



# Eastern Wheatbelt SELF-DRIVE TRAIL

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Featuring;

- Tammin
- Kellerberrin
- Bruce Rock
- Merredin
- Westonia
- Southern Cross

## Kellerberrin

Just 22km east of Tammin is the townsite of Kellerberrin, a charming regional community steeped in a vibrant history dating back from its Indigenous people to European pioneers. One of the best ways to see the main sites of the town is to follow the **Kellerberrin Heritage Trail** (see #4 at map ref C5). Commencing at the Pioneer Museum on Leake Street with its interesting array of local memorabilia, the trail takes in excellent examples of 19th and early 20th century architecture at the flour mill, post office, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Massingham House and the fire station. You can pick up a trail map from the Shire office or Community Resource Centre. For spectacular views of the town and surrounding landscape, head up to the **Kellerberrin Hill Lookout** (see #5 at map ref C5).

With a range of accommodation options, Kellerberrin is a great spot to stop for the night before continuing your Eastern Wheatbelt adventure along the Granite Way toward Bruce Rock. The Granite Way is a 60km self-drive trail that takes visitors to some of the most impressive granite rocks in the Wheatbelt including **Mount Caroline** (see #6 at map ref B6) and **Mount Stirling** (see #6a at map ref B7), both of which are located approximately 20km south of Kellerberrin.

The Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail takes visitors on a journey through the towns and surrounding landscape of Tammin, Kellerberrin, Bruce Rock, Merredin, Westonia and Southern Cross. Here you will find communities rich in heritage, nature reserves abundant in wildflowers and native flora and fauna, soaring granite outcrops and vast salt lakes.

**The Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail features 18 key sites but if you have time to stay and explore longer, you will find that there is a whole lot more on offer.**

Duration: 3 nights, 4 days

Distance: 770km (one-way from Perth)

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

Accommodation: Bed & breakfasts, self-contained units, farm stays, motels, hotels, caravan parks, RV-friendly towns and free camp sites.



Sandford Rocks Nature Reserve near Westonia (#14)

## Westonia

Westonia came into existence with the discovery of gold in 1910. The most striking thing about Westonia is its unique charm and natural surroundings, nestled amongst 5,600ha of salmon gum, morrell and gimlet woodland interspersed with granite outcrops and remnants of the town's gold mining history.

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, as they were back in the 1920's. The **Westonia Hood-Penn Museum**, located on Wolfram Street (see #13 at map ref H4), showcases early life in the shire, including a mine tunnel and blast simulation. The **Edna May Mine Lookout**, located 1km north of town, offers views over a working gold mine.

Continue your drive approximately 10km north of town and you will find **Sandford Rocks Nature Reserve** (see #14 at map ref H3). Experience the granite outcrop, wildflowers scrub and woodland, this area is a must do for bird and wildflower enthusiasts.

Your final stop in the Westonia Shire is **Baladjie Rock** (see #15 at map ref H2), an extensive granite outcrop in an attractive woodland setting adjacent to Lake Baladjie. Climb the rock for a spectacular view of the lake before making the 55km drive south-east to Southern Cross.

### Accommodation in Westonia

Westonia Tavern and Motel P: (08) 90467012

Shire of Westonia Tourist Park P: (08) 90467063

(bookings can also be made online through the Shire website)

### Meals

Westonia Tavern and Motel,

Westonia Gallery Café & Sublime Imaging,

Westonia Community Cooperative

### Visitor Information

Shire of Westonia P: (08) 9046 7063

E: shire@westonia.wa.gov.au

W: www.westonia.wa.gov.au

Wheatbelt Way W: wheatbeltway.com.au

## Accommodation in Tammin

Donnan Park is a popular destination for campers and travellers seeking a comfortable and picturesque camping experience. The site is located at the local sports oval and has plenty of space that can accommodate a variety of caravans and motorhomes. Facilities include 2 powered sites, an electric BBQ, toilets, playground, and sink area with hot water.

Bookings can be made online through the Shire of Tammin website;

www.tammin.wa.gov.au/visitors/places-to-stay/camping.aspx

### Meals

The Caltex service station is open 24 hours for food and fuel.

### Visitor Information

A visitor information bay with ample parking for long vehicles is located in the centre of town. The space also features a dog rest area so that your furry friend can safely stretch their legs while you have a well-earned travel break.

Additional information can also be obtained from the Shire of Tammin P: (08) 9637 0300

E: shire@tammin.wa.gov.au W: www.tammin.wa.gov.au



Yorkkrakine Rock, north of Tammin (#2)

## Tammin

Your journey along the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail starts in **Tammin** (see #1 at map ref B5), 184km or 2 hours east of Perth along the Great Eastern Highway. In Tammin you will find the Kadjininy Kep Tammin Hydrology Model and Amphitheatre, located at the Memorial Park on the corner of Great Eastern Highway and Booth Street.

The model demonstrates how salinity impacts the Wheatbelt landscape. Shaded grassed areas with BBQ facilities and a playground make this a perfect place to stop for a picnic with public toilets available at the rear of the Shire Office. From town travel 26km North to Yorkkrakine Rock, a solid granite outcrop surrounded by native flora. Follow the walk trail up and over the rock where you'll find gnamma holes, pockets of vegetation, and sweeping views of the surrounding landscape.

**Yorkkrakine Rock** (see #2 at map ref B4), is a sacred Aboriginal Women's birthing place and also part of a beedawang (initiation journey) songline. The songline starts in Perth and travels eastward to Yorkkrakine Rock and then follows the Salt Lake systems and granite outcrops to Wave Rock.

Retrace your steps back toward town and continue on 14kms south to **Charles Gardner Reserve** (see #3 at map ref B6). The 600 hectares of natural vegetation contains a wide variety of wildflowers and understorey, some of which are unique to the region.



View of Kellerberrin from Kellerberrin Hill Lookout (#5)

## Bruce Rock

Travelling from Kellerberrin along the Granite Way you will reach **Kokerbin Rock** (see #7 at map ref C7), the third largest monolith in Australia. Drive to the top for sweeping views over the countryside, or park at the base and walk to the peak, taking in the native flora and fauna and Devil's Marbles.

Nearby at **Kwolyin** (see #7a at map ref C7), is a free camp site with toilets, camp kitchen and picnic shelters. The Kwolyin loop trails take visitors through bushland, across Coarin Rock and a walk along the old railway line. Visitors can also take a stroll around the old town site and learn more of its history from the interpretive signage.

On your drive toward the town of Bruce Rock, stop in at Shackleton to see **Australia's smallest bank** (see #8 at map ref C7). Once you arrive in Bruce Rock take a stroll along the **Centennial Mosaic Pathway** located on Johnson Street (see #9 at map ref E7), visit the Bruce Rock Museum (where you will find an original one-room school house and replica mudbrick settlers' cottage) and Machinery Museum.

Then meander through the beautifully landscaped grounds of Remembrance Park, which features memorials, sculptures and artworks designed to depict the theme of war and peace.



Centenary Mosaic Pathway, Bruce Rock (#9)

### Accommodation in Bruce Rock

Bruce Rock Hotel P: (08) 9061 1218

Bruce Rock Motel P: 0484 902 128

Bruce Rock Caravan Park P: (08) 9061 1377

(bookings also available online via the Shire website)

Bruce Rock Chalet P: 0459 490 053

### Meals

Bruce Rock Roadhouse, Bruce Rock Hotel,

Bruce Rock District Club,

Bruce Rock Café,

Shackleton District Club,

Mi Familia Flavours,

Ardath Hotel, Bruce Rock District Club.

### Visitor Information

Shire of Bruce Rock P: (08) 9061 1377

E: admin@brucerock.wa.gov.au

W: www.brucerock.wa.gov.au

Pathways to Wave Rock

E: eo@pathwaystowaverock.com.au

W: pathwaystowaverock.com.au

## Southern Cross

Southern Cross was named after the stars that guided early prospectors to their gold find. It's surrounded by some of the largest farms in Western Australia and stands at the western gateway to the world's largest and healthiest temperate woodland; the Great Western Woodlands.

For your final night on the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail, stay at the heritage listed Palace Hotel, the Railway Tavern or the Club Hotel, the town's first hotel built in 1888. There is also a local motel, caravan park and self-contained accommodation. Enjoy sunset with panoramic views of the town, surrounding farmland and goldmines from Wimmera Hill Lookout.

Start the next day early with a drive 34km south of town to **Frog Rock Nature Reserve** (see #16 at map ref J5). Here you will find beautiful wildflowers in the spring with a wave-like rock formation and dam at the base of the rock. From Frog Rock you can make the journey back to Southern Cross and take in the **Yilgarn History Museum** (see #18 at map ref K3) open daily, for a glimpse of the rich history of the area.

Or if time permits, travel east to **Karalee Dam** (see #17 at map ref M4), approximately 55km east of Southern Cross to see the natural reservoir that was adapted to maximise the catchment, delivery and storage of rainwater essential to railway development in the Goldfields region.



Yilgarn History Museum, Southern Cross (#18)

### Accommodation in Southern Cross

Club Hotel P: (08) 9049 1030, Palace Hotel P: (08) 9049

1555, Railway Tavern P: (08) 9049 1030, Sandalwood Motor

Lodge P: (08) 9049 1212, Southern Cross Motel P: (08)

9049 1144, Southern Cross Caravan Park P: (08) 9049

1212, Hampton View Homestead (located 60km south

west of Southern Cross) P: 08 9040 4075, Nulla Nulla Farm

Retreat (located in Moorine Rock) P: 0428 498 010, "King

of the Cross" (4-bedroom home) www.shorttermrentalswa.

com.au, Havcon Engineering Accommodation Village

P: (08) 9729 1977

### Meals

Club Hotel, BP Roadhouse, Shell Roadhouse,

Southern Cross Coffee Lounge, Southern Cross Stationary

Store, Southern Cross Motel, Palace Hotel, Railway Tavern

### Visitor Information

Shire of Yilgarn P: (08) 9049 1001

E: tourism@yilgarn.wa.gov.au

W: visit.yilgarn.wa.gov.au

## Merredin

As you drive toward Merredin from Bruce Rock you will come across **Totadgin Conservation Park** (see #10 at map ref E5), a National Trust Heritage Site, where you will find a granite outcrop with a similar wave formation to Wave Rock. As the regional hub of the Eastern Wheatbelt, Merredin has a good selection of accommodation and meal options and is a great choice to spend the second night on the drive trail.

While in Merredin visit Cummins Theatre, located at 31 Bates Street, which is steeped in local history and hosts high quality performances year-round. Also in town you can explore Merredin's Railway and Military Museums or take a quick drive 3km west of town to view one of the **Public Silo Trail** sites (see #11 at map ref E5).

**Merredin Peak Reserve and Railway Dam** (see #12 at map ref F5), located 1km northeast of town is a popular picnic spot and overnight camp for self-contained RVs. A walking trail with interpretive signage explaining the early catchment scheme and water pipeline leads to the top of the peak which provides 360 degrees view of Merredin and surroundings.

Adjacent to Merredin Peak is a short self-drive trail to the remains of the World War II Army Hospital site, one of many historic military installations dotted throughout the region as reminders of Merredin's role as the second line of defence.



Silo Art Trail in Merredin (#10)

### Accommodation in Merredin

Merredin Motel P: (08) 9041 1886, Merredin Oasis Hotel

P: (08) 9041 1133, Merredin Plaza All Suites P: (08) 9041 1755,

Olympic Motel P: (08) 9041 1588, Merredin Tourist Park

P: (08) 9041 1535, Merredin Treasury P: 0400 412 239

### Meals

Café 56, Dimensions Cafe, Merredin Cinema & Café,

Wild Poppy Café, Merredin French Hot Bread,

Puma Roadhouse, BP Travel Stop, Merredin Pizza, Subway,

Commercial Hotel, Merredin Bowling Club,

Merredin Palace Chinese Restaurant, Merredin IGA,

Merredin Harvest Fresh Food Market, Merre Local,

MJ's Food Van, Wheatbelt Coffee Time,

Wheatbelt Ice Cream Time

### Visitor Information

Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre

85 Barrack Street Merredin

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E: visitor@merredin.wa.gov.au

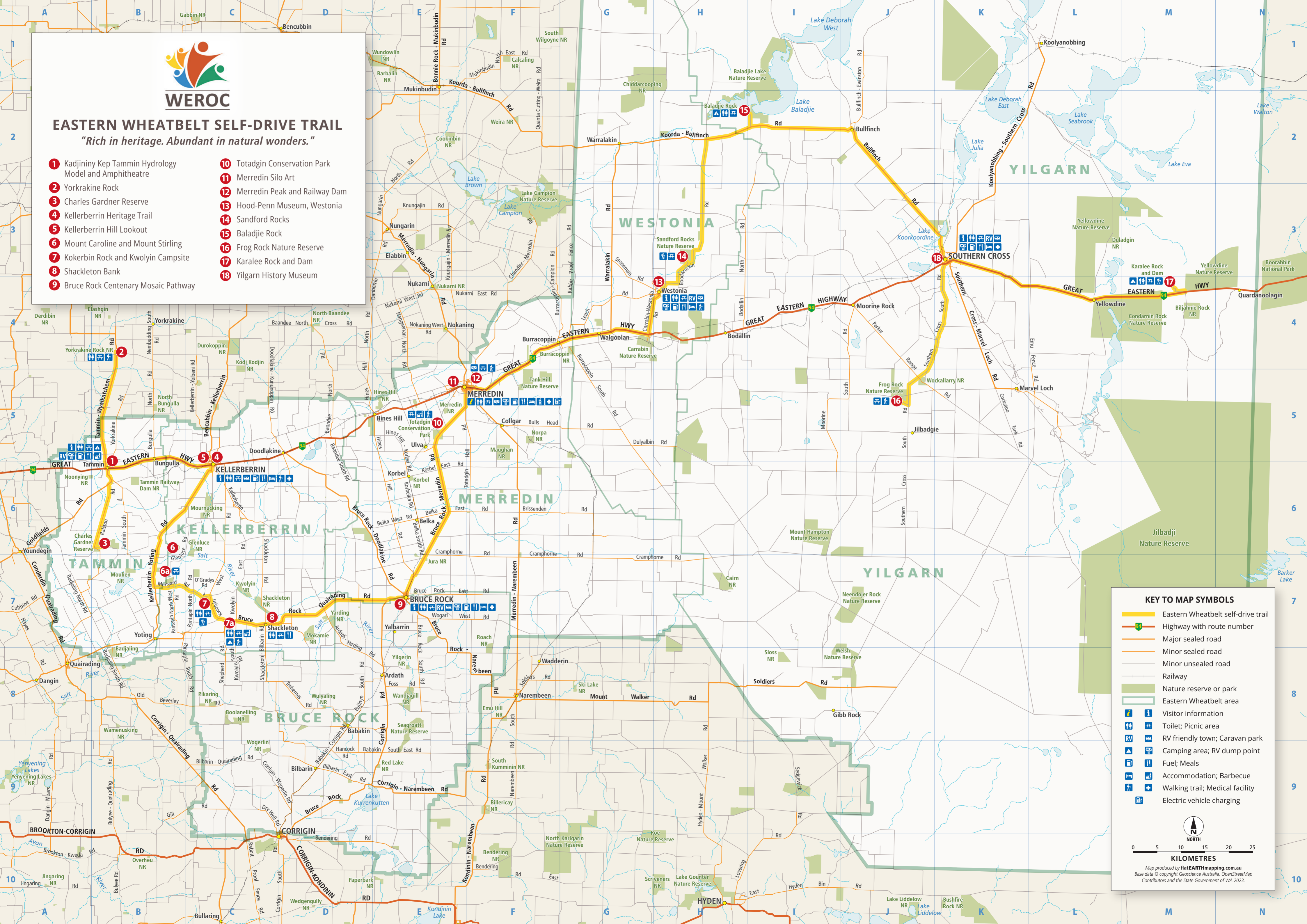
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### KEY TO MAP SYMBOLS

- Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail
- Highway with route number
- Major sealed road
- Minor sealed road
- Minor unsealed road
- Railway
- Nature reserve or park
- Eastern Wheatbelt area
- Visitor information
- Toilet; Picnic area
- RV friendly town; Caravan park
- Camping area; RV dump point
- Fuel; Meals
- Accommodation; Barbecue
- Walking trail; Medical facility
- Electric vehicle charging



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