

INTERPRETIVE SITES AND STORIES

Each site is well signposted and the trail route is easy to follow. Picnic tables can be found at Sites 6 and 9; Site 9 also has barbecue facilities. At Site 7 a short walk trail leads to a viewpoint in the Brockway Timber Reserve.

Site	Junctions, sites and stories	Km	Total
Start	Norseman Tourist Bureau	0	0
	Mines Rd intersection	0.13	0.13
	Talbot St intersection	0.17	0.30
	Alsopp St intersection	0.13	0.43
	Okay Rd / Crampton St junction	0.60	1.03
1	Trail-head and general information		
	The Norseman racecourse and early social life	0.42	1.45
	Mine access road	1.06	2.51
2	The historic Cumberland and Kirkpatrick mines. The coach road and its coaches	1.60	4.11
3	Reworking the workings - a 1990s open cut	1.15	5.26
	Junction with old coach road	1.24	6.50
4	The Lady Mary mine and townsite.		
	A lonely goldfields grave	1.33	7.83
	Access track to Iron Duke site	0.45	8.28
5	The Iron Duke Decline - the search goes on	0.17	8.45
	Return to main trail route	0.22	8.67
	Enter Brockway Timber Reserve	1.95	10.62
	Access track to Break O'Day site	1.31	11.93
6	The Break O'Day cricket pitch	0.15	12.08
	Return to main trail route	0.14	12.22
7	Headframes and head-strong miners		
	The Brockway Timber Reserve and its trees	2.72	14.94
8	The old east-west telegraph line		
	Mawson's Reward and the May Bell mine		
	Bush tucker / bush medicine	4.87	19.81
	Mt Henry mine access road	2.83	22.64
	Old Coach Rd goes west	1.22	23.86
9	Old Dundas Dam - the struggle for water	0.38	24.24
10	The rise and fall of the original Dundas Townsite		
	Life in early Dundas: hard but happy	0.46	24.70
	Coolgardie - Esperance Highway	1.80	26.50
	Ramsay St intersection	21.05	47.55
	Roberts St intersection	0.20	47.75
	Tourist Bureau	0.13	47.88

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

For your comfort and safety, and for the enjoyment of others, we suggest you:

- **Be clever:** Drive the trail in a clockwise direction, returning to Norseman via the Coolgardie-Esperance Highway
- **Be courteous:** Many stopping places are surrounded by mining leases - please do not wander away from the site as you may be trespassing
- **Be clean:** Carry all litter out with you. Smokers - please extinguish butts with care and take them out with you
- **Be comfortable:** Take some drinking water and wear sturdy shoes, a sunhat, long-sleeve shirt and sunscreen
- **Be cautious:** Most sites are close to old mine workings and open shafts. Old machinery can also be dangerous, and broken glass can be hard to see. Take care - and keep children with you at all times!

The full circuit is approximately 50 km - we suggest allowing at least 2 hours (and as much as half a day) in order to fully appreciate the experience. The Coach Road Heritage Trail is a doorway to the past - we hope you enjoy exploring it!

The Dundas Coach Road Heritage Trail was originally developed as part of the West Australian 'Heritage Trails Network', and has now been upgraded during 2004 by the Shire of Dundas.



SHIRE OF DUNDAS

the DUNDAS COACH ROAD

heritage trail

Explore the rich history and heritage of the original Dundas Goldfields, established in 1892



A leisurely
50 km drive
circuit starting and
finishing in Norseman

the DUNDAS COACH ROAD heritage trail

Late in 1892 prospectors Mawson and Kirkpatrick found gold in the rocky Dundas Hills, some 20 km south of Norseman. A tortuous 200 km ride through trackless scrub took them to the boom town of Coolgardie, where on November 15th they lodged their "Mawson's Reward" claim, the first in what was to become the Dundas Goldfields.

Their success attracted a swarm of prospectors and soon enough other finds were made nearby to warrant the establishment of a town. Late in 1893 the Dundas townsite was laid out near Noganyer Soak, not far south of the Mawson's Reward lease.

Unfortunately for the fledgling town more gold was discovered in 1894, at what was to become Norseman. These finds were richer than those around Dundas and almost before it was fully alive the original town began to wither and die. The population of Norseman boomed and miners and business people poured in from all directions.

While some came down from the rail-head at Coolgardie, many came up from Esperance and other ports on the south coast. Soon a 'road' was established, linking the various water-holes and settlements including Grass Patch, Salmon Gums, Dundas and Norseman. On May 23rd 1896 the first 'Royal Mail Coach' arrived in Norseman after an arduous two day journey - and now you can follow in its wheel tracks and explore some of the historic sites along the way.

The Dundas Coach Road Heritage Trail features 10 stopping places spread along the 25 km between Norseman and the site of the original township of Dundas. Each site features fascinating interpretive stories that help build a picture of life in the early years along the Coach Road. Some sites have picnic tables, others have walk trails - all showcase the life and times of the hardy folk who flocked to the Dundas goldfields.

