

# Take a Road Trip to see the colourful Wheatbelt Wildflowers!



Wildflowers are now starting to bloom around the Eastern Wheatbelt! With a great start to the winter rains, spring is the perfect time to take a self-drive break you have been promising yourself to view the remarkable wildflowers of AGO's Eastern Wheatbelt. Just phone the Visitor Centre shown below for maps & guides posted out FREE to plan your trip. For wildflower hotspots check out [wheatbelttourism.com](http://wheatbelttourism.com) and [australiasgoldenoutback.com](http://australiasgoldenoutback.com)

## 3 DAY SELF DRIVE PATHWAYS TO WAVE ROCK

[www.pathwaystowaverock.com.au](http://www.pathwaystowaverock.com.au)



Visit Wave Rock and explore the changing landscapes and charming farming communities.

**Day 1: Perth - Wave Rock (Hyden) 340km, 4hrs**

Head east from Perth, travelling through picturesque farmland to Corrigin (famous for its Dog Cemetery!). At Karlgarin visit Tressie's Museum & Caravan Park with its display of olden day memorabilia and gramophones. Enjoy lunch at Hyden's Bush Bakehouse before taking the short drive to Wave Rock, 15 metres high, 110 metres long. Visit other natural attractions in the area including Hippo's Yawn and Mulka's Cave - home to Aboriginal rock art.

**Accom options:** Motels, cottages, cvan park

**Day 2: Hyden - Bruce Rock 305km, 3.5hrs**

Head south to Lake Grace's spectacular salt lakes, visit the only remaining Australian Inland Mission Hospital in WA and sample a wine at Walkers Hill Vineyard. Continue to Kulin, popular for its Bush Races, have a chuckle along the Tin Horse Highway - with a series of colourful metal horse characters along 12km stretch of road. Heading north take in 360° views from Yeerakine Rock 10km south of Kardinia. Travel onto Narembeen and visit the innovative displays at the Narembeen Grain Discovery Centre on your way to Bruce Rock.

**Accom options:** Motel, B&B, cvan park, backpackers

**Day 3: Bruce Rock - Perth 250km, 3hrs**

Take a 45 minute drive west to Shackleton for Steve's Art & Sculpture Trail and Australia's smallest bank. Turn off at nearby Kwolyin to Kokerbin Rock with its spectacular views on the Granite Way, then on to York for lunch at one of the colonial-style hotels before heading back to Perth.

## 3 DAY SELF DRIVE GOLDEN PIPELINE HERITAGE TRAIL

[www.goldenpipeline.com.au](http://www.goldenpipeline.com.au) | [www.wheatbelttourism.com.au](http://www.wheatbelttourism.com.au)



THE GOLDEN PIPELINE  
A NATIONAL TRUST PROJECT



Take a road trip along the longest fresh water pipeline on Earth. This National Trust heritage trail runs from Mundaring to Kalgoorlie visiting sites of former steam driven pump stations along a water pipeline CY O'Connor built more than 100 years ago. Note: Pump Stations No 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 currently closed for remediation works by Water Corp.

**Before you leave, get a copy of the Central Wheatbelt Map & Guide - Along the Golden Pipeline and visit the sites and towns along the Wheatbelt section from Meckering to Southern Cross.**

**Day 1: Perth - Merredin 260km, 3.5hrs**

Entering into open farmland of the Central Wheatbelt there will be abundant cereal crops growing as far as the eye can see! Cross the earthquake fault line between Meckering and in town visit the Earthquake Memorial & Rose Garden. The Cunderdin Museum No 3 Pump Station is a wealth of pipeline history. Charles Gardener Reserve south of Tammin and Kellerberrin Hill for wildflowers. Visit Merredin's history at the Military and Railway Museums and Merredin Peak. Merredin is one of 7 towns on FORM's PUBLIC Silo Art Trail and historic Cummins Theatre hosts LIVE shows.

**Accom options:** Motels, B&B, s/c apartments, cvan park, free RV sites, backpackers

**Day 2: Merredin - Kalgoorlie 340km, 3.5hrs**

Cross the original Rabbit Proof Fenceline at Burracoppin, visit Hood Penn Museum at Westonia and Yilgarn History Museum at Southern Cross where gold was discovered in late 1800's. See a rock catchment and an aqueduct at Karalee Rock and Dam made of timber and iron before travelling to Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie taking in gold mining history, magnificent architecture, local museums and attractions.

**Accom options:** Hotels, motels, outback pubs, s/c apartments, farm stays, cvan parks, free RV sites

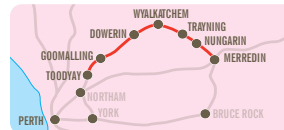
**Day 3: Kalgoorlie - Perth**

From Merredin return via Bruce Rock, Quairading and York or Pioneers' Pathway via Nungarin to Toodyay.

**Central Wheatbelt Wildflowers:** For wildflower hotspots follow the weekly updates [wheatbelttourism.com/](http://wheatbelttourism.com/) wildflowers/current-wildflower-season

## 2 DAY SELF DRIVE PIONEERS' PATHWAY

[www.pioneerspathway.com.au](http://www.pioneerspathway.com.au)



Follow the dream of early farming, sandalwood and gold prospecting pioneers who journeyed east into the Wheatbelt in search of fortunes from life on the land.

**Day 1: Perth - Dowerin 160km, 2hrs**

Leave the city hustle behind and escape through the hills to Toodyay. Visit the Newcastle Gaol Museum before continuing on to the pretty farming town of Goomalling to visit historic Slaters Homestead and explore the school museum. At Dowerin 'Rusty' the Tin Dog sculpture welcomes you to take the walk trail for fauna & flora. For more information see Day 1 of the Wheatbelt Way Trail.

**Accom options:** Cvan park, motel, free RV sites, Dowerin Short Stay Accom

**Day 2: Dowerin - Merredin 155km, 2hrs**

The drive from Dowerin to Merredin winds through Wheatbelt farmland, bush reserves and delightful small towns. Enjoy the CBH museum or a drink at Wyalkatchem pub, visiting Billyacating Reserve near Traralgon for a bush walk or picnic. Visit the Nungarin Heritage Machinery & Army Museum or a 1st Sunday of the month Nungarin Market Day. In Merredin hit the walk trails, museums, cafes or take in a show at Cummins Theatre or movie at Orana Cinema.

**Accom options:** Motels, B&B's, cvan park, s/c apartments, backpackers, free RV sites.

## 4 DAY SELF DRIVE WHEATBELT WAY

[www.wheatbeltway.com.au](http://www.wheatbeltway.com.au)



The Wheatbelt Way is a fascinating experience starting in Dowerin and spanning 800km with 24 interpretive sites.

**Day 1: Perth - Wyalkatchem 214km, 3hrs**

Depart Perth and head to Dowerin to join the Wheatbelt Way. Make sure you pat Rusty the Tin Dog, the first site on this route. Head to Minnivale and Naaring Well, then Wyalkatchem to see Korrolocking Reserve and Wyalkatchem Well.

**Accom options:** Hotel, s/c house, cvan park, free RV sites, free camp sites.

**Day 2: Wyalkatchem - Beringbooding 252km, 3.5hrs**

Head north through the towns of Koorda, Bencubbin and Beacon, inspecting sites 6 to 11. From Beacon head due-east past sites 12, 13 and 14 to Beringbooding and Elachbutting Rock, sites 14 and 15.

**Accom options:** Cvan park, free camp sites

**Day 3: Beringbooding - Mukinbudin 210km, 3hrs**

Today head south to Westonia and visit Sandford Rocks and Boodalin Soak. Head to Mukinbudin visiting Weira Gnamma Hole and Wattoning Historical Site.

**Accom options:** Hotel, s/c house, cvan park, RV sites, free camp sites

**Day 4: Mukinbudin - Perth 323km, 4 hrs**

Final day on the Wheatbelt Way taking in sites 20 to 24 as you travel via Traralgon, back to the start in Dowerin and then on to Perth.



Call **Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre 1300 736 283** or visit [www.wheatbelttourism.com](http://www.wheatbelttourism.com) for information on these self drives or a copy of Australia's Golden Outback Holiday Planner.

Maps not to scale and are a guide only. Please contact RAC or petrol stations for detailed maps. Driving times and distances intended as a guide only and may vary depending on exact route taken. Accommodation options are indicative as to what is available in the area.



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