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## The ABC of geotourism

**The Murchison GeoRegion is Australia's first major geotourism development. It highlights the abiotic, biotic and cultural features of significant sites in the region to encourage a deeper understanding of, and connection with, the land.**

Abiotic (non-living) elements include the climate and landforms, as well as the geological formations and processes that created what you've come to see.

Biotic (living) elements include the site's biodiversity (its animals and plants) and how the site's unique abiotic features have created a place for them to thrive.

Cultural (human) elements emerge out of a site's abiotic and biotic features (what drew people here) and describe how people have engaged with the natural environment over time.

While visiting the 21 sites along the GeoRegion trail, we encourage you to take a moment to consider how each element works together.

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## Acknowledgement of Country

The Murchison GeoRegion proponents acknowledge the traditional custodians throughout the Murchison subregion and their continuing connection to the land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and Elders past, present and emerging.

## Discover an ancient land from the ground up...

**The Murchison GeoRegion takes you on a journey through a unique and ancient landscape full of stories that reach back almost to the Earth's beginning some 4.54 billion years ago. The GeoRegion's self-drive trail visits 21 sites of national and international, natural and cultural significance.**

The massive geological forces of colliding continents, long-gone oceans and destructive meteorites are writ large upon the land for us to find. Here we can learn about Jack Hills and the oldest terrestrial material ever found, or marvel at any number of spectacular rock formations including Walga Rock, Mount Yagahong and London Bridge.

For the nature lovers, discover unique native flora and fauna across Western Australia's mulga region. Spot an array of birdlife at Wooleen Lake or Bilung Pool, track emus, kangaroos and reptiles, and be treated to the dazzling annual display of wildflowers most years, from July to September right across the Murchison.

And for that human touch, connect with stories and legends that map thousands of years of human history. Being auriferous (or gold bearing), all of the towns in the Murchison were founded on gold and WA's longest continuous gold mining centre, Mount Magnet, is here in the Murchison. You can also learn about the world's oldest continuous underground mining operation at Wilgie Mia, see WA's only remaining gold battery in action at Paynes Find, or the remains of a fine brewery in Sandstone.

All this and more awaits you when you traverse the Murchison GeoRegion.





# Things to Know

## Weather

April to October is the best time of year to visit the Murchison. Temperatures range from 20–33°C during the day and 6–17°C at night. The winter months have the most rainy days, which sees spring bursting with colour.

From November to March the temperature often exceeds 40°C. The days are typically dry but tropical cyclones can bring torrential rain. Some sites may be closed during these months due to the extreme weather so please book ahead if you require access or accommodation.

## Road Conditions

Most of the sites on the Murchison GeoRegion are accessible for all vehicles. However, a few should only be attempted if you have a 4WD. These sites are marked with a 4WD symbol. Check road conditions before travelling as the condition of unsealed roads varies according to weather, usage and grading.

## Restricted Sites

Due to cultural and/or safety reasons, some of the Murchison GeoRegion sites are closed to visitors without prior booking. Please check the information on each site for any booking requirements.

## Food and Fuel

Food and fuel are generally available every 100–300km. When travelling in remote locations it is suggested that you carry enough food and water to last at least 48 hours.

## Mobile Phone Coverage

Please be aware that mobile phone coverage in the Murchison region is limited. Telstra is the main service provider in very remote locations and some providers have no coverage.









Cue–Dalgara Rd, 47km south–west of Cue | **Latitude:** -27.402960, **Longitude:** 117.462742

## 1. Walga Rock

**Discover 10,000 years of Aboriginal history at Western Australia's largest gallery of rock art.**

Walga Rock, also known as Walghana, is arguably Australia's second largest monolith after Uluru. Covering about 50 hectares, this 2.6 billion year old monzogranite has eroded in parts to form a series of rock overhangs. These provided shelter for Aboriginal people over thousands of years.

One of these shallow caves contains more than 980 motifs drawn in ochre from nearby Wilgie Mia, depicting snakes, emus, kangaroo tracks and hands. Most intriguing of all is a painting of what appears to be a square-rigged sailing ship – its provenance baffling people for nearly 100 years.



No  
camping



Visits to Wilgie Mia are restricted and cannot be undertaken without permission.

## 2. Wilgie Mia

**With 30,000 years of activity, Wilgie Mia is the oldest continuous mining operation in the world.**

Known also as Thuwarri Thaa – The Place of Red Ochre – it holds the honour of being the largest and deepest underground Aboriginal ochre mine in Australia. Ochre is a natural earth pigment containing iron oxide and was formed in the Weld Range 30–65 million years ago. It comes in various colours including red, yellow and green. When used as body paint the red ochre sparkled against the light from a fire and was seen as 'magical'.

Ochre was and still is an important part of Aboriginal culture used in ceremonies, medicines, and rock and body paintings. The red ochre from Wilgie Mia was traded across Australia as far as Ravensthorpe, the Kimberley and Queensland, as well as into Indonesia in what is believed to be the first example of international trade. Wilgie Mia was declared a protected and restricted site in 1973, acknowledging the importance it has to Aboriginal culture.

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*Wilgie Mia holds great significance to the Wajarri Yamatji People and is a protected Aboriginal Heritage site. Under the Aboriginal Heritage Act, it is prohibited to enter Wilgie Mia. For more information please contact the Shire of Cue or the Cue Visitor Centre.*



Boolarady–Kalli Rd, 70km north-west of Cue | **Latitude:** -27.132020, **Longitude:** 117.438164

### 3. Poona

#### Poona is the home of WA emeralds.

Most of Western Australia's emerald production comes from Poona. It is the best known and highest quality emerald deposit in the State but emeralds haven't been found in any significant numbers to sustain large-scale mining.

As such Poona is dotted with the signs of several former emerald mines ever since the precious gem was discovered there in 1912. Occasional mining continues to take place.



No camping



4WD suggested

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*Visits to Poona are by arrangement only. Contact the Cue Visitor Centre for details.*

*Please take care when visiting Poona as there are a number of abandoned and unmarked mine shafts. Note that fossicking and prospecting requires a miner's permit, which must be obtained from the WA Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety - [www.dmirs.wa.gov.au](http://www.dmirs.wa.gov.au).*



Beringarra–Cue Rd, 48km north–west of Cue | **Latitude:** -27.130105, **Longitude:** 117.721615

## 4. Afghan Rock

Rest a moment at Afghan Rock and follow in the tradition of gold rush cameleers between 1894 and around 1905.

This easily accessible granite outcrop measures about 100m across and 447 m above sea level. It features natural pools and was once the site of a well, which made it a popular stop for Afghan cameleers transporting their wares across the parched and unforgiving Murchison.

While the cameleers trade has ended, it continues to be a watering hole for wildlife with the natural pools fed by rain and the nearby Berring Creek through most of the year. Known as gnammas, these pools attract honeyeaters, thornbills, emus and kangaroos.



No  
camping



Cue–Wondinong Rd, 18km south east of Cue | **Latitude:** -27.488797, **Longitude:** 118.024509

## 5. Garden Granite Rock

**Take a packed lunch and visit the site of former gold rush market gardens at Garden Granite Rock.**

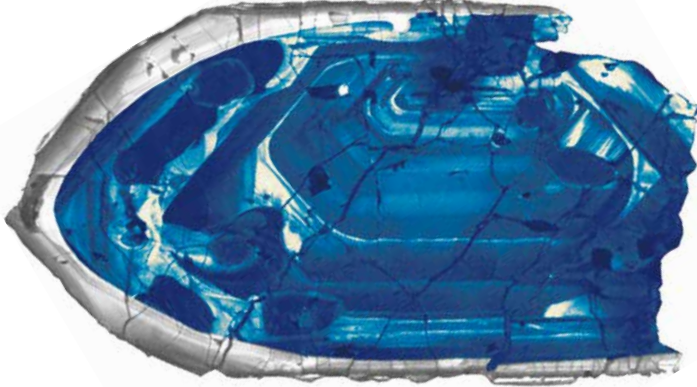
Garden Granite Rock rises about 20m above the sandplain and has a circumference of 1km. This monzogranite is approximately 2.6 billion years old but its weathered domed surface is probably only tens of thousands of years old. As you walk over the rock, look for white/pink feldspar crystals dotted in the surface.

Hard to imagine today, Garden Granite Rock was once the site of market gardens that were established in 1894. It was one of a number of market gardens in and around Cue that supplied the gold rush population with fruit and vegetables.



Camping  
allowed  
(no facilities)

JW Valley - Univ. Wisconsin - Madison



Found at Jack Hills, this fragment of zircon, crystal 01JH36-69, is the oldest known piece of terrestrial material ever found. It is 4.374 billion years old, plus or minus about 6 million years.

Courtesy John Valley, University of Wisconsin



Visits to Jack Hills are restricted and cannot be undertaken without permission.

## 6. Jack Hills

**Jack Hills is home to the world's oldest terrestrial material ever found.**

Zircon crystals found at Jack Hills, 130km west-north-west of Meekatharra, are about 4.4 billion years old making them the oldest material substance ever found on Earth (Earth is about 4.54 billion years old). Their discovery has helped shape our understanding of the Earth's early development.

While the zircon crystals are small, Jack Hills and its 500m tall neighbour Mount Narryer are much bigger and also home to hardy scrubland, lizards, goannas, snakes, kangaroos and birds.

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*Jack Hills and Mount Narryer are located on Beringarra-Cue Road. Access to this site is restricted (for scientific purposes only) due to the need to preserve the outcrops. Please visit the Meekatharra Community Resource and Visitor Centre (page 29) to learn more about Jack Hills.*



Meekatharra–Sandstone Rd, 40km south-east of Meekatharra | **Latitude:** -26.904682, **Longitude:** 118.663404

## 7. Mount Yagahong

**Mount Yagahong stands 150m above the surrounding landscape, a beacon in an otherwise flat land.**

Mount Yagahong's soil and elevation provides fertile ground for over 70 species of native plants including bush tucker such as the Wild Pear or Cogla (which can be eaten like an apple or cooked like a potato), the Mulga with its edible gum or seeds for grinding into an edible paste, or the Curara tree whose seeds can be turned into flour.

This bounty brings animals such as goannas, birds and bardi grubs and also makes it an important site for the Yugunga-Nya people. Said to resemble an emu lying down, Mount Yagahong is sacred to the Yugunga-Nya who ask that you respect this site and refrain from climbing the mount.



Camping  
allowed  
(no facilities)





Landor–Meekatharra Rd, 3km west of Meekatharra | **Latitude:** -26.580207, **Longitude:** 118.478686

## 8. Peace Gorge

**Peace Gorge's scattered piles of golden granite boulders have made it a special place for locals and visitors alike.**

Once called the Devil's Playground, these stunning rock formations and large boulders were chosen as the site of a picnic that celebrated the end of World War One in 1919. Since then it has been known as Peace Gorge.

It's not just a popular spot for visitors but also for birds such as honeyeaters, thornbills and emus, as well as geckos, lizards and kangaroos. They are drawn here for the food and shelter available from a wide variety of acacia and eremophila, but you'll be drawn to the tranquil surroundings and the stunning view, particularly at sunset.



Camping  
allowed  
(no facilities)



Meekatharra–Sandstone Rd, 75km south-west of Meekatharra | **Latitude:** -27.183637, **Longitude:** 118.835141

## 9. Barlangi Rock

**Barlangi Rock is the site of one of Australia's 27 meteorite impact craters, which slammed into the Earth about 2.23 billion years ago.**

The meteorite's impact violently altered the landscape and smashed a massive hole in the ground, creating the Yarrabubba Impact Structure. Counter-intuitively the granite outcrop that is Barlangi Rock rises 30m out of the ground.

Despite an initial diameter of between 30 and 70km, and a severe shock to the Earth, evidence of the impact isn't immediately easy to see. But it's there if you know what to look for. Since the impact, the crater has filled with soil but evidence of its existence can be found in shatter cones, xenoliths and xenocrysts.



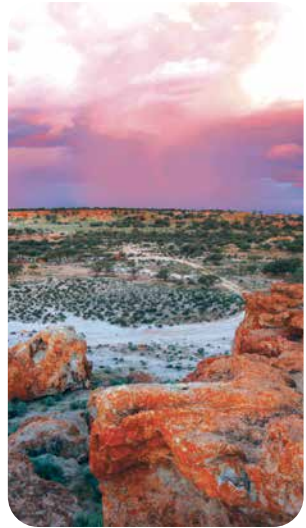
No camping



No collecting

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*Please do not collect shatter cones.*



Great Northern Hwy, 9km north of Mount Magnet | **Latitude:** -28.007767, **Longitude:** 117.852900

## 10. The Granites

**The magnificent breakaways of The Granites share a connection with the Badimia people that stretches back 20,000 years.**

With driving, cycling and walking trails and picnic sites, these granite outcrops rise to 20m and are spread over several hectares. Erosion has sculpted the soft white granite beneath the laterite to form ridges and caves and huge rounded boulders.

The Granites is a popular camping site for the Badimia people and is an important part of their ceremonies, with rock art of wallaby and emu tracks and hand prints dating back 9,000 years. The Badimia were also drawn here for The Granites' shelter and the abundant flora and fauna including sand goannas, kangaroos, emus, echidnas, saltbush and mulga.



No  
camping

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*The Granites holds great significance to the Badimia people, so please treat it with respect.*

*Most roads are suitable for all vehicles but some tracks require 4WD.*



Bookings in advance for tag along tour are essential. Please contact Paul Jones on 0427 634 187 to arrange a visit.

## 11. Boogardie Orbicular Granites

**Orbicular granite is only found in a few locations around the world – and one of them is on Boogardie Station.**

This rare and attractive type of granite rock features light-to-dark-grey orbs that measure 5–15cm across. Each of the orbs is made up of fine-to-medium-grained minerals including hornblende, biotite, plagioclase feldspar, opaque oxide and titanite. Their rarity and ability to take a hard polish makes orbicular granite highly prized for ornamental masonry.

The site is also home to two bald granite rocks – Warroan Rock and Two Rocks – which dominate the landscape. While they're obvious drawcards, keep an eye out for the Pebble-mimic Dragons, which are small lizards that resemble stones, as well as the purple, yellow and green of Flannel Bush along the roadsides.



4WD  
suggested



No  
camping



No  
collecting

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*The Boogardie Orbicular Granite is located on private property on a private mining lease. Fragments may not be collected at site but can be purchased from the Visitor Centre or through the owner.*



Mount Magnet Tourist Drive, 8km north of Mount Magnet | **Latitude:** -27.998933 , **Longitude:** 117.815517

## 12. The Amphitheatre

**This beautiful ridge of granite soars above the surrounding landscape and is particularly beautiful in the glow of sunset.**

Weather and erosion have worn parts of the granite rock away to create the caverns and caves. These shelters have provided a safe haven for countless animals over thousands of years including ones that have become extinct such as the Lesser Stick-nest Rat.

There is evidence to suggest the Amphitheatre was the site of an ancient waterfall. The unusual 'dip' in front of the rock face is not seen at other eroding breakaways, suggesting the presence of large volumes of water over time.

The Amphitheatre's many nooks and crannies make it a popular place for animals including birds of prey, honeyeaters, bungarra and kangaroos. If you look carefully, you'll find evidence of all these animals and more around the Amphitheatre.

And don't forget to let off a 'Coo-ee' to hear the sound echoed back to you.



No  
camping



Carnarvon–Mullewa Rd, 15km west of Murchison Settlement | **Latitude:** -26.881260, **Longitude:** 115.855580

### 13. Errabiddy Bluff

**Errabiddy Bluff's steep rocky slopes rise up to 100m high and can be seen from over 30km away.**

With teeth-like rocks, Errabiddy's name comes from a Wajarri word meaning 'mouth of bucked teeth'. When you see it, you'll understand why its name is so well suited. The large sandstone formations make it an excellent picnic spot – and many local animals would agree as it's a great place to see wildlife such as birds, kangaroos and lizards.

Errabiddy Bluff is also home to a population of Gascoyne or Spreading Gidgee (*Acacia subtessarogona*), a tree that is usually only found north of Carnarvon, some 530km north-west from Errabiddy Bluff.



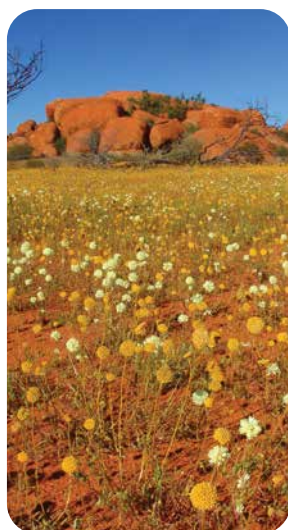
No camping  
(camping available at Murchison Roadhouse)



4WD suggested

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*Access to Errabiddy Bluff is subject to road conditions. Please check Murchison Shire's Road Condition Reports to determine status.*



Twin Peaks–Wooleen Rd, 30km south-east of Murchison Settlement | **Latitude:** -27.087276, **Longitude:** 116.160402

## 14. Wooleen Lake

**Stand on the shores of one of Australia's few inland freshwater lakes.**

The release of geological stress along the Mount Narryer fault some 60,000 years ago altered the flow of the Murchison, Roderick and Sanford Rivers, leading to the creation of Wooleen Lake. This 5,500-hectare land system receives water on average only once every four years, fills once every 10 years and overfills once every 30 years.

Over 140 bird, 60 reptile, 14 mammal, four fish and six frog species are known to visit Wooleen Station and Wooleen Lake for food, water, shelter and breeding. The lake is also sacred to the Wajarri Yamatji and it is part of a songline, which also includes the Murchison River, Errabiddy Bluff and Budara Rock.

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*Wooleen Lake is only accessible to guests of Wooleen Station or visitors who pay a daily access fee. Please contact (08) 9963 7973 for further information or bookings. It is also a good idea to phone ahead before planning your visit as the lake does not always have water.*



Carnarvon–Mullewa Rd, 150km north of Murchison Settlement | Latitude: -25.706446, Longitude: 115.984947

## 15. Bilung Pool

**One of only a few permanent water holes on the seasonal Wooramel River, Bilung Pool makes a great spot for bird-watching.**

The Wooramel River carved Bilung Pool out of the red ochre on its 363km journey towards the coast. During heavy rains a small waterfall tumbles into the pool, which is surrounded by white-barked river gums. Plentiful birds, mammals and reptiles are drawn to the promise of water or prey on which to feast.

Bilung Pool is also a sacred place for Wajarri people who knew it as Birlungardi and considered it the site of their bimada – the place from which ancient Dreamtime laws and customs originate. The Wajarri believe Birlungardi is the resting place of the Gujida (Rainbow Snake). They throw sand into the water to appease the snake and show it respect – and advise visitors to do the same.



Camping allowed



Barbecue facilities



Picnic shelter





Agnew–Sandstone Rd, 6km south–east of Sandstone | **Latitude:** -28.011390, **Longitude:** 119.314120

## 16. London Bridge

**Come see this spectacular natural stone bridge – before it falls down.**

London Bridge has been a popular destination for more than 100 years as visitors come to admire its unique shape. Back in the early days of Sandstone's founding, the bridge was wide enough for a horse and buggy to cross. However, erosion and weathering continue to wear away the laterite and eventually the bridge will tumble.

London Bridge is part of a larger rock formation that stretches for about 800m that varies in height from 3–10m.



No camping



No climbing

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*Please refrain from climbing the London Bridge. We do ask that you enjoy the picture from ground level to preserve this natural wonder, and for your own safety as well.*



Sandstone–Leinster Rd, 4km east of Sandstone | **Latitude:** -28.007900, **Longitude:** 119.322280

## 17. The Brewery

### What lengths would you go to for a cold brew?

The Black Range Brewery opened on this site in 1907 supplying the town of Sandstone with beer. The brewery was built on top of the laterite breakaway and its elevated position made it visible up to 20km away – an alluring site for many a gold miner.

The beer was stored in barrels inside the cellar, which was a massive tunnel carved deep into the rock. The brewery closed down after the railway arrived in 1910 and broke the brewery's monopoly. The tunnel is all that remains.



No  
camping



110km north-east of Wiluna | **Latitude:** -25.804227, **Longitude:** 120.956676

## 18. Shoemaker Crater

**Shoemaker Crater is one of Australia's largest and potentially oldest impact structures.**

Estimates for Shoemaker Crater's age range from 1,880 to 568 million years but it happened so long ago that, from ground level, you might be forgiven for thinking a meteorite never landed here. Satellite imagery, however, shows a different view.

The central part of the crater is about 12–15km in diameter. It is surrounded by an inner ring and an outer ring that roughly extends to a diameter of 30km. Between these rings are three seasonal salt lakes: Lake Nabberu, Lake Shoemaker and Lake Teague.

The crater is named after esteemed planetary geologist, Eugene Shoemaker, who trained astronauts like Neil Armstrong and is the only man honoured by having his remains buried on the moon.

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*Shoemaker Crater is situated on private land and not open to visitors. Please visit the Canning-Gunbarrel Discovery Centre (page 33) to learn more about Shoemaker Crater.*



4WD  
suggested



Yalgoo–Paynes Find Rd, 10km south of Yalgoo | Latitude: -28.439538, Longitude: 116.751658

## 19. Jokers Tunnel

**This 100m long tunnel was dug in search of gold with only pick, shovels and rudimentary blasting skills – but all that effort didn't lead to much of a payoff.**

Five hundred and fifty tonnes of rock was excavated in 1896 but only three kilograms of gold were found in the area. No one is quite certain where the tunnel got its name from. Some believe it was named after William Nottle's nearby gold mine, popularly known as Joker. Others believe it was named after the Jokers Mining Syndicate who dug it. And then there are those who think the whole thing was just one big joke on investors.

Most of the gold mines in Yalgoo have shut down but you can find gold of a different kind in the area. At least seven species of golden coloured wattle grow here. Not only do they draw nature-lovers but also brightly coloured birds like thornbills, honeyeaters and fairy-wrens to feed and nest in their branches.



No  
camping



Dalgaranga Pastoral Station off Dalgaranga Rd, 100km north of Yalgoo | **Latitude:** -27.638399, **Longitude:** 117.289846

## 20. Dalgaranga Crater

**At 24m in diameter and 3m deep, Dalgaranga Crater is the smallest of Australia's 27 confirmed impact craters.**

Discovered in 1921, Dalgaranga Crater was one of the first impact structures recognised in Australia and the only one to be formed on land by a mesosiderite (stony-iron meteorite).

The crater's age is not known but it could be less than 3,000 years, which would make it the youngest crater in Australia and among the ten youngest known craters in the world. The meteorite packed a punch with its mass estimated to have been between 500kg and 1,000kg, or even up to 20,000kg.



No camping



No collecting

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*Dalgaranga Crater is a State Geoheritage Reserve (R28497). Visitors to the site are asked to consult with the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety before visiting the site - [www.dmp.wa.gov.au/Geoheritage](http://www.dmp.wa.gov.au/Geoheritage).*



Great Northern Hwy, Paynes Find, 1km from Paynes Find Tavern | **Latitude:** -29.254913, **Longitude:** 117.684492

## 21. Paynes Find Battery

### **Come see WA's only working gold battery!**

Paynes Find Battery was commissioned in 1911 as a State-run facility. It operated until 1986, crushing 70,000 tonnes of ore for 70,000 ounces of gold, before changing to private hands. You can still visit the gold-crushing plant and explore the display centre next door to learn about the gold mining process in the early 1900s.

Gold is not the only treasure to be found in and around Paynes Find. From late July to September, the region's wildflowers burst out in a vibrant display of colour. Brightly coloured everlastings, native foxgloves, wild pomegranate and blue cornflowers make Paynes Find a goldmine for nature lovers.

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*Open daily from 1 August to mid-October. Call Paynes Find Gold Battery and Museum on (08) 9963 6513 for more information.*



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# Cue

*Walga Rock | Wilgie Mia | Poona | Afghan Rock | Garden Granite Rock*

## Visitor Centre & information

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### Cue Community and Visitor Centre

72 Austin St, Cue 6640

(08) 9963 1198 | [cue@crc.net.au](mailto:cue@crc.net.au)

[www.cue.wa.gov.au](http://www.cue.wa.gov.au)

Mon–Fri, 8:30am–3:30pm

Closed weekends & public holidays

## Fuel

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### Cue Roadhouse/General Store

12 Austin St, Cue 6640

(08) 9963 1218

Mon–Sun, 5am–9pm

## Accommodation

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### Cue Tourist Park

Adjacent to the RV Parking area at the northern end of Great Northern Hwy, Cue

(08) 9963 1107 | [touristpark@cue.wa.gov.au](mailto:touristpark@cue.wa.gov.au)

[www.facebook.com/cuetouristpark](http://www.facebook.com/cuetouristpark)

### Murchison Club Hotel

66 Austin St, Cue 6640

(08) 9963 1020 | [murchc@westnet.com.au](mailto:murchc@westnet.com.au)

[www.murchisonclubhotelcue.com.au](http://www.murchisonclubhotelcue.com.au)

### Nallan Station Stay

Cogla Downs–Taincrow Rd, Reedy 6640

(08) 9963 1054 | [nallanpastoral@outlook.com](mailto:nallanpastoral@outlook.com)

[www.nallanstation.com](http://www.nallanstation.com)

### Queen of the Murchison Guest House & Café

66 Austin St, Cue 6640

(08) 9963 1020

[info@queenofthemurchison.com.au](mailto:info@queenofthemurchison.com.au)

[www.queenofthemurchison.com.au](http://www.queenofthemurchison.com.au)



# Meekatharra

Jack Hills | Mount Yagahong | Peace Gorge | Barlangi Rock

## Visitor Centre & information

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### Meekatharra Community Resource & Visitor Centre

66 Main St, Meekatharra 6642  
(08) 9980 1811

[welcome@meekatharracrc.com.au](mailto:welcome@meekatharracrc.com.au)

[www.meekacrc.net.au](http://www.meekacrc.net.au)

Mon–Fri, 9am–3:30pm

Closed weekends & public holidays

## Fuel

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### BP Meekatharra

16 Main St, Meekatharra 6642  
(08) 9981 1151

Mon–Fri, 6am–5pm;

Sat, 6am–12:30pm; closed Sun

### BP OPT Meekatharra

Cnr Connaughton St & Main St,  
Meekatharra 6642

1300 130 027

Open 24/7

### Caltex Meekatharra

Lot 831 Oliver St, Meekatharra 6642

(08) 9920 8000

Open 24/7

### Caltex Roadhouse

119 Main St, Meekatharra 6642

(08) 9981 1253

Mon–Fri, 6am–9pm

### Coles Express

Lot 821 Main St, Meekatharra 6642

(08) 9981 1033

Open 24/7

## Accommodation

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### Auski Inland Motel

Lot 190 Roberts St, Meekatharra 6642

(08) 9981 1433 | [auskimotel@gmail.com](mailto:auskimotel@gmail.com)

[www.auskiinlandmotel.com.au](http://www.auskiinlandmotel.com.au)

### Commercial Hotel

77 Main St, Meekatharra 6642

(08) 9981 1020 | [commieh@westnet.com.au](mailto:commieh@westnet.com.au)

[www.commercialmeeka.com.au](http://www.commercialmeeka.com.au)

### Karalundi Caravan Park

Karalundi Dr, Karalundi 6642

(08) 9981 2933 | [cafe@karalundi.wa.edu.au](mailto:cafe@karalundi.wa.edu.au)

[www.karalundi.wa.edu.au](http://www.karalundi.wa.edu.au)

### Meekatharra Accommodation Centre (Caravan Park)

119 Main St, Meekatharra 6642

(08) 9981 1253

[bookings@meekatharraaccommodation.com.au](mailto:bookings@meekatharraaccommodation.com.au)

[www.meekatharraaccommodation.com.au](http://www.meekatharraaccommodation.com.au)

### Meekatharra Hotel

34 Main St, Meekatharra 6642

(08) 9981 1134

### Paddy's Flat

McCleary St, Meekatharra 6642

(08) 9980 1220 | 0407 174 843

### Royal Mail Hotel

Main St, Meekatharra 6642

(08) 9981 1148

[royalmailmeekatharra@gmail.com](mailto:royalmailmeekatharra@gmail.com)

[www.royalmailhotel.com.au](http://www.royalmailhotel.com.au)

# Mount Magnet

The Granites | Boogardie Orbicular Granite | The Amphitheatre

## Visitor Centre & information

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### Mining & Pastoral Museum (Visitor Centre)

22–34 Hepburn St, Mount Magnet 6638  
(08) 9963 4172 | [visitor@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au](mailto:visitor@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au)  
[www.mtmagnet.wa.gov.au](http://www.mtmagnet.wa.gov.au)

Please refer to website for opening hours

## Fuel

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### Caltex Swagman Roadhouse

599 Hepburn St, Mount Magnet 6638  
(08) 9963 4844 | [www.swagmanrh.com.au](http://www.swagmanrh.com.au)  
Open 24/7

## Accommodation

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### Commercial Club Hotel

63 Hepburn St, Mount Magnet 6638  
(08) 9963 4021  
[commercialclubhotel@bigpond.com](mailto:commercialclubhotel@bigpond.com)

### Gekkos Mount Magnet

39 Laurie St, Mount Magnet 6638  
0428 979 650  
[gekkosaccommodation@gmail.com](mailto:gekkosaccommodation@gmail.com)  
[www.gekkosatmountmagnet.com](http://www.gekkosatmountmagnet.com)

### Grand Hotel

65 Hepburn St, Mount Magnet 6638  
(08) 9963 4110  
[commercialclubhotel@bigpond.com](mailto:commercialclubhotel@bigpond.com)

### Kirkalocka Station Stay

60km south of Mount Magnet  
on Great Northern Hwy  
(08) 9963 5827 | [bookings@kirkalocka.com.au](mailto:bookings@kirkalocka.com.au)  
[www.kirkalocka.com](http://www.kirkalocka.com)

### Miners Rest Units

552E Thurkle Cove, Mount Magnet 6638  
(08) 9963 4380 | 0408 996 346  
[admin@goldenoutback.com](mailto:admin@goldenoutback.com)

### Mount Magnet Caravan Park

100 Hepburn St, Mount Magnet 6638  
(08) 9963 4198  
[caravanpark@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au](mailto:caravanpark@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au)

### Nalbarra Station Stay

63km south of Mount Magnet  
on Great Northern Hwy, then 17km west  
on Burnerbinmah–Nalbarra Rd  
(08) 9963 5829  
[nalbarrastationstays@gmail.com](mailto:nalbarrastationstays@gmail.com)  
[www.nalbarra.com.au](http://www.nalbarra.com.au)

### Narndee Station

40km north of Paynes Find on Great Northern Hwy,  
then 30km east on unsealed road  
(08) 9963 5414 | [narndee@outlook.com](mailto:narndee@outlook.com)  
[www.narndee.com](http://www.narndee.com)

### Outback Gold Accommodation

6 Scott Cl, Mount Magnet 6638  
(08) 9963 4433  
[outbackgoldmagnet@bigpond.com](mailto:outbackgoldmagnet@bigpond.com)  
[www.outbackgoldaccommodationmountmagnet.com.au](http://www.outbackgoldaccommodationmountmagnet.com.au)

# Murchison Settlement

*Errabiddy Bluff | Wooleen Lake | Bilung Pool*

## Visitor Centre & Fuel

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### **Murchison Oasis Roadhouse and Caravan Park**

Carnarvon–Mullewa Rd, Murchison 6630

(08) 9961 3875 | [murchisonoasis@westnet.com.au](mailto:murchisonoasis@westnet.com.au)

[www.murchison.wa.gov.au](http://www.murchison.wa.gov.au)

Fuel available 24 hours with credit card

## Accommodation

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### **Murchison Oasis Roadhouse and Caravan Park**

Carnarvon–Mullewa Rd, Murchison 6630

(08) 9961 3875

[murchisonoasis@westnet.com.au](mailto:murchisonoasis@westnet.com.au)

[www.murchison.wa.gov.au/accommodation](http://www.murchison.wa.gov.au/accommodation)

### **Twin Peaks Station Stay**

1 Twin Peaks–McNabs Rd, Murchison 6630

(08) 9963 7988 | [twinpeaksstation@bigpond.com](mailto:twinpeaksstation@bigpond.com)

### **Wooleen Station Stay**

Twin Peaks–Wooleen Rd, Murchison 6630

(08) 9963 7973 | [info@wooleen.com.au](mailto:info@wooleen.com.au)

[www.wooleen.com.au](http://www.wooleen.com.au)

# Sandstone

London Bridge | The Brewery

## Visitor Centre & Information

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### Sandstone Heritage Museum and Visitor Centre

Corner of Oroya & Hack St, Sandstone 6639  
(08) 9963 5061 | [visitus@sandstone.wa.gov.au](mailto:visitus@sandstone.wa.gov.au)  
[www.sandstone.wa.gov.au](http://www.sandstone.wa.gov.au)  
Mon–Sun, 9am–4pm (April–October)

## Fuel

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### Sandstone Self-Serve Fuel Station

(requires EFTPOS/Credit Card with PIN)  
Corner of Oroya & Payne St, Sandstone 6639  
(08) 9963 5802  
[www.sandstone.wa.gov.au/facilities](http://www.sandstone.wa.gov.au/facilities)

## Accommodation

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### Alice Atkinson Caravan Park

Irvine St, Sandstone 6639  
(08) 9963 5859 | [stay@sandstone.wa.gov.au](mailto:stay@sandstone.wa.gov.au)  
[www.sandstone.wa.gov.au/accommodation](http://www.sandstone.wa.gov.au/accommodation)

### National Hotel Sandstone

17 Payne St, Sandstone 6639  
(08) 9963 5801 | [sandstonepub@gmail.com](mailto:sandstonepub@gmail.com)

### Outback Accommodation

Thaduna St, Sandstone 6639  
(08) 9963 5869 | [outbackaccom@bigpond.com](mailto:outbackaccom@bigpond.com)

### The Breakaway

Payne St, Sandstone 6639  
Bookable via AirBnB at [abnb.me/dnBFt6xOLV](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/123456789)

# Wiluna

*Shoemaker Crater*

## Visitor Centre & Information

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### **Canning–Gunbarrel Discovery Centre**

28 Scotia St, Wiluna 6646

(08) 9981 8009

Mon–Sun (from Easter to Queen's Birthday weekend). Open outside of tourist season by appointment

[www.australiasgoldenoutback.com/business/attractions/canning-gunbarrel-discovery-centre](http://www.australiasgoldenoutback.com/business/attractions/canning-gunbarrel-discovery-centre)

### **Tjukurba Art Gallery**

28 Scotia St, Wiluna 6646

(08) 9981 8080

Mon–Sun, 9am–4:30pm (closed public holidays, Christmas and New Year period)

## Fuel

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### **Wiluna Traders**

37 Wotton St, Wiluna 6646

(08) 9980 6011

[admin@wilunatraders.com](mailto:admin@wilunatraders.com)

[www.wilunatraders.com](http://www.wilunatraders.com)

## Accommodation

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### **Gunbarrel Laager**

Wongawol Rd, Wiluna 6646

(08) 9981 7161

[gunbarrel.laager@riverblueholdings.com.au](mailto:gunbarrel.laager@riverblueholdings.com.au)

[www.riverblueholdings.com.au](http://www.riverblueholdings.com.au)

# Yalgoo

*Jokers Tunnel | Dalgaranga Crater | Paynes Find Battery*

## Visitor Centre & information

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### Shire of Yalgoo

37 Gibbons St, Yalgoo 6635

(08) 9962 8042

Open Mon–Fri, 9am–4pm

### Yalgoo Arts & Cultural Centre

Corner of Gibson St & Milligan St, Yalgoo 6635

0419 325 964

Open Mon–Sat, 9am–3pm

## Fuel

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### Caltex Self-Serve Fuel Station

(requires EFTPOS/Credit Card with PIN)

Old Railway Station, Piesse St, Yalgoo 6635

(08) 9962 8042 – Shire

(08) 9920 8000 – Refuel Australia

Open 24/7

### Paynes Find Roadhouse & Tavern

Great Northern Hwy, Paynes Find 6612

(08) 9963 6111

[www.paynesfind-roadhouse.com](http://www.paynesfind-roadhouse.com)

Open 24/7

## Accommodation

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### Gabyon Station Stay

1 Gabyon–Tardie Rd, Yalgoo 6635

(08) 9963 7993 | [gabyonstationstay@gmail.com](mailto:gabyonstationstay@gmail.com)

[www.gabyon.com.au](http://www.gabyon.com.au)

### Melangata Station Stay

Melangata Rd, Minnenooka 6528

(08) 9963 7777 / 0458 538 964

[melangatastationstay@gmail.com](mailto:melangatastationstay@gmail.com)

[joclews889@gmail.com](mailto:joclews889@gmail.com)

[www.australiastogoldenoutback.com/business/accommodation/melangata-station-stay](http://www.australiastogoldenoutback.com/business/accommodation/melangata-station-stay)

### Mellenbye Station Stay

6.5km off the sealed Morawa–Yalgoo Rd,

Morawa 6623

(08) 9972 3072

[stationstaymellenbye@gmail.com](mailto:stationstaymellenbye@gmail.com)

[www.mellenbye.com.au](http://www.mellenbye.com.au)

### Paynes Find Roadhouse and Tavern

Great Northern Hwy, Paynes Find 6612

(08) 9963 6111

[www.paynesfind-roadhouse.com](http://www.paynesfind-roadhouse.com)

### Yalgoo Caravan Park

Gibbons St, Yalgoo 6635

(08) 9962 8472 | [cpark@yalgoo.wa.gov.au](mailto:cpark@yalgoo.wa.gov.au)

[www.yalgoo.wa.gov.au/yalgoo-caravan-park](http://www.yalgoo.wa.gov.au/yalgoo-caravan-park)

### Yalgoo Hotel Motel

37 Gibbons St, Yalgoo 6635

(08) 9962 8031 | [swilllock@hotmail.com](mailto:swilllock@hotmail.com)

[www.yalgoo.wa.gov.au/town-services/yalgoo-hotel](http://www.yalgoo.wa.gov.au/town-services/yalgoo-hotel)



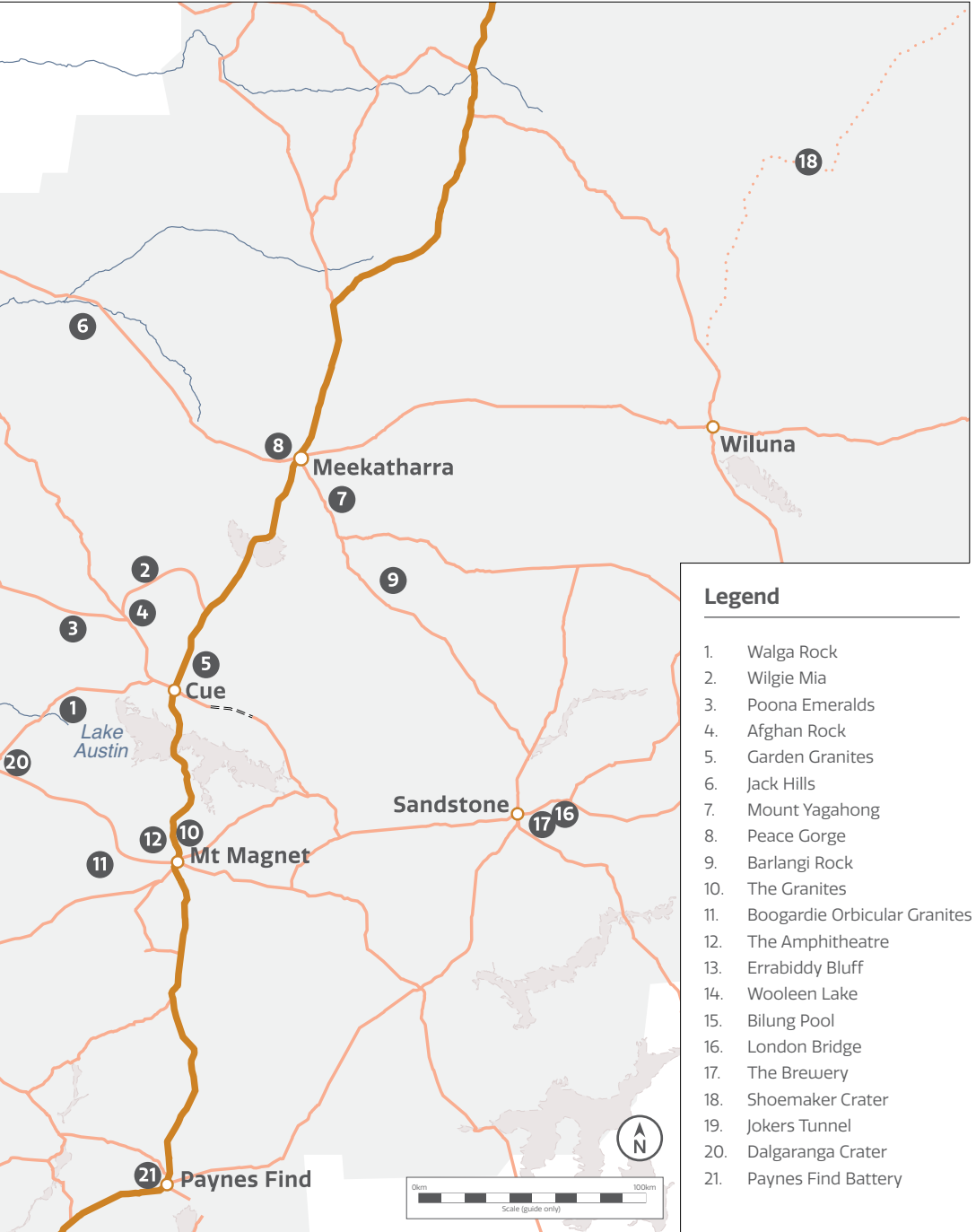
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**Trail Map**

# Murchison GeoRegion Trail Map







### Legend

1. Walga Rock
2. Wilgie Mia
3. Poona Emeralds
4. Afghan Rock
5. Garden Granites
6. Jack Hills
7. Mount Yagahong
8. Peace Gorge
9. Barlangi Rock
10. The Granites
11. Boogardie Orbicular Granites
12. The Amphitheatre
13. Errabiddy Bluff
14. Wooleen Lake
15. Bilung Pool
16. London Bridge
17. The Brewery
18. Shoemaker Crater
19. Jokers Tunnel
20. Dalgaranga Crater
21. Paynes Find Battery



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