUBLIC Silo Trail by FORM.

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Image: Dene Bingham

Starvation Bay

### Railway Heritage Walk Trail

Immerse yourself in this four-section walk track through natural bush. The original railway track was built to connect Ravensthorpe mines to the Hopetoun Port and operated from 1909 to 1935.

## HOPETOUN

558KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



Hopetoun is surrounded by unspoilt wilderness and is the perfect setting for a relaxed, all-year round holiday. September to April is especially ideal to enjoy the 200km of pristine beaches, picturesque scenery, abundance of water activities and the easy access to the Fitzgerald River National Park. Take to boating, windsurfing, swimming, snorkelling, fishing and whale watching while in Hopetoun.

## PLACES TO VISIT

### Jim McCulloch Park

Be sure to check out the family-friendly park, just a stone's throw from the grassy foreshore with gas barbecue, picnic shelters, play equipment, replica railway station and jumping pillow.

### Southern Ocean Road

East from Hopetoun is the scenic Southern Ocean Road which takes in the spectacular coastline, passing several lookout viewing points and access points to many beaches, salt water pools and fishing spots including Two Mile Beach, Five Mile Beach, Twelve Mile Beach, Mason Bay and Starvation Bay.



Endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoos

Image: Graham Richardson

### Mason Bay and Starvation Bay

Take a day trip east of Hopetoun to discover two spectacular bays. Swim, fish, snorkel and play all day or enjoy coastal camping at its finest. Each has boat launching points and snow white beaches you won't want to leave.

## MUNGLINUP

590KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



Munglinup Beach forms a lagoon that is protected by a reef and here you can swim or snorkel, enjoy the underwater world or just relax on the beach. If you are looking for a secluded beach you needn't go any further, you'll find it here. Just a short distance away, Lake Shaster and the Oldfield Estuary are renowned havens for rare and unusual birds. The Oldfield Estuary area offers visitors plenty of activities including canoeing, small boating, kayaking, nature bush walks, wildflower viewing and fishing.



Image: Dene Bingham

Kukenerup Memorial

## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

- Hopetoun Summer Festival — Jan 2024
- Hopetoun Annual Fishing Classic — 1-2 March 2024
- Hopetoun Local Markets — 1st Sunday of each month
- Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show and Spring Festival — 9-21 Sept
- Ravensthorpe Enduro Club Rat Run (Motorcross) — Oct 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Fitzgerald River NP / Farm Gate Art / Ravensthorpe Silos / Ravensthorpe Range / Walk Trails / Philips River Canoe Trail

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Royal Hakea / Qualup Bell / Barrens Regelia / Scarlet Banksia / White Spider Orchid / Queen of Sheba / Lemann's Banksia



### RAVENSTHORPE VISITOR CENTRE AND MUSEUM

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Camel Roundabout

Shire of  
**DUNDAS**

**THE NULLARBOR PLAIN** is somewhat of a rite of passage for Australians. One of the country's most epic road trips, it extends from the town of Norseman through to the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia. There are seven main stops along this route between Norseman and the border with South Australia – Fraser Range, Balladonia, Caiguna, Cocklebiddy, Madura, Mundrabilla, and finally Eucla, just 11km from the South Australian border. This is a harsh and unique landscape, home to various

wildlife, including wombats, wedge-tailed eagles, and whales. Crossing the plain is one of the world's great road adventures with plenty to see.

**PLACES TO VISIT**

**NORSEMAN**

726km east of Perth



Located in the southeast of WA, the town of Norseman is the gateway to Western Australia. The Shire of Dundas has a diverse landscape, home to remote and

rugged coastlines, the famous Nullarbor Plain, spectacular granite outcrops and vast sparkling salt lakes. Norseman also sits in the heart of the ecologically significant Great Western Woodlands, the world's largest, untouched temperate woodlands. The Ngadju and Mirning people are the traditional owners of the land. Aboriginal cultural heritage draws visitors to the region to learn about and experience local Ngadju and Mirning culture through tours, arts and sharing of knowledge and heritage. Gold was Norseman's original claim to fame when prospector Laurie Sinclair and his horse Norseman passed through only 20km north of the original Dundas townsite. When his horse went lame, Sinclair discovered that the piece of rock lodged in Norseman's hoof was gold-bearing. Excited by his lucky find, he continued prospecting, resulting in a major find that sparked a gold rush and established a town named after his trusty horse. Gold has been mined ever since.



**Norseman Woodlands Cultural, Community and Visitor Centre**

The Woodlands Centre is a must-see with friendly staff ready to welcome you to Norseman.

Whether seeking information, enjoying the interpretive displays, watching the murals come to life with AR technology, or shopping for a souvenir to show off after your travels, the Woodlands Centre has everything you need.

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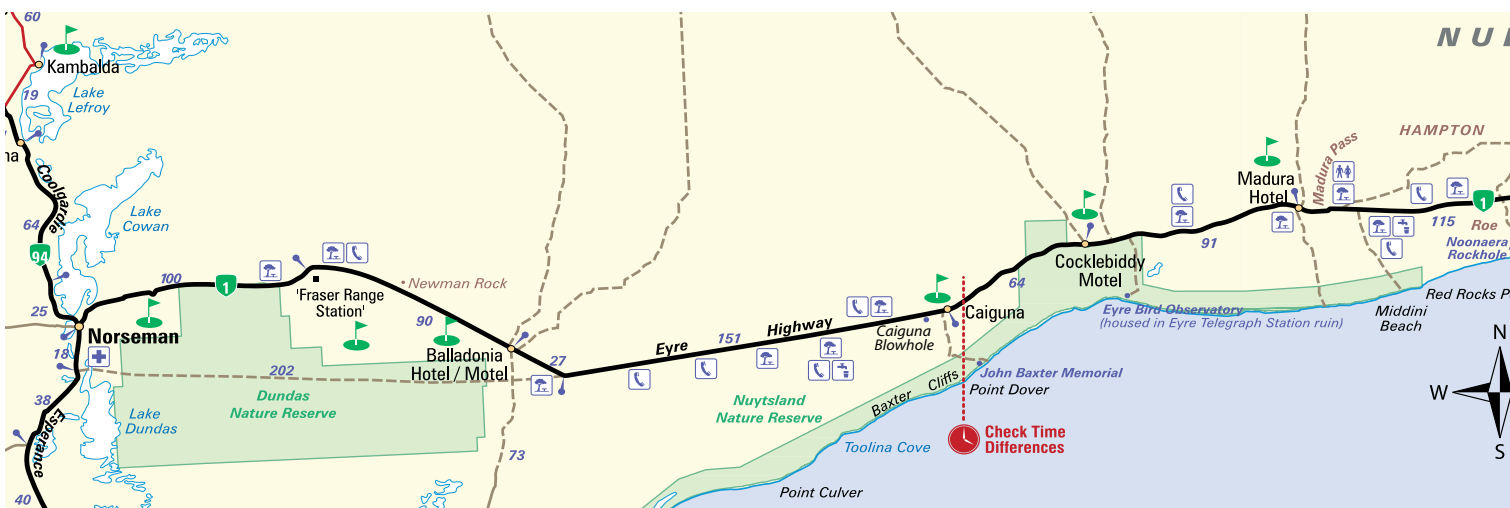
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## BALLADONIA

111KM EAST OF NORSEMAN



Balladonia is a small roadhouse community offering an important rest stop for travellers traversing the plain. Balladonia Roadhouse includes a restaurant, bar, motel and caravan park. While passing through visit the Cultural Heritage Museum with Skylab debris and interactive displays.

## CAIGUNA

180KM EAST OF BALLADONIA



Caiguna is a small roadhouse community and a 146.6km stretch of the highway, being one of the longest straight stretches of road in the world. Find the Caiguna Blowhole 5km west of town.

## COCKLEBIDDY

66KM EAST OF CAIGUNA



Cocklebiddy lies on the southern edge of

Western Australia's vast sheep grazing belt. Visit Australia's first bird observatory here, the Eyre Bird Observatory, which offers a delightful retreat for nature lovers. The observatory requires advance bookings (call 08 9039 3450) with access by 4WD only.

## MADURA

91KM EAST OF COCKLEBIDDY



Madura was settled as a pastoral homestead in about 1876. Stop at Madura Roadhouse before visiting the Madura Pass Lookout for a rare vantage point of the sweeping plains.

## MUNDRABILLA

115KM EAST OF MADURA



Mundrabilla Roadhouse offers fuel, accommodation, food and the world's longest golf course, Nullarbor Links Golf Course. This picturesque location along the escarpment is also the site of Australia's biggest meteorite.

## EUCLA

62KM WEST OF MUNDRABILLA



Eucla is the final stop within WA before crossing the border to SA. This tiny settlement is home to service station, hotel-motel, caravan park and golf course. The old, desolated Telegraph Station here is an iconic image of the Nullarbor — a reminder of the lonely, harsh environment.

## AT A GLANCE

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

The Norseman Museum / Tin Camel Roundabout / Nullarbor Links / Granite and Woodlands Discovery Trail / Norseman Woodlands Cultural, Community & Visitor Centre / Dundas Heritage Trail & Dundas Rocks

### STOPS ALONG THE PLAIN

Norseman / Balladonia / Caiguna / Cocklebiddy / Madura / Mundrabilla / Eucla

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Sturt Desert Pea / Eremophila / Wattle / Orchids / Everlastings



### NORSEMAN VISITOR CENTRE

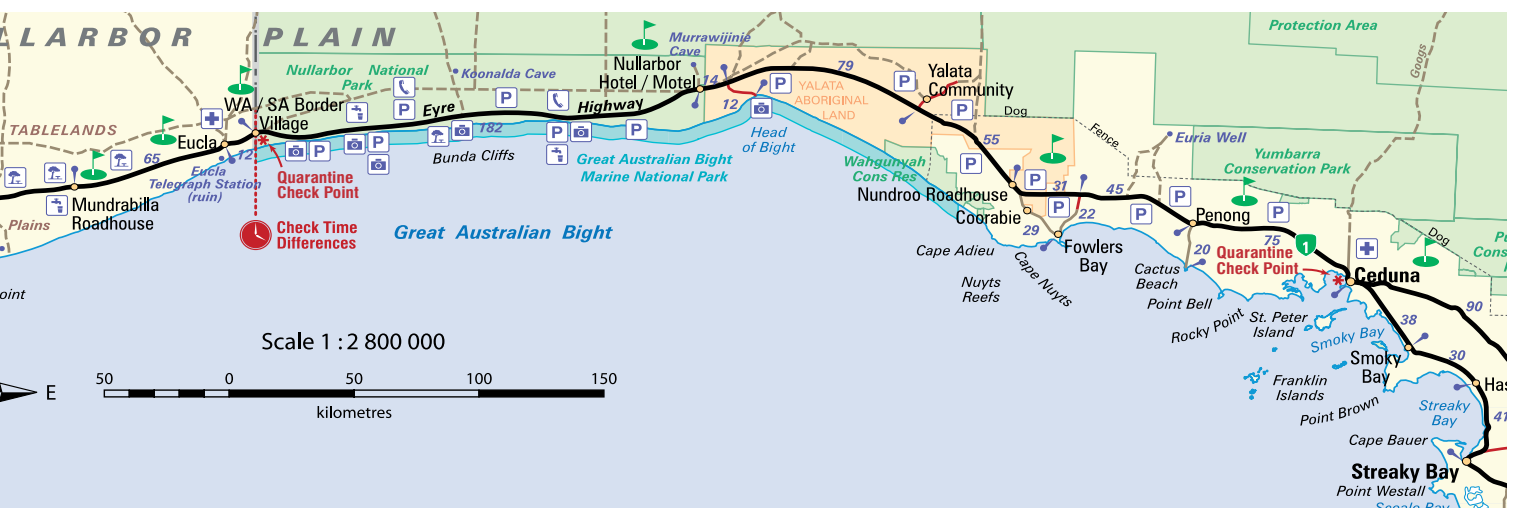
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# The GASCOYNE MURCHISON

## TOP THINGS

### *to See & Do*



- ✓ Walk on Mount Augustus / Burringurrah, Australia's largest rock
- ✓ Experience true outback hospitality at a station stay
- ✓ Discover the geological heritage of the Murchison GeoRegion
- ✓ Explore ancient landscapes on an Outback Pathway Road Trip
- ✓ Dress up and attend a bush race event
- ✓ Unearth the intriguing history of the Big Bell ghost town in Cue
- ✓ Admire a chandelier of stars from your swag
- ✓ Visit the gallery of Aboriginal rock paintings at Walga Rock
- ✓ Camp out in Kennedy Range National Park / Mundatharrda
- ✓ Swim in the oasis of Bilung Pool / Birlungardi

## STORYTOWNS

Download the Storytowns app to access a location-based audio guide of the Gascoyne Murchison.





Stretching across the vast expanses of Western Australia, the Gascoyne Murchison region is a land of contrasts, where sweeping outback landscapes meet ancient geological wonders and a rich pastoral history thrives. This enchanting region, off the beaten track, is a treasure trove for intrepid travellers and those yearning for a taste of true Australian outback adventure.

At the heart of Gascoyne Murchison lies an ever-changing topography. Rugged ranges, dramatic riverbeds, and vast stretches of red desert sand under the endless blue sky captivate visitors. **The Kennedy Range** and **Mount Augustus** – or **Mundatharra** and **Burringurrah**, as they are known to the local Yamatji people – are must-visit sites. Mount Augustus is particularly awe-inspiring, standing as the world's largest monocline and twice the size of Uluru. It changes colours throughout the day, showcasing shades of deep red, orange, and pink as the sun journeys across the sky. Every year the massive rock is the fitting venue for Australia's Biggest BBQ when the **Gascoyne Food Festival** celebrates the best of the bush.

Stepping into Gascoyne Murchison is like traveling back in time. The region's pastoral and gold mining history is palpable, with the stories of yesteryears echoing in ghost towns and heritage buildings. The gold-rush town of Cue, home to the iconic Queen of Murchison Guest House, offers a peek into the 19th-century gold boom, with its well-preserved colonial architecture. Similarly, towns like Meekatharra and Yalgoo also provide an insight into the region's rich mining past.

The Gascoyne Murchison region holds deep significance for the Indigenous people of the area. Rock engravings, sacred sites, and ancient art provide an insight into the millennia-old history and culture of the Aboriginal people. At **Walga Rock**, visitors can witness one of Western Australia's largest galleries

of Aboriginal rock paintings, narrating stories of the land and its ancestors. The main surviving language of the Gascoyne Murchison is Wadjari, originally spoken in the eastern Murchison area. While a number of languages were spoken in the region, the people all referred to themselves as Yamatji. Today, they refer to the language they speak as the Yamatji language.

The region, despite its seemingly harsh climate, is teeming with unique wildlife and flora. During the wildflower season, usually between July and October, the landscapes are transformed into a colourful carpet of blooms that can be admired all around, – best experienced on an immersive wildflower road trip like **Road to the Rock**.

For those with an adventurous spirit, Gascoyne Murchison is a playground. From challenging 4WD tracks, winding through the outback, to serene spots for camping under the starlit skies, there's an experience waiting at every corner. **The Wool Wagon Pathway** is an iconic drive, taking visitors through an epic journey of the region's highlights. Don't forget to hop out of the car to stretch your legs on one of the region's many walking trails and inspiring hikes.

The **Murchison GeoRegion Trail** is another trophy in the region's road trip treasure chest, showcasing the significant natural, cultural and geological heritage of the area and easily explored from the region's towns and the **Outback Pathways**. Download the Murchison GeoRegion app which takes you on a journey of 21 significant sites, through a unique and ancient landscape full of stories that reach back almost to the earth's beginning, some 4.54 billion years ago.

A visit to Gascoyne Murchison would be incomplete without becoming immersed in the pastoral lifestyle. Stations like **Wooleen Station** and **Melangata Station** offer stays where visitors can get a firsthand experience of local station life. Enjoy campfire dinners

under the vast southern sky by night for an unforgettable glimpse into the heart of Australian outback living.

Gascoyne Murchison is not just a destination; it's an experience. It beckons travellers with its untouched beauty, rich history, and the promise of adventure.

## How to Get There

### By Road:

The Gascoyne Murchison has a good network of sealed and all-weather roads. There are also the gazetted Outback Pathway trails that make for an enjoyable self-drive adventure.

### By Air:

Skippers flies regular air services from Perth to Wiluna, Meekatharra and Mount Magnet.

**Tel:** 1300 729 924.

### By Coach:

Transwa operates coaches to a number of the Gascoyne-Murchison towns - including Yalgoo, Mount Magnet, Cue and Meekatharra.

**Tel:** 1300 662 205.

## TOP TRAILS

**Cue's Heritage Trail** (2.7km)

**Meeka Lookout**, Meekatharra (2.5km)

**Mount Magnet Heritage Trail**

**The Granites**, Mount Magnet

**Telephone Line Trail**,  
Wooleen Station (20km)

**Sandstone Heritage Trail**

**The Summit Trail**, Beedoboonda,  
Mount Augustus (12.5km)

**Petroglyph Trail**, Mundee,  
Mt Augustus NP (0.2km)

# Journey to the STARS

Experience serene stillness under sheer dark sky while unravelling stories of the stars in Gascoyne Murchison.

By CAITLIN SCOTT



Wooramulla Eco Cultural Journeys

In the Gascoyne Murchison region, as the sun dips below the glowing horizon, endless constellations light up the sky. It's one of the few places left where you can stand in silence, enveloped by the sheer darkness of an ancient landscape, and become absorbed by the stars.

Scattered around the region, guided stargazing explorations and remote station stays, where the milky way paints the sky at night, provide endless opportunity to admire the stars in all their glory. The tour guides and station stay owners that are blessed year-round, share their insights into what makes the sky here quite so spectacular.

## MELANGATA STATION STAY

North of Yalgoo, you'll find Melangata Station – a small property by the region's standard, at a mere 125,000 acres, and a true treasure for admiring natural lightshows at night.

To stay at Melangata and marvel at the stars, self-contained glamping tents, unpowered campsites, and bed and breakfast stays within its historic



Wooleen Station

homestead are all available options.

Once her guests have had a chance to settle in, Jo Clew, owner of Melangata Station, typically seizes the opportunity on the second eve to suggest, 'How would you like to go out for dinner tonight?'

She pauses to enjoy their quizzical looks,

before explaining that she's talking about packing up the dinner and going outdoors for their meal. There, the post-dinner performance differs from those found in the city theatres, and exceeds all expectations.

"Even just sitting around the campfire at night, especially with the new moon, you can just look up and the stars are absolutely magnificent," Jo says.

Sometimes guests will take matters into their own hands and carry the verandah furniture out onto the lawn, says Jo, where they can recline and watch the star display at their own pace. However, during the new moon, the station runs dark sky tours in the early evening that are well worth experiencing.

## WOOLEEN STATION

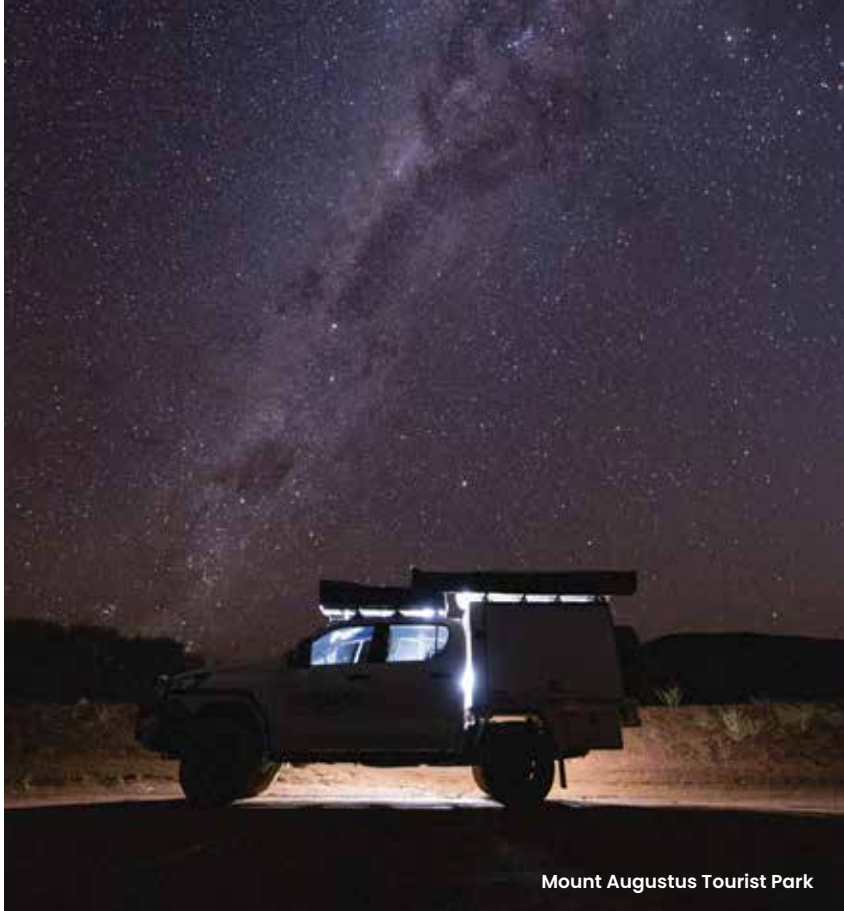
About 200 kilometres from the nearest town and sitting on 331,000 acres, Wooleen Station is a community of its own – an outback haven of historic buildings and lush gardens, run on a philosophy of mindfulness, slowing down, and genuine connection.

As the station is completely off-

grid, without any streetlights, all you have to do is step away from the buildings and the night sky comes alive. About 100 metres away from the homestead, there are wooden benches positioned next to a vintage steam engine, which station owner Frances Pollock suggests as the spot to sit with a glass of wine, while allowing the desert stillness to welcome an otherworldly expanse of stars.

"Often people talk about how small they feel, when they sit out there and consider their place in the universe. Some people find that a terrifying thought, but for so many, it's a really humbling feeling," says Frances. "We're all little specks of stardust that are going to come and go from this world."

The station has three accommodation options, offering various styles of stays to experience the sky — a hosted and catered experience at the National Trust-listed central homestead, self-contained stays in rammed earth guest houses, and nature-based camping based 16 kilometres away on the banks of the Murchison River.



Mount Augustus Tourist Park

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Guided tours of the station encompassing such things as the listed wetlands of Wooleen Lake, seasonal wildflowers, Aboriginal heritage, colonial history, and spectacular granite outcrops. Learn how the Pollock family are now working towards making Wooleen an ecologically sustainable enterprise.

Wooleen Station is situated on the Twin Peaks-Wooleen Rd in the Shire of Murchison, 690km north east of Perth, Western Australia. Access is via bitumen and gravel roads. Fuel supplies can be obtained from the Murchison Roadhouse, 37km north of the Homestead. Flying brings the outback to within 90 minutes of the city and two airstrips are available for aircraft, private or chartered.

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## MOUNT AUGUSTUS TOURIST PARK

In the remote north of the Gascoyne Murchison, Mount Augustus Tourist Park sits beside the backdrop of Mount Augustus / Burringarrah — the largest monocline rock in the world and is twice the size of Uluru. About 300 kilometres from the nearest town, the tourist park is a place to fully decompress and connect with the vast landscape surrounding your campsite.

This far into the desert, there aren't clear seasons, and after months without rain the skies develop a crisp clarity. So, even without a telescope, you can just relax in your camping chair, and watch shooting stars and passing satellites.

With the earth around you bathed in blackness, the depths of space feel close and tangible. As the tourist park manager, Sally Kingdon, says, "It's a pretty special place, it sort of gets into your soul."

There are cabins, both unpowered and powered sites, and a bar and restaurant that's open between April and September — often a spot to gather at outdoor tables and watch the stars appear above.

## GASCOYNE JUNCTION

One of the central points of the region, Gascoyne Junction is a town lit by 18 street lights — the only street lights to be seen, within an area of 58,000 sq km — so it's no wonder the opportunities for seeing stars here are glowing. The pastime is so active in this remote

part of the world, the council has even recently introduced a weekly stargazing experience on the town oval.

"Our light pollution is pretty much non-existent, and we get to stand here every night and it just feels like the stars are reaching down to touch us," says Ainsley Hardie, the tourism and community development officer for the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

A team of volunteers, trained by experts from the Perth Observatory, lead the stargazing experience, showing visitors how to use the telescope while pointing out planets, stars, nebulas, and constellations that leave all awestruck.

Ainsley recalls one spectacular eve where, "We took the team from Perth Observatory up around the Kennedy Loop track, with telescopes strapped very carefully in the back of utes. There were 36 of us that sat out under the

stars in Kennedy Range National Park, and we were able to see Jupiter and Saturn, just in the absolute silence of the night. The quiet — it's just otherworldly."

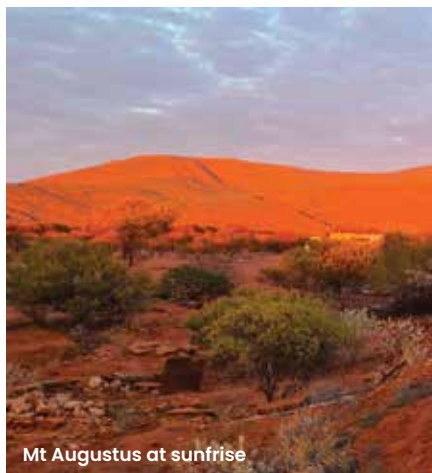
## WOORAMULLA ECO CULTURAL JOURNEYS

In the vast expanses of Gascoyne Junction, where the skies are painted with the masterstrokes of the universe, Yinggarda woman Rennee Turner beckons all who yearn for a connection to the stars. At the helm of Wooramulla Eco Cultural Journeys, Rennee has masterfully combined her rich Indigenous cultural knowledge with her passion for the cosmos—and created Star Story Tours.

Each tour is a bespoke experience, curated on request. Visitors are greeted in town, where, over the span of a few hours and with the gleam of her laser pointer, Rennee meticulously traces the constellations, diving into fascinating Yinggarda cultural insights that give deeper meaning to the sky.

As onlookers peer through one of her two telescopes, they can witness the moon progressing across the sky. The other telescope follows Rennee's discussion, positioning gazers to spot constellations, uncover galaxies, and delve into the intricacies of the universe as she weaves illuminating Indigenous astronomy into her narration.

"People say that it's an Indigenous story, but no, what I say is it's our Indigenous science. We've had westernised science for hundreds of years, whereas our science has been around for tens of thousands of years," says Rennee.



Mt Augustus at sunrise

## Melangata

### STATION STAY

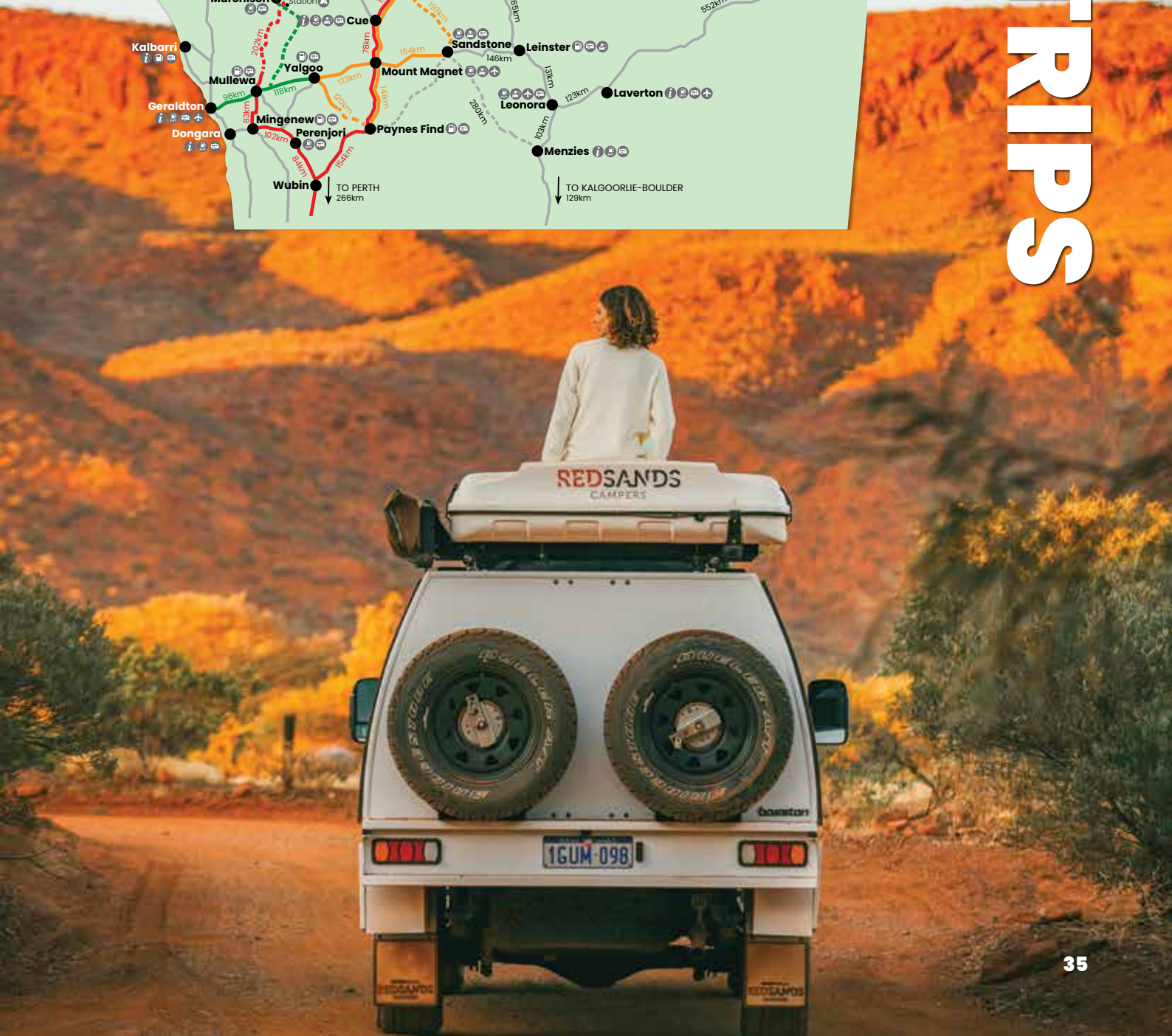
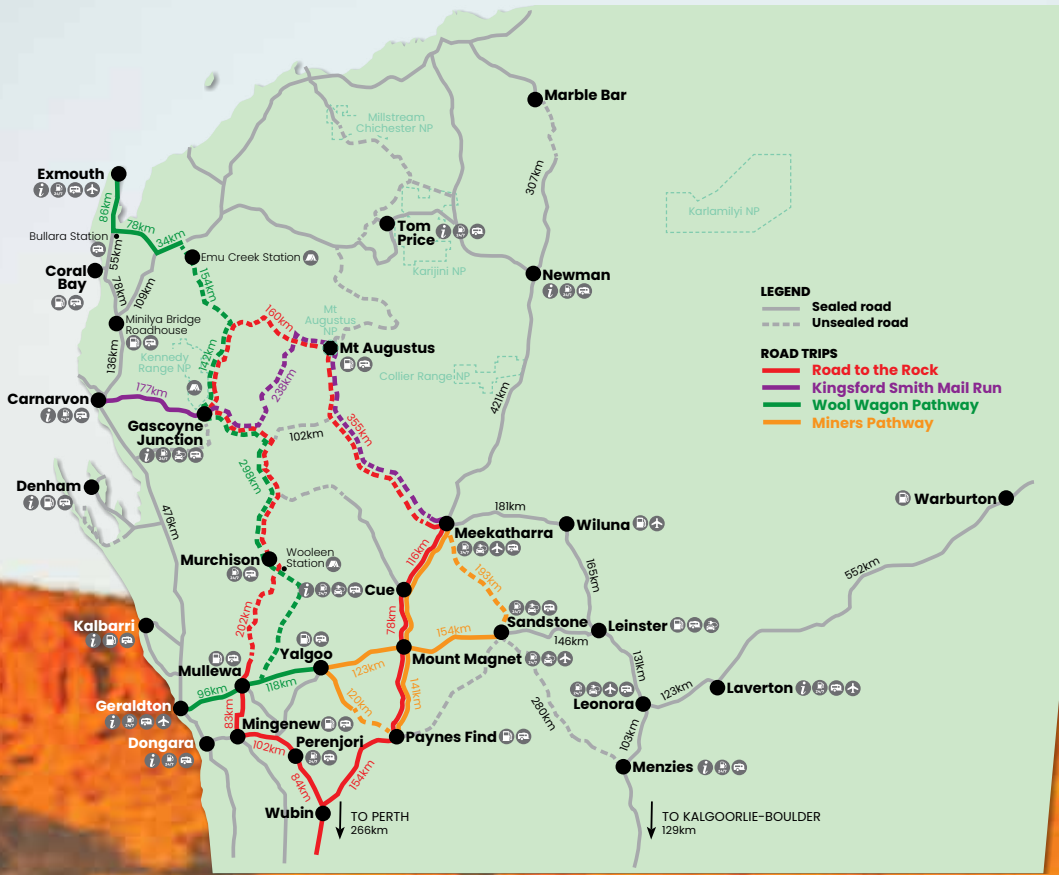
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*Gascoyne Murchison*

# ROAD TRIPS





Cue, Image: Aaron Green



Bilung Pool



### ROAD TO THE ROCK

9 days | Sealed and unsealed roads

**Shires on your journey:**

*Dalwallinu, Yalgoo, Mount Magnet, Cue, Meekatharra, Upper Gascoyne, Murchison, Mullewa, Mingenew, Perenjori*

This adventurous, rugged road trip takes you more than 1,000km north of Perth.

You'll weave your way through gorgeous country towns, historical sites, station stays and carpets of seasonal wildflowers before arriving at the world's biggest rock, Mount Augustus.

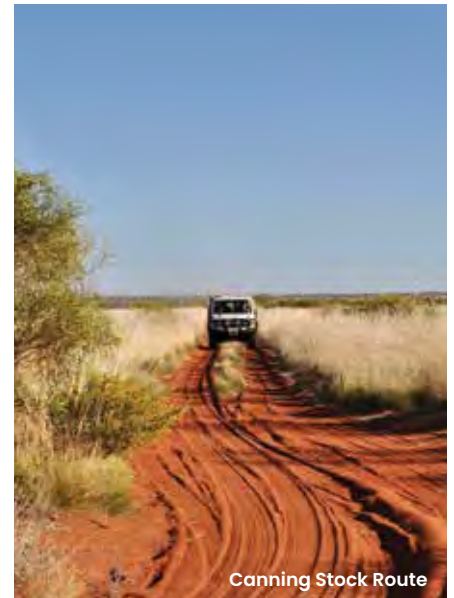
You'll venture through historic towns like Paynes Find, Mount Magnet, Cue and Meekatharra, seeing amazing natural

attractions like the Aboriginal rock art at Walga Rock. In springtime, this area is ablaze with a kaleidoscope of wildflowers.

At Mount Augustus National Park, the colours of the landscape change from chalky white soils and fields of olive-coloured shrub to a dark, ruby red moonscape. The park is a lush outback paradise with swimming holes, ancient rock art and a buzzing outback village.

Mount Augustus is the star of this road trip. At 1,700 million years old, it's three times older than Uluru and twice its size.

There are a number of walking trails around the base, and a summit trail if you're up for a climb with epic views



Canning Stock Route



### CANNING STOCK ROUTE

15 days | 4WD Track

**Shires on your journey:** *Wiluna*

Internationally recognised as one of Australia's most iconic journeys, The Canning Stock Route runs from Halls Creek in the Kimberley region to Wiluna in the Northern Goldfields.

Stretching 1,850km, it is the longest historic stock route in the world and is perfect for experienced off-roaders. Permits are required and travelling with another vehicle or in a convoy is recommended.

It's a route steeped in history – from both an Aboriginal and a pioneer perspective – and you'll notice this in

every kilometre. You'll cross four deserts on the way: the Little Sandy, Gibson, Great Sandy, and Tanami. Along the way you'll see amazing outback scenery of sand ridges stretching to the horizon, spinifex grasslands, narrow gorges, sheer cliffs, ancient Aboriginal art sites, and engravings left by the explorers and drovers of old.



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WEST AUSTRALIAN  
**STATION STAYS**





### WOOL WAGON PATHWAY

3 days | Unsealed roads

**Shires on your journey:** Mullewa, Yalgoo, Murchison, Upper Gascoyne, Exmouth

This trail epitomises the Australian Outback. The drive takes you from Geraldton through the Gascoyne Murchison up to Exmouth in the Coral Coast, passing through historic and timeless towns like Pindar and Murchison Settlement. Camp along the way or get a taste for life on the land by enjoying one of the many station stay options. There are wide open spaces, historic homesteads and lots of attractions to enjoy on this adventure, including a natural spring, seashell fossils and gorgeous picnic spots. Take in the beauty of the Kennedy Ranges; some 75km of cliffs, canyons and wildlife. Finish your trip in Exmouth with an experience on the spectacular Ningaloo Reef and witness majestic whale sharks in season.

### OTHER ROAD TRIPS TO EXPLORE

**Kingsford Smith Mail Run** | 3 days (unsealed roads)

**Miners Pathway** | 4 days (sealed/unsealed roads)

Scan the QR code for more insights.



Kennedy Range

# GENUINE OUTBACK HOSPITALITY

## YOU DESERVE IT

Plan a stay at the grand old Queen of the Murchison Guest House and soak in the history of Cue. Admire the preserved buildings, fossick for gold, photograph amazing sunsets. Owner Joyce Penny has created a fresh and homely environment for travellers and workers.

Address: 53 Austin St, Cue 6640 | T: (08) 9963 1625  
E: info@queenofthemurchison.com.au | W: www.queenofthemurchison.com.au



The Masonic Lodge through Brockman Park

## CUE 61.9KM NORTH OF PERTH



**K**nown as 'Queen of the Murchison' because of its importance in the gold production of the area, Cue makes a fascinating starting point to explore the Murchison and Goldfields regions of Western Australia.

As legend has it, Cue came about thanks to a gold find by prospector Mick Fitzgerald who spotted an Aboriginal man called 'Governor' with a 10-ounce nugget around his neck. The prospector asked where the nugget was found and on New Year's Day 1892, he was led to a quartz hill in Cue's town centre bearing gold. The quartz blow is still visible today, located behind the fire station. Cue is ready to delight tourists with attractions ranging from charming 19th century gold rush era buildings to 10,000-year-old Aboriginal rock art.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Aboriginal Art – Walga Rock

Situated 48km west of Cue, this huge granite monolith known as Walga Rock is of deep Aboriginal cultural and spiritual significance. The most unusual art depicts a sailing ship in white ochre with masts, rigging and portholes.

#### The Cue Historical Photograph Collection

Step back in time to the wild gold rush days of Cue's past with a journey among the collection of historical photos on display in the Cue Shire Administration

Building. Built in 1895, it was once home to the London and Western Australian Investment Company offices, and later the Gentlemen's Club.

#### Nallan Lake

Nallan Lake is a nature reserve and during periods of heavy winter rains transforms into a favoured picnic spot.

#### Old Cemetery

About 4km east along the Sandstone Road, view a cluster of graves from the late 1890s. It is thought that nine graves were moved here from their original burial sites in 1897 to make way for the railway station.

#### Old Gaol

Located in the Cue Tourist Park, the Old Gaol was built in 1896 and was a temporary home to prisoners being transported from outback lock ups in the north until its official closure in 1914.

#### Cue Heritage Centre

Located behind the Cue Community & Visitor Centre the Heritage Centre is a museum full of memorabilia and showcases the history of Cue.

#### Masonic Lodge

Built in 1899 from timber and galvanised iron, the Masonic Lodge is said to be the biggest free standing, double story corrugated iron construction in the southern hemisphere. It is subject to many a ghost story!

## ATA GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Australia Day Fireworks – 26 Jan 2024  
 Monthly Community Markets – Feb to Sept 2024  
 Anzac Day Ceremony – 25 April 2024  
 Free Community Concerts – April to Sept 2024  
 Town Christmas Party – Dec 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Cue Heritage Centre / Walga Rock / Big Bell / The Masonic Lodge / Great Fingall Mine Office

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Everlastings / Pink Mulla Mulla / Eremophilas (The Emu Bush) / Bush Tomatoes / Eremophila rostrata  
 Chinnock Subs Rostrata



### CUE COMMUNITY & VISITOR CENTRE, CUE HERITAGE CENTRE

72 Austin Street, Cue

**T:** (08) 9963 1198

**E:** info@cuecrc.net.au

**W:** cuecrc.net.au

### Cue Hospital Ruins

The hospital served the old Day Dawn township and started as a canvas and bough shed in July 1892. In 1895 a sturdier structure was built from local stone. Today several walls from this building remain, as do the ruins of the chimney from the hospital's crematorium.

### Great Fingall Mine

The Great Fingall Mine Site Office is another turn-of-the-century structure that is a truly magnificent example of the buildings of this period. Interestingly, Herbert Hoover, President of the USA, worked in this building.

### Big Bell

The ghost town of Big Bell, situated approximately 30km north-west of town was gazetted in 1936 and soon after became the terminus of a spur line from the main railway in Cue. The town was deserted by the mid-1950s. The hotel reputedly had the longest bar in Australia and the remains of this once impressive structure are still standing.





## MEEKATHARRA

764KM NORTH OF PERTH



**M**eekatharra is an historic outback town with so much to see and do. A busy regional hub located 764km north of Perth, Meekatharra is a friendly place to refresh and refuel on your Golden Outback adventure.

Pastoral and prospecting settlement began in the late 1800s, changing the rangelands landscape and the rich Aboriginal culture of the area. The town was gazetted in 1903 and named Meekatharra after the first mine was registered there in 1894.

The Shire of Meekatharra wonderfully displays the Murchison GeoRegion's ancient lands and brilliant skies with a wealth of fascinating geological formations, mind-blowing stargazing opportunities and significant cultural elements. You can obtain information brochures at the Visitor Centre. Features include the Rangelands Discovery Trail along the town creek, a lookout, and the Meekatharra Drive Trail, which takes in the famous racecourse "at the end of the earth," spectacular views of open cut mining pits, and more.

Meekatharra is an RV-friendly town with potable water and a chemical toilet dump located at the 'Welcome Park' on Main Street. It also boasts a hospital, chemist, and GP clinic as well as visiting dental and specialist services, a post office, and 24-hour fuel. 'Meeka' has a state-of-the-art small wheels park behind the supermarket,

and playground at the town oval. The centrally located town pool is an oasis for all with family-friendly facilities.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Peace Gorge

Free camping is permitted at Peace Gorge, just 3km from town. The site is named after a picnic held for service people returning from WWI. However, it is also a registered Aboriginal heritage site with many cultural uses. This beautiful area of the shared country is popular for weddings, town celebrations, and get-togethers.

#### Prospecting

Prospecting is a popular pastime, and many locals have their own leases. Venture out bush and discover traces of the past, including Garden Gully, where you can see the remains of kerosene tin 'humpies'.

## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Meeka Outback Festival –  
21-23 Sept 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Peace Gorge / Museum / Drive and Walk Trails / Gold Mining Pits and Prospecting / Wildflowers and Wildlife

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Mulla Mulla / Native Hops / Flannel Bush / Cotton Bush / Various Eremophila



### MEEKATHARRA SHIRE OFFICE

Corner Main & Savage Street,  
Meekatharra

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### Respecting People and Country

There are untold cultural sites with locations passed on from the Traditional Owners who can read the ancient signposts. If you want to learn more about the Aboriginal history and culture of the area, just ask – there is usually an Elder who will be happy to explain aspects of their country and culture.

### Lloyd's Plaza

Refurbished in recent years, this town jewel encompasses a bakery, shops, and the Visitor Centre.



### Unique outback glamping in the heart of the spectacular Karijini National Park

Karijini Eco Retreat is one of Australia's leading eco-tourism attractions, situated in WA's second largest national park. Nestled at the edge of Joffre Gorge, stay in safari-style eco tents, eco cabins or campsites, and dine at the outback restaurant. Spend your days fuelled by adventure, exploring breathtaking gorges, swimming under waterfalls, marvelling at colourful wildflowers, admiring starry night skies and indulging in delicious food and wine.

**(08) 9286 1731**  
[www.karjiniecoretreat.com.au](http://www.karjiniecoretreat.com.au)



**MOUNT MAGNET**  
560KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH



**M**ount Magnet is the gateway to one of the world's natural geoparks. It's located at the Magnetic Centre of Australia's Golden Outback, on the Murchison GeoRegion Geo Trail and Gascoyne-Murchison Miner's Pathway. With accessible, awe-inspiring geology of the Murchison GeoRegion, three geosites and overarching dark skies – it is the perfect place for landscape and deep space astrophotography. Discover ancient landscapes, learn of Aboriginal culture, discover the history of early pastoralism from 1878 and visit the longest operating gold mining centre (open since 1891) when visiting Mount Magnet. Services include a visitor centre, swimming pool and fitness centre, caravan park, station stays, hotel-motels, new units, a post office, mines office, police station,

medical services, a supermarket, butcher, hardware store with Muzz Buzz coffee, Centrelink, a library, internet, a mechanic, Swagman Roadhouse, an airport and more.

**PLACES TO VISIT**

**Mining and Pastoral Museum**

Located at the Mount Magnet Visitor Centre, the Mining and Pastoral Museum is considered one of the best regional museums in Australia with extraordinary exhibits, including Rabbit Proof Fence exhibit, Hill 50 Gold Mine Winder and Miners Tribute. See the new Genestream Songlines Mural here. While at the visitor centre peruse the locally-connected gifts on offer and ask for travel advice.

**Heritage Walk**

Take a trip back in time where stories of pioneer pastoralists, grand gold rush days and Government Proclamations are revealed through buildings and new public art sites unique to Mount Magnet. The New Rock Room Display, housed at the restored historic State School (Cnr Attwood and Naughton Streets), is a curated selection of Ron Ashlin's rock collection.

**Tourist Drive Trail**

Take a 37km drive or cycle through famous gold mining areas, scenic lookout, ghost town and spectacular outback scenery, including two geosites.

**Warrambo Hill Lookout**

See spectacular views across open cut mines and the township to far horizons.

*At a Glance*

**WHAT'S ON**

New Astro Rocks Festival – Sept 2024  
Mount Magnet Races – Sept 2024  
Markets – fortnightly

**TOP ATTRACTIONS**

Tourist Drive / Amphitheatre / The Granites / Mining and Pastoral Museum / Genestreams Songlines mural

**WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER**

Mulla Mulla / Eremophila / Flannel Bush / Desert Kurrajong in summer



**MOUNT MAGNET VISITOR CENTRE**

Southern entrance to town on the Great Northern Highway  
39 Hepburn Street, Mount Magnet  
**T:** (08) 9963 4172  
**E:** visitor@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au  
**W:** mtmagnet.wa.gov.au

**Amphitheatre**

Part of the Murchison GeoRegion Trail, view extraordinary ancient waterfall rock formations that are the ideal surrounds for landscape astrophotography. No camping permitted.

**The Granites**

Fascinating historical evidence of ancient Aboriginal presence is revealed and celebrated at The Granites, a Geo Trail site of Aboriginal rock art and place of cultural significance for the Badimia tribe. Stunning at sunset.

**Mount Magnet Visitor Centre  
Mining & Pastoral Museum**



Mt Magnet Visitor Centre, with entry into Mining & Pastoral Museum is the best place to visit for information, regional geo-tourism, heritage, Aboriginal & astronomy interest. Local, regional, state-wide information. Heritage walk & drive trail maps. Wirnda Barna Art. Internet. WIFI. Gift shop. MWA & rare orbicular granite display. "Treasures of the Earth" rock collection.

Southern Entrance to Mt Magnet, Great Northern Hwy  
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**Mount Magnet Genestreams  
Songlines Mural**



Before you visit – take a deep dive into multiple stories about Mount Magnet's diverse cross cultural perspectives about ecology, geology, and deep time history of the region. Informed by scientists and locals through art, this one of a kind mural on display at the Mount Magnet Visitor Centre – reveals Mount Magnet as never before.

Discover more on [www.sciart.com.au](http://www.sciart.com.au)  
Artist Residency and Public Art pages  
2021 Mount Magnet.



**Mount Magnet Caravan Park**



A welcome stay with friendly service, clean, tidy facilities in pleasant surrounds. Modern ablutions, washing machines, dump point, gas, powered sites, grassed tent sites powered/unpowered. Cabins (no kitchen facilities) linen provided. Campers kitchen, electric BBQ, full kitchen facilities with outdoor setting. Close to shops, post office & parks. Disabled access.

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# murchison georegion

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

*Ancient lands.  
Brilliant skies.*

The Murchison GeoRegion Trail takes you on a journey through a unique and ancient landscape full of stories that reach back almost to the Earth's beginning some 4.54 billion years ago.

The self-drive trail visits 21 sites of natural and cultural significance in a region where you can develop a deeper understanding and connection with the land.

## WITNESS

the result of colliding continents, long-gone oceans and destructive meteorites, and marvel at the spectacular rock formations created by these massive geological forces.

## DISCOVER

the unique native flora and fauna of the Murchison region and be treated to dazzling displays of wildflowers every July to September.

## CONNECT

with culture, stories and legends that map thousands of years of human history.

## LEARN

about Western Australia's largest gallery of Aboriginal rock art, the stories behind gold exploration and pastoralism in the Murchison or explore the remains of a fine brewery carved deep into the rock.

All this and more awaits you as you explore the Murchison GeoRegion.



## ASK A LOCAL!

Driving one of the Outback Pathways or experiencing a Station Stay on your travels in the Murchison GeoRegion? Contact one of our local Visitor Information Centres for information and advice.

- Cue – 08 9963 1198
- Meekatharra – 08 9980 1811
- Mount Magnet – 08 9963 4172
- Murchison – 08 9961 3875
- Sandstone – 08 9963 5061
- Wiluna – 08 9981 8009
- Yalgoo – 08 9962 8042

## MORE INFORMATION

Go to [www.murchisongeoregion.com](http://www.murchisongeoregion.com) to learn more and download the Trail Guide and free app.



Murchison Shire Office

## MURCHISON SETTLEMENT

669KM NORTH OF PERTH



It doesn't get any more outback than the Shire of Murchison. The 'Ancient Lands Under Brilliant Skies' are home to sprawling pastoral stations, abundant wildlife, and seasonal wildflower displays, yet very few people. The shire covers an area of 49,500 sq km with a population of just 153.

The hub of the shire is the Murchison Settlement, home to around 20 people. Murchison Shire is home to incredible sophisticated technology at Inyarrimanha Ilgari Bundara, the CSIRO Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory. The observatory hosts world-leading radio telescopes exploring the history of the universe, including the global SKA-Low telescope, currently under construction by the SKA Observatory. The observatory is operated by CSIRO as a restricted site and is not open to visitors, but it's here for good reason – the radio quiet is ideal for these sensitive instruments and the night sky is spectacular.

## PLACES TO VISIT

### Murchison Settlement

Be at one with nature on the upgraded rangeland botanical walk or view the many artefacts of pastoral and Indigenous Australian life at the Murchison Museum. Go bird watching, enjoy the sunsets, gaze at the amazing night sky, or just boost the population for a day.

### Errabiddy Bluff and Outcamp

Fifteen kilometres west of Murchison

Settlement, Errabiddy Bluff's large rock formations make a mark on the landscape – it's an ideal setting for a day trip and a picnic or barbeque. The magnificent sunsets seen from the bluff are a prelude to a breath-taking display of stars.

### Bilung Pool and Wooramel River Gorges

On the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road, discover the tranquil waters and enjoy a picnic at Bilung Pool. While you're there be sure to take in the Wooramel River Gorges, a spectacular example of an inland river system.

### Old Stock Well

Fifty-five kilometres south of Murchison Settlement on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road, this recently restored well was once used by drovers moving stock. A picnic area with barbeque is now available for visitors making it a great place to stop off and take in the vast history of the area.

### Ballinyoo Bridge

Further south, the oldest concrete bridge in Western Australia has been replaced with a new bridge, but a span of the original Ballinyoo Bridge has been preserved as an historic marker of its former glory.

### Wildlife and Wildflowers

See kangaroos, emus, majestic eagles, red-tail black cockatoos and many amazing reptile species. Seasonal rain can bring fields of everlasting and other rangeland natives.

## ATA GLANCE

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Errabiddy Bluff / Bilung Pool / Oasis Roadhouse / Wooleen Lake / Murchison Museum

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Mulla Mulla / Bladder Dock / Native Hops / Flannel Bush / Cotton Bush / Various Eremophila



### MURCHISON VISITOR INFORMATION

Murchison Oasis Roadhouse  
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Murchison

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Check the Murchison Shire website for events.



Murchison Oasis

### Station Stays

Experience true station life, discover Indigenous Australian rock art or soak in the outback atmosphere at the various station stays throughout the region.



Accommodation for campers, caravans, motorbikes and clubs: 9 rooms available - 3 with ensuite, 3 with ensuite and common kitchen. Bookings essential.

Oasis Restaurant - dine in or takeaway, alcohol not available.

Fuel, ice, grocery items, free wifi and laundry facilities.

Birdwatching, lawn bowls, stargazing, annual events (email for details).

Open 7 days. Scan QR code for seasonal opening hours.



There's so much to see and do and it's gentle on your pocket!

Carnarvon Mullewa Rd, Murchison WA

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## SANDSTONE

705KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH



In the heart of the spectacular lower Murchison district, Sandstone's bronzed landscape contains many unique and picturesque locations. Throughout the stunning Shire of Sandstone, natural rock formations contrast dramatically with rust-stained landscape. Gold was first discovered in the immediate Sandstone area in 1894 and remains popular for the casual gold prospector. From 1906, Sandstone grew to a small city of some 7,000 people. By the end of the 1920s, only 200 people remained. Fortunately, Sandstone survived and makes an ideal stopover at the centre of some of WA's great tourist routes.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Sandstone Heritage Trail

Take to the road along the 18km Sandstone Heritage Trail and discover a series of natural and historically significant sites, including the breakaway that housed the Old Brewery. Photograph London Bridge, the natural basalt formation which is over 350 million years old. The trail also includes the former State Battery and Contradiction Well.

#### Sandstone Heritage Town Walk

Step back in time and wander the Sandstone Heritage Town Walk. The Post and Telegraph Office was built in 1909. Some of the sites you will see on the

town walk include the old and new Shire Office buildings, Black Range Chapel, Heritage Cottage, Pioneer Park, Gold and Wool Interpretive Park and former School (the original Courthouse). The Police Lock-up and the Water Park are favourites on this easy stroll about town.

#### Peter Denny Lookout

For stunning natural vistas, head to the Peter Denny Lookout, just over 30km east of Sandstone, en route to Leinster and bring a picnic for when you arrive.

#### Sandstone Night Sky

Another unbeatable view that's truly spectacular is Sandstone's clear, deep dark night sky. The shire has installed a telescope system and stargazers can book a viewing, from April to October, by calling the visitor centre during office hours.



## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Australia Day Games – 26 Jan 2024  
 Art Show – Aug 2024  
 Astrodome – Viewings by arrangement. Book at Heritage Museum & Visitor Centre

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

London Bridge / Sandstone and Nungarra Cemeteries / Old Post Office / National Hotel / Old Brewery

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Royal Mulla Mulla and Pink Mulla Mulla / Ruby Dock or Bladder Dock / Pink Thryptomene / Calandrinia / Crimson Eremophila



### SANDSTONE HERITAGE MUSEUM & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

18 Hack Street  
 Sandstone WA 6639  
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**W:** [sandstone.wa.gov.au](http://sandstone.wa.gov.au)

### National Hotel

If you're looking for a feed and a place to rest your head, the National Hotel is iconic. The smallest of four hotels built during the gold rush years, it's the only one still standing and a great spot to meet some locals.

### Post Office Café

Situated on the corner of Hack Street, the Post Office Café is a great place to grab a coffee and a light meal.



The residents of the Upper Gascoyne invite you to take a wander to experience the rivers, the rock, ranges, and the real outback found in their backyard. With 57,809 sq km of outback to share, you will find the space and tranquillity you have been looking for with the beauty of nature as a backdrop. The roads are less travelled than most with around 1,800km of unsealed road traversing ever-changing landscapes, with colours that make you feel like you are driving through a set of Derwent pencils. Epic road trips are inevitable in both 2WD and 4WD vehicles.

## GASCOYNE JUNCTION

1069KM NORTH OF PERTH



Start your wander outback in the 'the Junction' – the 2023 National Tidy Town Winner. Situated where the Lyons and Gascoyne Rivers meet, Gascoyne Junction is also where the stockroutes of the past overlap and the gateway to the ancient landscapes of Kennedy Range (50km north of the Junction) and Mount Augustus National Parks (300km north-east of the Junction).

Enjoy the hospitality of the Gascoyne Junction Pub & Tourist Park, located in Gascoyne Junction, as your base for exploring the area's iconic national parks. Take epic road trips and unwind at the spectacular waterholes and rivers.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Mount Augustus National Park – Burringurrah

Twice the size of Uluru, Mount Augustus is the biggest rock in the world. Rising spectacularly over the surrounding plain and at 715m, it is visible from kilometres away. Interesting rock formations, caves

and Aboriginal engravings are found on many parts of the rock that have been untouched for thousands of years. Camping is not permitted within the national park however Mount Augustus Tourist Park offers a station stay experience, the perfect place to call home with units, van and camping sites sitting at the rock's base.

#### Kennedy Range National Park / Mundatharra

Kennedy Range National Park offers spectacular scenery of gorges and precipitous faces, with a vast plateau of ancient dune fields on top of the range. Just 50km north of Gascoyne Junction, the area retains a wilderness feeling with camping beneath the sandstone cliffs available within the National Park. Artefacts found in the park provide evidence of the long history the Yinggarda people have with the area. The developed visitor sites on the eastern side of the range can be reached by 2WD.

#### Road Trips

Road trip the 49km Burringurrah Scenic Drive circuit for excellent views of Mount Augustus' changing faces.

For excellent vantage points of the Kennedy Range, road trip its loop track. This extreme 4WD-only track provides access to the remote western side of Kennedy Range before crossing over the range top to enjoy the more accessible eastern side. This 270km circuit from Gascoyne Junction will take a minimum of one and a half days to complete.

Or hop in the car and embark upon a self drive trail to see the sights along the Wool Wagon Pathway and Kingsford Smith Mailrun part of the Outback Pathways collection.

## ATA GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

- Gascoyne Junction Bush Ball – Feb 2024
- Gascoyne River Music Festival – 10-12 May 2024
- Burringurrah Festival of Fire – 18-19 May 2024
- 100 Yrs Kingsford Smith Mail Run Celebrations – Aug 2024
- Gascoyne Food Festival @ the Junction – 24 Aug 2024
- Mount Augustus Biggest BBQ – 31 Aug 2024
- Junction Races – Sep 2024
- Kennedy Range Campdraft – Oct 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Dark Sky Destination / Two Rivers Memorial Park / Gascoyne Junction Museum, Gascoyne Junction War Memorial / The Waterhole

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Eremophila / Flannel Bush / Mulla Mulla / Native Cornflower / Everlastings



### GASCOYNE JUNCTION VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction

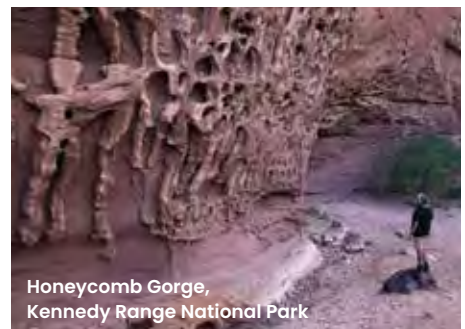
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Astrotourism



Honeycomb Gorge, Kennedy Range National Park

Welcome to the Mt Augustus Tourist Park located in the Heart of the Gascoyne region of WA. Home to the largest rock in the world.

Our Tourist Park is described as a 'green oasis' in the rugged outback, with powered green grassed caravan and camp sites, to airconditioned accommodation units to suit all.

Shop, fuel supplies and tyre service as well.

New to the park is the Mt View Cookhouse serving our famous Mt Augustus 'Shorthorn' steaks, fully licensed with big screen tv and a fantastic outback atmosphere.

With scenic spots such as Emu Hill and Cattle Pool for a swim, there's plenty to see and do.

Oh did we mention a "Bloody Big Rock"? Spend a few days just exploring this amazing site, with Aboriginal art and views as far as the eye can see. So come and join us for a true Heart of the Gascoyne holiday experience.



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PUB & TOURIST PARK



*The Junction Pub and Tourist Park has been welcoming guests to Gascoyne Junction since 2014.*

## ACCOMMODATION - ROAD HOUSE - TAVERN

Whether you need to refuel and grab a real coffee, want to enjoy a world class meal cooked by our renown Chef Omo or need a place to lay your head, the friendly team at the Junction Pub and Tourist Park have got you covered during your stay in Gascoyne Junction.

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner and everything in between, stop in for a well deserved break and relax with a cool drink in the beer garden before taking a Wander Outback and visiting Kennedy Range & Mt Augustus National Park.

The tourist park has chalets, caravan and camping sites available for your stay.

**T: 08 9943 0868 | www.junctiontouristpark.com**



EXPLORE  
*Upper Gascoyne*  
**THE REAL OUTBACK**



**KENNEDY RANGE**  
'MUNDATHARRDA'

**GASCOYNE**  
JUNCTION

**MT AUGUSTUS**  
'BURRINGURRAH'



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www.uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

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# The Wheatbelt



## TOP THINGS

*to See & Do*



- ✓ Explore Kulin's Tin Horse Highway
- ✓ Camp at the base of Wave Rock / Katter Kich
- ✓ Visit the Wheatbelt's spring wildflowering
- ✓ Meet the furry locals at a Barna Mia Nocturnal Tour
- ✓ Take an Aboriginal cultural tour
- ✓ Visit Elachbutting Rock and walk Monty's Pass
- ✓ Visit the Earthquake House at Cunderdin Museum
- ✓ Follow the PUBLIC Silo Art Trail
- ✓ Uncover farm to plate produce and local wineries
- ✓ See Aboriginal rock art at Mulka's Cave
- ✓ Take in the vastness of Lake Dumbleyung

## STORYTOWNS

Download the Storytowns app to access a location-based audio guide of the Wheatbelt.





## How to Get There

### By Road:

The Wheatbelt has a good network of sealed roads and gazetted drive trails. There are a number of tour companies offering one day and extended holidays from Perth throughout the Wheatbelt, if you'd like to leave the driving to someone else.

### By Coach/Train:

Transwa operates coaches to many of the Wheatbelt towns and The Prospector train stops in Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Southern Cross and Kalgoorlie.

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Hippo's Yawn

In the Wheatbelt, expect to be greeted by a harmonious blend of history, culture, and natural wonders. It's not just a place on the map; it's a journey that echoes with tales of pioneering spirits, the serenity of vast landscapes, and the rustic charm of country life. It beckons explorers to traverse its great open roads, admire its bounty of wildflowers, walk its sprawling trails, and book in for a farm stay for a slice of local life.

At the heart of this region is its network of road trip tracks, across which ever-changing vistas unfurl the scenic beauty of the Wheatbelt. Named after a famed explorer, the 2WD **Holland Way** and 4WD **John Holland Track** wind through historical settlements, narrating tales of early adventurers.

**The Wheatbelt Way** also presents a vivid tapestry of character-filled towns along a scenic drive that spotlights some of the area's best attractions. Then there's the **Pathways to Wave Rock** which exposes one of the most striking of all – **Wave Rock**, just a five-minute drive from the town of Hyden. This granite wonder, known as "Katter Kich" by the traditional Njaki Naki – Ballardong – Gubrun people, appears as a colossal tidal wave captured in stone. It's a marvel that stands as a testament to nature's artistic prowess, making it a magnet for both photographers and nature lovers.

Hidden granite treasures like

**Elachbutting Rock** and **Kokerbin Rock**, make for other fascinating sights of similar origin. These sites, with their panoramic views and intricate formations, beckon explorers and casual visitors alike.

Further southwest, **Dryandra Woodland National Park** offers a sanctuary for the region's unique flora and fauna. The very air here seems fresher, filled with the calls of native animals. Within this sanctuary, **Barna Mia** stands out as a nocturnal haven. Here, visitors get a rare opportunity to encounter elusive creatures like numbats and tammar wallabies under the moonlit sky.

Yet, the Wheatbelt's appeal isn't confined to its natural wonders. The region is a canvas where art meets history. **The Tin Horse Highway** is a testament to this, with its quirky tin horse sculptures narrating whimsical tales. Similarly, the **Public Silo Art Trail** turns the mundane into the extraordinary. What once were grain silos now serve as canvases for breathtaking art, painting a vibrant picture of the region's artistic spirit.

With nature and creative endeavours all around, the soul of Wheatbelt truly shines through in its farm stays. These aren't mere accommodations; they're experiences. Visitors can immerse themselves in authentic country life, from interacting with farm animals to savouring the region's fresh produce.



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## TOP TRAILS

**Tin Dog Walk Trail** (1.8 – 3.3km)

**Wave Rock Walk Circuit, Hyden** (3.6km)

**Kwongan Heathland Walk, Lake Grace** (5km)

**Merredin Peak** (1.8km)

**Carnaby Cockatoo Interpretative Walk Trail** (7km)

**Mukinbudin Botanical Walk Trail** (4.8km)

**Foxes Lair, Narrogin** (400m to 2.1km)

**Boyagin Rock Summit** (1.4km)

**Westonia's Woodlands & Wildflowers Heritage Trail, Westonia** (3.1km)

**Mt Matilda Walk Trail, Wongan Hills** (7.9km)

Olive oil, preserves, emu oil, and more, all carry the distinct flavour and essence of the Wheatbelt.

In its entirety, Wheatbelt is a symphony of experiences. It resonates with the songs of its Indigenous people, the tales of its settlers, and the timeless beauty of its landscapes. It's a place where the past melds seamlessly with the present, promising memories that last a lifetime.

Mary's Farm Cottages, Kukerin



Mary's Farm Cottages, Kukerin



Downderry Wines, near Narrogin

## Passionate local families share the challenges and joys of working the land, welcoming visitors to delight in a genuine farmstay experience. By DANIELLE AUSTIN

**W**ith the sun rising over fields of flaxen wheat, throwing golden rays over the vast pastureland and lighting up the earth, it's easy to see what drew Erin and Damien Clark to the Golden Outback. There's a stillness in the morning air, a buzzy quietude of stirring animals, faint bleats of the flock of sheep in the far distance.

The pair are owners of **Mather Farm**, a hobby farm and farmstay experience in the Wheatbelt's Kellerberrin. Having grown up on a hobby farm in central Victoria, Erin always knew it was a lifestyle she'd one day return to, but it took falling in love with their 1950s Kellerberrin farmhouse, and the charms of the Wheatbelt region, before she and husband Damien took the plunge to settle in remote Western Australia in late 2022.

"We've fallen in love with the wide-open expanse of the Wheatbelt, and want others to do the same. Mather

Farm became the place for us to connect with family, friends and the land," says Erin.

Connection to land has become even more important to the duo since their move, and has become something they're excited to share with visitors to

their property. The pair are passionate about sharing an understanding of seasonality with guests, allowing them to soak up what the land has to offer throughout the calendar year.

"I've learned it's not until you stay in a single place, and mark the passing of



Mather Farm, Kellerberrin

the seasons, that you truly appreciate the Noongar people's six seasons and its cycles."

Working with a local horticulturist, Erin and Damien have rehabilitated the farm's gardens with native species, and are happy to take visitors on flora tours on request. Through their sister agritourism business, **Dark Stry**, they also offer bespoke, self-guided driving tours between Perth and Kellerberrin, aimed at educating guests on the past, present and future of the land and the many crops being farmed along the way. The pair try to impress on visitors just how innovative the farmers have to be to make flourish in what can be a very harsh landscape.

"There's something really profound about the vast expanse of Australia's Golden Outback," says Erin. "Guests tell us that being out in wide open spaces, living life in the slow lane, really helps them appreciate the land that we share. There are so many stories out here —

from our first nation's people, to the region's farming founders, to what it's like to live and work in the region today. There's always something to see if you know where to look — the scale of each year's harvest, the region's dark skies, the stories behind its escarpments and the characters that you find at our local country pubs."

The Nenke family, owners of **Mary's Farm Cottages**, have long known the value of the rich Wheatbelt soils, having established their farmstay in 1912. Now, they rely on those soils to nurture their crops of wheat, barley, oats, lupin, field peas, vetch and multiple hay species.

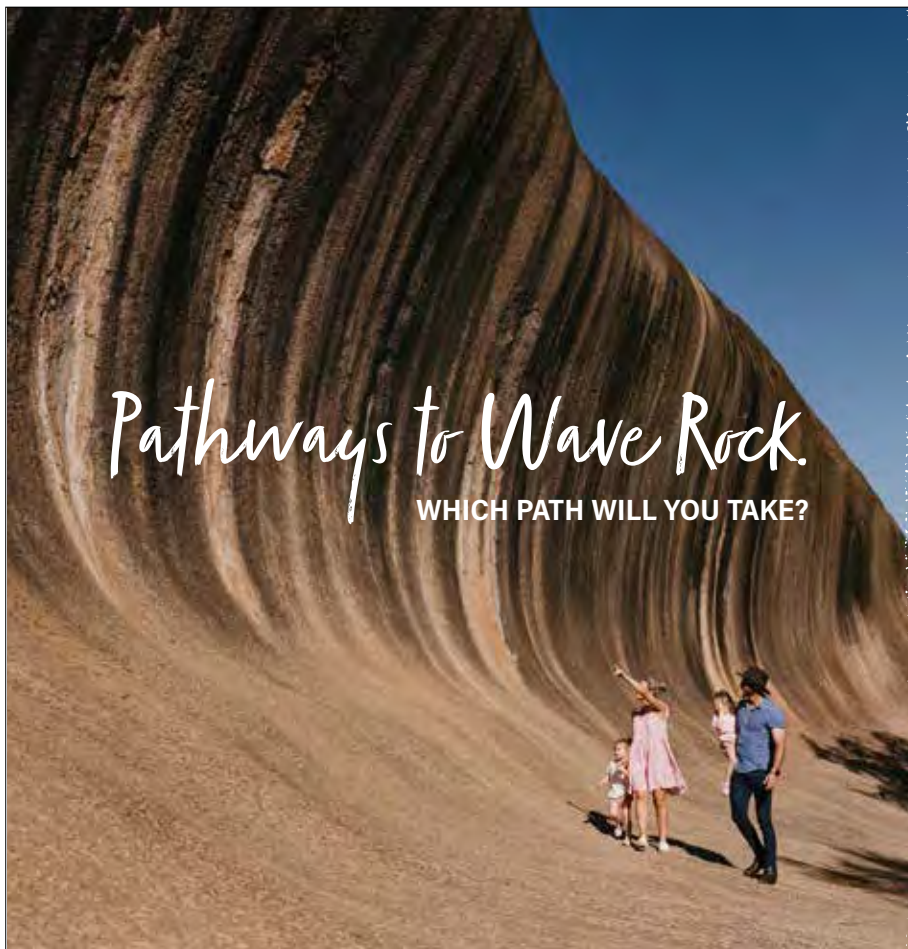
"Our family embraces regenerative agriculture using biological fertilisers and practices to improve our soils," explains Mary Nenke.

Alongside their crops, the family runs Cambinata Yabbies, having diversified from sheep and grains more than 30 years ago. Now, their yabby operation is the largest yabby exporter in Australia,

and guests can experience the full scale of the business, right down to sampling freshly cooked yabbies in a real paddock-to-plate experience.

The family is proud to open up their property to visitors, inviting guests to meet the farmers and get a taste of the Wheatbelt farming lifestyle. Rather than a singular farmhouse, the property houses eight two-bedroom cottages, the picturesque country abodes nestled under towering native gums. By day, guests can soak up the farmland views with each cottage boasting a private verandah overlooking the paddocks and expansive crops, while by night they can gather around the fire pit for stargazing.

After more than 100 years of operations, the farm remains a family affair. Guests will likely see patriarch, and hobby apiarist, Michael tending his bees, son Derek managing crop rotations, or daughter-in-law Lisa cooking for guests helped by their young children. These family links make it even more important



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to share agritourism with visitors, says Lisa.

"It's essential tourists meet and learn from real life farmers who are passionate about looking after the land and producing quality food for everyone to enjoy on their plates. It is essential for the future of family farms that the city learns through experience the challenges and opportunities in farming, how farmers look after their land and their animals as well as the importance of having animals in the system to help in the requesting of carbon and the economics of farming. Everyone needs to know where their food comes from and about the people who care for that land."

Nestled among the looming rusty red ironbark eucalyptus trees that inform its name, **Ironbark Farm Stay** offers a taste of the Wheatbelt farming lifestyle on the edge of the Golden Outback region. Owner Lisa West describes the property as being the gateway to the Golden Outback, bridging the city and Wheatbelt regions.

As born-and-bred farmers, Lisa

and partner Andrew know better than others the many challenges that come with the farming lifestyle, but also the many rewards. "It is extremely rewarding growing and producing food," says Lisa. "It gives us a real sense of freedom, space, grounding and tranquillity."

For Lisa, educating visitors on the

realities of farm life is not only important, but ultimately gratifying for the guests. She encourages guests to immerse themselves in farm experiences, from hand-feeding the chickens to observing the shearing process.

"There's always something happening on the farm that guests can observe right



Mary's Farm Cottages, Kukerin



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Walkers Hill Vineyard



Mary's Farm Cottages, Kukerin

at their cabins, whether the seeding rig is out in the paddock, the header is harvesting the crop, the ute out in the paddock feeding sheep, or the motorbike is mustering the sheep into the yards.”

The country-style cabins on the property are ideal to experience farm life, allowing guests to rise with the sun and enjoy the countryside peace in morning solitude before embarking

on a day exploring the farm and surrounding attractions.

“I believe tourists enjoy learning about our Wheatbelt landscapes, the work we undertake and having the opportunity to experience farm life first-hand. They can have the opportunity to learn about the different aspects of agriculture and how food is produced, whilst enjoying a short stay on the land.”



## Liquid of the Land

Those iconic golden crops are not all that grows with abundance in the Golden Outback — there are a number of vineyards and wineries where visitors can taste the fruits of the region. The founders of **Walker Hill Vineyard** set out to prove vines could be grown in the Wheatbelt, and the award-winning vino the winery has produced is proof enough. Leading off the brick tasting room, an airy deck overlooks the rows of grapes, and proves a perfect place to perch with a glass of the house Shiraz.

Owners of **Downderry Wines** similarly felt a desire to prove that the clay soils of the property had potential to house healthy vines. Alongside an award-winning Zinfandel, the winery produces Shiraz, Rosé, Moscato and sparkling wines, all nestled in the shade of the towering native trees.

“**The country-style cabins on the property prove a perfect place to experience farm life**”

# The Wheatbelt ROAD TRIPS





John Holland Track



## PATHWAYS TO WAVE ROCK

3 days | Sealed roads

**Shires on your journey:** York, Quairading, Bruce Rock, Narembeen, Kondinin, Lake Grace, Kulin, Corrigin, Brookton

Make your road trip to the iconic Wave Rock a journey of real discovery.

This drive is best done over three days and will take you through the changing landscapes and charming farming communities of the Western Australian Wheatbelt. Choose your options from the various pathways linking the several shires and always plan to stop at welcoming rural towns to enjoy some proper country hospitality.

Route highlights include Kokerbin Rock, the Grain Discovery Centre, the wonderfully creative Tin Horse Highway at Kulin, Lake Grace (visit the outback winery) and of course, Wave Rock.

The trail is punctuated with massive granite outcrops perfect for hiking and taking in some spectacular views. You'll see natural bushland, expansive yellow canola fields and in



Salt pool at Wave Rock Resort, Hyden

spring, amazing displays of vibrant wildflowers and rare orchids. There are lots of places to camp out underneath a chandelier of stars and enjoy the space and serenity.



## THE HOLLAND TRACK AND THE JOHN HOLLAND WAY

3 days | Sealed and unsealed roads

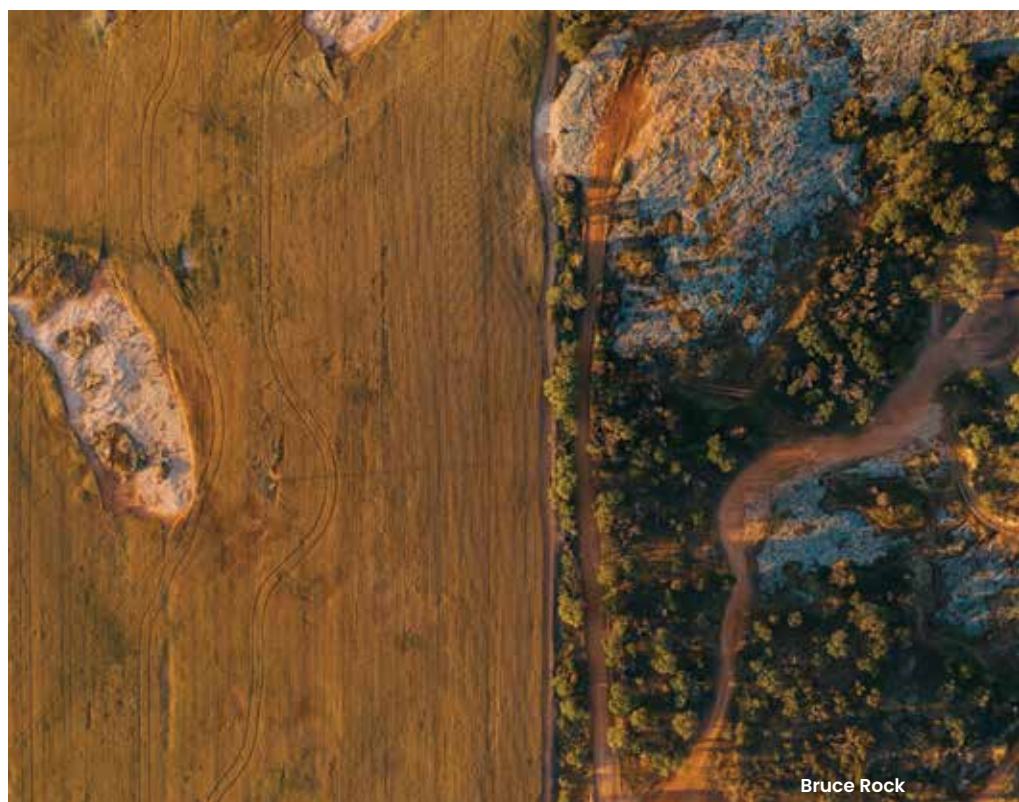
**Shires on your journey:** Broomehill-Tambellup, Kent, Lake Grace, Kondinin, Coolgardie

Journey along the Holland Way before connecting up with the more adventurous John Holland Track, created by pioneer John Holland in 1893 as a shortcut to the Goldfields in this adventurous outback route.

The Holland Way connects Broomehill in the Southern Wheatbelt to Coolgardie in the Goldfields and consists of mainly bitumen roads and good-surface gravel roads.

The John Holland Track also starts in Broomehill, but from the Hyden/Norseman Road north it follows a different route that is a proper adventure accessible only by high clearance 4WD. There are no facilities, so you'll need to be gloriously self-sufficient!

Both options offer an amazing drive through gorgeous countryside, beautiful salt lakes, granite outcrops, rock formations and nature reserves. There are lots of great camping spots but come prepared as much of this track is remote. The trail's better known camps are Holland Track Farm, Wattle Rocks, Sandalwood Rocks, Centenary Rocks, Mt Holland and Thursday Rock.



Bruce Rock



## PUBLIC SILO TRAIL

5 days | Sealed roads

**Shires on your journey:** Northam, Merredin, Narembeen, Lake Grace, Ravensthorpe, Esperance, Gnowangerup, Kent, Plantagenet, Cranbrook, Broomehill-Tambellup, Katanning, Wagin, West Arthur, Williams

Discover stunning outdoor artworks — visible for miles — on silos, street walls and transformer boxes celebrating the people and stories of the Wheatbelt and Great Southern regions.

The PUBLIC Silo Trail is an open-air art gallery stretching from Northam to Albany. Wind your way through gorgeous Wheatbelt country towns like Merredin, bright with yellow canola fields and wildflowers in spring. Pause at pretty picnic spots and discover nature walks as you travel. Go via Hyden and see the famous Wave Rock before heading south to Newdegate where Perth muralist Brenton See has painted the area's local wildlife on an epic scale. The Western Bearded Lizard, Mallee Fowl, Thigh Spotted Tree Frog and a Redtailed Phascogale are depicted across four silos.

As you leave the countryside behind, you'll head towards the expansive coastline of South West WA. Visit the charming towns of Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun as you journey to the Fitzgerald River National Park — a



PUBLIC Silo Trail

beautiful yet rugged area with many walk trails, camping spots and places to picnic. Continue along the coast to Albany, home to the National ANZAC Centre and amazing whale watching opportunities in season. On the return, head back inland towards the charming farming towns of Katanning and Pingrup, taking in those wide landscapes and open skies. At each site, read about the artists and the stories of the silo towns they've shared in their stunning works of art.



Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail



PUBLIC Silo Trail, Newdegate







## WHEATBELT WAY

4 days | Sealed roads

**Shires on your journey:** Dowerin, Trayning, Koorda, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Westonia, Wyalkatchem

Follow the bright skies and big horizons along the Northern Wheatbelt on a stargazing, bird watching road trip that delivers all the history and charm of this laidback region. Be sure to check on upcoming events and weave these cultural gems into your plans, too.

The Wheatbelt Way takes you from cute country towns like Dowerin, Koorda and Beacon through to the Hood-Penn museum at historic Westonia and onto charming places like Bencubbin and Mukinbudin where you'll find towering granite outcrops perfect for exploring. Highlights include Wyalkatchem CBH Museum, Nungarin Markets and Mangowine Homestead.

Throughout this self-drive route you'll be treated to stunning natural surrounds, sites of historical significance, and the laidback country atmosphere of the Wheatbelt. There are lots of campsites along the trail as well as walk trails and pretty picnic spots.



## OTHER ROAD TRIPS TO EXPLORE

**Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail** | 3 days (sealed road)

**Granite & Woodlands Discovery Trail** | 2 days (unsealed road)

**Wildflower Way** | 3 days (sealed road)

**Wineries, Woodlands & Wheatbelt Trail** | 3 days (sealed road)

**Northern Wheatbelt Wonders** | 3 days (sealed road)

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## GOLDEN PIPELINE HERITAGE TRAIL

Duration: 2 to 4 days

Distance: One way Perth to Kalgoorlie 650km

Road Conditions: Sealed roads with short stretches of maintained unsealed road to attractions.

Accommodation: Bed & Breakfasts, Self-Contained Units, Farm Stays, Motels, Hotels, Caravan Parks and RV Friendly Camp Sites.

An impressive engineering feat, C.Y O'Connor's water pipeline was constructed over 100 years ago. See the 1968 earthquake memorial sites at Meckering or experience extensive pipeline history at Cunderdin's No.3 Pump Station Museum. South of Tammin visit Charles Gardner Nature Reserve and on route see Tammin's Hunt's Well. Don't miss the view from the Kellerberrin Hill lookout as the pipeline takes you past rock water catchments and springtime wildflowers. South of Merredin visit Totadgin Conservation Park and another of Hunt's Wells then travel onto early water catchment history at Merredin Peak and Railway Dam. Two museums at Merredin showcase the military and railway history of the town. The site of the No.1 Rabbit Proof Fence is 5km east of Burracoppin. North of Carrabin is Westonia where the town's building facades are preserved and its history encapsulated in the Hood-Penn Museum. Visit Southern Cross's Yilgarn History Museum displays and mineral collection and 50km east Karalee Rock and Dam with an original timber and steel aqueduct. The Great Western Woodlands follows the Great Eastern Highway to RV Friendly sites onto Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie.

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## PIONEERS' PATHWAY

Duration: 2 to 5 days

Distance: 292km One Way Perth via Toodyay to Merredin

Road Conditions: Sealed road with some unsealed access sections into nature reserves.

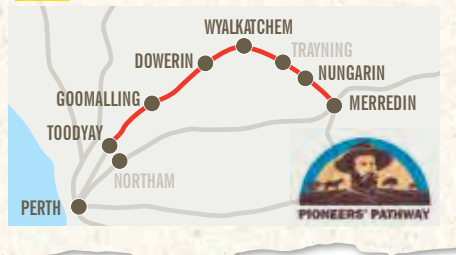
Accommodation: Bed & Breakfasts, Self-Contained Units, Heritage Homestead, Motels, Hotels, Caravan Parks and RV Friendly Camp Sites.

Traverse the Wheatbelt following the well-worn trail many prospectors once took on their way to the Yilgarn and Kalgoorlie Goldfields.

This scenic journey wanders past expansive Wheatbelt farmland and through the small towns of Toodyay, Goomalling, Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Nungarin, and Merredin providing a classic experience of Western Australia's Wheatbelt heartland.

Whether you're travelling from Perth to the Goldfields, or from the west to east coast, this trip is a rewarding alternative to the Great Eastern Highway direct route, adding only 44 kilometres to the journey. It offers the remarkable view of wildflowers in colourful profusion during the season, invigorating leg-stretching nature walks, as well as numerous buildings and museums reflecting the unique rural historical significance of the region.

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## BRUCE ROCK 210KM EAST OF PERTH



**B**ruce Rock has several iconic places to visit, including Bruce's Rock, Kokerbin Rock, Shackleton Lakes and the Ardath Hotel. Bruce Rock provides an excellent base with ample parking and rest areas running the length of the main street, making it easy to explore the surrounding regions, both within the shire and further throughout the Central Wheatbelt region.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Bruce's Rock

Named after sandalwooder John Rufus Bruce, who used the outcrop as his depot in 1869, Bruce Rock is a must-visit landmark when stopping through the town. There are two old wells at the picnic site at the foot of the rock and scenic walks are to be enjoyed over the rock outcrop, with stunning wildflower displays in spring.

#### Kokerbin Rock

Covering 9ha and rising 122m above the ground, Kokerbin Rock is Australia's third largest monolith. Situated 40km north-west of Bruce Rock, it is a great place for a hike and a picnic with barbecue and toilet facilities.

#### Bruce Rock Remembrance Park

Located in the main street, this park pays tribute to the men and women who served and continue to serve Australia

in military conflicts and peacekeeping operations across the globe. Eight sculptures of the theme 'war and peace' feature throughout the park, with the highlight being the replica Peace Window from the Bruce Rock St Peter's Anglican Church.

#### Centennial Mosaic Pathway

The Mosaic Pathway was commissioned in 2013 to commemorate the town's centennial. Comprising 417 mosaics, the pathway celebrates the Shire of Bruce Rock's early settlers, community members, local businesses and sporting clubs.

#### Bruce Rock Museum and Machinery Museum

Located on Johnson Street, in the Bruce Rock Museum you will find an original one schoolhouse, a replica mud brick

## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Back to the Bush Veterans Reunion – Nov 2024  
Bruce Rock and Districts Agricultural Show – Sept 2025 (biennial)

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Bruce Rock Remembrance Park / Bruce's Rock / Kokerbin Rock & Kwolyin Free Camp Site / Bruce Rock Museum & Machinery Museum / Centenary Mosaic Pathway / 'Australia's Smallest Bank'

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

The Underground Orchid / Everlastings / Spider Orchids / Isopogons / Tinsel Flowers



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settler's cottage, and a replica early shearing shed and workshop. The Machinery Museum is across the street from the main museum and houses working farm machinery, vintage cars and a steam traction engine, all of which were once in use within the shire.



Bruce Rock Museum & Machinery Museum



**CORRIGIN**  
223KM EAST OF PERTH



**B**egin and end the day with breathtaking sky displays and forever changing landscapes when you visit the Wheatbelt town of Corrigin. Fill your days with history lessons, scenic walk trails, great coffee, hearty meals, and wonderful sweet treats.

Discover Corrigin's vibrant main street and experience the warm and welcoming nature of the community. Learn about the town's rich agricultural history as it is showcased through museum displays and memorials. With accommodation options available for any traveller or visitor, from hotel to camping, this RV-friendly town caters to everyone.

**PLACES TO VISIT**

**Dog Cemetery**

Corrigin's tribute to 'man's best friend' is a popular attraction to travellers and visitors alike. The cemetery is unique to Corrigin and is marked by a statue of a large dog. Take time to read some of the headstones belonging to over 200 loved ones in the final resting place.

**Wildflowers**

A 4km Wildflower Drive starts opposite the Dog Cemetery. Expect beautiful and unusual wildflowers, shrubs and orchids which appear during the months of September and October.

**Scenic Lookouts**

Experience the perfect sunrise or sunset with panoramic views of the town and farmlands. Take a walk up Corrigin Rock, visit the Corrigin War Memorial Lookout in town or drive out to the Scenic Lookout along the Wildflower Drive.

**Gorge Rock**

A natural rock pool, this was once the local swimming hole before the Olympic pool was constructed in town. Enjoy a walk to the top for spectacular panoramic views of the Corrigin countryside.

**Parks and Playgrounds**

There are plenty of lovely parks to choose from to enjoy a picnic and let the kids have some fun. Try the newly constructed Rotary Park, just off the highway. With plenty of seating, barbecues, and toilet facilities, it's a great spot for the entire family.

**Corrigin Pioneer Museum**

View old and restored farming machinery which tell stories of hardship and determination to build an enduring community.

**100 Years of Ag Shows Mural**

Located on Kirkwood Street, just up from the museum, is an incredible mural depicting the rich history of the Corrigin Ag Show over the past century. Painted by community members under the leadership of local artist Sonia Price, the whopping 45m long mural is not to be missed!

*At a Glance*

**WHAT'S ON**

Corrigin Agricultural Show – Sept 2024

**TOP ATTRACTIONS**

Corrigin Dog Cemetery / Wildflower Drive / Gorge Rock / Rotary Park / Scenic Lookouts / Pioneer Museum

**WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER**

Corrigin Grevillea / Purple Enamel Orchid / Boomerang Trigger Plant / Red Toothbrush Grevillea / Cone Flower – Isopogon



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**Main Street**

Head to Campbell Street by turning off the Brookton Highway and park your vehicle across from the main street entrance. You'll be surprised by how well serviced the town is, with two supermarkets, delicious food options and so much more.

**RV 48hr stop**

At the corner of Walton and Campbell Streets, this area is provided for fully self-contained vehicles and caravans only. Day parking is available for other vehicles.





## SHIRE OF CUNDERDIN

Image: Nicole Taylor

Everlastings on Cunderdin Hill

### CUNDERDIN 158KM EAST OF PERTH



In the heart of the spectacular Wheatbelt is Cunderdin, a major town situated on the Great Eastern Highway approximately a two-hour drive from Perth. The town was settled and evolved into the Wheatbelt centre it is today due to the development of the Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie Goldfields railway in 1894 and the Goldfields water supply pipeline in 1901.

#### PLACES TO VISIT

##### Cunderdin Museum

Explore this central attraction showcasing historic machinery and memorabilia, Aboriginal district culture, the agricultural industry, railways, the Cunderdin training aircraft from World War II, a Meckering earthquake simulator and much more.

##### Cunderdin Hill Lookout

When visiting the Cunderdin Hill (1km south of the main street), you'll be greeted by 360-degree panoramic views of the town and surrounding farmland.

##### Ettamogah Pub

This is one landmark you certainly won't miss when you visit Cunderdin. The brightly coloured and rather distinctive Ettamogah Pub is based on the well-known comics of Ken Maynard – made famous by the Australian Post magazine.

##### Bulgin Rock Reserve

Bulgin Rock, located off Burges Road, is the perfect place to absorb the rolling landscape and observe an array of wildflowers.

#### Youndegin

At Youndegin (19km south of Cunderdin along the Cunderdin-Quairading Road, and left onto Goldfields Road), you'll find the original police outpost still standing, built in the 1880s from stone and mud with a thatched roof.

### MECKERING 132KM EAST OF PERTH



The name Meckering originates from a local Aboriginal language meaning 'place of water' or 'moon on water'. The town formerly called Beebering was established in 1887 then renamed Meckering in 1897. Today, Meckering is probably best known for the devastating earthquake in October 1968 with many of the places of interest relating to this event.

#### PLACES TO VISIT

##### Meckering Earthquake Gazebo and Memorial Rose Garden

Explore the devastation of the 1968 Meckering earthquake first-hand at this impressive display, which includes a section of the damaged railway line, a mangled piece of the Golden Pipeline, photographs, statistics and information. Take a stroll across the road to the beautiful Memorial Rose Garden – a tribute to the dedication and hard work of many local volunteers.

##### Meckering Earthquake Walk Trail

Visitors can view images, descriptions and footprints of the former Meckering Main Street businesses and public buildings through a trail of interpretative signage. View the preserved fault line 12km south of Meckering on York-Meckering Road.

## ATA GLANCE

#### WHAT'S ON

Australia Day Celebrations –  
26 Jan 2024  
Cunderdin Hot Rod Show –  
October 2024

#### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Meckering Memorial Rose Garden  
/ Meckering Earthquake trail /  
Cunderdin Museum / Ettamogah  
Pub / Cunderdin Hill Lookout

#### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Everlastings / Dandelions / Orchids /  
Blue Pincushions



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#### Meckering Earthquake Farm Ruins

'Salisbury' – an old stone homestead built in 1904 – was flattened during the quake. The ruins give an eerie insight into the scale of the devastation experienced (2km north of Meckering, turn off Meckering to Goomalling Road).

#### The Big Camera – Museum of Photography

It is impossible to miss this unique building on the Great Eastern Highway. An amazing history of photography is on display including a wonderful collection of earthquake images.



Cunderdin Museum

Image: Nicole Taylor



**DALWALLINU**  
253KM NORTH OF PERTH



**D**alwallinu is a vibrant shire located 253km north of Perth and covering 7,235 sq km of predominantly agricultural land. The five towns in the shire are Buntine, Dalwallinu, Kalannie, Pithara and Wubin. Located on the Wildflower Way, Dalwallinu is an ideal base from which to explore the region's prolific wildflowers from late winter to spring.

**PLACES TO VISIT**

**Dalwallinu Discovery Centre**

The impressive Dalwallinu Discovery Centre houses the Public Library, Community Resource Centre, visitor information and environmental displays. Open weekdays 8.30am to 4.30pm and weekends during wildflower season.

**McIntosh Park**

Located 14km south of Dalwallinu in the town of Pithara, McIntosh Park was the site of the first fatal commercial plane crash in WA and is home to Pithara Speedway.

**Petrudor Rocks**

An attractive reserve 45km south-east of Dalwallinu with fabulous wildflowers and natural water pools that cascade following winter rains.

**Xantippe Tank & Reserve**

Constructed in the 1920s to capture water run-off from the granite outcrop and located 33 km east of Dalwallinu, the tank and reserve are a hotspot for orchids and bush flowers.

**Rabbit Proof Fence and Boundary Rider's Waterhole**

Situated on Rabbit Proof Fence Road, sections of the No. 2 Rabbit-Proof Fence are still visible, as is one of the original water holes blasted for the Boundary Rider who maintained the fence.

**Miamoon Reserve**

Located 27km north-east of Dalwallinu, Miamoon is a hotspot for wildflowers and has a gnamma hole in the granite outcrop.

**WUBIN**

270KM NORTH OF PERTH



Wubin is the 'gateway to the north' and the magnificent seasonal display of wildflowers in the area.

**PLACES TO VISIT**

**Wubin Wheatbin Museum**

The heritage-listed Wheatbin Museum depicts the history of agriculture through photos, models and artefacts. It houses a motor vehicle and machinery annexe and an extensive rock and mineral collection. The museum also tells the story of Gustav Liebe, who after a distinguished career as a master builder in Perth (His Majesty's Theatre; Maylands Peninsula Hotel), successfully turned his hand to farming in the region.

*ATA GLANCE*

**WHAT'S ON**

- Australia Day Celebrations — 26 Jan 2024
- ANZAC Day Service — 25 April 2024
- Wattle Week — Sept 2024
- Christmas Street Party — Dec 2024
- Dalwallinu Arts Festival — Sept 2025

**TOP ATTRACTIONS**

Petrudor Reserve / Buntine Rocks / Xantippe Tank & Reserve / Cailbro Mudbrick School / Wubin Wheatbin Museum

**WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER**

Wattle / Wreath Leschenaultia / Everlastings / Orchids (Spider, Donkey, Ant, Blue Fairy, Pink Candy) / Fringed Lilies



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**Buntine Rock**

A granite outcrop and nature reserve located 3km east of Buntine, Buntine Rock offers a magnificent view of farmland from the top and is an inviting place to find wildflowers.

**Jibberding Reserve**

Located on the Great Northern Highway 25km from Wubin, Jibberding Reserve has pretty displays of white, pink and yellow everlastings.

**Cailbro Mudbrick School**

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## DOWERIN

156KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH



The name Dowerin is derived from the Aboriginal word "Daren" given to a series of lakes found 10km south of town. It was originally established as a watering hole and resting place for prospectors and travellers on their way to the goldfields. Dowerin is a two-hour drive from Perth, located along the Wheatbelt Way and Pioneers' Pathway self-drive trails. Dowerin is a welcoming and well-serviced country town.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Rusty & Rosey

When in town, be sure to say hi to Rusty and Rosey, the iconic, large tin-sculpture dogs. Rusty is located to the west entrance of town and was a project designed by local school students in 2004. Rosey is located along Stewart Street and its paw directs visitors to the Dowerin Visitor Centre. Rosey acknowledges the pioneering women who were integral in the development of Dowerin. The inspiration for Rusty came from the Tin Dog Creek, which you can observe on the Tin Dog Creek Walk Trail through native bushland. Along the walk trail discover the Dowerin Bird Hide, home to a variety of birds.

#### Dowerin and Districts Museum

For a peek back in time, visit the Dowerin and Districts Museum (by appointment

only through the shire). The Dowerin District Museum is a genuine cottage, containing various artefacts from around the district and was built in 1915 by Eugene O'Shaughnessy.

#### Minnivale

The old town Minnivale also showcases life once upon a time. Its importance was lost as rail was replaced by roads and now, Minnivale boasts the old general store, still displaying advertisements from times gone by, the picturesque church, cemetery, and the old baker's oven.

Located in Minnivale is the Wheatbelt Heritage Rail Discovery Centre. Housed within a 1964 Type B wheatbin is a collection of carriages dating from early in the 20th century. Climb aboard passenger carriages, read the history of the district, along with the early days

## At a Glance

### WHAT'S ON

Dowerin Machinery Field Days –  
28-29 Aug 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Rusty & Rosey / Tin Dog Walk Trail /  
Minnivale / Namelcatchem Well /  
Dowerin Museum

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Donkey Orchid / Bunny Orchid /  
Leek Orchid / Spider Orchid



### DOWERIN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

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of the wheat industry (by appointment only through the shire).

#### Namelcatchem Well

Namelcatchem Well is located within a 600-acre reserve, 17km east of Dowerin. Built in 1865, it is the earliest European built structure in the area. The well was used to provide water to miners and travellers, later for horse teams carting wheat to Minnivale.

#### The Rabbit Proof Fence No.2

Runs north to south through the east, this fence was built in 1907-1908 and designed to control the rabbit plague. Much of it remains in good condition.



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## Shire of DUMBLEYUNG



Blue Bird replica

### DUMBLEYUNG 267KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



#### PLACES TO VISIT

##### The Bluebird Precinct

Visit The Bluebird Precinct to discover the incredible story of how Donald Campbell made history on Lake Dumbleyung in 1964 by breaking both land and water speed records in one year – a feat that has never been achieved before or since. The precinct encompasses several attractions related to the Bluebird story, including the Bluebird Interpretive Centre and café within the Community Resource Centre, and the Bluebird Replica and Historical Display in the old railway building.

##### Lake Dumbleyung

Lake Dumbleyung is the largest open lake in WA's southwest at 13 km in length and 6.5km wide. It may even be the reason the 'Dumbleyung' town name exists, thought to be derived from the Aboriginal word 'Dambeling' meaning

large lake or sea. Experience the natural beauty of a sunset or sunrise at Pussy Cat Hill Lookout, take a picnic or visit the lake to walk, paddle or boat depending on varying water levels.

##### Culture and Farm Tours

Visit the Wuddi Aboriginal Cultural Centre and book your Bushfood Garden Experience or On Country Bus Tours including Lake Dumbleyung & Significant Sites and the Emu & Djilgi Dreaming. Short and full-length tours available.

##### Wildflowers and Reserves

Explore Dumbleyung's reserves and discover wildflowers at Tarin Rock Reserve & Lakeview Gold Club, and keep your eyes peeled for wildflowers as you traverse the shire roads. Pick up your Wildflower Trail Map from the CRC.

##### Shopping

Enjoy some retail therapy at the Dumbleyung Mini Mall, filled with homewares, clothing, art, local produce, books, eco products and so much more! Get your photos printed at John Lee Photography, a haircut at Sniptrix, artwork at Scally Art Gallery and visit the Dumbleyung General Store for all your grocery, lottery and postage needs.

### KUKERIN

316KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



Further south-east you will find Kukerin, where immersive farm experiences are a feature. Visit Cambinata Yabbies, which will guide you through their yabby processing facility and on request can show you other aspects of their farming

## At a Glance

#### WHAT'S ON

Dumbleyung Bluebird Festival – 13 April 2024  
Kukerin Creek Bed Burnout Competition – 20–23 Sept 2024

#### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Lake Dumbleyung / Donald Campbell interpretation centre at Dumbleyung CRC / Dumbleyung Mainstreet Bluebird Replica / Tarin Rock / Cooks Vintage Car Collection / Historical Display

#### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Greenhood Orchid / Yellow Acacia / Hibbertia / Synaphaea / White Leucopogon / Cryptandra



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operation including cropping, livestock, and bees. At Emu Essence Farm you can get up close and personal with the flock and even join an emu egg hunt during laying season. Be sure to visit Kukerin's free Bouncing Pillow, it's great fun for the whole family! Stay at Mary's Farm Cottages overlooking the farm or in town at the historical Kukerin Hotel.

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ANZAC watertank mural at Yeerakine rock

**S**ituated in the heart of WA's Golden Outback, the Shire of Kondinin is located 273km east of Perth. The Shire of Kondinin consists of three towns, namely Kondinin, Karlgarin and Hyden. The shire is encircled by fertile agricultural plains, dramatic granite monoliths, spectacular woodlands and majestic salt lakes.

Filled with heritage shop fronts and museums, the towns are quintessentially Australian with friendly locals, rambling pubs and quirky country events. These include the Wave Rock Weekender (music festival), Kondinin's Gourmet in the Garden and a variety of colourful country market days.

## PLACES TO VISIT

### KONDININ

273KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



While travelling through Kondinin, stop in town and explore some of the creative highlights including the inspiring Art Trail, starting at Statues Lake (10km west of Kondinin on the Corrigin-Kondinin Road) and finishing at Yeerakine Rock (3km south of Kondinin via the Williams-Kondinin Road).

A more recent creative addition to admire is the ANZAC watertank mural at Yeerakine Rock — painted in 2023 by renowned WA artist Jacob Butler (Shakey) — which tells the story of a soldier leaving his family during the 1914 drought, and his eventual return home. Each year, Kondinin holds an ANZAC dawn service, attracting hundreds of people to Yeerakine Rock to watch the sunrise and pay their respects. Yeerakine rock is also a fantastic spot to catch

some spectacular sunsets.

Other notable murals include: the War Nurse Mural, also by Jacob Butler, at the Memorial Garden; and the JW West Mural, by Graeme Miles Richards, depicting Kondinin of the past with its original motor garage, iron monger, drapery and butcher.

Be sure to visit in October for the prestigious annual Kondinin Art Show and exhibition

Glorious wildflowers can also be seen during August and October at Yeerakine Rock.

### KARLGARIN

326KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



Karlgarin is a small and proud Wheatbelt town, located 321km south-east of Perth in the eastern Wheatbelt region of Western Australia. The first European to visit the area was Surveyor-General John Septimus Roe who passed through in 1848. 'Carlgarin' was the original name Roe gave the district, now spelled with a K, and is said to come from the Noongar language. "Karl" is the Noongar word for fire.

Karlgarin has a lot of history and unique attractions, such as Stafford Park featuring old farm machinery, unique artwork and historic information about the Karlgarin district since 1920. There are many other attractions in Karlgarin such as the Malleefowl travel stop and McCann's Rock, which is a great camping spot.

### HYDEN

320KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



Hyden is friendly farming community situated four hours south-east of Perth,

## ATA GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Kondinin Triathlon — 24 Feb 2024  
Gourmet in the Garden — 15 March 2024  
Yeerakine Rock Anzac Dawn Service — 25 April 2024  
Wave Rock Weekender — 20-24 Sept 2024  
Kondinin Art Show — Oct 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Wave Rock / Hippo Yawn, Mulka's Cave & Humps / Yeerakine Rock / Statue Lake (Kondinin)

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Spider Orchid / Donkey Orchid / Ant/Man/Clown/Jack-in-the-box Orchid



### KONDININ TOURIST

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Wave Rock Wildflower Shoppe, Wave Rock

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via the Brookton Highway. More than 100,000 tourists visit the town every year on their way to the iconic Wave Rock. The townsite has lots to see and do, as well as a range of dining experiences, including bakeries, cafes and a local hotel and beer garden. In addition to Wave Rock, amazing rock formations, such as Mulka's Cave and Hippo's Yawn, are a must-see. For camping enthusiasts, Woodlands Discovery Trail east of Hyden, is a must visit if you have a 4WD. The wealth of colours in spring from the carpets of wildflowers and the abundance of bird life make it a photographer's delight. Situated beside Lake Magic, a large local salt lake, is a 20m round and 6m deep swimming pool-like gypsum pond where the buoyancy and therapeutic properties are greater than those of the Dead Sea.



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# Shire of KOORDA



## KOORDA

210KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH



Take the road less travelled to the Shire of Koorda and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of this small country town. Catch a movie under the canopy of stars at the Koorda Drive In or take a serene stroll around one of the many nature reserves Koorda has to offer. Colourful flowering shrubs and wildflowers are a blaze of glory many months of the year.

Approximately three hours' drive north-east of Perth and situated along the popular Wheatbelt Way self-drive trail, Koorda's main industries include wheat, coarse grain, and sheep farming. Koorda is famously referred to as 'Corn Dolly Country', attracting sightseers wanting to learn more about this ancient tradition of creating 'dollies' from stalks and husks of wheat.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Koorda Drive In Theatre

The iconic Koorda Drive In Movie Theatre is one of only three left in WA, showing two new release movies at its monthly screenings. It's a fantastic activity for making memories.

#### Museums

Koorda boasts two new museums. Koorda Museum draws on the building's origins as a hospital in the years before World War II. It is worth a visit to view

the collection of antique medical and surgical equipment that was used in the former hospital ward. There is also a large display of early farming machinery and pioneer homestead artefacts. The Motor and Military Museum has an extensive private collection of motor and military memorabilia and a café where you can rest and have a cuppa.

#### Koorda Swimming Pool

The Koorda Swimming Pool consists of one large and two small swimming pools. Open from November to April with free entry, the facilities include a barbecue area and plenty of grassed shaded areas to enjoy.

#### Granite Outcrops and Wildflowers

For natural splendour, there's a wealth of granite outcrops and wildflowers

## At a Glance

### WHAT'S ON

Koorda Drive In – Monthly Feb – Nov  
Koorda Show – Sept 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Mollerin Rock / Newcarlbeon Tank & Reserve / Koorda Museum / Koorda Motor Museum & Military Collection / Koorda Art Gallery

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Koorda Rose / Everlastings / Feather Plant / Tinsel Bush / Variety of Orchids



### SHIRE OF KOORDA

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to be discovered. Near to town you can find Mollerin Rock, Newcarlbeon, Badgerin Rock, Native Flora Reserve and Moningarin. These picturesque outcrops each have their own peculiar mini environment of magnificent wildflowers and native shrubs including the Koorda Rose, dozens of bird varieties and native animals including kangaroos and echidnas. Most have picnic and/or barbecue facilities.

### Koorda Caravan Park

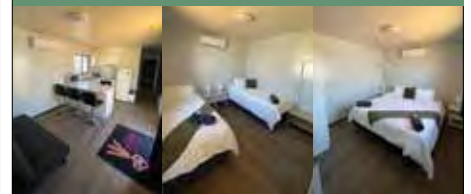


Enjoy a relaxing stay with natural bush surrounds with your choice of a powered, unpowered or grassed tent sites. Facilities include campers' kitchen, washing machine and dryer.

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# Pathways to Wave Rock

## Which path will you take?

Discover the Pathways to Wave Rock and embark on an experience to remember. Enjoy country hospitality, natural bushland with wildflowers in season, spectacular night skies and immerse yourself in an agricultural experience.

The Wheatbelt region in Western Australia has spectacular self-drive experiences through rural vistas and charming farming communities, all with their own unique character and true country hospitality.

Join us on the Pathways to Wave Rock self-drive trail and get ready to embark on a journey of discovery as you experience the very best of what the region has to offer.

The trail encompasses the Shires of Beverley, Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace, Narembeen and Quairading.

**Duration: 4-5 Days | Road Conditions: Sealed**

Your Wheatbelt experience begins when you leave Perth and head to the historic town of Beverley, one of WA's oldest settlements, full of history, culture and character. This vibrant town is home to a thriving arts community with galleries, live performances and street art. Go gliding, walk the award-winning Heritage Trail, or check out a museum or exhibition.

The town of Corrigin is a grain and grazing town, nestled in the heart of the Wheatbelt only 235km south east of Perth on the Brookton Highway. Corrigin has a rich agricultural heritage, and boasts a friendly atmosphere for both residents and visitors. Home to the iconic Dog Cemetery, the Pioneer Museum and a spectacular Wildflower Drive (in season).

Kondinin, traversed in 1848 by Surveyor General J.S. Roe, was first settled in 1909. Preservation of a number of original buildings has enhanced the town centre, and recent murals and artworks have added another experience to this town. Stop and stroll through the community garden or visit well known Yeerakine Rock. Great facilities and friendly people make Kondinin a great spot to break your journey.

Kulin provides the perfect base to explore the Eastern Wheatbelt. Easy day trips can be made to many of the region's unique sights via the iconic Tin Horse Highway, a fun and entertaining drive

showcasing wonderful community creations. Stay a while in town and experience the Visitor Discovery Zone, Giant Waterslide and Aquatic Centre, Butlers Garage Museum and try your stamina on the ninja warrior course.

Travel to Wave Rock via Lake Grace, experiencing wide open spaces, dark night skies, vast salt lakes and friendly country towns. View the expansive salt lake of Lake Grace and take in the atmosphere of an early 20th century hospital when you visit the only remaining Australian Inland Mission Hospital in the state. Don't miss a stop off at the PUBLIC Silo Trail in Newdegate and the Bush Tractor Museum in Lake King.

Although internationally known for Wave Rock, there is so much for travellers to do in and around the well-equipped and thriving community of Hyden. Experience excellent accommodation, amazing rock formations, dazzling seasonal wildflowers and clear starry nights.

Located between Wave Rock and the Great Eastern Highway, Narembeen is the perfect place to explore. Discover a rich history at the Narembeen Civic Precinct with the many museums on offer and street murals and artworks to impress. Take a walk or bike ride around the lake and experience a night tour at Wadderin Wildlife park.



## Free Visitor Guide & Map

For a memorable visit, pick up a copy of the 'Pathways to Wave Rock' Map and Visitor Guide to take along on your journey. Available from Visitor Centres or online at [pathwaystowaverock.com.au](http://pathwaystowaverock.com.au) or email [marketing@pathwaystowaverock.com.au](mailto:marketing@pathwaystowaverock.com.au)

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Bruce Rock delivers an exciting experience for travellers that enjoy picnicking, bushwalking and camping under bright starry skies or resting in a town with great facilities and friendly people. Take a walk through Remembrance Park which pays tribute to the men and women who served and continue to serve Australia, and spend time taking in the memorials and sculptures throughout the park. Call in to Kokerbin Rock - a massive monolith with amazing views and a great nature spot.

The community of Quairading is vibrant, friendly and ready and waiting for you to call in for a visit. With a townscape boasting beautiful gardens and colourful new park and playground - Kwirradang Koort, and the magnificent "El Toro" a very handsome half tonne Spanish bull located in the centre of town, and Nookaminnie Rock Nature Reserve and Rowlie Mellor Walk Trails, Quairading has something for every traveller.

The Pathways to Wave Rock self-drive trail travels through a region that is enriched with beautiful wildflowers in late winter/early spring, camping areas, granite outcrops, walking trails and historical buildings. At the end of the day, don't forget to lay back, look up and enjoy a sky show of stars in the beautiful dark night sky.



Images by Angie Roe Photography



## KULIN

285km south-east of Perth



Famous for its quirky Tin Horse Highway drive, annual Bush Races event and giant waterslide, the vibrant Kulin region provides a true rural experience. Kulin is the perfect base to explore the eastern Wheatbelt and easy day trips can be made to many of the region's unique and iconic sights, including Wave Rock.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Tin Horse Tourist Route & Highway

Make the most of your journey to Wave Rock on the fabulous 120km Tin Horse Tourist Route drive trail, which takes you to Wave Rock via Kulin and the famous Tin Horse Highway. Dubbed a 'quirky open-air gallery', the Tin Horse Highway's famous collection of clever community art provides a seriously entertaining drive and is fast becoming a must-see for travellers across Australia.

#### Discovery Zone

Learn about Kulin at the Discovery Zone in town. The new zone along Kulin's main street includes picnic facilities, public amenities, art works and interpretative signage, which tell of Kulin's past, present and future. It also contains a free 72-hour RV-friendly parking area for fully self-contained travellers.

#### Giant Water Slide and Aquatic Centre

To fill your day with summer fun, don't miss regional Australia's biggest waterslide, located at the vibrant Kulin Aquatic Centre (open during summer months).

#### Jilakin Lake and Rock

For stunning scenery, stop and admire the breathtaking views from the top of Jilakin Rock or enjoy a picnic under the most inland stand of jarrah trees found in the area.

#### Buckley's Breakaway

Buckley's Breakaway is another beautiful picnic spot and a photographer's delight. This picturesque landform displays a contrast of vibrant orange clays against spectacular white cliffs and gullies.



Tin Horse Highway



Tin Horse Highway

## At a Glance

### WHAT'S ON

Blazing Swan — 27 March — 2 April 2024  
Kulin Bush Races — Oct 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Tin Horse Highway / Jilakin Rock and Lake / Buckley's Breakaway / Macrocarpa Trail / Visitor Discovery Zone

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

One-sided Bottle Brush / Plummed Feather Flower / Candy Orchids / Guinea Flowers / Blue Squill



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Kulin Aquatic Centre and Slide

## SHIRE OF LAKE GRACE



Joey at winery

### LAKE GRACE

315KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH  
on the ESPERANCE TO PERTH, ALBANY TO HYDEN CROSSROADS.



Lake Grace is a thriving rural town named after a shallow lake 10km west of the townsite. Lake Grace itself is one of Western Australia's largest inland salt lakes and a nationally significant wetland, comprising two separate bodies of water — Lake Grace North and Lake Grace South. Lake Grace has a diverse range of public artwork from the Story Trail nestled in the centre of town, to the detailed mural of pioneering women from the region. Visit the restored Stationmaster's House now operating as the Lake Grace Visitor Centre and right next door is the Lake Grace Regional Artspace featuring exhibitions from local artists, travelling exhibitions and artists in residence. Sample wines from a local winery Walkers Hill Vineyard, located 8km north of Lake Grace, and stop by the stunning nature reserve, the Jam Patch.

### NEWDEGATE

397KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



'Gateway to the Holland Track.' Follow the traces of John Holland's 1893 epic

journey when he and his partners cut the now famous Holland Track. Explore salt lakes along the ancient river systems and immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Dragon Rock Reserve.

Part of the PUBLIC Silo Trail, visitors to Newdegate can view the stunning creations by Perth muralist Brenton See, depicting the area's local wildlife across four 30m high silos.

Visit Pioneer Park in the town centre to read up about the town, then head across the road to the skate park and check out this family-friendly facility. Step back in time with a visit to the Hainsworth Museum and be transported back to a bygone era.

### LAKE KING

160KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



A small rural town on the fringe of the Wheatbelt's sheep and wheat farming country, the area truly comes alive during spring with some of the district's best wildflower displays. Walk trails through the town's bushland enable visitors to take short, self-guided walks and enjoy the wildflowers, native vegetation, birdlife and a little local history.

The Roe Heritage Trail retraces part

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### WHAT'S ON

Winter Sports — April – Sept  
Wildflower season — June – Dec  
Newdegate Machinery Field Days —  
4 – 5 Sept 2024  
Market Day & Treasure Trail — last  
week in Oct or first week in Nov  
Community events — ongoing

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Museums – Australian Inland Mission  
Hospital, Hainsworth Building, Bush  
Tractor Museum and Varley Museum  
/ PUBLIC Silo Trail Art & Art exhibitions  
/ Walk Trails – Jam Patch, Kwongan  
Heathland Walk, Lake Grace StoryTrail  
/ Walker's Hill Winery / Salt Lakes  
and lookouts

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Cowslip Orchid / Rushtike Dampier  
/ Painted Feather Flower / Granite  
Honey Myrtle / Yellow Feather Flower



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of Surveyor-General Roe's historical journey in 1848.

Travel 30km east on the Lake King Norseman Road to the Rabbit Proof Fence. Make sure you call in at the new Lake King Tractor Museum with its exhibit of unique locally made tractors.

### VARLEY

10KM SOUTH OF HYDEN  
on BROOKTON HIGHWAY.



Travel from Varley to Hatters Hill or to the historic Rabbit Proof Fence that skirts the eastern end of the shire.

Gold was discovered at Hatters Hill in the early part of the twentieth century and the small settlement is now uninhabited and an interesting spot for fossickers.



## MERREDIN

260km east of Perth



**M**erredin is the perfect place to engage with nature and absorb the ambience of a RV-friendly country town. Merredin has a dog exercise park, fully fenced and gated with water points adjacent to the Merredin Library. Enjoy its cafés, dining or a movie at the cinema while in town.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### PUBLIC Silo Trail

Merredin is one of seven WA regional towns on the PUBLIC Silo Trail, an outdoor art gallery celebrating the state's regions. The CBH silos were transformed in August 2017 by internationally renowned Perth artist Kyle Hughes-Ogders, with artwork inspired by the local landscape and community.

#### Golden Pipeline History

View three generations of pump stations at the stabilised ruin of the No. 4 Pump Station 3km west of town.

#### The No. 1 Rabbit Proof Fence

An interpretive site is located 5km east of Burracoppin.

#### Totadgin Rock Conservation Park

Find interpretive walks among natural bushland that take you to a historic Hunt's well and rock wave formation, from a wheelchair accessible car park.

#### Merredin Peak & Railway Dam

This massive granite rock and early water catchment scheme is adjacent to the town. Walk to the top for a spectacular view and sunset or the bush walk for seasonal wildflowers and nature. Follow the National Trust WA interpretive signs taking in the pipeline history, Railway Dam and the remains of the WWII Australian General Hospital site. A free 24 hour self-contained RV campsite located within this woodland reserve is also dog friendly.

#### Walk & Cycle Trails

The town map explores the Merredin Heritage & Public Art Trail or two multi-purpose trails.

#### Cummins Theatre

Be captivated with a live show at this historic venue, view the history through interpretive panels and walk the Stars of Fame.

#### Experience Our History

Wander through the original Railway Station exhibits and historic steam engines and rolling stock at the Railway Museum. Climb the signal tower to find 95 hand-operated levers that controlled this busy railway hub.

## At a Glance

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Merredin Peak Reserve / Silo Art / Military Museum & Railway Museum / Cummins Theatre / Totadgin Conservation Park

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Bluebeard Fairy Orchid / Donkey Orchid / Yellow Feather Flower / Pink Everlastings / Blue Cornflower



### CENTRAL WHEATBELT VISITOR CENTRE

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Transwa Rail & Coach Bookings  
Cummins Theatre Tickets

The Military Museum's collections include two helicopters from the Vietnam War, tanks and armoured vehicles.

#### Green Energy

Collgar Wind Farm's 111 wind turbines is the largest wind farm in WA. Merredin Solar Farm features approximately 300,000 370W panels mounted on tracking systems.

#### Parks

Enjoy a picnic at Roy Little Park with paved paths to a duck pond and fountain. Pioneer Park has been redeveloped with vehicle-only parking, providing safe access to shaded seating, adjacent to the museums and CBD.

## MERREDIN TOURIST PARK

LUXURY & BUDGET ACCOMMODATION



Just 260 km from Perth, Merredin Tourist Park offers everything from caravan and camping to fully equipped chalets and villas.



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### WHAT'S ON

Moora Show — 14 Sept 2024  
 Moora Races — Oct 2024  
 Moora Bedrace Street Festival —  
 Dec 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Candy's Bush Reserve / Moora Town  
 Walk / Carnaby Cockatoo Walk Trail  
 / Stack Cooper Reserve / Moora  
 Museum

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

July to November



### MOORA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE & VISITOR CENTRE

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## MOORA 172KM NORTH OF PERTH



**T**he beautiful country town of Moora is situated on the banks of the Moore River in the Wheatbelt Region of WA. It is surrounded by impressive salmon gums, impressive parks, gardens and heritage buildings and is a popular stopover for tourists following the Wildflower Trail.

Located less than two hours north of Perth, Moora is a thriving town strategically located between two of Western Australia's most popular tourism attractions – New Norcia, Australia's only monastic town, and the natural wonder of the Pinnacles in Nambung National Park near Cervantes.

Moora is the largest inland service centre between Perth and Geraldton, providing services to a population catchment of 6,000 residents within a 100km radius. Whether you are just passing through or planning to stop and breathe in some fresh country air for a few days, Moora has something for everyone.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Candy's Bush Reserve

Features informal walk trails, plentiful wildflowers and orchids. Parking and access off Midlands Road.

#### Watheroo National Park and Jingemlia Cave

The Watheroo National Park, situated

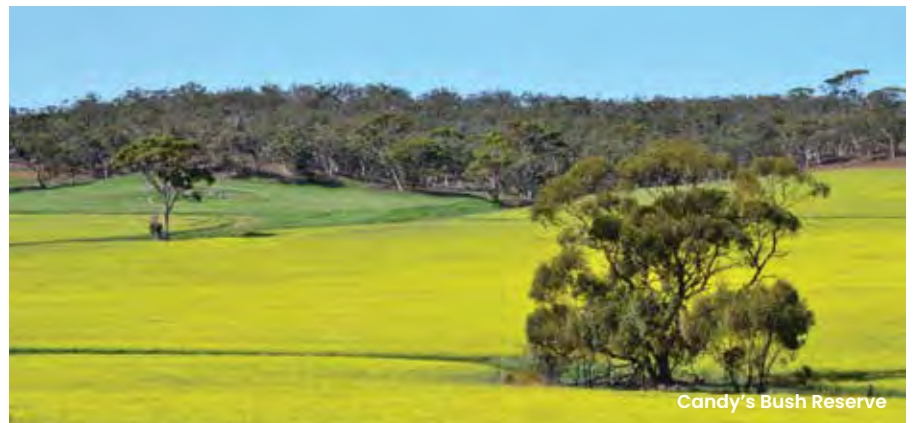
63.6km north of Moora, is very rich in many different kinds of wildflowers, and Jingemlia Cave has a shady picnic site. The cave is formed in chert, an unsealed rock that leads to a vegetation community in the hill that is very different from the surrounding areas.

#### Carnaby Cockatoo Walk Trail

The trail currently extends between the two town bridges and Candy's Bush Reserve. The Carnaby Cockatoo Walk Trail plays a major role in educating the community about the conservation of the Carnaby's Cockatoo, the importance of the salmon gums, and Moora's flora and fauna.

#### Stack Cooper Reserve

Located between Stack Street and Cooper Street. Enjoy a short walk through the reserve which features signage on local flora and fauna.



Candy's Bush Reserve



## MORAWA

370km north of Perth



The Shire of Morawa is located on the traditional lands of the Yamatji People and their ongoing connection to its land, water and culture is still evident in the district today. Morawa's recent history began when Sir Augustus Charles Gregory travelled through the area in 1846. In 1896, Sir John Forrest carried out exploratory trips around the present Morawa district, with the first farmers settling in the early 1900s. Morawa was declared a town in 1912. Morawa is often referred to as the 'Heart of the Wildflower Country'. Its shire is one of the most prolific areas for native flowering plants. If you roam through its numerous reserves from late July to early October you will come across many species of flowers that are unique to this district.

The Shire of Morawa has some of the clearest and darkest night skies, ideal for stargazing. Bring your telescopes and cameras to fully capture this pristine environment, or simply look skyward to soak it in.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### War Rock and Pintharuka Dam

Hills at Pintharuka come alive with white everlastings during wildflower season. The surrounding bushland hosts a variety of birds, flowers, mammals and reptiles. In the backdrop are the Moonagin, Karrakarook and Milhun Ranges, which change their colours when the everlastings are blooming right to their tops. Legend has it that War Rock received its name when war occurred

between two Aboriginal tribes many years ago. The gnamma hole is usually full of water particularly after heavy rains.

#### Bilya Rock

Located 20km north of Morawa is a large granite outcrop, surrounded by bushland, making it an enjoyable place for picnicking and bushwalking. On top of the rock is a large cairn of rocks built by John Forrest. Koolanooka, meaning, 'place of plenty wild turkey' is an ideal place for a picnic. It is also an ideal area to see the wildflowers or to gain a picturesque view of the surrounding land from the top of the ironstone formations that encapsulate the springs.

#### Historic Canna Store

Built in 1929, the Canna Store is owned by Sue and Paul Offszanka who have a wealth of knowledge of local flora and fauna. Please note this location provides information only; food or fuel are not available in Canna. Maps can be found outside the store.

#### Morawa Museum

The Morawa Museum is located on Prater Street and is run by the Morawa District Historical Society. The Museum hosts a vast collection of memorabilia, including the world's sixth largest collection of windmills, a wide array of farming implements and machinery of historical interest, and the original Morawa Police Station.

#### Koolanooka Springs

Koolanooka, meaning, 'place of plenty wild turkey' is an ideal place for a picnic, see the wildflowers and gain a

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### WHAT'S ON

Australia Day – 26 Jan 2024  
 NAIDOC – July 2024  
 Bi-Annual Art Awards and Exhibition – Aug 2024  
 Speedway – Oct 2024  
 Christmas Festival Dec – 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Karara Rangeland Park / War Rock / Widimia Trail / Koolanooka Springs / Bilya Rocks

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Wreath Flower / Schoenia / Beaufortia / Verticordia / Cornflower



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picturesque view of the surrounding land from the top of the ironstone formations that encapsulate the springs. The picnic area provides barbeque and toilet facilities.





**MT MARSHALL**  
350KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH

The Shire of Mt Marshall is located deep in the heart of Australia's Golden Outback, an easy three-hour drive north-east of Perth. The two main towns within the shire are Beacon and Bencubbin as well as the locations of Gabbin, Wialki, Welbungin and Cleary. There is a heritage trail located in the old Gabbin townsite that showcases all the highlights of Gabbin's history. If you love the outdoors, it is a great place to take a trip back in time and visit the remains of historical buildings, rocky outcrops, nature reserves and amazing night skies. From July to October, you will be treated to a spectacular vista of wildflowers.

**BENCUBBIN**  
270KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH

The main street of Bencubbin features many original buildings built between 1911 and 1929. Enjoy a walk around the Heritage Trail to learn more about the history of the town including a restored sandalwood dray and the town's first generator and engine.

**PLACES TO VISIT**

**Waddouring Dam & Reserve**

Enjoy free camping, waterless toilet facilities, picnic shelter and fire pits at this stunning location. Perfect for kayaking, paddle boarding or enjoying a picnic on the water's edge.

**Marshall Rock**

Free camping, waterless toilet facilities, fire pits and large shady trees make this location the perfect spot for self-sufficient campers or a picnic lunch. Enjoy a walk or drive to the top of the rock where you can experience 360-degree views

of surrounding farmland and the Lake McDermott catchment.

**Lake McDermott**

Free camping, shelter and fire pits make this a great place to camp or picnic. Season rainfall determines the water level with the lake only filling every 10 to 15 years.

**BEACON**  
320KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH

Beacon is the farthest north easterly town in the Wheatbelt. While in Beacon, learn more about the pioneer settlement of the town by taking a walk around the new historic walking trail. Beacon is famed for its wildflower tours, run annually through August and September.

**PLACES TO VISIT**

**Beacon Men's Shed**

The Men's Shed holds an important place in Australian culture. Visitors are invited to view the restored projects on display and check out current projects.

**Billiburning Rock**

Enjoy free camping, waterless toilet facilities, picnic shelter and fire pits at

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**TOP ATTRACTIONS**

Marshall Rock and Pergande Sheepyards / Waddouring Dam and Reserve / Lake McDermott / Beacon Mens Shed / Billiburning Rock

**WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER**

Spider Orchid / Pink Everlastings / Sugar Candy Orchid / Emu Tree / Wattle



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this beautiful reserve. Billiburning provides fantastic views from the top of both cropping and pastoral country, and offers many great photographic opportunities. Located on the reserve are a gnamma hole and a soak well, which are easily accessible.

**Datjoin Well & Rock Reserve**

Located 18km east of Beacon is the Datjoin Well and Rock Reserve. During the winter and spring months the reserve is a popular picnic destination for picnickers and visitors looking to find some of the best orchids and wildflowers in the district.

**Beacon Caravan Park**



Surrounded by bushland, providing a peaceful and relaxing environment for guests.

**Bencubbin Caravan Park**



Experience a country sunset overlooking farmland at the end of your day.

Walking distance to local businesses and town facilities.  
Camping and on-site self-contained accommodation options available along with modern comfortable facilities.  
Visit [www.mtmarshall.wa.gov.au](http://www.mtmarshall.wa.gov.au) to make a booking or find out more.  
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## Shire of MUKINBUDIN

### MUKINBUDIN 300km NORTH-EAST OF PERTH



**M**ukinbudin, located along the Wheatbelt Way self-drive trail, is a welcoming and vibrant community with a range of amenities. As you explore the Wheatbelt Way, you'll encounter the impressive granite outcrops of Mukinbudin and the Central Wheatbelt region. This scenic self-drive route includes a visit to Beringbooding Rock, one of the standout attractions in the area.

#### PLACES TO VISIT

##### Beringbooding Rock

This remarkable site boasts one of the largest rock water catchment tanks in Australia, constructed in 1937 with a capacity of 2.25 million gallons. Beringbooding Rock is renowned for its striking balancing boulder, a massive gnamma hole (water source accessed by bucket and rope), and cave paintings of hands created by the Kalamai tribe.



Beringbooding Tank

##### Wattoning Historical Site

A historically significant settlement used for water transportation in the early 1900s. It features a gnamma hole, a soak, and two wells meticulously crafted by early pastoralists, which are still in excellent condition today. The site also includes three graves, reminding us of the past.

##### Weira Reserve

Just 20km east of Mukinbudin, Weira Reserve offers a breakaway area with gnamma holes. It's equipped with barbecue facilities, toilets, and picnic areas. While exploring the bush trail, keep an eye out for native orchids in damp areas and the Red Capped Robin.

##### Mukinbudin Men's Shed

Local men utilise the Men's Shed for various projects, including the restoration of old machinery and household items. Visitors are welcome to drop in and meet the members, who are more than happy to provide tours of the shed.

##### Pope's Hill

Located 8km east of the townsite, Pope's Hill pays tribute to Colonel Harold Pope, John Mulqueeny, and the returning soldiers who played a significant role in developing farming land in the Lake Brown area. This area marked the first large-scale Soldier Settlement Scheme in Western Australia.

Whether you're interested in history,

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#### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Beringbooding Rock / Weira Reserve / Pope's Hill Historical Site / Wattoning Historical Site / Bonnie Rock Townsite

#### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Native Cornflowers / Pink Everlastings / Freckled Sun Orchid / Orange Immortelle



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natural beauty, or community engagement, Mukinbudin and its surroundings offer a diverse range of attractions and experiences for visitors to enjoy.



Wildflowers at Pope's Hill

#### MUKINBUDIN CARAVAN PARK



Accommodation includes: self-contained holiday houses, cabins, units, motorhome, caravan and camping sites with access to sporting and swimming pool facilities (in season). Unique Camper's Kitchen, clean ablutions & BBQ facilities. Free NBN wireless internet. RV friendly town. Dumpsite available.

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### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Wadderin Wildlife Sanctuary / Avoca Farm & Historical Machinery / Narembeen Grain Discovery Centre / Roe Lookout / Narembeen Lesser Hall Precinct and Draught Horse Sculpture

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Flame Grevillia / Cowslip Orchid / Hibbertia / Dampiera lavandulacea / Caladenia Longicauda / Yellow Granite Donkey Orchid (Diuris hazeliae)

## NAREMBEEN

286km east of Perth



Located between Wave Rock and the Great Eastern Highway, Narembeen is the perfect location to discover, explore and stay. Enjoy beautiful nature trails, a wildlife sanctuary, prolific wildflowers in spring, granite outcrops and the undisturbed beauty of this country town.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Hidden Hollow

Approximately 30km from Narembeen, the perfect place for a picnic, this secluded granite outcrop boasts a natural amphitheatre. For the more energetic – the vantage point from the summit offers spectacular views of the district.

#### Walker Lake & Avoca Farm Walk Trails

Located near the townsite, the Walker Lake Trail is 1.8km and the Avoca Farm walk trail is 2.2km.

#### Narembeen Lesser Hall Precinct

This newly-refurbished outdoor interpretation area is a great place for visitors and locals to learn about the value of Narembeen's heritage and the way that social life developed in country towns of this era.

#### Narembeen Grain Discovery Centre

Located within Narembeen's roadhouse is an interpretive centre focusing on grain growing in Western Australia. Learn more about farming in Narembeen as you wander through the exhibits. Open 9am to 5pm daily.

#### Narembeen Sculptures

Discover amazing metal sculptures around town including the Narembeen Hawk located at the Recreation Centre and the Narembeen Draught Horse located at the Lesser Hall Precinct.

#### Roe Dam

Approximately 45km east of Narembeen, enjoy the picnic area beside this 20-million-gallon storage dam, built in 1971. Toilets available.

#### Roe Lookout

Only 8km from Narembeen, this site is the first site of European contact in the Narembeen Shire. A scenic drive takes you to the peak of this granite formation with beautiful panoramic views of the district.

#### Step Back in Time

Visit one of the many historical museums in Narembeen including The Old Church, History Museum and Machinery Museum, History Centre and the Spotters Post.

#### Wadderin Wildlife Sanctuary, Information Centre and Walk Trail

This 400ha nature conservation project, managed by the local community, focuses on the reintroduction of rare or locally-extinct animals in the Wheatbelt. Be sure to check out the new Information Centre and Walk Trail!

#### Narembeen's Mile of Boots

A quirky spectacle, located on Mt Walker Road, see more than 1000 odd shoes and boots hanging from a fence-line. The collection of footwear, put together by local farmers, stretches for more than 1km.



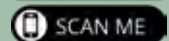
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## NARROGIN

170KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



**N**arrogin is situated within the Gnaala Karla Booja region in the land of the Noongar People. Narrogin is a Wilman Noongar name, first recorded in 1869 as “Narroging” for a pool in this area. It is a regional centre and an easy drive of just over two hours from Perth. It’s a perfect destination for day trippers or for a stop over for a few days with a range of enticing attractions.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Downderry Wines

Established in 1997, this is a must-visit attraction just 12km west of Narrogin. Downderry makes chemical-free award-winning quality wines. Enjoy free wine tastings, cheeses, tea and coffee. Free overnight camping is available and there are child-friendly farm animals to pat!

#### Gnarojin Park

**“When the wind blows we hear more than just the rustle of leaves or the sound of falling bark. We hear and feel the presence of our ancestors.”** – Noel Nannup.

Gnarojin Park contains significant cultural sites including a ceremonial Corrobboree Ground and a birthing tree. Narrogin Brook, a running waterway within the park, is believed to be part of a song line, which possibly runs to the mouth of the Blackwood River. Enjoy the interpretive signage and public art.

#### Foxes Lair

Take a stroll on one of the five walking trails replete with interpretive signage in this stunning 68ha bush reserve on the town’s doorstep. Spend time at the arboretum with over 60 species of the iconic Australian eucalypt. This fascinating reserve has a wide array of wildflowers, landscapes, birds and wildlife. From August to early October is the best time for viewing wild flowers.

#### Barna Mia Nocturnal Wildlife Experience and Dryandra Woodland National Park

Enjoy a unique wildlife experience at the Barna Mia animal sanctuary nestled in the heart of Dryandra Woodland National Park, a 25-minute drive from town. A tour guide with special torches for night viewing will help you discover this magical place. You will be captivated by the sight of threatened native nocturnal marsupials such as the bilby, woylie and quenda.

#### Astrotourism and a Dark Night Sky

Use telescopes and binoculars to enjoy an evening of stargazing at the local golf club. Take stunning images of the starry night sky over the special landscape at Yilliminning Rock.

#### Narrogin Heritage Walk Trail

Take an easy stroll along the Heritage Walk Trail within the CBD. This walk, with 25 interpretive signs, celebrates the town’s early buildings which stand as monuments to the times and people of another era.

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### WHAT'S ON

Australia Day Breakfast & Activities – 25 – 26 Jan 2024  
 Narrogin Agricultural Show – 12 Oct 2024  
 Narrogin Flaming BBQ Festival – 26 Oct 2024  
 Narrogin Rev Heads – 16 Nov 2024  
 Christmas in Narrogin Night Markets – Dec 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Downderry Wines / Foxes Lair / Barna Mia / Narrogin Railway Station / CBD Walk

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Stark White Spider Orchid / Primrose Spider Orchid / Smooth-lipped Spider Orchid / Golden Dryandra / Tassel Grevillea



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### Visitor Centre and Narrogin Railway Station

Stop at the visitor centre at the State heritage-listed Narrogin Railway Station. Make sure you take the time to view the amazing miniature model of Narrogin’s railway precinct and the railway of bygone days. Enjoy interpretive signage, public art, and free WIFI and relax in the lounge while planning your next move.



View from the footbridge



**PERENJORI**  
355KM NORTH OF PERTH



**P**erenjori derives its name from the Aboriginal word "Perangery", meaning water hole. Predominantly an agricultural-based shire, Perenjori is surrounded by a rich wheat and sheep area, plus mining and station activity.

Situated in the heart of wildflower country, the shire is renowned for a diversity of flora that is seldom equalled. View an endless range of wildflowers including everlastings and rare native spring orchids from August to October and the iconic and unique wreath flower can be found in September and October.

Perenjori offers a relaxed stop-over for travellers but there is plenty to keep you occupied for an extended stay, with many family-owned businesses including Daphne's Timeless Treats, the Perenjori Hotel, and Perenjori Roadhouse, open seven days a week and offering 24-hour fuel.

**PLACES TO VISIT**

**Charles Darwin Reserve**

About 60km to the east of Perenjori you will find Australia's only internationally-recognised biodiversity hotspot – Charles Darwin Reserve. Established in 2003, it provides habitat for over 230 animals and over 680 plant species. Camping is available June - September at Samphire Campground.

**Rothsay Heritage Trail and John Forrest Lookout**

For a full-day, round-trip of sightseeing:

head from Caron Dam to Camel Soak and Mongers Lake Lookout, to the John Forrest Lookout offering impressive 360-degree views of farms, stations and minesites.

**Caron Rail Trail**

Rail enthusiasts should visit the heritage-listed Caron Coal Stage, bringing reminders of the golden age of steam locomotives.

**Perenjori Tourist Centre and Pioneer Museum**

Rail enthusiasts should visit the heritage listed Caron Coal Stage, bringing reminders of the golden age of steam locomotives.

**Perenjori People's Pathway**

The People's Pathway consists of 23 steel cutouts commemorating the town's history. The cutouts provide an opportunity to step back in time and see how Perenjori has changed over the years, allowing visitors and locals to meet some of the characters who helped make Perenjori the town it is today. The Pathway also takes you to the Church of St Joseph, one of a significant collection of church buildings designed by Monsignor John Hawkes.

**Astrotourism WA**

Enjoy a night of stargazing under the Milky Way and utilise the Giant Planisphere star wheel and dark sky observing platform just a short walk from the Perenjori Caravan Park. No experience necessary as the planisphere gives you all the information you need. Alternatively, enjoy a short drive out of

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**WHAT'S ON**

- Perenjori 360 – Off Road Racing – 2–3 March 2024
- Stargazing with AstrotourismWA – 24 April 2024
- ANZAC Day Ceremony – 25 April 2024
- Little Red in the Hood theatre production – 21 May 2024
- Fervor Dining Experience – TBC

**TOP ATTRACTIONS**

John Forrest Lookout / Pioneer Museum / Camel Soak / Astrotourism Observation Platform / Charles Darwin Reserve

**WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER**

Wreath Flowers / Donkey Orchids / Spider Orchids / Pink Everlastings / White Everlastings



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town to the Astrophotography Hotspot at 'the Salmons'.

**Perenjori Caravan Park**

With a friendly and helpful park manager to assist in all aspects of your visit, enjoy a relaxing stay in Perenjori surrounded by shady and spacious sites, a large camp kitchen and fully self-contained accommodation.

**The Perenjori Collective**

The Perenjori Collective offers a range of high quality, locally made products including art, photography, fragrances, gifts, treats and jewellery; all of which are made right here in Perenjori.



Wreath Flower



## PINGELLY

158KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



**P**ingelly is a pleasant 90-minute drive from central Perth, close enough for an overnight stay or a day trip. Settled in the 1860s, Pingelly is a rich and diverse cropping and grazing agricultural region contributing significantly to the state's wool and grain exports. Pingelly won the State Tidy Towns Award in 2023.

The town is picturesque, with many parks, free barbecue facilities, picnic areas, playgrounds, gardens and two RV dump points. Facilities include a 24/7 medical centre, chemist, supermarket (open seven days), butcher, ATM, community crafts and giftware shops, an op-shop, a swimming pool (November – March), and dine-in and takeaway food options.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### The PRACC

The PRACC is the largest timber structure built in Western Australia since World War II. This amazing facility was built using 1,000 tonnes of yellow stringy bark, houses a bar and bistro, and is open from Wednesday to Sunday each week.

#### Moorumbine Heritage Townsite

This picturesque site was originally settled in 1864. Many of the original houses and buildings built by convicts survive, such as St Patrick's Church, which was consecrated in 1873 and is still in use today.

#### Boyagin Nature Reserve

Boyagin Nature Reserve is a designated flora and fauna reserve with picnic, bushwalking activities, and wildflowers in season. Boyagin Rock rises 50m above the surrounding countryside and is of immense spiritual and cultural significance to Noongar people.

#### Apex Lookout on Ironstone Hill

The lookout offers panoramic views of the town and countryside. Access and parking is found off Balfour Street.

#### Tutanning Flora and Fauna Reserve

Tutanning is world renowned as a sanctuary for the endangered Tammar wallaby, and for hundreds of wildflower species and native orchids.

#### Dryandra Woodland

Dryandra Woodland offers one of the best opportunities to view native animals in their natural habitat.

#### Memorial Park

In the heart of Pingelly, Memorial Park now features purpose-built play spaces encompassing an early years playground, an adventure and nature playground for all ages, an expanded children's playground, as well as barbecue, picnic and toilet facilities.

#### Pingelly Community Craft Centre

Purchase local crafts and souvenirs from the shop, which doubles as a tourist information source and booking centre

## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Pingelly Country Collective – April 2024  
 Flowers Art & Music (FAM) Festival – Sept 2024  
 Tutanning Wildflower Walk – Sept 2024  
 Pingelly Christmas Village – Dec 2024  
 Pingelly Party on the Oval – Dec 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Historic Town Centre / Pingelly Recreation and Cultural Centre (PRACC) / Moorumbine Heritage Townsite / Boyagin Rock / Tutanning Nature Reserve

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Jarrah / Wandoo / Powderbank  
 Wandoo / Brown Mallet



### PINGELLY COMMUNITY CRAFT CENTRE AND TOURIST INFORMATION

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for the local caravan park. Open from 9.30am. Further tourist information and shire location maps are available from all retail outlets in town.



Pocket Park Launch



## QUAIRADING

167KM FROM PERTH



Quairading is a beautiful town nestled in the Central Wheatbelt of Western Australia, just 167km east of Perth on the York-Quairading Road. This vibrant community has a population of about 1,200 and a strong agricultural industry, producing cereal and grain crops, forestry, wool, sheep and cattle, supported by rural service industries.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Toapin Weir

The largest and most comprehensive privately constructed reservoir and water scheme in Western Australia, this picturesque area boasts spectacular views, an electric barbecue and toilet facilities.

#### El Toro

El Toro is a major artistic attraction in town – a sculpture crafted by the world-renowned metal sculptor based in WA. Jordan Sprigg's attention to detail and regional WA craftsmanship along with his obvious passion, all contribute to El Toro magnificently displaying his collection of time-worn scrap iron that is catching the eyes and hearts of locals and visitors alike in this small rural town. Quairading proudly aligns itself with many traits of the bull that El Toro resembles. El Toro is on public display in Quairading, outside the Quairading Town Hall.

#### Nookaminnie Rock Nature Reserve

The Nookaminnie Rock Nature Reserve

lies 3km west of town on the York-Quairading Road. The heart of the reserve is dominated by Nookaminnie Rock, which is a large granite outcrop with magnificent views of the surrounding landscape and the town of Quairading. The top of Nookaminnie Rock offers a perfect platform to watch the Wheatbelt's breathtaking sunsets and in spring you can enjoy some of the most beautiful wildflowers the Wheatbelt has to offer. Marked walk trails provide easy and safe access to the reserve.

#### Rabbit Proof Fence

The Rabbit Proof Fence is the longest fence in the world! Two re-created examples of the fence and rabbit traps are located south of Quairading on the Corrigin Road. There are three fences in Western Australia: the original No. 1 Fence crosses the state from north to south, No. 2 Fence is smaller and further west, and No. 3 Fence is smaller still and runs east-west. The fences took six years to build. When completed in 1907, the rabbit-proof fences (including all three) stretched 3,237km (2,023 miles). The



Everlastings within the Nookaminnie Rock Nature Reserve

## AT A GLANCE

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Toapin Weir / Nookaminnie Rock Nature Reserve / Quairading Railway Museum / Rabbit Proof Fence / El Toro

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Banksia Cuneata (Matchstick Banksia) / Donkey Orchid / Spider Orchid / Everlastings



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cost to build the fences at the time was about £167 per mile (\$250/km) which totals just over \$800,000.

#### Kwirrading Koort

Completed in August 2023, the new community park and adventure playground is a must-see Wheatbelt attraction. The playground features equipment for all ages, water play, vast lawn areas, barbecue facilities, and plenty of seating and tables for visitors.

#### Quairading Caravan Park

Need somewhere to stay? Book into the Quairading Caravan Park! There are two-bedroom self-contained cabins as well as single rooms, powered/unpowered caravan sites and camping options available.

Book online at [www.quairading.wa.gov.au](http://www.quairading.wa.gov.au) or call 0438 213 042.



Quairading Town Hall and El Toro Sculpture



## TRAYNING

135KM FROM PERTH



Located along the Wheatbelt Way self-drive route, the Shire of Trayning consists of the three townships of Kununoppin, Trayning, and Yelbeni. It is home to 300 people and has a distinct focus on agriculture.

The area is named after Trayning Well, the Aboriginal name of a nearby water source located on the old road from Goomalling to the Eastern Goldfields. It was first recorded by a surveyor in 1892 and allegedly derives from the European interpretation of the Aboriginal word 'dur-iring' meaning 'snake calling in the grass near a campfire'.

While in Trayning, discover natural granite outcrops, native birds, insects, reptiles, woodlands and stunning panoramas of wildflowers in season.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Billyacatting Hill

Situated on the shire's eastern boundary (27km east of Trayning), this 2,500ha flora and fauna reserve is a nature lover's delight.

#### Yarragin Rock

Located 24km north-east of Trayning, Yarragin Rock consists of twin monoliths rising from a flat granite outcrop and is visible from a great distance.

#### Gnammas

Located 18km north of Trayning are the

gnamma holes. Birds and other wildlife frequent the rock pools. The perimeters of gnamma holes are also good places to search for orchids, and other wildflowers.

#### Rance Caravan

Home of one of the first registered caravans in Western Australia you will find the old Rance Caravan and its story displayed on Railway Street in Trayning. A variety of amazing flora and fauna can be found at these locations, highlighting the natural diversity of the area.

#### Yelbeni Centenary Museum

Marvel at machinery from yesteryear at the Yelbeni Centenary Museum.

#### Trayning Caravan Park

This quaint little spot really is the peace and quiet you have been looking for. With drive-through powered sites, free iFi, barbecues, an expansive grassed area, a playground, laundry and kitchen



## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

TTPA - Rock Solid Smoke 'N' Dirt Event – 28-29 Sept 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

The Wheatbelt Way / Trayning Caravan Park / Yarragin Rock / Billyacatting Hill / Yelbeni Centenary Museum

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Common Firebush / Yellow Feather Flower / Rock Buttercup / Pink Everlasting / Orchids / Grevilleas



### VISITOR INFORMATION

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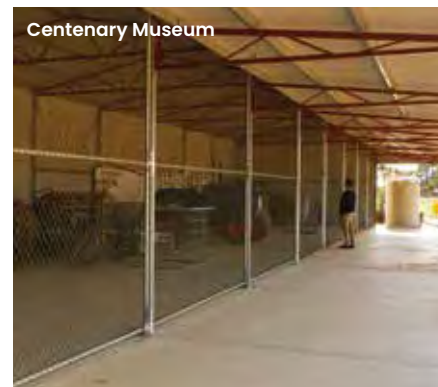
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amenities, and an RV dump point, this dog-friendly caravan park is a great spot to stop and stay a while. Enjoy starry-night skies around the communal fire pit (subject to fire season). Situated north on the Bencubbin / Kellerberrin Road and close to town the caravan park is in walking distance to everything.

#### Trayning Short Stay Accommodation

On Felgate Parade, there are two furnished, two bedroom cottages, accommodating up to four people which are perfect for a family of four visiting relatives or visitors travelling the Wheatbelt.







## At a Glance

### WHAT'S ON

Wagin Woolorama – 8–9 March 2024  
 Wagin Gymkhanarama –  
 Sept 28–29 2024  
 Wagin Christmas Street Carnival –  
 13 Dec 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Bart – the Giant Ram / Wagin Historical  
 Village / Puntapin Rock / Norrington Lake /  
 Ninja Park

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Everlastings / Donkey Orchids  
 Green Spider Orchids / Jug Orchids  
 / Cats Paws

## WAGIN

227KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



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### Wagin Historical Village Museum

This is acclaimed as the largest and best social history museum in Western Australia. Some 25 historical or recreated buildings house the history of the region.

### Norrington Lake

Norrington Lake is a large freshwater lake south-west of the Wagin townsite. A fantastic camping and picnic area ideal for skiing and water sports, this large freshwater lake is located south-west of the Wagin townsite.

### Wagin Townsite

There's a terrific historical feel about the town, with many older buildings, businesses and homes which are still in use, loved and well maintained. The original Wagin Courthouse has just been re-opened as the town library, moving from the old roads board building; it's well worth a look inside.



### WAGIN HISTORICAL VILLAGE & TOURIST INFORMATION

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The town is the centre of a thriving Merino stud industry and proud home to the Wagin Woolorama, Western Australia's largest rural show. A 2.5-hour drive from Perth, you will be enthralled with the beautiful rolling Wheatbelt countryside and quaint historical towns along the way. Settled in early 1880s, Wagin is near a series of ancient lakes and is regarded as one of the most heritage-rich rural towns in Western Australia. The streetscapes boast some of the state's most beautiful early 20th century historical hotels. Their architectural significance adds extra interest as you walk the streets of this friendly town absorbing all the charm of a regional farming community.

To acknowledge the prosperity created by the wool industry, meet 'Bart' the Giant Ram on the western side of the town. This iconic attraction is found in the pristine wetlands park with playground, picnic and barbecue facilities.

## PLACES TO VISIT

### Giant Ram

No doubt the most photographed ram in Australia and now available on local souvenir currency! Come see 'Bart', standing some 9m tall and 13m in length, located in the beautiful wetlands park, right alongside the shire offices as you enter the town.



Wagin Library and Gallery



## At a Glance

### WHAT'S ON

Australia Day Breakfast –  
 Lake Towerrinning, 26 January 2024  
 Sheepfest – Darkan, February 2024  
 ANZAC Dawn Service –  
 Lake Towerrinning, 25 April 2024  
 ANZAC March and Service –  
 Darkan, 25 April 2024  
 Birdy's Backyard Ultra Marathon –  
 August 2024  
 Towerrinning Cup and State Titles –  
 October 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Lake Towerrinning / Collie–Darkan Rail  
 Trail / Arthur River Heritage Precinct  
 / Betty Brown Historical Centre /  
 Astrotourism

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Orchids / Boronia / Forest shrubs



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 accommodation/visitors/darkan-  
 caravan-park.aspx](http://westarthur.wa.gov.au/accommodation/visitors/darkan-caravan-park.aspx)

## DARKAN

204 KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



### Collie Darkan Rail Trail

Follow the old railway line that once connected Collie and Narrogin. The line was used to transport timber, farm produce, livestock and grain and also provided a passenger service. The line closed in 1979 and became a trail in 2005. The trailheads are at Buckingham, Darkan and Dardinine, a total of 60.5km. The trail is multi-use, and suitable for most walkers, cycling, adaptive cycling and horse riding. Find out more at [westarthur.wa.gov.au](http://westarthur.wa.gov.au) or on Trails WA's website.

### Betty Brown Historical Centre

This award-winning museum highlights the contributions made by women to rural communities, and how they assisted in the development of their towns and districts. Located in the old West Arthur Road Board building in Darkan, it is well worth a visit.

### Stargazing

West Arthur is part of the Astrotowns network, and there are many places in the shire that offer the chance to stargaze and take stunning astrophotos. Local tourism business One Gate Farm offers astro tours, farm gate tastings, wildflowers and historical tours. Astro sites within the shire include Lake Towerrinning, historical Six Mile Cottage and Kylie Water Tower.

### Flora and Fauna

Wildflowers are abundant within the shire, along the rail trail, and in road verges and nature reserves. The shire is a combination of forest to the west, and

The town of Darkan was established in 1907, with the establishment of two connecting railway lines from Collie to the Great Southern Railway. Darkan, located on the Coalfields Highway, is now the shire's main town.

## PLACES TO VISIT

### Arthur River

The Arthur and Beaufort Rivers area, located on the Albany Highway, was first settled during the 1850s, with grazing leases granted as early as 1854. Arthur River developed into a thriving centre, but in 1889, when the Great Southern Railway opened, many of the existing businesses moved to the new railway towns. Arthur River still contains some lovely examples of early buildings, with some being on the State Heritage Register.

### Lake Towerrinning

Lake Towerrinning is a large and beautiful semi-freshwater lake with clean sandy beaches. Nestled amid bush and farmland, the 256ha lake is perfect for waterskiing, kayaking, swimming, birdwatching and stargazing. The lake is close to, but not directly part of the Arthur River. The lake hosts annual events such as the WA Speed Boat Club's State Titles and the Towerrinning Gold Cup. In 2023 it hosted dragon boat racing for the first time. Camping is available at the lake at Lakeside Camping.

plains to the east, with natural water ways and stunning vistas.

Phascogales, or wambengers are found in the district, with a wooden carving of one found in the Railway Reserve area and playground in Darkan. The red-tailed phascogales are endangered and only found in certain areas of Western Australia, while emus, kangaroos and Banks Black Cockatoo can also be sighted.



Wake-boarding at Lake Towerrinning



**WESTONIA**  
S16KM EAST OF PERTH



‘Wessy’, as locals call it, is just over a three hours drive east of Perth, where the Wheatbelt meets the Goldfields. The town owes its origin to gold mining and now relies largely on wheat and sheep farming. Westonia is located along the Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail and the Wheatbelt Way self-drive trail and boasts beautiful historic façades on its main street.

**PLACES TO VISIT**

**Hood-Penn Museum**

Showcasing early life in the shire, it includes a mine tunnel and blast simulation.

**Wolfram Street**

The main street features charming façades of the original bank and other historic buildings such as the café, hotel, fire station, boarding house and greengrocer.

**Elachbutting Rock**

A prominent landmark with excellent views from the top and colourful caves.

**Baladjie Rock**

Extensive granite outcrops in attractive woodland setting adjacent to Baladjie Lake with spectacular views of the nearby lake system landscape. Popular for camping in milder months.

**Edna May Lookout**

A working gold mine which offers a view of a mine by day or night.

**Westonia Common**

Westonia townsite is nestled inside approx. 5,600ha of remnant bushland. ‘The Common’ features salmon gum, morrell and gimlet woodlands, a woodlands and wildflowers walk trail with miniature replicas and points of interest, and Boodalin Soak – a historic water and rest place for travellers. It was the place of capture for Moondyne Joe (WA’s best known bushranger) in 1866.

**Yanneymoon Rock and Reserve**

Comprises granite rock formations and bushland. Spot the abundant ornate dragon lizard (Ctenophorus ornatus), an inhabitant of Yanneymoon Rock.



Elachbutting Rock

**At a Glance**

**WHAT'S ON**

Wessy Christmas Markets – Nov 2024  
Wessy on the Green – April 2025 (biennial)

**TOP ATTRACTIONS**

Edna May Lookout / Hood-Penn Museum / Elachbutting Rock / Baladjie Rock / Wolfram Street façades

**WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER**

Orchids / Cowslip Orchid / Grevilleas / Hakeas / Red Morrell Eucalypts / Lesser Bottlebrush



**SHIRE OF WESTONIA & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE**

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**Sandford Rocks Nature Reserve**

Experience the granite outcrop, wildflowers scrub and woodland. A must do for birding and wildflower enthusiasts.

**Chiddaracooping Reserve**

This reserve has abundant and unique flora such as the cowslip orchid and the lesser bottlebrush or Callistemon phoeniceus, one of only two bottlebrush species native to South West WA.



Hood-Penn Museum



Image by Janet Vlahov

## WICKEPIN

227KM SOUTH-EAST OF PERTH



The Wickepin area was settled in the early 1900s as a service centre for grain and sheep farming and still features many preserved historical sites from this period. The shire covers an area of 198,900ha including the towns of Wickepin, Yealering, Harrismith and Tincurrin.

Wickepin town boasts impressive sporting and recreational facilities including a sporting oval, indoor courts, synthetic bowling greens, a swimming pool, golf course, tennis courts, and a dynamic nature playground located within the town's centre. This RV friendly town has 24-hour fuel available.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Albert Facey Homestead

Located in the main street of Wickepin, the Albert Facey Homestead celebrates the life of Albert Facey, author of the bestselling autobiography 'A Fortunate Life'. The homestead was moved into town from his family farm and has been lovingly restored to reflect the harsh and simple lifestyle of the 1930s.

#### Wickepin Heritage Precinct and Walk Trail

The Wickepin Heritage Precinct walk trail is located within the town centre. There you'll find The Old Railway Station, Stationmaster's House, Old Police Station,

along with the former Road Board Building all built prior to 1915.

#### Yealering

The town of Yealering is located 27km north of Wickepin. Yealering is known to be the only country town in Western Australia with a lake within the town boundary and is part of the Living Lakes initiative.

#### Lake Yealering

In a picturesque setting with picnic and barbecue facilities, Lake Yealering is an ideal place for a variety of water sports including skiing, swimming, sailing and windsurfing. There are nature walks throughout the surrounding bushland which is alive with birdlife. Overlooking the lake are modern sporting facilities including tennis courts, a bowling green and cricket oval. The golf course surrounds the lake and the 18th hole features a unique tee box set out over the water. The Town Hall, caravan park and picnic facilities are located on the lake shore.

#### Harrismith

Harrismith is located 45km south-east of Wickepin and the area boasts some of Western Australia's most unique wildflowers. An established wildflower walk trail with informative signage surrounds the town and showcases the magnificent display of orchids, verticordias, grevilleas and banksias. Visitors will enjoy the display of historical machinery and memorabilia

## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Ignite Wicky Festival – 24 Feb 2024  
Yealering Regatta – Oct 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Malyalling Reserve / Lake Toolibin  
/ Albert Facey Homestead / Lake  
Yealering / Wildflowers Harrismith

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Fringed Mantis, Banded Greenhoods,  
Many Orchid varieties (e.g. Spider  
Orchids – Pink & Blue Fairy Orchids –  
Sugar Orchids – Purple Enamel Orchids)



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or contact Wickepin Community  
Resource Centre  
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**T:** (08) 9888 1500

assembled by local community members including information about the Rabbit Proof Fence. Facilities in the town include a Town Hall, caravan park and accommodation units, cricket oval as well as an 18-hole golf course.

#### Tincurrin

The small town of Tincurrin is located 35km south of Wickepin and showcases a stunning display of wildflowers.

#### Toolibin Nature Reserve

Toolibin Nature Reserve is an A class nature reserve that is home to the Ramsar listed Toolibin Lake. Toolibin Lake is an area of high conservation value, being one of the last remaining inland freshwater lakes in the southwest. An easy 1.6km loop walk takes about 45 minutes and you can learn about the lake from the interpretive signs. To date, 41 species of waterbird have been recorded here including rare species like the freckled duck (*Stictonetta naevosa*).



## WONGAN HILLS

18.6KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH



A short, scenic drive from Perth brings you to Wongan Hills, the largest town within the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu. Translated from the Aboriginal Wongan Katta, or Talking Hills, the area falls within WA's rich and diverse floral region and is home to over 1,300 varieties of wildflowers including 24 species found only in Wongan Hills. Noted as one of WA's first Astrotourism towns, visit Lake Ninan or the airport to gaze at spectacular starry-night skies. The town offers outstanding cycling paths, sporting facilities, museum and cultural festivals and activities.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Mt Matilda Walk Trail

Located within the Wongan Hills nature reserve, this walk trail boasts spectacular views, fauna, and flora. Two trails are available for people with a moderate fitness level.

#### Mt O'Brien Lookout

Mt O'Brien is the second highest point in Wongan Hills and has a variety of wildflowers, some of which are only found in these hills. Barbecue and lighting facilities are provided.

#### Christmas Rock Walk

This trail is easily accessible and will take approximately an hour to walk at a leisurely stroll. Filled with natural attractions and cultural history of the town.

#### Gathercole Nature Reserve and Walk Trail

Many species of native plants and animals call this granite outcrop home. The walk trail is suitable for people with moderate levels of fitness.

#### Dingo Rock

This large granite outcrop has a gnamma hole on the rock face, which is a water collection site. During late winter and spring, the reserve develops a picturesque covering of wildflowers.

#### Reynoldson Reserve

The reserve is renowned for its spectacular displays of Verticordia. Flowering seasons vary with most blooming between October and January, with November being the peak season.

#### Lake Ninan

Once a thriving ski lake with its own yacht club, Lake Ninan is a beautiful place for a picnic. The perfect spot for watching the sunset and stargazing under the night's sky. An RV-friendly site and only a short 8km from Wongan Hills town centre.

## BALLIDU

21.6KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH

Still sporting the verandahs and posts on the original main street shops, this cultural hamlet town is famous for its annual Bike it to Ballidu Gravel event. The old Ballidu Hall has been repurposed to house a charming history collection and is well worth a look. Be sure to visit the local tavern for a sense of country

## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Reynoldson Reserve Wildflower Festival – Oct 2024  
Bike it to Ballidu Gravel – Sept 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Lake Ninan / Gamma Rock / Reynoldson Reserve / Ballidu Heritage Centre / Astrotourism

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Verticordia / Orchid Species / Grevillea 'Superb' / Pink Poker (Grevillea Petrophiloides) / Wongan Cactus



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hospitality. The town's arts scene can also be enjoyed at the award-winning Ballidu Lodge Art Gallery. Ballidu Town Dam and the Balli-Balli Rocks offer nature enthusiasts great scenery, fauna, and flora.

## CADOUX

23.1KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH

At the core of Cadoux are its general store, school, outstanding recreation centre and wheat bins. The town suffered major destruction during the 1979 earthquake and the fault lines and geological phenomena are clearly marked with interpretive signage. Just north of the town will take you to the Flat Rocks Nature Reserve, a water catchment area built during WWII. During winter and spring this is a great place to enjoy the wildflowers and gnamma hole.



## WYALKATCHEM

172KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH



**W**yalkatchem lies along the popular Pioneers' Pathway and Wheatbelt Way self-drive routes, an easy two-hour drive from Perth via Northam or Toodyay. The first recorded exploration was in 1846, guided by local Aborigines. Settlers first arrived in 1904 and the town site was officially declared in 1908. By 1905, Wyalkatchem was home to pioneer and politician John Lindsay, a key advocate for farmers and the bulk handling of wheat. Later, Wyalkatchem became known as the "cradle of bulk handling" and remains a thriving grain and sheep farming region.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### CBH Agricultural Museum

The first delivery of bulk wheat in Western Australia was received at Korrelocking in November 1931. Today, the Museum's original K Type wheat bin protects an impressive collection of early farming equipment including the rare Waterloo Boy – one of the first John Deere tractors (1920).

#### Wyalkatchem Town Heritage Walk

The town boasts many fine historical, National Trust and heritage listed buildings from the early 1900s. A leaflet is available at the visitor centre and shire offices.

#### Old School House

Once home to Sir William Heseltine, who later became a member of the Royal Household and Press Secretary to Queen

Elizabeth II, see life from a bygone era at Old School House. Viewing by appointment only – contact Pat Jones on (08) 9681 1036 or Wendy Begley on (08) 9681 1397.

#### Walk-A-Wyal Tracks

Along three different tracks marked by yellow, blue and red triangles, you can observe unique flora and fauna in the peaceful surrounds of some of the oldest bushland reserves in WA.

#### Cowcowing Lake

Cowcowing Lake and Cemetery lie 26km to the north of town. The lake gives its name to Cowcowing Siding and covers an area of 15,000ha. On rare occasions when the lake is full, locals use it to water ski.

#### Yorkrakine Rock

A spectacular granite outcrop rising 341m and covering some 160ha, Yorkrakine Rock is an ideal spot for picnics (it has amenities) and bushwalking.

#### Korrelocking Reserve

Site four on the Wheatbelt Way self-drive trail, Korrelocking Reserve features 259ha of bushland and a picturesque picnic spot (especially during wildflower season) with amenities, interpretative signage, a marked walk trail and pioneer well. Some 44 bird species have been recorded at the reserve including pacific heron, black-shouldered kite, whistling kite, little eagle, black-tailed native hen and Long-billed corella.

## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Wyalkatchem Rodeo – 24 Aug 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Wyalkatchem CBH and Agriculture Museum and Pioneer Pathway display – John Lyndsay / Wyalkatchem Schoolhouse Museum / Korrelocking Reserve / Pioneer Park Memorial Rose Garden / Olympic swimming pool and childrens' pool

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Wyalkatchem Foxglove / Spider Orchids / Donkey Orchids / Paper Daisies



### WYALKATCHEM VISITOR CENTRE

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### Historic Wyalkatchem Well

Commonly known as 'Wyalkatchem Tank', find the unique granite Wyalkatchem Well at site five on the Wheatbelt Way self-drive trail.





## SOUTHERN CROSS

368KM EAST OF PERTH



The town of Southern Cross was founded in 1888 and is named after the stars that guided the first settlers. Today, all the streets in the area are named after stars and constellations. If you are sightseeing or just taking a break from driving, there are many interesting sites, facilities and amenities situated within town. Off Great Eastern Highway on Antares Street you will find cafés, a chemist, hardware store, newsagent, post office, pubs, a supermarket and an op-shop. Enjoy the outdoors and rest under the shade of a gum tree in the Rotary Park, with barbecue and toilet facilities. Parts of the main street and park are covered by free public WiFi. Reminisce at the Yilgarn Historical Museum, exercise in the well-appointed outdoor fitness centre, or give your four-legged friend a workout at the dog park. If visiting during summer have a splash to cool down in the town swimming pool, free of charge.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Constellation Park

Located on Antares Street, Constellation Park has a new skate park, toddlers bike track, fenced and shaded playground, barbecue and soccer pitch.

#### Southern Cross Dog Exercise Park

Exercise your four-legged friend at the dog exercise area located conveniently close to the RV dump point on the corner of Achernar and Sirius Street.

#### Southern Cross Aquatic Centre

The new aquatic facility located on

Antares Street boasts a 25m pool with wheelchair access, as well as a wading pool with water features. There's also a basketball half court, cricket net, barbecue facilities and kiosk. Open November to March with free entry.

#### Yilgarn History Museum

Located on Antares Street, see the earliest Registrar's Office in Western Australia (now the Museum) built in 1892.

#### Wimmera Hill Lookout

This lookout allows visitors to view the townsite of Southern Cross, the surrounding farmland and gold mines.

### HIGHLIGHTS BEYOND SOUTHERN CROSS

#### Karalee Dam

Collecting water running off the rocks, this historically significant aqueduct was constructed to provide water to the dam for steam trains. Great picnic and camping facilities, located 56km east of Southern Cross along Great Eastern Highway.

## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Australia Day Community Breakfast – 26 Jan 2024  
 ANZAC Day Dawn & 11am Services – 25 April 2024  
 Southern Cross Car and Bike Show – Sept 2024 (biennial)  
 Yilgarn Agricultural Show – 31 Aug 2024

Check visit.yilgarn.wa.gov.au

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Yilgarn History Museum / Karalee Dam / Lake Koorkoordine / Wimmera Hill / Frog Rock

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Spider Orchid / Donkey Orchids / Dainty Blue Orchids / Tea Tree / Boryceae



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#### Frog Rock

A miniature wave-like formation, dam and picnic area located 30km south-west of Southern Cross.

#### Lake Koorkoordine

A vastly spectacular salt lake, which has recently become a popular land sailing destination.



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# KALGOORLIE & THE GOLDFIELDS

## TOP THINGS

### *to See & Do*



- ✓ Try your luck on a gold prospecting tour
- ✓ Don hi-vis and tour the Super Pit
- ✓ Explore the region's history at a local museum
- ✓ Make an epic journey of discovery through the Norseman Heritage Trail
- ✓ Marvel at the Gormley Sculptures at Lake Ballard
- ✓ Explore Aboriginal history on a cultural tour
- ✓ Wander through Kalgoorlie's Heartwalk trail to 50 stunning murals
- ✓ Amble along Coolgardie's dog-friendly Bluff Trail Walk
- ✓ Explore the fascinating Gwalia ghost town and museum
- ✓ Unearth the virtual journey of gold via the Heart of Gold Discovery Trail
- ✓ Take a break and experience the local flavours of an outback pub



Lake Ballard



## How to Get There

From the fervor of the early gold rush days to the vast expanse of contemporary mining, Kalgoorlie/Karlkurla and the Goldfields encapsulate the essence of adventure and the allure of the outback. Dive deep into Western Australia's golden core and unearth its wonders for yourself. Anchored by the ambitions of early prospectors, the bustling cityscape of Kalgoorlie-Boulder showcases exquisite colonial designs, transporting you to a golden age of audacious adventurers and their dreams of prosperity.

Start your exploration at the **Museum of the Goldfields**. This treasure trove dives deep into the region's gilded history, allowing visitors to relive the days of the gold rush and understand its profound impact on Australia's development. Here, vibrant exhibits narrate tales of fortune, dreams, and the indomitable human spirit that thrived during the gold frenzy.

From the museum, visitors naturally gravitate to **Hannan's North Tourist Mine**, named after Paddy Hannan, whose discovery in 1893 triggered the gold rush. Today, it stands as an evocative monument to those tumultuous times, transporting visitors back to an era of adventurers, dreamers, and fortune-seekers.

Yet, what's history without a touch of grandeur? **The Super Pit** delivers this in spades. As one of the largest open-pit mines globally, it's a testament to human ambition. Viewing platforms around this massive expanse allow visitors to witness mining operations, offering an awe-inspiring perspective of the sheer scale and determination that drives the industry.

For a truly immersive experience of the area's goldrush heritage, hit the road along **The Golden Quest Discovery Trail** (GQDT). This 965km adventurous drive from Coolgardie to Laverton weaves through historic gold rush towns, revealing tales of fortunes, tragedies, and the indomitable spirit of pioneering gold seekers.

Nature, however, offers a pristine counterpoint to the Goldfields' industrial

spirit. **Lake Ballard** — a highlight along the GQDT — stands as a silent witness to the region's timeless beauty. Famous for its statues by artist Antony Gormley, this vast salt lake offers a surreal landscape where creativity thrives. Equally enchanting is **Lake Lefroy** in Kambalda, a gleaming expanse that mirrors the sky, presenting a breathtaking tableau of reflections, especially during sunset.

The spirit of exploration is celebrated grandly at Laverton's **Great Beyond Explorers' Hall of Fame**. Honouring the brave souls who charted unknown terrains in search of gold, it's a tribute to the adventurers who laid the foundation for the Goldfields' legacy.

If you're driven by the urge to traverse, the **Outback Way** beckons. Often dubbed as 'Australia's longest shortcut', this epic six-day journey departs Laverton and weaves through ancient landscapes, Indigenous communities, past the iconic Uluru while venturing through the Northern Territory, arriving in Winton, Queensland.

In the heart of the Goldfields lies **Gwalia**, a ghost town that whispers tales of yesteryears and is home to an insightful museum. Here, **Hoover House** stands out, once home to the 31st US President Herbert Hoover during his stint as a mining engineer. It's a rare opportunity to step into a dwelling that has hosted world leaders, offering glimpses into the personal side of history.

For a more intimate look into the lives of those who shaped the region, the **Warden Finnerty Cottage** in Coolgardie stands as a preserved piece of the past. This historic residence, with its authentic furnishings and artifacts, paints a vivid picture of life during the gold rush. Nearby, the **Coolgardie Bluff** offers panoramic views of the town and surrounding landscapes, making it a popular spot for picnics and reflection.

In Kalgoorlie and the Goldfields, every corner, from the shimmering lakes to the hallowed halls of history, beckons with a story. For those who seek adventure, knowledge, and beauty, Kalgoorlie and the Goldfields promise a journey gilded with memories.

### By Road:

Kalgoorlie is the transport hub of the Goldfields, with a good network of sealed roads that link Kalgoorlie with Perth, Esperance and the Northern Goldfields, Murchison and Gascoyne.

### By Rail:

Transwa operates the Prospector train, with daily services between Perth and Kalgoorlie.

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If you have a valid Western Australia Pension Concession Card you are entitled to one free return trip or two single trips per calendar year on the Transwa network. Book your Transwa Seniors Break in person at the WA Visitor Centre or call on 1800 812 808 or Kalgoorlie Boulder Visitor Centre on 08 9021 1966.

The coast to coast Indian Pacific rail service, travelling between Sydney, Adelaide and Perth, travels through Kalgoorlie weekly in each direction.

**Tel:** 13 21 47.

### By Air

Kalgoorlie-Boulder is serviced by Qantas and Virgin Airlines with multiple daily flights from Perth. Skippers flies from Perth to Leonora, Laverton and Wiluna.

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### By Coach

Goldrush Tours operates a weekly service linking Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Menzies, Leonora and Laverton.

**Tel:** 1800 620 440.

## TOP TRAILS

**Coolgardie Bluff Cultural and Heritage Trail**

**Kalgoorlie Heart of Gold Discovery Trail** (1.9km)

**Karlkurla Bushland Park walking trail** (4km)

**Malcolm-Laverton Rail Trail** (37.8km)

**Leonora Heritage Trail** (1.6km)

**The Breakaway Trail at Niagara Dam** (1.6km)

**Wiluna Heritage Trail** (2.9km)



# The Rugged Explorer's Road Trip

Golden Quest Discovery Trail

Embark on the epic Golden Quest Discovery Trail and return home rich with golden memories and a heart full with heritage. **By JOHN BRADSHAW**

**R**oad trip. Is there a more evocative phrase? Two words that bring images of blazing through wide open, beautiful country to mind. Adventure. Experience. Making memories that will last a lifetime.

How lucky are we then to have one

of the world's most rewarding road trips right here in Western Australia?

The Golden Quest Discovery Trail ticks all the boxes that a perfect highway adventure should tick – breathtaking landscapes, a glimpse into enthralling, enlightening and occasionally dark history, and warm hospitality from true blue sandgropers.

That sounds like a big ask – we're talking about a big bit of story-laden bush here – but the GQDT has been proving it's up to the job since 2003. Since then, tens of thousands of travellers have trusted it to deliver an itinerary to leave them starstruck and have come home richer than they left.

All a well-prepared traveller needs to set off on this epic journey, is a minimum three days up their sleeve, a vehicle, and a yearning to get into Australia's outback and discover. Any 2WD will do; but a 4WD will enhance the journey and ability to

make the most of being out bush.

Coolgardie is the point of departure. This charismatic outpost, steeped in history, is a comfortable, friendly stop for travellers; but it once reigned as the third-biggest settlement in WA, and the biggest in the bush. Gold made it boom and it was key in Australia becoming what is today.

It's an apt place to begin a journey that will take eager explorers to some equally iconic overnight stops. Destinations vary, as it's up to each traveller to choose their awe-inspiring adventure – Menzies and Laverton are included along the longer trips, while all itineraries include insightful stays at the inspiring Kookynie and Leonora-Gwalia.

All these outposts have their own stories to tell, but a favourite among locals and travellers alike has to be Kookynie's proudest boast. The tiny town – population 12 – welcomes the



Golden Quest Discovery Trail

## Prepare For The Journey

The Golden Quest Discovery Trail provides comprehensive directions and advice, including important tips on respecting Indigenous communities and lands, as well as sorting out where to bed down.

While most roads are sealed, some are not, so leave your metro driving habits at home. And watch the weather — a change in the elements means more here than remembering to get your washing in on time.

Don't worry though — the official website has all the information and resources any traveller needs to work alongside nature in this ruggedly beautiful part of the world.



Scan the QR code to discover more

friendly face and character, Willie, a horse that was once lost in the outback and has now made Kookynie home. Rescued by locals and nursed back to health, Willie is now celebrated around town and, like all good residents, he drops into the town's pub every day for his lunch — quite the experience for newcomers on their GQDT journey.

Along the GQDT, natural splendour and historical significance knows no

bounds. The picturesque **Niagara Dam** is the perfect place to settle in for a picnic; while a visit to Leonora's renowned **Gwalia Museum** is a heritage haven and echoes of a bygone era. Just a 40-minute drive from Menzies reveals the extraordinary **Lake Ballard**, a vast salt lake adorned with 51 striking sculptures—silent steel guardians overlooking this serene bush jewel.

These destinations are not merely coordinates on a map, but realms of discovery, inviting travellers to immerse in the enduring beauty and heritage of this outback quest. The places you'll go and the things you'll see will never leave you.

Ultimately, though, all three tours have to come to an end, but once they do your adventure is only just beginning — welcome to Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

This unique bush capital is unlike any other city on earth. A place that boasts a, let's just say, colourful history, here

you'll find a modern, vibrant bolthole that still has echoes of the truly wild west that built it.

Indigenous culture regains strength alongside settler history, in a city that was built on overcoming adversity and succeeding against the odds. The **Hannans Tourist Mine**, tram tour and **Super Pit** are just the top of the iceberg for highlights relating to the activity that spurred the flow of gold.

Those on a tighter schedule can also make Kal their base, and follow one of three day tours or two overnight trips that take in many of the gems the Goldfields has to offer. Each is a delight, an experience, an adventure, and each will make you want to come back for more.

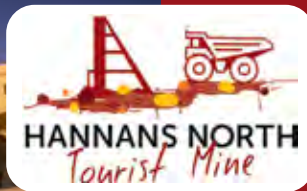
The good news? There's so much here in this big red land that, when you do return, there will always be something new to show you we'll always have something new to show you.



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# ROAD TRIPS

*Kalgoorlie & The Goldfields*



Golden Quest Discovery Trail



## THE OUTBACK WAY

4 days

Unsealed roads

Shires on your journey: *Laverton*

Known as 'Australia's Longest Shortcut', the 2,800km Outback Way offers an awe-inspiring journey through the red centre from the gold rush town of Laverton, Western Australia to Winton in Queensland.

The Outback Way crosses central Australia through the Great Victoria Desert encountering vast salt lakes,

scenic nature reserves, waterholes, natural springs and caves. The route runs via Uluru, Alice Springs and Winton where you'll learn about ancient Aboriginal culture, life in the outback, and the natural environment of Australia's central desert. Visitors can enjoy searching for treasure boxes hidden along the world's longest 'Outback Way Geocache Trail'.

This route is fast becoming one of the must-see and must-do adventure drives. Permits are required.



## GUNBARREL HIGHWAY

6 days

Unsealed roads

Shires on your journey: *Wiluna*

Get ready to experience one of Australia's most famous and challenging 4WD tracks and tell your friends you conquered the rugged and unforgiving Gunbarrel.

Built by surveyor Len Beadell, this 1,400km outback adventure is perfect for the experienced and well-prepared 4WD enthusiast.

The route runs from Wiluna in WA's Northern Goldfields to Yulara in the Northern Territory. Highlights include Giles Weather Station, Banjo Creek, Mt Beadell, Lasseter's Cave and Docker River. You'll find original bores and blaze trees along the trail, and keep an eye out for the interpretative plaques as well as wild camels and dingoes. Travelling with another vehicle is recommended and permits are required.



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Lake Ballard



Golden Quest Discovery Trail



## GOLDEN QUEST DISCOVERY TRAIL

6 days | Sealed and unsealed roads

**Shires on your journey:** Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie, Menzies, Laverton, Leonora

**Travel from Kalgoorlie-Boulder** on an amazing loop trail from Coolgardie to Laverton through incredible goldfields towns rich in heritage, history and charm. This is a true outback adventure which unearths the riches of the Goldfields' 120-year old gold rush and showcases what is still one of the world's biggest gold producing regions.

The 96km trail leads you from the buzz of one of the largest open-cut gold mines on earth, the Super Pit, to the striking beauty of artist Antony Gormley's 51 steel statues on Lake Ballard. There are a number of beautiful nature reserves and campsites, including the man-made lake Niagara Dam. Tour the town of Kookynie, (the pub is well worth the stop) as well as old camps in the town of Gwalia, near Leonora, where the 31st United States President, Herbert Hoover, lived and worked.

The linked Green Trail highlights sites in the Kambalda and Coolgardie areas with outstanding environmental, historical or cultural values such as beautiful woodlands and natural salt lakes.



Lake Ballard campground

## OTHER ROAD TRIPS TO EXPLORE

**Anne Beadell** | 5-7 days  
(unsealed roads)

**Leonora Loop Trails** | 2 days  
(unsealed and sealed roads)

**Norseman Heritage Trail** | 1-2 hours  
(sealed roads)

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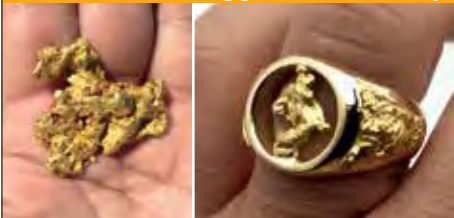
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# CITY OF KALGOORLIE-BOULDER



The name 'Kalgoorlie' is derived from the Wangai word 'Karlkurla', or 'Kulgooluh', meaning 'place of the silky pears'.



## KALGOORLIE-BOULDER

596KM EAST OF PERTH

Located in the Eastern Goldfields region of Western Australia, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is a vibrant regional centre with a population of 30,000. Its rich history and culture provide an experience like no other. There is something for everyone including a variety of activities and attractions, captivating scenery and enthralling culture.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder promises a unique adventure to all those who visit.

### PLACES OF HERITAGE

#### Kalgoorlie Town Hall

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Visitor Centre is located inside the Kalgoorlie Town Hall. Whether you need information on the area or just want to marvel at this magnificent building, the Kalgoorlie Town Hall is the heart of the city. Guided tours of this historic building are available on Monday and Wednesday at 10.30am.

#### Boulder Town Hall and Goldfields War Museum

With its pressed tin ceilings, wrought iron balustrades, and beautifully preserved interiors, the Boulder Town Hall is the home of the Goldfields War

## A Rich Gold Rush History

In 1893, prospectors Patrick (Paddy) Hannan, Tom Flanagan, and Dan Shea, were travelling through the region, when one of their horses cast a shoe. During the unexpected interruption to their journey, the men noticed signs of gold located on a hill north of what is now the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. In the hope of discovering gold, they decided to stay and investigate.

On 17 June 1893, Hannan filed a Reward Claim, leading to hundreds of men swarming to the area in search of gold; and Kalgoorlie, originally called *Hannan's Find*, was born. However, it was the major gold discoveries of William Brookman and Sam Pearce, who would go on to make up the richest square mile on earth known as "The Golden Mile," that secured the region's future.

Museum. Opened in 1908, not only is the building itself of historic architectural significance, but also provides a detailed history of the Goldfields. Visitors come from far and wide to the hall to see the priceless and world-renowned Philip Goatcher stage curtain. This



Paddy Hannan

In 1896 the town site was laid out and gazetted. The first town blocks sold quickly, then a second sale a few months later saw blocks sold for twice as much!

Building then began in earnest. Elaborate business facades and public buildings lined Burt Street. Grand brick homes were built for doctors and public officials. In 1908 the Boulder Town Hall was opened.

In 1989, the Town of Kalgoorlie and Shire of Boulder formally amalgamated to create the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

spectacular artwork, painted in the Trompe-l'œil or 'optical illusion' style, depicts the scene of the Bay of Naples and has hung in the hall since 1908. Local guides offer tours of the Boulder Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.30am and the Goldfields War Museum





Hannan's North Tourist Mine

on Thursdays at 1.30pm, including war artefacts from the Boer War, World Wars I and II, Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, and more recent conflicts and peacekeeping missions. Immerse yourself in stories of the Goldfields region and its warfare history – a worthwhile and enriching experience for locals and visitors alike. Tours: \$10 adult, \$8 concession, \$4 child (includes tour badge giveaway).

**Museum of the Goldfields**

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Kalgoorlie Town Hall

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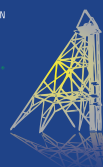


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## THINGS TO SEE & DO

### The Kalgoorlie Two-Up Shed

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### Goldfields Arts Centre

Owned by the Perth Theatre Trust and proudly operated by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, the Goldfields Arts Centre presents an annual program of events that provides unique cultural experiences and opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Stroll upstairs to the gallery, home to year-round exhibitions and public programs showcasing works of local artists, national and state touring exhibitions, and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's annual Art Prize and Art Collection.

### Kalgoorlie Golf Course

The Kalgoorlie Golf Course is a premier, 18-hole championship golf course, designed by top course architect Graham Marsh. The course is currently ranked no. 20 in the top 100 public golf courses in Australia and is also home to two holes of the Nullarbor Links – an 18-hole course spanning 1,365km from Ceduna in South Australia to Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

### Goldfields Oasis Recreation Centre

'The Oasis' is open year-round, and offers an Olympic-sized, heated indoor



St Barbara's Square Playground

pool, child-friendly swimming areas, playgrounds, two waterslides, and a fully equipped 24-hour gymnasium with group fitness classes. The facility also boasts an indoor stadium, outdoor sporting field, spas, saunas, and a kiosk.

### Karlkurla Bushland Park

A gateway to the Goldfields Western Woodlands, Karlkurla Bushland Park is 200ha of regenerative natural bushland. With 4km of walking trails, it is abundant in native plant species, which are highlighted with interpretive flora signage throughout.

### Hammond Park

Hammond Park is the jewel of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's parks and reserves. It is a haven for a variety of birdlife, including peacocks and pink cockatoos, who wander freely around the park. Other popular features include an aviary, and a miniature Bavarian Castle decorated with 40,000 gemstones. Pack a picnic, take the kids to the playground, or watch the world go by over a drink or light lunch from the on-site café.

## UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

There is always something happening in the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. To see what's on during your stay visit [ckb.wa.gov.au/events](http://ckb.wa.gov.au/events)

### St. Barbara's Square

Discover the newly redeveloped St Barbara's Square in the heart of Kalgoorlie's CBD on Hannan St. Reopened in 2023, the multi-million-dollar precinct

embraces a fusion of heritage, nature, and industry, and is a testament to the community's vibrant past and present. It features an enchanting nature playground where the iconic silky pear (Karlkurla) takes centre stage. Venture into a realm of play as you climb the towering structure to take in the views of the precinct, explore the vines between the giant seed pods and discover the animal art installations.

The hovering earth canopy and water play area is the centrepiece of the precinct. Inspired by the region's long-standing relationship with the mining industry, the canopy's water play resembles a mining blast, and provides relief if visiting in the hotter months. It includes a night time light show and plays a soundtrack composed of sounds from the Goldfields landscape, weather patterns, cultural stories and the spoken words of the Wongutha People.

The precinct is home to the City's iconic St Barbara's Statue, Patron Saint of Mines, and boasts one of WA's largest First Nations art displays. The art can be seen throughout the precinct, and includes a range of wall murals and sculptures created by local artists.

St Barbara's Square is open 24/7 with the canopy's light show and soundtrack on rotation every 30 minutes. The water play operates between 9am to 9pm in summer and 9am to 4pm in winter.

### Heartwalk

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### Stay a while with free RV stays

In addition to services offered at local caravan parks, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder offers two free 72-hour RV stay areas for self-contained vehicles.

**Centennial Park** - Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie. Set alongside shady parklands and located within walking distance to Kalgoorlie's CBD.

**Lake Douglas** - Enjoy the beauty of

the outback in this bushland setting - located 15km west of Kalgoorlie-Boulder off the Great Eastern Highway.

### Tours

There are a variety of tours to choose from in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Hop on a historic tram for daily tours of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, that will take you to several local attractions. Spend the day as a gold rush pioneer, exploring 50 sites on a Kalgoorlie-Boulder Audio Walking Tour, available for hire from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Visitor Centre. Wander the streets of Kalgoorlie's CBD to explore 11 locations for the #heartofgold Discovery Trail.



Heartwalk



Super Pit

## At a Glance

### WHAT'S ON

Australia Day Celebrations – 26 Jan 2024  
 Sunset Concert Series – Jan – Feb 2024  
 Multicultural Festival – June 2024  
 Goldfields Cyclclassic – June 2024  
 ArtPrize – Sept/Oct 2024  
 WA PGA Championship – Oct 2024  
 Lorna Mitchell Spring Festival – Oct 2024  
 Saint Barbara's Festival & Parade – Dec 2024  
 Christmas in the City – Dec 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Historic Town Halls / Karlkurla Park / Kalgoorlie Golf Course / Goldfields Arts Centre / Super Pit Lookout / St Barbara's Square

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Everlastings / Large-fruited Mallee / Mulga / Spider Flower / Yellow Cassia

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### VISITOR INFORMATION

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#### BOULDER TOWN HALL

Located 15km west of Kalgoorlie-Boulder off the Great Eastern Highway.



## KALGOORLIE BOULDER

### VISITOR CENTRE

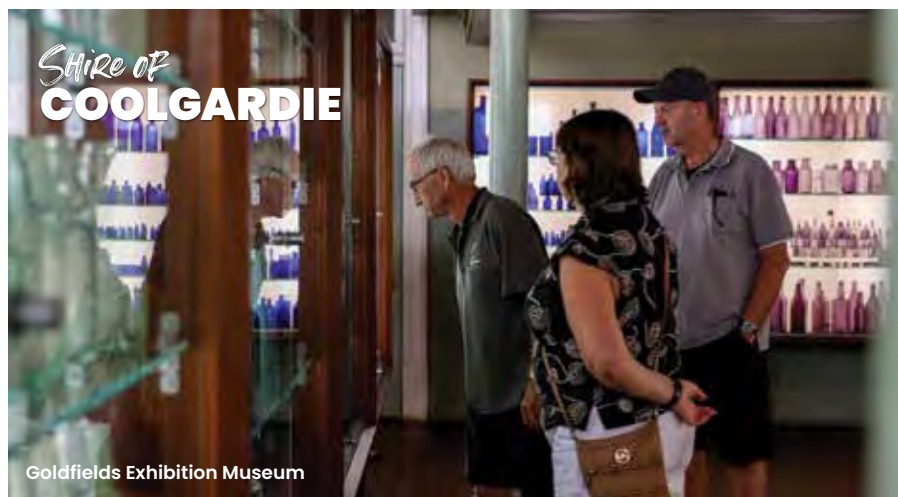
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## COOLGARDIE

557KM EAST OF PERTH



Spend time in the footsteps of early goldfields pioneers as you explore the dramatic and rich history of Coolgardie, "Mother of the Goldfields". A kaleidoscope of history-making events highlight how the discovery of gold in 1892 led to the creation of a ramshackle tent city, before it went on to become the third largest city in Western Australia, servicing a population of 25,000 residents and 700 mining companies.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Lions Lookout

Offering spectacular panoramic views to the east of Coolgardie, as seen by Arthur Bayley and William Ford when they arrived in 1892 and discovered gold.

#### Historic Cemeteries

History is etched into the headstones of the Pioneer and Coolgardie Cemeteries. Among these headstones you will find John Holland and his wife, explorer Ernest Giles, and Bertha Finnerty, wife of the first Magistrate and Warden of the goldfields.

#### Goldfields Exhibition Museum

This museum is housed in the historic Warden's Court Building (built 1898). Each room features fascinating displays of the dramatic and often tragic stories of life in and around Coolgardie during the gold rush days. Here you will also find the Varischetti mine rescue story, the famous Waghorn bottle collection and an extensive pharmacy display.

#### Warden Finnerty's Residence

Built by the Bunnings brothers in 1895, Warden Finnerty's is a beautiful old house constructed of local stone for Coolgardie's first Mining Warden and Resident Magistrate, John Michael Finnerty. During a visit here walk through the rooms containing lovely antique furnishings and chinaware which capture the feel of life in the 1890s. Enjoy a Devonshire tea from the verandah overlooking the Coolgardie townsite.

## KAMBALDA

651KM EAST OF PERTH



Visit Australia's first nickel township originally established in 1897 as a gold mining town during the gold rush frenzy. Virtually deserted by 1908, the town came alive again during the 1960s with the discovery of one of the world's largest nickel sulphide deposits and the opening of Australia's Golden Outback's first nickel mine known as St Ives.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Kambalda Memorial Garden

A memorial dedicated to the men who lost their lives whilst working on mines around Kambalda, as well as the hundreds of men who died from illnesses attributed to mining.

#### Red Hill Lookout

Visit Red Hill which overlooks Lake Lefroy and active mining operations. The bush trails take you around the hill, showcasing some mining history and rare flora and fauna.

## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Coolgardie Rodeo and Ute Muster – Aug 2024  
Coolgardie Day – 15 Sept 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Goldfields Exhibition Museum / Warden Finnerty's Residence / Ben Prior Park / Cave Hill / Lake Lefroy

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Mulla Mulla / Hop Bush / Eremophila / Ruby Dock



### COOLGARDIE VISITOR CENTRE

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Lake Lefroy, Kambalda

#### Red Hill Pioneer Cemetery

Here you will find only a handful of graves of the early pioneers of Kambalda that give a glimpse into the early history of the town.

#### Nullarbor Links

The world's longest golf course! Play the par 3, Hole 15 Golden Eagle in Widgiemoorltha and the par 4, Hole 16 Silver Lake in Kambalda.



Coolgardie Bluff



## LAVERTON

955KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH



Located along the western end of the Great Central Road, which forms part of the Outback Way, is the outback mining town of Laverton – once known to be the wildest town in the west. Laverton was founded by Dr Charles Laver, a keen prospector who rode his bicycle from Coolgardie into the area and was active in attracting investors to the small town.

From the very beginning, Laverton developed as the centre for commercial and social activity. Today, the small town with a population of just over 340 people, features a range of accommodation options including a caravan park, hotel and motel. Laverton also has a super-market, service station and sports club.

For those following the Golden Quest Discovery Trail, Laverton is the northern most site on the trail (site 13).

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### The Great Beyond Explorers' Hall of Fame

Take a step back in time with explorers who led challenging expeditions through Central Australia during the mid to late 19th century. Using cutting-edge technology, the characters and their stories of the past are brought back to life, providing visitors with a rich visual history of the Northern Goldfields.

#### Windarra Mine Site Lookout

The lookout provides panoramic views over the famous Poseidon Nickel site and its main mining structures that remain standing.

#### Lonely Bush Graves

For those intrigued by the ghoulish and macabre, the lonely bush graves will leave you with a chill down your spine as you note that disease, accidents, suicide and murder were common causes of death in the small town. Legend says that some past souls still haunt some areas of Laverton.

#### The Outback Way

AKA 'Australia's longest shortcut', this 2,800km route that links Winton in Queensland to Laverton in Western Australia via Alice Springs and Uluru is an awe-inspiring journey through the heart of Australia's most breathtaking and remote desert landscapes.

#### Laverton Outback Gallery

Adjacent to the hotel, the Laverton Outback Gallery displays a wide range of local Indigenous art that you can view and purchase.

## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Australia Day Breakfast & Activities – 26 Jan 2024  
 NAIDOC Celebrations – July 2024  
 Laverfest (Biennial) – Sept/Oct 2025  
 Laverton Race Day – late Oct 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Laverton Outback Gallery / The Outback Way / Old Police Precinct / Explorers Hall of Fame / Golden Quest Discover Trail (site 13)

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Sturt's Desert Peas / Wattles / Hop Bush / Eremophila / Fruiting varieties such as Quandong, Native Apricot & Bush Tomato



### THE GREAT BEYOND VISITOR CENTRE

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Free WiFi at Visitor Centre

#### Billy Goat Hill Lookout

Situated at the top of Hawks Place you'll get a bird's eye, panoramic view over the township and beyond.

#### Old Police Precinct

Visit the original police sergeant's house, the police office and the gaol, all of which have been extensively refurbished in recent years. The buildings are open from 11am to 1pm daily or by appointment.





**Laverton Aboriginal Art Gallery** has a wonderful range of paintings and artefacts for sale, created by artists from Laverton and the Ngaanyatjarra Lands of the Western Desert region of Western Australia.

The unique works share the Tjukurrpa (Dreamtime) stories of this beautiful country and celebrate the cultural heritage of the region.

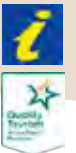
The Gallery is housed in a heritage building which was a mine manager's house in the early 1900's and is located on the corner of Augusta & Euro Streets, an easy walk from the Great Beyond Visitor Centre.

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# Explore

## The Shire of Leonora

- Leonora Heritage Trail
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- Gwalia Ghost Town
- Golden Quest Discovery Trail

Leonora Information Centre  
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## LEONORA

831KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH



Leonora is located on Wangkatja Country and is a main regional centre in the Northern Goldfields, an area rich in history and stunning unique landscapes. The town's history dates back to 1869, when explorer John Forrest and his party made camp near a hill and named it Mount Leonora. This prominent feature is an ancient Aboriginal spiritual site, associated with the Dreamtime story of the dingoo, Baba Ngoorba.

Gold was first discovered in the area in 1895 and a year later the townsite of Leonora was established. The town quickly grew and by the early 1900s had a population of over 1000 people. Leonora grew from the resourcefulness of early gold prospectors and pastoralists.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Malcolm Dam

Located 12km from Leonora, Malcolm Dam was built in 1902 to provide water for the railway. Today, this dam is a haven for birds and other wildlife.

#### The Terraces

A large breakaway formation about 40km north-east of Leonora provides good bushwalking and camping, and magnificent views for kms in every direction.

#### Leonora Heritage Trail

A showcase of the history of Leonora townsite can be found on the Leonora

Heritage Trail. The trail consists of 30 sites, including several old banks, hotels and churches, and the Barnes Federal Theatre.

#### Leonora Loop Trails

The Leonora Loop Trails are two self-drive trails and a great way to see the area and learn the history of the region. Each trail takes about a day, so allow two days to see everything, or you can combine them for a longer day of exploring.

## LEINSTER



Leinster is often described as an oasis in the desert. The town was first established in 1976 as a company town supporting the nickel mine of the Agnew Gold Mining Company. Here there are a variety of services available for travellers.

## AT A GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

Leonora Golden Gift – 1-2 Jun 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Hoover House / Abandoned Gwalia Cottages / The Terraces / Malcolm Dam / Poison Creek

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Eremophila / Parakeelya / Purple Flannel Bush / Sturt's Desert Peas / Everlastings



### LEONORA INFORMATION CENTRE

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#### Gwalia Historic Precinct

Gwalia, located approximately 3 km south of Leonora, is a truly unique and fascinating place to visit. Here you can wander around the abandoned miners' cottages of Gwalia Ghost Town, learn about the history of the settlement and gold mine at Gwalia Museum, enjoy a Devonshire tea on the verandah of Hoover House while looking out over the working open pit mine, or stay a night or two in one of the period-style bedrooms at Hoover House Bed & Breakfast.



Gwalia Historic Precinct



## MENZIES

730KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH



**F**ound along the Golden Quest Discovery Trail (Site 6), Menzies was named for its rich history, after early prospector Leslie Robert Menzie. During the gold rush days of the 1890s Menzies was home to 10,000 residents, 13 hotels, three banks, breweries and cordial factories, a post office with a staff of 25, a school with 205 students, a public library and four churches. Today, Menzies is a smaller town, however it is again beginning to prosper.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Walking Tours

Explore the heritage and gain insights into the Aboriginal experience of Menzies with two self-guided walking tours – Our Place and Gubbee Menzies Wongi Our Way. Brochures are available from the Menzies Visitor Centre.

#### Historic Buildings

The railway station built in 1898 is a brick federation building and the last railway station remaining on the Northern Goldfields railway line. Other historic buildings include the Nursing Post housed in the former Menzies Warden's

House, the old Menzies Hotel, the post office, tearooms, and the butchers (now Laurie's Café), The Pioneer Store (featuring an Art Gallery) and the current Menzies Hotel – a place to enjoy a drink, have a meal and stay the night.

#### Tjuntjuntjara Community in the Great Victoria Desert

About 700km east of Menzies near the South Australian border, the Spinifex people express the traditional culture of Spinifex lands and lore through art.

#### Lake Ballard

Located just 30 minutes by car from Menzies and 1.5 hours from Kalgoorlie, the iconic *Inside Australia* exhibition features 51 sculptures by internationally renowned artist Antony Gormley. With haunting skies, it is recognised as one of Western Australia's best sites for stargazing. Free camping, toilets, and picnic facilities are available, as well as a black water dump station. Note: the road from Menzies to Lake Ballard is fully sealed.

#### Kookynie

Site 9 on the Golden Quest Discovery Trail In 1903 Kookynie was a thriving township of more than 400 buildings and 2,500 people. Now a 'Living Ghost Town' Kookynie's stories are interpreted at the Visitor Information Bay. From there you can visit many historical sites such as the ruins of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, the Cosmopolitan mine site, the cemetery, and the Grand Hotel - a real outback pub with cold beer and comfortable accommodation.

## ATA GLANCE

### WHAT'S ON

ANZAC Day Dawn Service & Breakfast – 25 April 2024  
 Menzies Cyclclassic – June 2024  
 Menzies Discovery Day – Spring 2024  
 Remembrance Day Ceremony – 11 Nov 2024  
 Town Christmas Party – Dec 2024

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Lake Ballard / Niagara and Kookynie  
 Ghost Towns / Mount Menzies /  
 Menzies Town Hall and Historic  
 Buildings / Niagara Dam

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Eremophilas / Everlastings / Goodenias  
 / Sturt's Desert Peas / Parakeelya /  
 Monkey Orchids / Mulla mulla



### MENZIES VISITOR CENTRE

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### Niagara Dam

Completed in 1898 to provide water for the steam trains operating on the Kalgoorlie-Menzies line, Niagara Dam has spent the past 100 years as a picnic and swimming spot. Free camping facilities include shady sites, gas barbecues, picnic tables, toilets, and a black water dump point. Located at site 8 on the Golden Quest Discovery Trail.



## Menzies Caravan Park

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Menzies Caravan Park is conveniently located adjacent to the Visitor Centre, which is the booking centre and go-to point for information about the region.

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## NGAANYATJARRAKU

1,562KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH  
550KM NORTH-EAST OF LAVERTON



**T**he Shire of Ngaanyatjarra encompasses an area of 159,948 sq km and is diverse in natural beauty from the magnificent Rawlinson Ranges to the red sandy plains of the Gibson and Great Victoria Deserts. The distinctive red sand and blue skies form a spectacular context for a diverse array of desert rangelands and arid zone flora and fauna. Rocky escarpments and other landforms give texture to this beautiful country.

The shire is home to 10 Aboriginal communities scattered throughout the district with a total population of approximately 1,650 people. The main regional centre is Warburton, situated on the Great Central Road.

The Great Central Road forms the main thoroughfare for the Shire of Ngaanyatjarra. It is part of the Outback Way, a 2,800km trans-national link stretching from Laverton in Western Australia to Winton in Queensland. The Outback Way passes through Australia's most spectacular outback country, including the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Pass through the Rawlinson Ranges, Walter James Ranges, and Gill Pinnacle.

## PLACES TO VISIT

### Tjulyuru Cultural and Civic Centre, Warburton

The Tjulyuru Cultural Centre complex is a cultural hub for visitors and locals based at the Warburton Community on the Great Central Road. Visitors to the area are encouraged to visit the Tjulyuru Regional Arts Gallery and check out the arts, crafts and publications for sale at the Warta Shop. Tjulyuru Regional Arts Gallery exhibitions draw from contemporary Ngaanyatjarra art practice in the region and the Warburton Art Collection – reputedly the world's largest collection of community-owned and controlled Aboriginal art.

### Giles Weather Station, Warakurna

Giles Weather Station (est. 1956) is a fully-functioning meteorological observation station based at Warakurna Community. Visitors can view the daily release of the observation balloon at 8.45am CST from the Weather Station car park.

### Yarla Kutjarra (rest stop)

The Yarla Kutjarra wayside stop between Warburton and Warakurna has been provided by the Ngaanyatjarra people as a place where visitors can camp and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands without disturbing any of the culturally significant places along the Great Central Road.

## AT A GLANCE

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Tjulyuru Cultural and Civic Centre / Giles Weather Station / Yarla Kutjarra / Surveyor Generals Corner

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Balsam Wattle / Balonne Parakeelya / Soft Spinifex / Calytrix Warburtonensis / Mulga Grass



### VISITOR INFORMATION

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### Surveyor General's Corner

The intersection of the borders of the Northern Territory and the states South Australia and Western Australia is known as the Surveyor General's Corner. Access to the area is limited to guided tours and visitors require a special permit. Contact Wingellina Community on (08) 8956 7566.

### Local Roadhouses

Roadhouses form vital sources of water, fuel, food and accommodation along the Great Central Road. Two Roadhouses operate in the Shire of Ngaanyatjarra – Warburton Roadhouse and Warakurna Roadhouse. Both facilities operate seven days a week (please check opening hours) and offer fuel, fast food and supplies, and motel or campground accommodation for travellers.





## WILUNA

966KM NORTH-EAST OF PERTH



The Shire of Wiluna covers an area of 184,000 sq km and is predominately mining, pastoral and native title land, including Indigenous Protected Areas at Matuwa (Lorna Glen Station), Kurrara-kurrara and Birriliburu.

The town of Wiluna is on the edge of the Little Sandy Desert, located east of Meekatharra (unsealed) and north of Leinster (sealed) on the Goldfields Highway. It's the gateway to the Canning Stock Route which runs north to Halls Creek, and the Gunbarrel Highway that runs east to Alice Springs. Good fuel and grocery outlets are available in Wiluna.

### PLACES TO VISIT

#### Canning-Gunbarrel Discovery Centre

The Canning-Gunbarrel Discovery Centre is a beautiful complex including five historical and heritage-listed buildings, a central courtyard and displays of the town's mining and pastoral histories, Aboriginal culture, and

the Canning Stock Route and Gunbarrel Highway.

#### Tjukurba Art Gallery

The Tjukurba Art Gallery offers visitors a sample of unique and affordable paintings by the Birriliburu artists. The gallery is located in the eastern building of the historic former Wiluna District Hospital (now Canning-Gunbarrel Discovery Centre).

#### Statues of Warri and Yatungka

Visit the town's statue *Last of the Nomads* and read the plaque to learn of the beautiful love story behind their culturally frowned-on relationship. Their deaths marked the end of a nomadic lifestyle that has stretched back more than 40,000 years. Not to be missed!

#### Pioneer Cemetery

Visit 19 grave sites identified from shire records dating from 1893 to 1903 when the cemetery was moved because of periodic flooding in the area first chosen.

#### Gunbarrel Highway

The Gunbarrel Highway is a popular four-wheel drive which takes you across the ranges and central desert to Warburton and Alice Springs.

#### Canning Stock Route (CSR)

CSR wells number 1 and 2 are close to the town, as are the original cattle loading yards. The turn-off for well no. 1 is located 3.8km north of town on Neds Creek Road and then 3.5km to the west. Well no. 2 is located approximately 3km

## ATA GLANCE

### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Canning-Gunbarrel Discovery Centre and Tjukurba Art Gallery / Wiluna Town Heritage Trail / Statues of Warri and Yatungka, the Last Nomads / Mingal Pool / Clay Pans

### WILDFLOWERS TO DISCOVER

Sennas / Eremophillas / Sturt's Desert Peas / Purple Mulla Mulla / Pipitjarli



### SHIRE OF WILUNA

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to the north, also along Neds Creek Road and then to the east along the CSR track.

#### North Pool

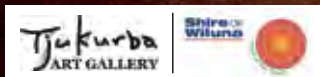
North Pool is located on the Canning Stock Route within 20km of town and is a pleasant spot for a picnic and fantastic for bird watching.

#### Accommodation

Enjoy a maximum of three night's of free accommodation by parking your caravan at the temporary RV site, located next to Canning-Gunbarrel Discovery Centre.

## DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF WILUNA & THE WESTERN DESERT & THE START OF THE CANNING STOCK ROUTE

CANNING STOCK ROUTE | GUNBARREL HIGHWAY  
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## CANNING-GUNBARREL DISCOVERY CENTRE

Whether you're setting off on your epic drive along the Canning Stock Route or Gunbarrel Hwy, or newly arrived after your desert adventure, you'll get a warm welcome and complimentary hot drink at the Canning-Gunbarrel Discovery Centre, a true celebration of the area's remarkable history.

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## TJUKURBA ART GALLERY

Co-located within the Discovery Centre view authentic Aboriginal artworks available for purchase by Martu artists and an opportunity to meet the artists who still live a semi traditional lifestyle.

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