

Some travel ideas incorporating the Granite and Woodlands Discovery Trail

- Make a special outing of it: 2 days from Hyden to Norseman & return, or 3 to 4 days from Perth to Norseman and back again;
- Combine it with a trip to Kalgoorlie - and explore the Golden Quest Discovery Trail in the northern Goldfields & the Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail on your way back to Perth;
- Use the Trail as a shorter route to or from Norseman, Adelaide and the eastern states,
- Or take a circular tour from Perth and include the south west, Albany and Esperance too!

Road conditions

Though the Trail is mostly gravel, it is generally suitable for all vehicles, including those towing caravans, providing a suitable safe speed is maintained. However rain can cause the road to be closed - for up to date information, check with local Shire Councils (see below).

Taking your time

To drive the Trail without stopping will take most people between 3 and 4 hours. Stopping at each of the 16 interpretive sites is likely to extend this to a full (long) day. Ideally, take two days and camp out along the way - but if this is not possible, it is a good idea to leave early in the morning (from either Hyden or Norseman) to maximise time on the Trail.

Important contact information:

For more information or a copy of the detailed *Guide to the Granite and Woodlands Discovery Trail* contact:

Western Australian Tourist Centre, Perth: 1300 361 0190

Shire of Dundas: 08 9039 1205

Shire of Kondinin: 08 9889 1006

Norseman Tourist Bureau: 08 9039 1071

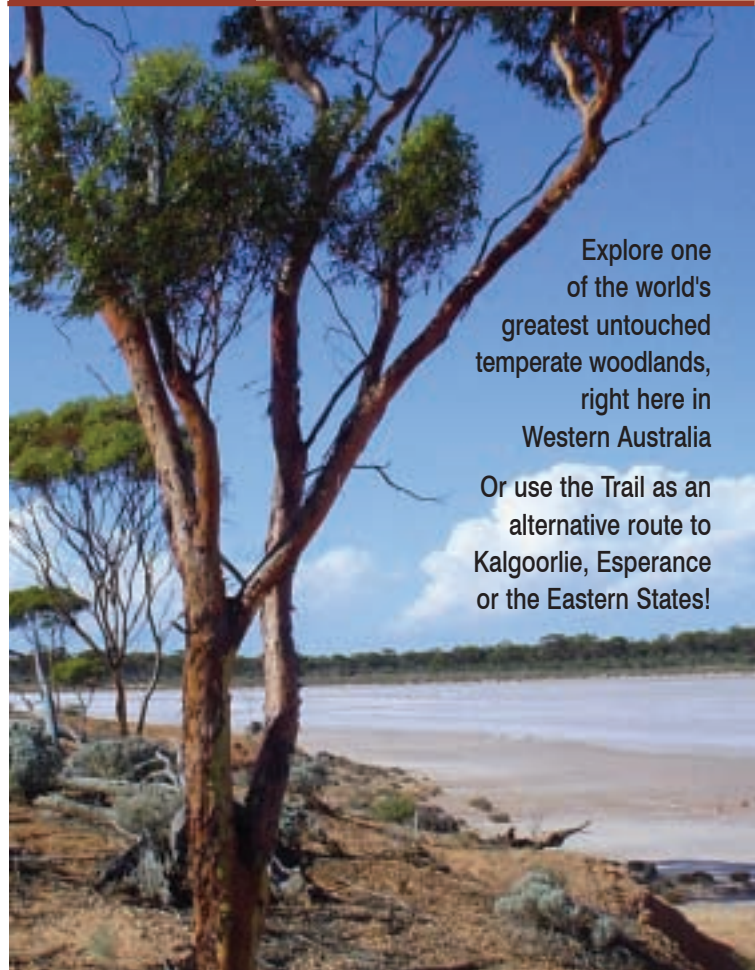
Wave Rock Information Centre: 08 9880 5182

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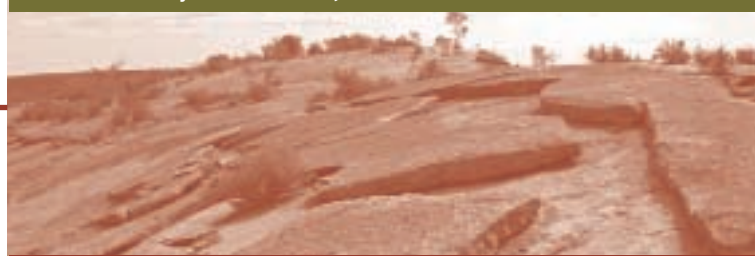
The Granite and Woodlands Discovery Trail



Explore one of the world's greatest untouched temperate woodlands, right here in Western Australia

Or use the Trail as an alternative route to Kalgoorlie, Esperance or the Eastern States!

300 km from Hyden to Norseman, in the southern inland of Western Australia



Get the 36 pg Trail Guide for detailed information

The Granite and Woodlands Discovery Trail

Stretching 300 kilometres from Norseman to Hyden and Wave Rock, the Granite and Woodlands Discovery Trail is your invitation to explore a remarkable landscape. The Trail passes through part of one of the world's greatest untouched temperate woodlands, a vast wilderness mosaic that is both beautiful and fascinating. Strewn with interspersing heathlands and distinctive granite outcrops it is a unique and intriguing piece of outback Western Australia.

Following the recently upgraded all-weather gravel Hyden-Norseman Road, the Trail offers 16 designated stopping places, each with quality interpretation focussed on a particular aspect of natural or cultural history. Some sites have walk trails, while others have picnic and/or camping facilities.

The *Guide to the Granite and Woodlands Discovery Trail* provides all the information you will need to enjoy a safe and rewarding journey - get your copy from relevant tourist information centres and local governments (see back page).

Highlights of the Trail

While the vast eucalypt woodlands (covering 250,000 square kilometres) are perhaps the primary feature of the trail, there are many other highlights:

- Wave Rock (with new Wave Rock Walk Circuit)
- The Woodlands Walk (near Norseman)
- McDermid & Disappointment Rocks (with highly informative walk trails);
- Spectacular salt plays (pans) - Lake Johnston and Lake Cowan
- The Breakaways - camp amidst the colour
- Over 80 species of eucalypt (16% of Australia's total)
- Major nickel mining operations
- A wildflower wonderland - especially in spring



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