

Wave Rock Wildflowers trail 3-4 days



The Central Wheatbelt can be accessed by self-drive visitors on a good network of sealed roads and is within a 3-4 hour driving range of Perth. A number of interesting self-drive trails offer delightful routes along which to explore the region.

Suggested itinerary

Day 1 » Perth to York 100km

Just over an hour drive east of Perth will take you to the lovely country town of York. Nestled on the banks of the Avon River in the gently rolling farmlands of the beautiful Avon Valley, York is the perfect setting for a romantic weekend, family fun, sporting event and activity, concert or cultural tour. As Western Australia's first inland settlement, York offers unique insights into a rich and colourful past both before and following European settlement in 1831. York is famous for its festivals including Jazz

Festival (September), Garden Festival (October) and The York Antiques and Collectors Fair.

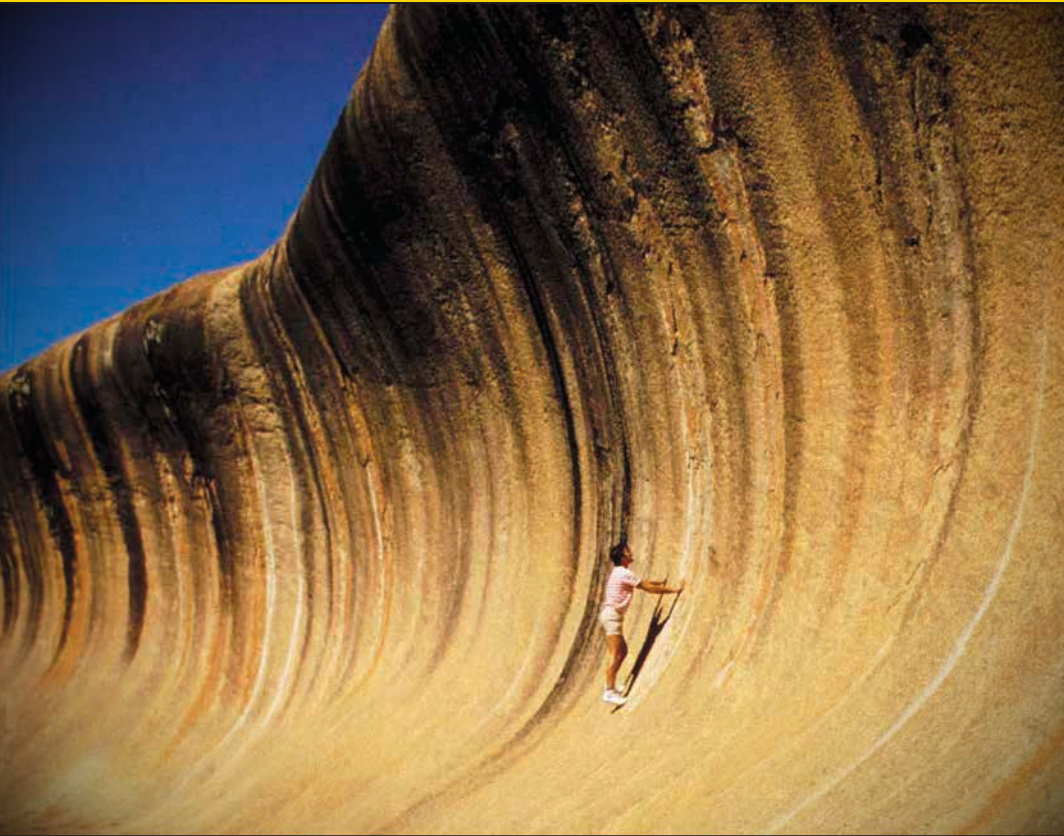
Day 2 » York to Quairading 83km to Bruce Rock 77km to Narembeen 40km to Hyden (Wave Rock) 89km Quairading is located about 170 kilometres east of Perth in Western Australia's Wheatbelt. The town derived its name from the Aboriginal word 'Kwirading', meaning the home of a small bush kangaroo. A farming town, Bruce Rock produces crops of wheat, barley, lupin and peas. Sheep, pigs and goats are also farmed in the area. The nearby bank at Shackleton is said to be Australia's smallest bank and is also worth a look. Kokerbin Rock, located 45 kilometres west of the town, is an immense granite outcrop. The rock is accessible from a number of points and it is possible to drive to the top, from where you can enjoy spectacular views over the surrounding countryside. Hyden is situated 340 kilometres east of Perth. More than 130,000 tourists visit the town every year on their way to the famous



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Wave Rock. Wave Rock is just four kilometres east of Hyden on a nature reserve of some 160 hectares. The Rock is a granite cliff, 15 metres high and 110 long, shaped remarkably like a huge wave. Geologists believe the original granite formation has been sculptured and coloured by weather, water and chemical erosion over 2.7 billion years to take on its wave like character. Other natural attractions in the area include Hippo's Yawn and Mulka's Cave. The Aboriginal art in Mulka's Cave is some of the best found in the southwest of Western Australia. From September to December dozens of wildflower varieties produce carpets of colour, and more than 40 different species of birds can be seen. Hyden also features the largest collection of lace in the southern hemisphere, Wave Rock Wildlife Park featuring koalas and rare white kangaroos, a pioneer museum, a toy soldier museum, an observatory and scenic flights. The picturesque 18 hole golf course is open during winter and spring.

Day 3-4 » Hyden to Kalgarin 15km to Kondinin 44km to Kulin 25km to Corrigin 55km to Perth 227km The tiny farming community of Kalgarin has a population of less than 50 people. First settled in the 1920s, many of the town's buildings still retain their oldworld charm, including the primary school and shop.

Take in the scenic vistas from McCanns, Buckley's Breakaway and the Karlgarin Hills. Kondinin was traversed in 1848 by Surveyor General JS Roe and settled in 1909. You can retrace his steps along the JS Roe Heritage Trail, which includes a mural depicting his epic journey, a replica well and the picturesque Yeerakine Rock which provides a 360 degree view. See the spectacular wildflowers during September and October. Head out to Kondinin Lake, a salt lake that attracts waterbirds, water skiers and wind surfers. Kulin is located in the heart of the Wheatbelt

region of Western Australia's Golden Outback, and offers a convenient stopover for those travelling between Perth and Esperance via the well-known Tin Horse Highway. The area has a diverse history of sandalwood production, gold fossicking and pastoralism, which can be explored throughout the Shire of Kulin. Follow the remarkable 20 kilometre Tin Horse Highway. Catch the famous Bush Races and enjoy a great weekend packed full of fun for the whole family. Corrigin is a popular stopover when visiting Hyden's Wave Rock and the seasonal wildflowers of the area. Located three and a half hours' drive east of Perth, it's a very attractive, tidy Wheatbelt town. Return to Perth via the Brookton highway.

Highlights

- » Visit the York Motor Museum
- » Pack a picnic and visit the bird watching paradise Roe Dam, near Narembeen
- » Drive the 35km Old Prospector's Trail starting in Narembeen
- » Discover Hyden's Wildlife Park and other town attractions
- » Visit the Corrigin and Bruce Rock Pioneer Museums
- » Explore the Macrocarpa Trail, 1km west of Kulin
- » Pick your favourite horse along the 20km Tin Horse Highway, Kulin.

RAC Recommends

Inattention affects all drivers, especially in rural WA. Fatalities in the Wheatbelt are 6x higher than that of the WA state average. RAC recommends rest, before driving, stopping regularly, sharing the drive and allowing enough travel time.

Visitor Centres

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