



The Peel Region

The Peel Region is a perfect self-drive destination that includes internationally listed rare wetlands, deep forests rich in native flora and fauna and quaint townships full of charm and history.

Serpentine-Jarrahdale

Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire forms the northern part of Peel region and offers some breathtaking scenery within the many forests, parks, rivers and other natural attractions.

The **Serpentine National Park** harbours a wealth of forested walking tracks. The **Serpentine Falls**, with its cool emerald coloured waters surrounded by rocks, is a stunning place for a picnic.

Jarrahdale, the local town was originally established as a milling town. Here you can enjoy lunch at the local pub or cafes, view historical buildings and explore art & craft galleries. A number of wineries can also be found just outside of town.

Pinjarra and Dwellingup

Situated in the Shire of Murray, Pinjarra and Dwellingup are also beautiful places to visit and boast a range of adventure activities.

Resting on the banks of the tranquil Murray River, Pinjarra is one of the oldest established towns in Western Australia.

With rich grazing lands and thick forests of Jarrah trees the town is known as a centre for dairy, cattle farming and timber and is also becoming increasingly celebrated as the horse capital of Western Australia.

There are many **bridle trails** that wind through the nearby forests or if you prefer walking, the **Pinjarra Heritage Walk Trail** skirts the Murray River and is a fascinating way to view the region.

23km further inland resides the forested township of Dwellingup. Here you can take to the Murray River's winter rapids by raft or sedately canoe down its slower moving segments. Dwellingup is a **popular camping destination** and you can hike, cycle or horse ride along the area's many trails.

The **Bibbulmun Track** runs through the middle of town and during winter weekends, the **Hotham Valley Tourist Railway** is a magical way to see the tall timbers of the ancient forests.

Boddington

Further south, and located from Perth via the Albany Highway, Boddington is nestled between rolling hills of forests and farms on the banks of the picturesque **Hotham River**. Combining old fashioned country charm with farming and mining prosperity, around half of the Boddington Shire is state forest. The area is ideal for hiking, picnics, bird-watching and wildflowers in spring.

Fishing and camping are popular pastimes here, with **Lions Weir** a favourite local fishing spot. During the autumn and spring seasons you are almost guaranteed to hook some Redfin Perch, or sink a line for some fat tasty marron throughout the summer. Otherwise, packing a picnic lunch and heading to **Randford Pool** is a great alternative.

Waroona

Located on the South Western Highway, the character township of Waroona lies between forest, farmland, lakes and sea. The town itself has grown over the years to encompass cafes, fine examples of colonial architecture, antique shops and art galleries. It is particularly well known for **Lake Navarino** and the **Waroona Dam** where thrill seekers from far and wide come to water-ski, canoe or fish.

Yalgorup National Park is also located in the shire of Waroona and covers an area of over 12,000 hectares. The park contains 11 coastal lakes and wetlands which are home to hundreds of migrating birds who come to breed and recuperate amongst the areas rich eco systems. The park also boasts several stands of rare **Tuart trees** and some of the first living creatures on earth - the captivating **Thrombolite** living fossils.

Preston Beach at the southern end of the park is a superb location for four-wheel driving, swimming, picnicking or fishing from its pristine white sandy shores.



'Apeeling' Ideas!

- Explore the beautiful state forests and national parks of the region
- Canoe along the winding Murray River or try white water rafting
- Hop aboard a steam train ride through peaceful hills & forest
- Walk a section of the famous Bibbulmun Track or cycle a section of the Munda Biddi Trail
- Go horse riding on the bridle paths at Langford Hill or through the bush along the Darling Range escarpment
- Try fishing for trout or marron, camping at designated sites or just relaxing in the majestic forests in the region
- Visit the wineries, antique shop and galleries in the quaint towns
- Visit Lake Navarino for fishing, skiing, canoeing, and picnics
- See the amazing Thrombolite living fossils at Yalgorup National Park

want more info?

- i** **Pinjarra Visitor Centre**
Fimmel Lane, off Pinjarra Williams Road
Pinjarra Tel. 61 8 9531 1438
- Dwellingup Visitor Centre**
Marrinup Street, Dwellingup
Tel. 61 8 9538 1108



Explore Perth's Eastern Region

With forested hills, a ribbon of stunning river and a kaleidoscope of gourmet food, wine and arts, Perth's Eastern Region offers an enviable getaway.



'09 Events

Australia Day Celebration

Outdoor concert and fireworks under the stars.
26 Jan, Bassendean

Perth's Autumn Festival

A series of events celebrating art, the Swan River, food and wines, harvest and beauty of the Perth Hills.
27 Mar - 3 May, various locations

Brookfield Multiplex Avon Descent

Thrilling international white water race. Entertainment and viewing along the river foreshore.
1 & 2 Aug, various locations down the Avon and Swan Rivers.

Mundaring Truffle Festival

Showcase of truffle creations, wines and produce of the Perth Hills.
8 - 9 Aug, Mundaring

Zig Zag Festival

Spring flowers, arts and entertainment
4 - 25 Oct, Kalamunda

Spring in the Valley

Perth's premier food and wine event.
10 - 11 Oct, Swan Valley

Encompassing one third of the Perth area, this region begins just minutes from the heart of Perth in the Swan River precinct before rolling on through the picturesque Swan Valley and the nature-rich Perth Hills. Many of Western Australia's top trails are located within the Region with the **Bibbulmun Track**, **Munda Biddi Trail** and **Kep Track** just a few of the walking and cycling trails available. They are also a wonderful place to view the spectacular native wildflowers in Spring.

There are some excellent accommodation options and with both the **domestic and international airports** situated in Perth's Eastern Region, it makes a perfect place to start or end your holiday in Perth and surrounds.

The River Precinct

The River Precinct comprises the communities of Belmont, Bayswater and Bassendean. Although the area is just minutes from Perth's city centre, you feel as though you're a world away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Start your journey in the City of Belmont where you can explore the scenic riverfront and make the most of the setting by picnicking on the river foreshore. Parks and reserves also offer opportunities to view wetland birds and dolphins.

Dress up in the latest of fashions and head trackside to find yourself caught up in the

excitement of horse racing at the summer and autumn racing carnivals hosted at **Ascot Race Course**.

Next on your River Precinct itinerary is the heritage-rich community of Bayswater. Known as the Garden City, Bayswater features 10km of meandering river-front, much of it serviced by cycle and walk paths which wind past charming heritage buildings and natural conservation areas.

Stop for a coffee at **Tranby** in Maylands and wander through a prime example of colonial farmhouse architecture. The more energetic will enjoy the indoor and outdoor facilities at **Bayswater Waves Aquatic Centre** or the **Maylands Waterland**. Golf lovers can enjoy views of Perth whilst playing 9 or 18 holes at the riverside **Maylands Peninsula Public Golf Course**.

Be sure to visit Bassendean where you can explore the **Australian Railway Museum**, featuring railway carriages that showcase the development of Western Australia's rail history. Bassendean is also home to the **Steel Blue Bassendean Oval** which features the 'Heritage Gates' originally used when the sporting ground opened in 1934.

Then there's a host of heritage buildings to explore - the **Pensioner Guard Cottage**, the former **Masonic Hall**, **Earlsferry House**, **Daylesford House** and the charming main street, **Old Perth Road**, to wander along.



Visit www.perthtourism.com.au for more information on events in Perth's Eastern Region.



You'll find our region is rather like a fine cabernet... Suave yet with enough youthful vigour to satisfy even the most discerning of tastes... &

Yeah, Nice one Barry!





The Sublime Swan Valley

Located only 30 minutes east of Perth, the Swan Valley is WA's oldest wine growing region. Laced with ribbons of vineyards it is home to over 150 places to eat and drink, including wineries, microbreweries, distilleries, winery cafés and fine restaurants. It's also home to historical architecture, art & craft galleries and studios and roadside stalls selling fresh local produce.

One way to enjoy the best of the region is to embark on the award-winning 32km **Swan Valley Food and Wine Trail**. The loop trail is well signposted and takes you past most of the wineries and roadside fresh produce stands and leads you through the outstanding array of galleries, olive groves and heritage-listed buildings.

The Swan Valley Visitor Centre in Guildford is a great place to start. You can pick up free maps here and at the same time, take an informative look into the history of the area settled in 1828, with the centre's well crafted displays.

The chances of you wanting to sample some, or indeed all of the area's wines are quite high and a great option is to join a **wine tasting tour** where you will be ferried from winery to winery by air-conditioned coach and not have to concern yourself about who will do the driving. Alternatively, you can take a **wine cruise** from the city on the Swan River, after which the valley is named.

Beerlovers will be delighted to know that there is more to the region than just wine. The Swan Valley has five boutique beer outlets, including several **micro breweries** offering a wide selection of more than 20 varieties of beer to tempt the palate and two German-style cafés serving their own brews with hearty, beer-friendly fare.

The Swan Valley is also renowned for its mouth watering food, and with good reason. Today there are more than 70 **restaurants and cafés** in the valley, along with companies making fresh nougat, chocolate and ice cream on the premises.

If time allows, spend a few days discovering this stunning region and stay locally at one of the many accommodation choices. There is something to suit all tastes and budgets from five-star resorts, caravan parks, farm stays or chic boutique guesthouses.

With plenty of wide open space for picnicking, cycle trails and self-guided walk trails the valley is also ideal for families and many of the region's wineries and cafés offer safe areas for children to play.

The nearby historical village of Guildford with its collection of antique shops, cafés and pristine examples of European settlement buildings dating back to the 1830s, is the gateway to the Swan Valley and is well worth visiting.

Guildford was the first permanent community to emerge from the Swan River Colony's settlement of the area and is the only town in Perth classified by the National Trust. Pastimes include picnicking by the river, exploring the antique shops, enjoying a pint in an historical pub or a delicious Devonshire tea at one of the many cafés that line **James Street**, the main thoroughfare.



Yummy ideas..

- Explore the 32km Swan Valley Food and Wine Trail
- Watch out for free tastings of preserves & locally dried fruit & nuts
- Take a boat cruise from Perth City along the Swan River and retrace the historic journey taken by Captain James Stirling in 1827.
- Pick up a free brochure from the visitor centre detailing Guildford's three heritage walk trails.
- Take a wander around Guildford's historic shopping precincts: Swan St Terrace Rd & James St.
- Stay a little longer and let one of the many accommodation venues look after you in style.
- Over 20 operators offer a range of tours, a free tour booking service is available at the Visitor Centre.
- Visit the many art & craft galleries and artist's studios
- Enjoy the great outdoors on the Swan Valley Cycle Trails

want more info?

i **Swan Valley Visitor Centre**
Cnr of Meadow and
Swan Streets, Guildford
Tel: 61 8 9379 9400





Come to the Perth Hills

Scattered throughout the wide fertile ranges of the Darling Scarp and only 45 minutes east of Perth city centre, you'll find the stunning scenery, meandering drives and vibrant villages that make up the Perth Hills.

While the Hills are part of the city, you'll find the region and its character townships exude a country charm and views that are simply astounding. The tree-lined village of **Mundaring** is one of the major towns of the Perth Hills and makes a wonderful day trip or weekend for visitors to the region. In town, you can stop off at the Mundaring Visitor Centre where you can learn about the history of the region and pick up a variety of maps highlighting the large amount of activities and attractions to be found.

Just out of town you will find the vast water reserve of the Mundaring Weir and the Perth Hills Nature Centre where you can learn about native flora and fauna. You can also picnic at any number of stunning parks in the area.

Kalamunda town centre is also particularly appealing, with its gift stores, character eateries and quaint village feel. Art, music and history play a big part here with several heritage building sites in town.

A visit to the town library will reward you with views of the largest community-built stained-glass window in Australia, and if you are visiting on the first Saturday of the month, be sure to drop in on the village market.

Kalamunda is also a great staging point for visiting the breathtaking Bickley and Carmel Valleys renowned for their wine and local produce. Considering its Mediterranean climate of hot dry summers and cool wet winters, and with the first vineyards in the region planted in the 1880s, it comes as no surprise that the Perth Hills now boasts a well established wine scene with each part of the hills having their own distinct wine trails for you to discover.

The **Mundaring Hills wine trail** will lead you through the forests and gullies of **Darlington, Glen Forrest, Mt Helena and Woorlooloo** to some of the oldest wineries in the region and continuing further south, the **Bickley-Carmel Valley Wine Trail** touts seven world class wineries including some fine examples of sparkling wine made in the French Tradition. Cellar doors are open most weekends and public holidays and you can set your tastebuds dancing with good selection of wine varieties.

Visitors to the Perth Hills will also be impressed by the range of excellent restaurants and the level of sophisticated accommodation to be found. There are gracious country bed and breakfasts, spa retreats and private luxurious hideaways.

While you're in the Hills, try retreating to the **national parks** and the cool of the forests to indulge your love of the natural environment. The hills are blessed with a series of more than 40 bike and walk trails, as well as scenic lookouts and picnic spots.

Mundaring Heart of the Hills



Discover a place of abundant natural beauty only 35 minutes from Perth. Come and stay for a day or two in a welcoming B&B or luxury retreat giving you time to explore the vast walking and cycling trails.

Enjoy eating at cozy local pubs, cafes or fine dine at award winning restaurants.

Come discover the Perth Hills!

Mundaring Visitor Centre
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Email: visitorcentre@mundaringtourism.com.au



Experience this!

- Enjoy a picnic or BBQ, canoe or swim at Lake Leschenaultia
- Experience the beauty of the area's national parks and state forests
- Get on the Munda Biddi off-road cycle trail in Mundaring which winds through some spectacular scenery on its journey south.
- Follow the Perth Hills wine trails and sample some local wines
- Explore the Mundaring Weir Precinct and No 1 Pump Station
- Browse through the region's arts and crafts studios
- Take a guided spotlight tour at Karakamia Wildlife Sanctuary
- Get 'Nearer to Nature' with a range of outdoor activities at the Perth Hills National Parks Centre
- Walk the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail, KEP Track or world-famous Bibbulmun Track
- Learn more about the colourful history of the area at the District Museum

want more info?



Mundaring Visitor Centre

The Old School
Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring
Tel. 61 8 9295 0202






Experience this!

- Visit Araluen Botanic Park for the magnificent gardens
- Call into the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum & the Armadale Outpost Telegraph Centre
- Visit the Bodhinyana Monastery in Serpentine
- Enjoy wine tastings at Rockgate Winery on Canns Rd before setting off on the Baldivis Wine Trail
- Take time out at the Rainier Gallery/Café in the heart of Armadale City
- Visit Waterway Gallery & Tearooms for the quality art & craft
- Try a round of Golf at the beautiful Araluen Golf Club
- Bushwalk along the picturesque walk trails and dams – booklet available at the Visitor Centre
- Choose delicious fresh fruits at Raeburn Orchards
- Sample a variety of locally made cheese at Borrello or Mundella Cheese Factories

want more info?

 **Armadale Visitor Centre**
40 Jull Street, Armadale
Tel. 61 8 9497 3543



Historic Armadale

Journey just 40 minutes southeast of Perth city and you'll discover the forest-clad hills, scenic parks and picturesque valleys of Armadale. This pretty region is accessible by train or an easy drive from Perth.

Founded in 1831, over the years Armadale has developed its love of all things historical. This region, known as 'Heritage Country', includes the nearby townships of Kelmscott, Roleystone, Bedforddale and Forrestdale. They host a marvellous array of activities so you can immerse yourself in the pioneering days of the first European settlers. The richness of Armadale's history and heritage is well-documented and displayed in the History House Municipal Museum, part of the historical precinct located in Minnowarra Park, astride the Neerigen Brook at Armadale.

Although originally a milling district, massive stretches of thick forests still blanket the area and the region is prized for its parks and nature reserves, including Araluen Botanic Park. This stunning park is an idyllic nature retreat complete with shaded walkways, extensive water features and flower-lined picnic areas.

The localities of Roleystone and Bedforddale contain some of Armadale's most glorious scenery and the Heritage Country Tourist Route 205 was developed to allow visitors to appreciate the beauty found in these areas. Along the route, three dams may be visited; the Canning, Wungong and Churchman Brook, all of which boast excellent facilities.

Forrestdale, west of Armadale was first settled in the late 1880s. Originally covered with banksia woodland and scrub, the flat, sandy and in places swampy nature of the countryside in this locality contrasts with the land of the Darling Scarp and Ranges. Lake Forrestdale is a significant nature reserve and has been recognised by the world environmental movement as a site deserving complete protection.

The combination of nature, attractions, heritage, fresh produce and scenic beauty along with some excellent accommodation makes any visit to this region worthwhile.

Chittering Valley

About an hour northeast of Perth lies a beautiful rural area that includes the scenic Chittering Valley and the small towns of Gingin and Bindoon. Fast gaining a reputation as a gourmand's retreat, this charming area is rich in food, wine, scenery and art.

Here you're far away from the city in a tranquil and nature rich environment. The soils are very fertile, making for the finest quality fresh produce.

A great starting point for any journey to this region is the Chittering Valley Wine Trail. This 76km looping passage takes you through the rural settlements of Bullsbrook, Bindoon, Gingin and Muchea and puts you directly in the path of several world class wineries.

Visiting the wineries is a fantastic way to sample premium wines made from the characteristic grapes of the region with each winery offering their own unique character and style to their produce.

Just as appealing as the culinary delights, are Chittering's scenic wonders. The trail winds

its way through the heart of this pretty region, past hills cloaked thick with forest, though deep valleys and over high hill-tops.


Heading further northwest, you will find the rural town of Gingin. With its colonial and Australian architecture, nestled among gently sloping farmlands, Gingin is overflowing with an abundance of delectable local produce. Further north, in the township of Bindoon, you'll find quaint cafés, a character pub and other country-style shops.

The Chittering Valley is also a great location to view the West Australian Wildflower Season. Blackboy Ridge on Chittering Valley Rd is set ablaze with colour during this time and makes a breathtaking spot to view the surrounding hills and farmland.

Chitter about..

- Explore the Chittering Valley Wine Trail and sample award winning wines at one of eight beautiful locations
- Indulge the taste buds & savour fresh local produce from the Chittering area
- Meander along the many walking trails throughout the region
- Discover unique and interesting local arts & crafts
- Soak up the sun at one of the lovely picnic spots
- Join in the fun on the last Sunday of every month at the local markets in Bindoon
- Stay a while in one of the Farm stays or bed and breakfasts
- Take a relaxing drive through the picturesque countryside, winding past the hills, orchards and vineyards
- View the beautiful wildflowers in spring

want more info?

 **Chittering Visitor Centre**
6180 Great Northern Highway,
Bindoon
Tel: 61 8 9576 1100



WINDWARD BALLOON ADVENTURES

Dreamy Avon Valley

Inland on a comfortable drive east of Perth, the beautiful Avon Valley is a patchwork of green rolling hills, babbling brooks, historical villages and country charm.

The Avon Valley region was the first inland settlement in Western Australia and is the perfect destination for exploring quaint village streets, pottering through craft shops and museums, picnicking on the banks of the **Avon River**, hot air ballooning at dawn or setting out on bush walks.

The Valley is also host to a fantastic range of festivals and events the whole year round which make great excuses to visit. There are countless cafés and restaurants showcasing the fine food and wines grown and produced within the Avon Valley and some charming accommodation where you can relax and enjoy the warm country hospitality.

Visiting the vintage towns of Northam, Toodyay, York, Goomalling, Beverley and Brookton by road is a great way to explore the charming Avon Valley region and all of the towns are only a 30 minute drive from each other.

Northam

Located just over an hour from Perth on the Great Eastern Highway, Northam provides a great base from which to explore the Avon Valley. Northam is WA's largest inland town and is home to over **185 heritage listed buildings**.

The Avon River flows through the town and is fringed by soft grassy banks and shady trees. Picnicking beside the river is a popular pastime and it is here that you can also observe the activities of the elegant white swans which were brought here by settlers over 150 years ago. Or, you can spy on the swans from the heady heights of the **pedestrian suspension bridge** which passes over the Avon - the longest of its kind in Australia.

Exploring the town's architecture on foot is a rewarding experience and along the way you'll also discover many craft and

curio shops. There's also a wide range of cafés and restaurants from alfresco to fine dining.

There are many activities to choose from in Northam such as **hot air ballooning, hang gliding or white water rafting**. Accommodation is plentiful and includes backpacker hostels, hotels, historical cottages and farmstays to name a few.

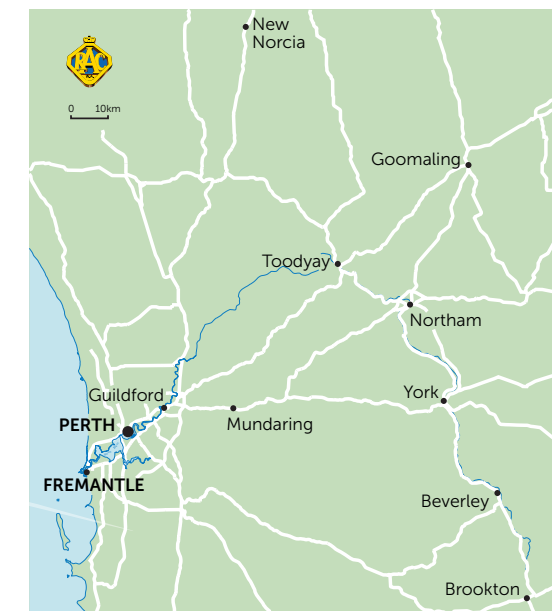
York

Located just 97km east of Perth on the Great Eastern Highway, the township of York, established in 1831, was the first inland European settlement in WA. While still remaining distinct from other towns in the region, York is yet another fine example of **colonial architecture** and is renowned for its heritage precinct.

Visitors to York can enjoy lovingly preserved buildings and sites providing charm and character to the town. There are no fewer than five **magnificent churches** and many other fine buildings like the **Town Hall** which houses the tourist information centre. The **Old York Hospital, Residency Museum and Old Gaol & Courthouse** are all well worth a visit.

Straddling the Avon River, York is bordered by outstanding natural beauty. Walking or riding are popular pursuits here and there are numerous tracks and trails that wind in and around the town. Wildflowers and birdlife compliment the open gardens and there's a wide range of experiences on offer including food and wine festivals, country racing, local produce and plenty of arts & crafts.

Adrenalin junkies can also get their pulses racing with a range of aerial pursuits such as **skydiving, paragliding and ultra light flights** in the area.



Avon calling..

- Take a scenic drive and enjoy the valley's quaint & historical townships
- Be adventurous and try hot air ballooning, skydiving, gliding or paragliding
- Explore museums, art & craft galleries, historical attractions and antique shops
- Plan a picnic beside the beautiful Avon River
- Be part of the festivities in Northam & Toodyay during the world famous Avon Descent
- Visit the many historical pubs throughout the Avon Valley
- Come for the day and enjoy country cuisine at the many cafés and restaurants in the region
- Sample a variety of wines, olive oil and lavender grown in the region
- Enjoy the spectacular and colourful wildflowers in spring
- Experience the many events & festivals held throughout the valley



want more info?



York Visitor Centre
Historic Town Hall
81 Avon Terrace, York
Tel. 61 8 9641 1301

Northam Visitor Centre
2 Grey Street, Northam
Tel. 61 8 9622 2100

Toodyay Visitor Centre
7 Piesse Street, Toodyay
Tel. 61 8 9574 2435

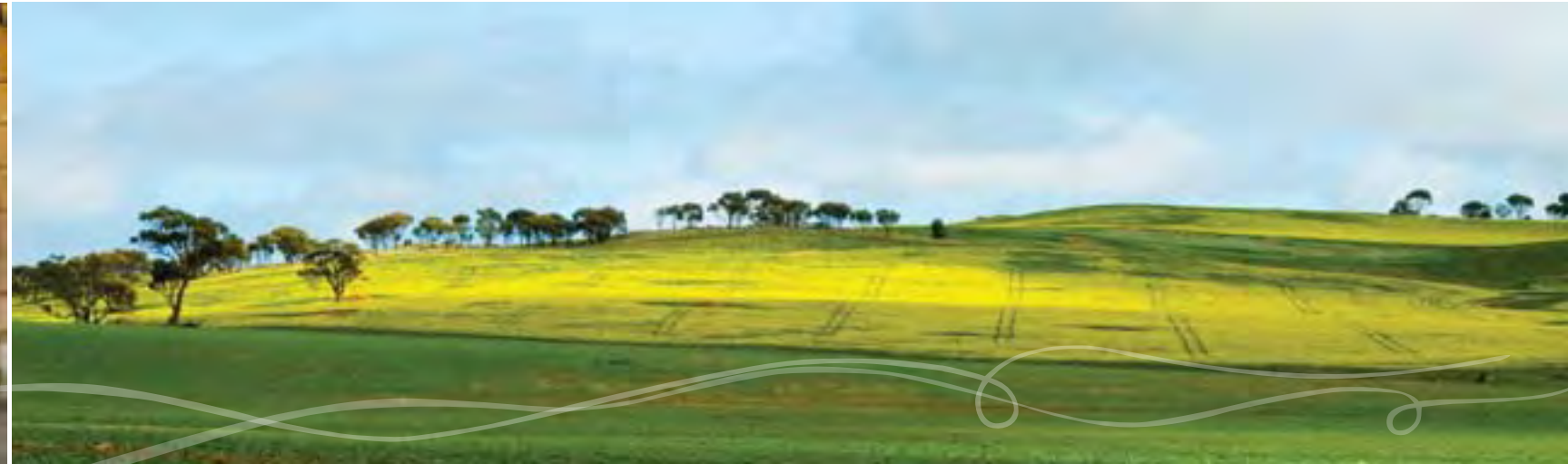
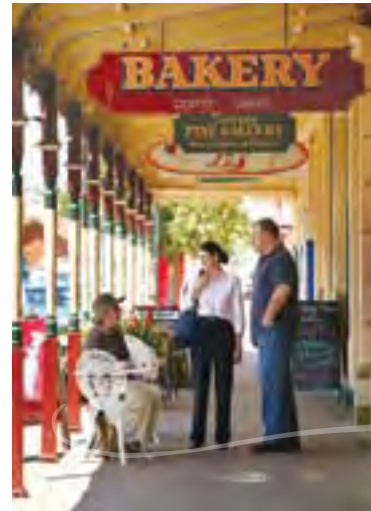
Dreamy Avon Valley

Toodyay

Toodyay is located 80km north of Perth and is nestled in a valley between scenic hills and on the banks of the Avon River. The village presents some perfect examples of 19th century architecture, while at the same time retaining its own unique country charm with verandah-clad pubs and shops. In fact, Toodyay oozes colonial history and architecture. **Connor's Mill** is a fine example, and is your only opportunity in WA to witness working historical machinery demonstrating antiquated flour milling processes. You can also visit the intriguing **Old Gaol** built in the 1860s, which now houses a museum dedicated to the varied history of the region. In town you will find fine examples of locally worked art, woodwork and photography and there are also a number of places to stop for a bite to eat. Accommodation is varied and includes anything from historical pub stays in the centre of town or informal caravan parks where you can sleep under the stars, to luxuriously appointed bed and breakfasts and self contained chalets. Heading further out of town will reward you with some **magnificent scenery** and there are a number of lovely country roads to travel on. Along the way and located amongst the pretty undulating hills surrounding Toodyay, you will find a multitude of olive groves, lavender fields, local artisans, rambling country gardens and vineyards old and new producing their own unique blends.

Goomalling, Beverley & Brookton

The idyllic farming communities of Beverley, Goomalling and Brookton were amongst the first established settlements in WA. Just 132km north east of Perth, Goomalling is a delightful rural settlement. Enveloped by seemingly endless open countryside, the town had its beginning in the 1890's, springing up from beside the train line which was used to ferry miners through to the goldrush towns further north. Giant wheat domes provide a striking landmark in Goomalling, while art & crafts, country markets and a colourful history add to the rural feel. A trip to the **School House Museum, Heritage Town Walk and Old Railway Station** will transport visitors back in time, as will **Slater Homestead**. The township of Beverley, 130km east of Perth is believed to be named for Beverley near York in the United Kingdom. Marked by fine examples of colonial architecture, Beverley is steeped in tales of pioneering triumphs and tribulations. Perhaps surprisingly, you can also visit an **Aeronautical Museum** here. With its excellent display of full scale aircraft & aerial paraphernalia, the museum is an absorbing tribute to aviators of Western Australia. Founded in the 1830's by early settlers in search of good grazing lands, Brookton, 139kms south east of Perth, is rich in colonial history. **The Police Station Museum** and the **Railway Station** which also houses a fine display of local crafts as well as the tourist information centre, are definitely worth a visit. Wildflowers abound in springtime, making the local area a picturesque haven for visitors.



The Julimar Strip



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Black Wattle Retreat



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Northam Visitor Centre



See you in Northam!
The historical gem of the Avon Valley Northam has 185 buildings with historical significance.

- Only an hour from Perth
- Ride in the comfort of the Avon Link Train
- Experience the tranquility of hot air ballooning
- Relax in our stunning cafes and wineries

Northam Visitor Centre
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Northam WA 6401
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Toodyay Visitor Information Centre

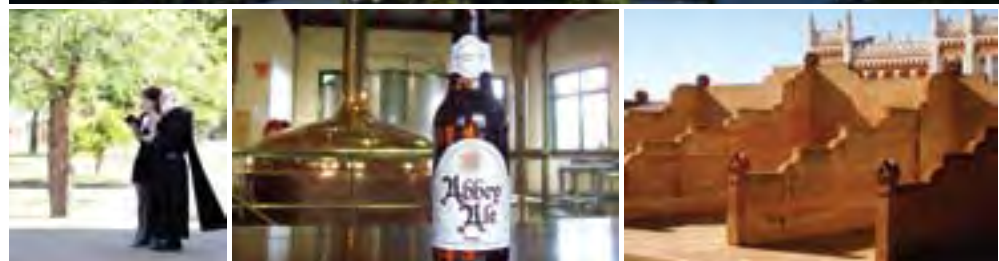


Start at the Visitor Information Centre to discover what's on offer in Toodyay:

- Convict architecture & enduring history
- Spectacular scenery, nature reserves & national parks
- Local artisans, vineyards & produce

Come for a day or relax overnight in one of the many accommodation options.

Toodyay Visitor Information Centre
7 Piesse St Toodyay (next to Connor's Mill)
Tel: (61 8) 9574 2435 Fax: (61 8) 9574 2431
Email: visitorscentre@toodyay.wa.gov.au
Web: www.toodyay.com



Share in the serenity..

- Be escorted by the experienced guides on a town tour of the beautiful buildings
- Meet a Monk in the Monastery Parlour for a taste of monastic hospitality and the opportunity to ask questions
- Browse the Art Gallery where European religious art hangs alongside contemporary Australian art
- Experience a 1500 year-old tradition and join the monks in their private chapel to pray the Divine Office
- Stroll up the hill to the grand New Norcia Hotel and linger over a glass of Australia's premier Abbey Ale, made exclusively for the monks
- Discover the eclectic range of products in the Gift Shop
- Book a room at the New Norcia Hotel and allow yourself to unwind in the peaceful atmosphere
- Bookmark www.newnorcia.wa.edu.au for news on the food, cultural or spiritual events hosted annually by the Benedictine Community
- Do nothing except soak up the peace of it all. PAX!

New Norcia

For a true escape from the everyday, try a journey to New Norcia - Australia's only monastic town. This unique hamlet is about 130km northeast of Perth and everyone, regardless of their beliefs, will find themselves stilled by the soul of this tranquil community.

Here Benedictine monks move quietly amongst historical buildings on their way to pray together seven times daily. But it's not just the monks' dedication to peace that makes New Norcia so special. It's also the town's eclectic monastic, Aboriginal and European heritage which the monks invite all visitors to discover.

New Norcia was established in 1846 as a mission for the local Aboriginal people by Spanish Benedictine monk Bishop Rosendo Salvado. 160 years later New Norcia is still home to Benedictine monks and the monastery is one of the 27 heritage buildings listed on the National Estate.

Two talented monk artists were responsible for the stunning hand-painted frescoes and pressed metal ceilings which adorn the chapels and restful places of worship located within the buildings.

You can enjoy these national treasures on a guided town tour departing from the Museum and Art Gallery at 11am and 1.30pm daily.

No visit to New Norcia is complete without a visit to the museum which provides a fascinating insight into the monastery's history and showcases a selection of Aboriginal artefacts. The art galleries are just as appealing with works ranging from traditional European religious art to funky Australian contemporary pieces.

Each day there is a practical expression of monastic hospitality when one of the monks welcomes visitors and provides an insight into monastic life. You can also join the monks at prayer in their private chapel within the monastery.

Make the most of your visit by booking into the atmospheric New Norcia Hotel. While the accommodation is simple, the Latin word Salve - Welcome - on the threshold, tells you this is no ordinary country pub. The Guesthouse also offers an opportunity to quietly share in the rhythms of monastic life.

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	Freemasons Hotel	9646 1094	Beverley Hotel	9646 1190	Avondale Discovery Farm	9646 1004
			Freemasons Hotel	9646 1094	Dead Finish Museum	9646 1555
BROOKTON					Old Police Station Museum	9642 1062
GOOMALLING	Go Café	9629 1600	Goomalling Caravan Park	9629 1183	School House Museum	9629 1185
	Jennacubbine Tavern	9623 2273	Goonine Springs	9629 1082	Slater Homestead	9629 1101
			Mystique Maison	9629 1673		
NEW NORCIA	New Norcia Hotel	9654 8034	New Norcia Hotel	9654 8034	New Norcia Museum & Art Gallery	9654 8056
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			Northam Caravan Park	9622 1620	Windward Balloon Adventures	9621 2000
			Shamrock Hotel	9622 1092		
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	Wendourie Tearooms	9574 2246	Julimar Cottage	9574 4664	Earth Sculptures	9574 2116
			Moodyne Caravan Park	9574 2534	Toodyay Emporium	9574 2062
			Pecan Hill Bed & Breakfast	9574 2636		
			Talleringa Bed & Breakfast	9572 9393		
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