

# The Wheatbelt Way Drive Trail

The Wheatbelt Way self-drive trail will lead visitors on an adventurous interpreted journey to the regions communities of Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Koorda, Bencubbin, Beacon, Westonia, Mukinbudin, Nungarin and Trayning, their natural attractions and history and heritage while offering them opportunities to stay and experience the unique Wheatbelt communities and landscapes.

## Dowerin

Located at the start of the Wheatbelt Way, 160km or 2 hours from Perth This country town has a vibrant community lifestyle and supported with modern facilities including the Dowerin Community Club Recreation facility and the nearby Dowerin Short Stay Accommodation precinct. Dowerin offers a rang of attractions so why not stay a night or two and give yourself plenty of time to explore the area. Start the day with a visit to the Dowerin Bakery to pack lunch and some delicious sweet treats and spend the rest of the day visiting "Rusty" and the Tin Dog Creek Walk Trail and Bird Hide, the Dowerin Museum, Namelkatchem Reserve and Nanning Well, wildflowers and historic Minnivale, the original settlement for the area of Daren lakes and the lovely Cullimbin Well at the northern end of the Shire before heading out further on the Wheatbelt Way.

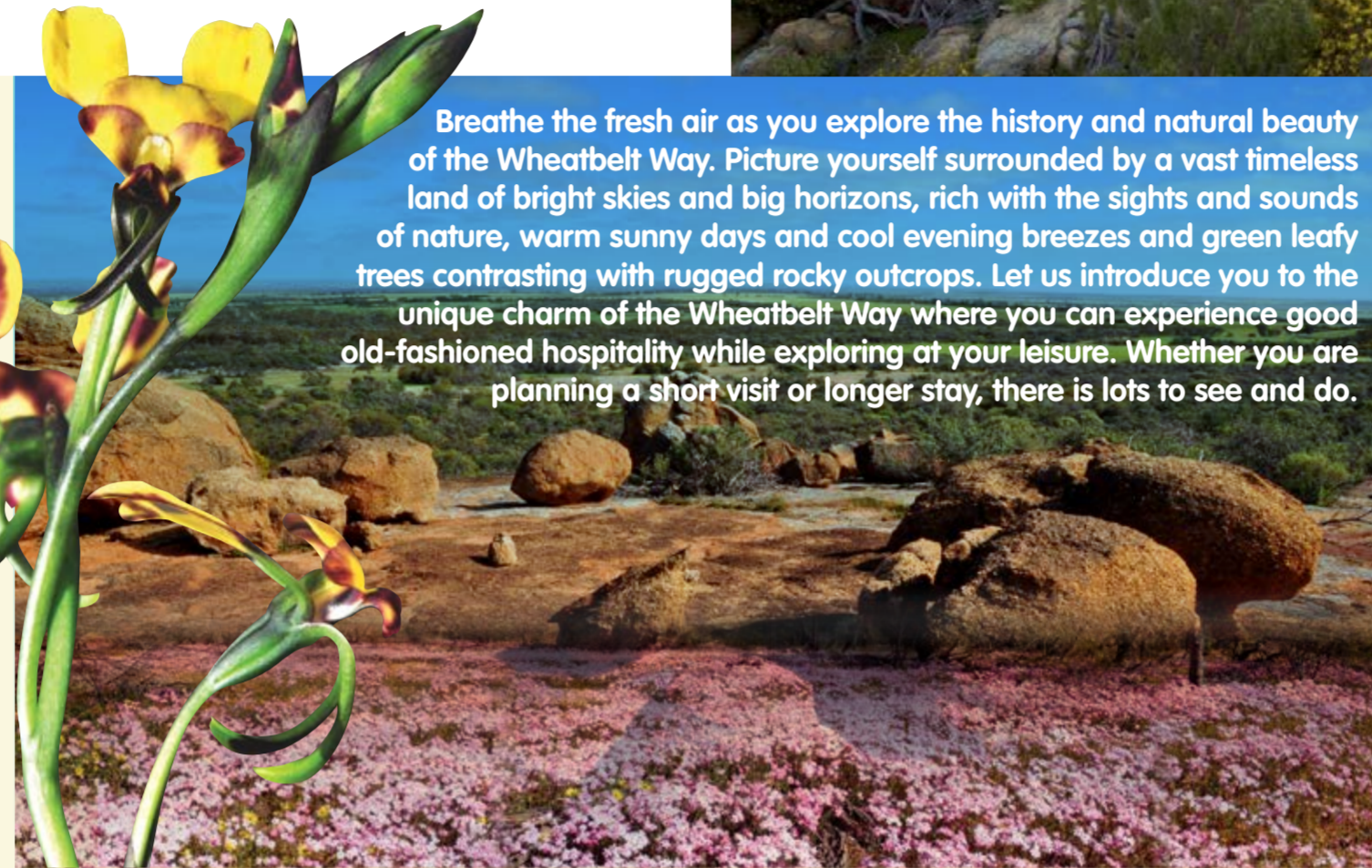
ACCOMMODATION	
DOWERIN CARAVAN PARK AND MOTEL	TEL: 08 9631 1135
DOWERIN COMMERCIAL HOTEL	TEL: 08 9631 1206
DOWERIN SHORT STAY ACCOMMODATION www.dowerinaccommodation.com.au	
CAMPING MINNIVALE CAMPGROUND	
TOURIST INFORMATION	
DOWERIN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE STEWART STREET, DOWERIN	TEL: 08 9631 1662
SHIRE OF DOWERIN 13 COTRELL STREET, DOWERIN	TEL: 08 9631 1202

## Westonia

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. Stroll down the main street of Westonia and enjoy historic buildings, as well as new buildings that have also been built in a historic style. Call into the Hood-Penn Museum on the main street and notice the facades from the town's original bank, café, hotel, fire station, boarding house and green grocer store fronting new buildings as you walk. Other wise head out for a picnic at Sandford Rocks or camp the night at Elachbutting Rock, while there take a walk through Monty's Pass, stamp your foot in Kings Cave and photograph the colourful Rainbow Wave.

ACCOMMODATION	
WESTONIA CARAVAN PARK	TEL: 08 9046 7063
WESTONIA TAVERN	TEL: 08 9046 7012
CARRABIN ROADHOUSE MOTEL & CARAVAN PARK	TEL: 08 9046 7162
CAMPING ELACHBUTTING ROCK, ST LUKE'S CHURCH 48HR FREE CAMP	
TOURIST INFORMATION	
WESTONIA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE, WOLFRAM STREET, WESTONIA	TEL: 08 9046 7077
WESTONIA SHIRE OFFICE, WOLFRAM ST, WESTONIA	TEL: 08 9046 7063

Breathe the fresh air as you explore the history and natural beauty of the Wheatbelt Way. Picture yourself surrounded by a vast timeless land of bright skies and big horizons, rich with the sights and sounds of nature, warm sunny days and cool evening breezes and green leafy trees contrasting with rugged rocky outcrops. Let us introduce you to the unique charm of the Wheatbelt Way where you can experience good old-fashioned hospitality while exploring at your leisure. Whether you are planning a short visit or longer stay, there is lots to see and do.



## Mukinbudin

The Shire of Mukinbudin was settled by pastoralists who in the 1870's took up large leases in excess of 20,000 acres to run sheep, as well as by Sandalwood cutters and miners en-route to the goldfields. Mukinbudin is a place for those who have an interest in the outdoors. There are no better places to experience this than Beringbooding Rock and Weira Reserve. Four wheel driving, BBQ's, camping, bushwalking and spectacular views can be experienced amongst these attractions. Native flora lovers will enjoy the botanical walk and anyone with a passing interest in the history of the area should visit the unique bulk grain storage silo, the Mens Shed, Goodchilds Gateway and the Wattoning Historical Site.

ACCOMMODATION	
MUKINBUDIN CARAVAN PARK AND SELF CONTAINED CHALETS	TEL: 08 9047 1103
MUKINBUDIN HOTEL	TEL: 08 9047 1133
CAMPING BERINGBOODING ROCK & WEIRA RESERVE	
TOURIST INFORMATION	
MUKINBUDIN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE, 8 WHITE STREET, MUKINBUDIN	TEL: 08 9047 2150
SHIRE OF MUKINBUDIN, 15 MADDOCK STREET, MUKINBUDIN	TEL: 08 9047 2100

## Nungarin

One of the smallest shires in the country with just 240 people, but what we lack in size we make up for in just about everything else. Nungarin is located 300 kilometres east of Perth. Nungarin has a rich and varied history, including serving as an important stopping place during the 1880's Eastern Goldfields rush. It also served as an important WWII strategic army depot and workshop with almost 12,000 troops stationed in the town at one stage. Nungarin is now a progressive and community focused shire, boasting an appealing lifestyle for residents. No trip to Nungarin should occur without a visit to the extensive Heritage Machinery and Army Museum. Items are housed in an enormous 2,500 square metre, timber clad building and map Australia's rich pioneering and army history. Historic Mangowine homestead is unique in depicting an era of life gone by in the region. For those wanting to get out and explore the area, visits to Danberrin Rock, Eaglestone Rock and Talgomine Reserve are highly recommended. They offer stunning views, and an opportunity to explore the vast Wheatbelt landscape. Before you leave the town, make sure to pick up a souvenir at the charming Nungarin Wheatbelt Markets held on the first Sunday of the month March through to December.

ACCOMMODATION	
NUNGARIN CARAVAN PARK	TEL: 08 9046 5006
THE WOOLSHED HOTEL	TEL: 08 9046 5084
MANGOWINE HOMESTEAD CARAVAN PARK (TOILETS ONLY AVAILABLE)	TEL: 08 9046 5149 0427 190 795
MCCORRY'S OLD HOTEL B&B	TEL: 0497 575 907
CAMPING DANBERRIN ROCK, EAGLESTONE ROCK AND TALGOMINE RESERVE	
TOURIST INFORMATION	
NUNGARIN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE, RAILWAY AVE, NUNGARIN	TEL: 08 9046 5400

## Wyalkatchem

"Welcome to Wylie", you'll hear the locals' say. The friendly country spirit is alive and well here at this "Strange name, beaut place". The first recorded exploration of the district in 1846 was made possible with the assistance of Aboriginal information and guidance into the area. The first settlers took up land in 1904, and the town-site was officially declared during 1908. Wyalkatchem's main economy has been historically based on grain production and sheep farming, and while this is still a major industry, we are now embracing tourism and developing services to encourage visitation to our wonderful countryside. Wyalkatchem is known as the "Cradle of Bulk Handling" in Western Australia because it is here that the first ever delivery of bulk wheat was received for market at Korrelocking on November 9, 1931. Anyone interested in having an experience to "step back in time" will love the CBH Museum and Old School House where you can trace the history of the pioneering community. Nature lovers are well catered for, with the Walk-A-Wyal tracks, Cowcowing Lake, and Yorkrakine Rock being great destinations where you can enjoy unique flora and fauna in the peaceful surroundings of some of the oldest reserve areas in WA. Not to be missed is a visit to the historic Wyalkatchem Well, a picnic at Korrelocking Reserve, and an evening being awed and inspired viewing some of the best starlit skies in the world.

ACCOMMODATION	
WYALKATCHEM TRAVELLERS PARK	TEL: 0475 263 099
WYALKATCHEM HOTEL	TEL: 08 9681 1210
WYALKATCHEM BARRACKS (BACKPACKERS OR GROUPS)	TEL: 08 9681 1166
WYLIE STAYS	TEL: 0413 004 414
WYLIE WEEKENDER	TEL: 0439 036 551
TOURIST INFORMATION	
WYALKATCHEM VISITOR CENTRE, THE BUSHBEL RAILWAY TERRACE, WYALKATCHEM	TEL: 08 9681 1500

## Koorda

In 1917 the Koorda township sprang up around the railway worker's camp and saw the establishment of a general store, post office, blacksmith, greengrocer and hostel to accommodate the seasonal worker, mainly baggers of wheat. Koorda continues its tradition of productive grain cultivation with sheep to a lesser degree than in the past. Koorda Museum is well worth a visit and, as it was formerly the town's hospital, houses an interesting collection of antique medical and surgical equipment. The Koorda Motor Museum is also a place of interest with an extensive display of motor memorabilia and military collection. The Koorda Community Resource Centre also houses a wildflower interpretation display of the regions wildflowers. Koorda Drive-In has gained a broad following of patrons due to the installation of digital equipment screening of newly released movies is now possible. Please check our website www.koorda.wa.gov.au for details of screening dates. A visit to town would not be complete without exploring Mollerin and Newcarlbeon Rocks or a wander through the Koorda Native Flora Reserve. Anybody who enjoys the outdoors will be impressed by the picturesque formations, each with their own peculiar mini-environment of wildflowers and small animals.

ACCOMMODATION	
KOORDA CARAVAN PARK & YALAMBEE UNITS	TEL: 08 9684 1219
KOORDA HOTEL	TEL: 08 9684 1226
KOORDA SHORT STAY ACCOMMODATION	TEL: 0428 694 043
DUKIN SHORT TERM STAY	TEL: 08 9682 1005
CAMPING MOLLERIN ROCK, NEWCARLBEON ROCK, KOORDA NATIVE FLORA RESERVE	
TOURIST INFORMATION	
KOORDA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE, 41 RAILWAY STREET, KOORDA	TEL: 08 9684 1081
SHIRE OF KOORDA, CNR HAIG & ALLENBY STREETS, KOORDA	TEL: 08 9684 1219

## Bencubbin

Along with Beacon, Bencubbin is one of the two main centres servicing the Shire of Mt Marshall. The town's name is derived from "Gnylbencubbing" the Aboriginal name for nearby Marshall Rock. Bencubbin is located at the southern end of the Mt Marshall Shire, stop and check out the Sandalwood drey and interpretive centre, climb up Marshall Rock which offers superb 360 degree views of the surrounding farming land, Lake McDermott, Bencubbin town, Welbungin and Wiacubbing Hill. Take a trip back in time and be amazed at Pergande's Sheep Yards, which were constructed from granite sourced from nearby Wiacubbing Hill. Those visiting the area between July and October will be in for a treat as the abundant wildflowers will be in full bloom following the winter rains.

ACCOMMODATION	
BENCUBBIN CARAVAN PARK (CABINS AVAILABLE) Online bookings available	TEL: 08 9685 1202
MELALEUCA BRUMBY SWAG/FARM STAY - GABBIN	TEL: 0401 088 586
CAMPING MARSHALL ROCK, GABBIN	
TOURIST INFORMATION	
BENCUBBIN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE, MONGER STREET, BENCUBBIN	TEL: 08 9685 1007

## Beacon

The town of Beacon is a vibrant and well established town boasting a range of facilities and services. The district was established in the 1920's as a farming area and expanded following the construction of the railway line in 1931. Call at the Visitor Centre and view the 600 species herbarium display. Stroll through the Botanical Park off Broadbent Street and see the fabulous Sandpaper wattle before enjoying a cuppa while admiring the restored tractors at the Men's Shed. Numerous Reserves and granite outcrops dot the landscape, the major one being Billburning Rock, a popular camping and picnic spot. Enjoy a glass of wine atop the rock as you watch the sunset and the stars come out. Perfect!

ACCOMMODATION	
BEACON CARAVAN PARK (CABINS AVAILABLE) Online bookings available	TEL: 0488 025 853
CAMPING BILLBURNING RESERVE	
TOURIST INFORMATION	
BEACON CENTRAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE, 11 ROWLANDS STREET, BEACON	TEL: 08 9686 1014

## Trayning

The Shire has 430 people in and around the townsites of Trayning, Kununoppin and Yelbeni and has a 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 Aboriginal word "durri-iring", meaning "snake in the grass by the campfire". Visitors to Trayning will be treated to the beautiful natural surroundings of the region and are recommended to visit Billycatting Hill, Yarragin Rock and the Gnamma Holes. A variety of amazing flora and fauna can be found at these locations and highlight the natural diversity of the area. Pack a picnic and enjoy the visitor facilities provided. Enjoy a leisurely walk in Trayning visiting the Bush Tucker Garden and Centenary Walk Trail (maps at Shire Office).

The Yelbeni Town Site Museum is relatively new, having been developed in 2002. It houses a very interesting collection of local history ranging from photos, plaques and pieces of vintage farm machinery that provide an accurate and informative glimpse of the past.

ACCOMMODATION	
TRAYNING CARAVAN PARK	TEL: 0428 997 156
TRAYNING HOTEL/MOTEL	TEL: 08 9683 1005
ROSEVALE HOMESTEAD FARM STAY BED & BREAKFAST	TEL: 0474 985 837
TOURIST INFORMATION	
SHIRE OF TRAYNING, RAILWAY STREET, TRAYNING	TEL: 08 9683 1001

- **Audio files** that complement the information at the stopping points along the trail.
- **RV Dump Points**, Fuel or Visitor Centres nearby you.
- **Services**: Find Meal, Accommodation, Campsites.
- **Features**: Find Meal, Accommodation, Campsites.
- **Stores** that are relevant to each site/town, each site.
- **Trail Notes** that describe the road journey between at all times.
- **Real-time GPS**: track your location on a map
- **Offline Map**: No internet connection required.

### APP FEATURES:

Download the App and it will lead you on an adventurous interpreted journey to the nine communities of the Wheatbelt Way. It highlights 24 interpreted sites of the many natural attractions and history/heritage sites while offering you opportunities to stay and experience the unique Wheatbelt communities and landscapes.



## NORTH EAST WHEATBELT



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## DRIVE TRAIL

Western Australia

- Dowerin
- Wyalkatchem
- Koorda
- Bencubbin
- Beacon
- Westonia
- Mukinbudin
- Nungarin
- Trayning

ROAD TRIP  
Country





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## The Wheatbelt Way Trail Attractions

- 1 Tin Dog Creek
- 2 Minnikale
- 3 Naaning Well
- 4 Korrelocking Reserve
- 5 Wyalkatchem Well
- 6 Cowwong Cemetery
- 7 Koorda Native Flora Reserve
- 8 Gabbins Townsite
- 9 Marshall Rock Reserve
- 10 Pergandes Sheepyards & Homestead
- 11 Billburning Rock & Reserve
- 12 Dajfong Well & Reserve
- 13 Bonnie Rock Townsite
- 14 Beringbooding Rock & Reserve
- 15 Etchabuffing Rock Well
- 16 Sandford Rocks
- 17 Boodlin Soak
- 18 Weira Gnamma Hole & Reserve
- 19 Watfoning Historical Site
- 20 Mangowine Homestead
- 21 Bilyacatching Hill Conservation Park
- 22 Trayning Gnamma Holes & Homestead
- 23 Trayning Historic Well
- 24 Yelbeni Townsite & Museum

- ### Legend
- Sealed primary road
  - Unsealed primary road
  - Sealed secondary road
  - Unsealed secondary road
  - Sealed minor road
  - Unsealed minor road
  - Track
  - Railway
  - Local Government boundary
  - Park/reserve
  - Golden Pipeline
  - Pioneer's Pathway
  - The Wheatbelt Way Trail
  - Distances between towns
  - Accommodation
  - Bird watching
  - Camp site
  - Caravan park
  - Cemetery
  - Fuel
  - Information
  - Meals
  - Medical facility
  - Picnic facilities
  - Toilets
  - Walk trail
  - Waste dump
  - Wildflowers

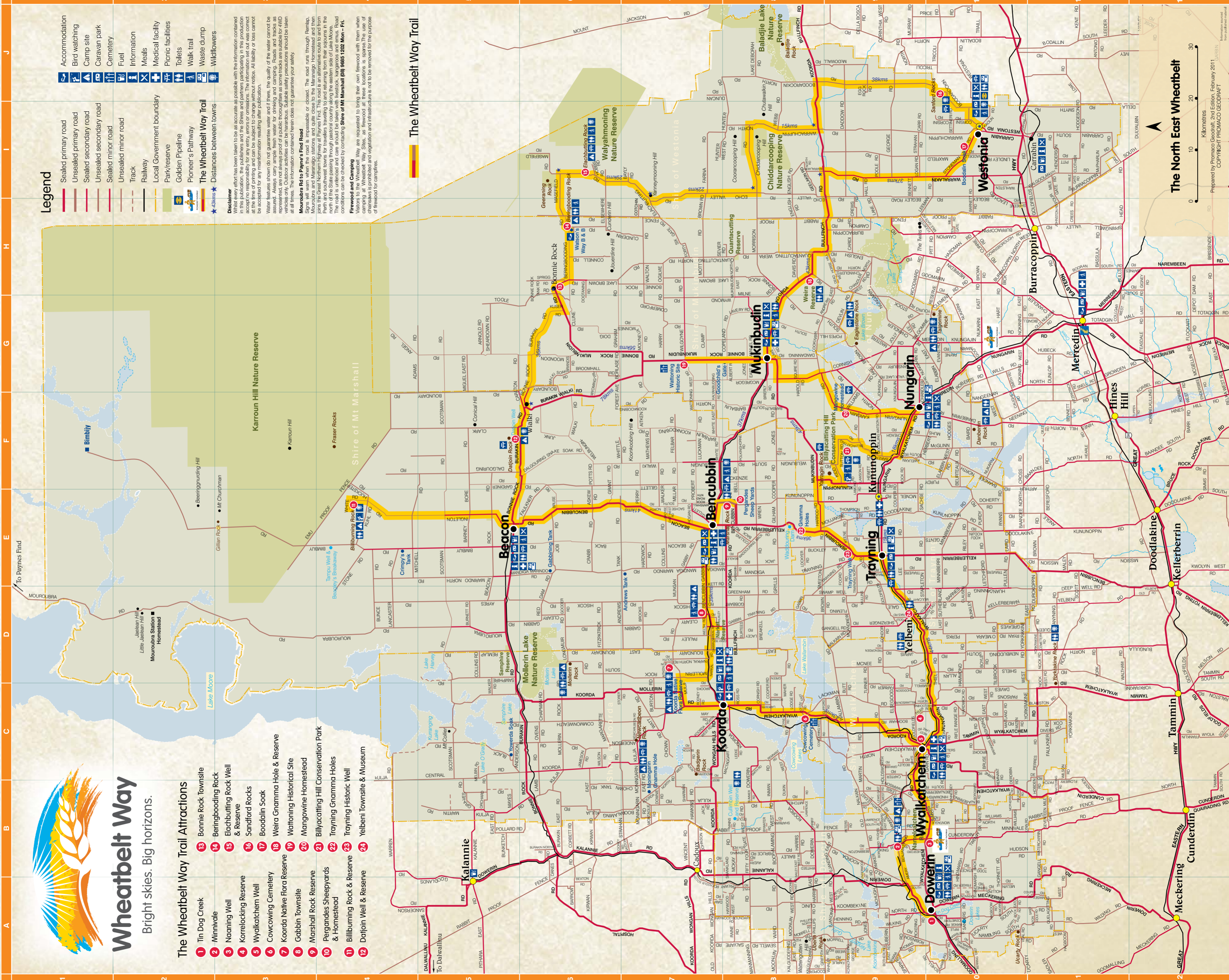
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**Mourabie Rd to Payne's Find Road**  
 Mourabie and Mourabie stations and quite close to the Mourabie Homestead and then onto the Great Northern Highway at Payne's Find. This road is an alternative route to and from Perth and southwest towns for travellers travelling to and returning from their sejours in the Wheatbelt. The road is unsealed and care should be taken with livestock, kangaroos and emus. Road conditions can be checked by contacting **Shire of Mt Marshall (08) 9685 1022 Mon - Fri**.

**Firewood and Camping**  
 Visitors to the Wheatbelt Way are requested to bring their own firewood with them when camping at Wheatbelt Way Sites, as firewood at these locations is sparse. The use of firewood for campfires is restricted to the amount of firewood and infrastructure is not to be removed for the purpose of firewood for campfires.

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