HERITAGE ATTRACTIONS
SOUTH WEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WORKING LIFE

FOLLOW THE TRAIL
Your passport to the past
A WINDOW INTO THE WORKING LIFE STORY

Start your journey on the South West Working Life Heritage Trail with a visit to the Bunbury Visitor Centre in the city’s historic railway station building.

First built in 1893 and reconstructed in 1904 as a result of fire damage, the building stands today as a monument to Bunbury’s bygone era.

Located within the centre is the Working Life Display Hub.

Here you will find a theatrette and exhibits which feature the various Working Life sites from around the region and memorabilia from days gone by.

The friendly staff at the centre will help to plan your journey to the Working Life sites of your choice.

Bunbury Visitor Centre
Carmody Place, Bunbury
Phone: 1800 286 287
Email: welcome@bunbury.wa.gov.au

IMAGINE LIFE

Discover the South West’s unique past and rich culture

Pick your trail from the map inside and meander through farms, forests and friendly country towns.

Discover the past and meet some colourful characters along the way.

They’ll spin you a yarn on how the South West was shaped through blood, sweat and tears.

Can you imagine what life was like?

The Working Life Heritage Trail is your window into the region’s pioneering past.
Visit Alverstoke, step back into the past and see heritage buildings, vintage farm machinery, old tools, saddlery, horse-drawn equipment, and a large display of school memorabilia.

Alverstoke was established in July 1842 by Marshall Waller Clifton, who named it after his birthplace in Hampshire, England.

He and his wife Elinor, along with their family of 13 children, developed it into the first farm in the district, growing wheat, barley and potatoes, and producing milk and cream from their dairy herd.

The heavily timbered bush was cleared and a sawmill was established in 1844.

A number of thatched buildings were erected and most are still standing having been restored.

These include an original cottage and stables (c1842), dairy, barn, homestead (1886), and the Clifton School.

A Heritage Rose Garden contains over 200 roses including Bourbons, Teas, Gallicas, Hybrid Musks and Rugosa varieties.

The Heritage Function Centre – restaurant and barn – are available for weddings, bus tours and corporate events.

Alverstoke is situated on Clifton Road, Brunswick Junction, approximately 18 kilometres north of Bunbury and four kilometres west of Brunswick.
ArtGeo Cultural Complex

Open daily 10am – 4pm
4-7 Queen Street, Busselton

History, culture and art combine at Busselton’s ArtGeo Cultural Complex in an attraction that’s well worth exploring.

The story of the heritage-listed site begins with Busselton’s judicial and settlement history. Today, it’s a creative hub for the visual and performing arts featuring the 19th century Courthouse complex, the Old Post Office Tea Rooms, ArtGeo Gallery and the Stables Studios.

With its earliest limestone structures dating from 1860–61, the Courthouse complex contains some of Busselton’s oldest buildings. They include nine stark gaol cells, and a bonded warehouse once linked to Busselton Jetty by tramline. Nowadays, the Bond Store is a retail outlet for regional arts and crafts.

A new brick and timber courtroom designed by George Temple Poole (1856–1934) was added in 1897. It’s a rare example of arts, crafts and architecture featuring authentic judicial furniture made from local Jarrah.

Across Queen Street, a refurbished bank built in 1931 once played a prominent role in the Groups Settlement Scheme. Now known as ArtGeo Gallery, it’s a stylish space for contemporary art exhibitions sourced Australia-wide.

ArtGeo’s captivating blend of art and history includes the Stables Studios, Acting Up Academy of Performing Arts, Weld Repertory Theatre, Busselton Art Society, Busselton branch of the Woodturners’ Association, and the Settlement Art Project life-size bronze sculptures.

Phone: 08 9751 4651
Email: artgeo@artgeo.com.au
www.artgeo.com.au

Augusta Historical Museum

Open daily 1pm – 4pm every day plus schools and tours by appointment. Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.
Blackwood Avenue, Augusta

The Augusta Historical Museum was established in 1979 to preserve and share the town’s history.

It is a treasure trove of historical artifacts that paint a colourful picture of Augusta’s early years.

From shipwrecks to fires and whale rescues, Augusta has a fascinating history to tell.

Believed to have been named after Princess Augusta (second daughter of George III of England), Augusta is the third oldest European settlement in Western Australia. It was founded in May 1830 by a group of settlers that included the Turner and Bussell families and Georgiana and Captain John Molloy.

They were brought to Augusta by Lieutenant Governor James Stirling on the Emily Taylor. At the time there were no longer any land grants available around the Swan River Settlement.

Conditions were harsh for the settlers – they had no knowledge of the environment and could not communicate with the local Aboriginals. Some only stayed a short time but others persevered.

The 1920s brought the “Groupies”. The Group Settlement Scheme was established to open up the South West to more people and to create employment for the returning servicemen of the Great War.

As with many towns, Augusta has had its up and downs and sometimes struggled to survive. Discover more of the history of the coastal town at the Augusta Historical Museum.

Phone: 08 9758 0465 or 0412 917 177
Balingup Heritage Precinct

The Balingup Heritage Precinct includes both the heritage exhibition located at the back of the Packing Shed and the Balingup Avenue of Honour.

Take the time to explore the Packing Shed and you’ll find that – at least for history lovers – the best has been saved for last. At the back of the old Pattersons Packing Shed is the Balingup Heritage Exhibition, which offers a fascinating insight into the early life of the town.

The attractive exhibition includes both static and themed displays which showcase the working and social life of the town.

Explore the room and you’ll find a replica classroom, as well as a replica World War 1 dugout and uniform that brings to life the Wall of Remembrance.

The exhibition highlights five of the original homesteads all built prior to 1900. The story is also told of Shire Councillor Lt Col Noel Brazier who is affectionately known as the Father of the 10th Light Horse.

The oak-lined avenue of honour is a tribute to those who lost their lives in World War 1. The names of people who sacrificed themselves are engraved on plaques at the base of the trees.

Picnic tables are located among the gardens where plants represent the countries where the battles were fought.

Phone: Balingup Visitor Centre on 08 9764 1818
www.balinguptourism.com.au

Boyup Brook Pioneers’ Museum

The Boyup Brook District Pioneers’ Museum, located on the site of the old Masonic Lodge, houses fascinating objects that relate to the heritage of the Shire of Boyup Brook.

The lodge itself consists of the Masonic temple, left in its original condition and exhibiting all the furniture and paraphernalia as used by the Masons at their meetings – something rarely seen outside of the organisation.

Boyup Brook is the home of Dwalganup Cloverseed, developed by the late PD Forrest, circa, 1910. This story is told with several and varied pieces of harvesting equipment and is extremely interesting, even to those not particularly interested in agriculture.

Agricultural exhibits in The Shed include some unique pieces particularly relevant to the district, including a “Prairie Schooner” built in the 1800s, and quite different from the usual farming equipment.

Other buildings located on site include the old mortuary built with the Soldiers Memorial Hospital in 1924 and containing an interesting collection of hospital and St. John artefacts.

A restored railway siding from Dinninup houses railway memorabilia from a time when the district had an excellent rail transport service.

The old Kulkup School, a one-room school built in the early 1920s, evokes memories of education in rural areas.

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2pm – 5pm, or by appointment. Discount entry for group bookings
Jayes Road, Boyup Brook

Phone: Vicki on 0427 322 031
**Bridgetown’s Old Gaol**

Open 10am – 2pm Saturday, or group bookings by appointment. 148 Hampton Street, Bridgetown

For a glimpse of what life was like for a prisoner in the 1880s, visit Bridgetown’s Old Gaol.

The site operated as the town’s police station and lock-up from 1880 to 1973.

Step inside and you’ll see an old cell, as well as displays relating to the judiciary and police.

There are also rooms that showcase the old ‘little’ schools, the apple industry and farming.

In addition, visitors will see a blacksmith forge, as well as kitchens and laundries of the past, plus medical and hospital artefacts and a butcher’s cart.

The Bridgetown Historical Society puts on changing displays three times a year. These displays feature aspects of Bridgetown life from over the years.

The Old Gaol is situated in the historic part of the town with the remnants of the first courthouse to its left and the police housing to its right. All of these buildings are on Hampton Street.

The Old Gaol is open from 10am to 2pm every Saturday and staffed by volunteers. Groups can book to visit by appointment.

**Bunbury Museum and Heritage Centre**

Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm (excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Good Friday) 1 Arthur Street, Bunbury

Want to know how Bunbury became the city it is today? Step into the Bunbury Museum and Heritage Centre and find out.

Opened in November 2016, this new museum uses both modern technology and historical objects to tell the story of how Bunbury was shaped.

Among the many highlights is a suspended sculpture of a ship, which represents the city’s maritime history, including the many shipwrecks that are buried under the Koombana Bay shoreline.

Other subjects the museum shines a spotlight on range from pre-European Noongar culture, visiting whalers, early settlers, and the development of the Bunbury Port.

The museum space itself is also interesting as it is located in the state heritage-listed Paisley Centre, formerly the Bunbury Boys School. In past years, the building was also a theatre, restaurant and dance school.

Regular events held at the museum include Saturday Storyteller, which takes places on the second Saturday of the month. And each Tuesday morning, the community is invited to Meet the Curator.

Phone: 08 9792 7286
Email: museum@bunbury.wa.gov.au
www.bunburymuseum.com.au
**Busselton Historic Museum**

Located in the heritage-listed old Sunnywest Butter Factory, the Busselton Historic Museum is home to a fascinating collection of photographs, furniture, clothing and farm machinery.

Artefacts from the early days of settlement, including a washstand and basin used by Captain John Molloy on his military campaigns in Europe in the early 1800s, are just some of the unique items people will discover during a visit to the museum.

Situated next to the Vasse River, the history of the museum site stretches back to 1832 when land in the vicinity of the river on Geographe Bay was selected by members of the original 1830 settlement at Augusta.

In 1834 the Bussells, Laymans, Chapmans and Dawsons transferred to this Vasse area where the more open country promised easier farming prospects, and where the port and township of Busselton later developed.

A number of smaller buildings, including a group settlement house, dairy and school, dot the picturesque riverbank adding to the site’s significant history.

There are relics of the Group Settlement Scheme which commenced in the region in 1923, and a working model of the Barrabup timber mill.

The collection includes the steam-driven paddle boat ‘Jumna’ which operated on the Vasse River, a medical hut from the World War Two aerodrome in Busselton and the Ambergate telephone exchange building and automatic exchange.

Open daily (except Tuesday) 10am – 4pm  
Peel Terrace, Busselton

Phone: 08 9754 2166  Fax: 08 9751 2092  
Email: secretary@busseltonhistoricalsociety.org.au  
www.busseltonmuseum.org.au

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**Busselton Jetty**

Extending 1.8 kilometres over the stunning waters of Geographe Bay, the heritage listed Busselton Jetty is the longest timber-piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. A must-see for any visitor to the Margaret River Wine Region.

The history of the Busselton Jetty can be traced back to the early days of settlement when the American whalers came in their square-rigged sailing ships. It began operating in 1865, with ships arriving from many parts of the globe.

Come into the Interpretive Centre and browse the unique and stylish giftware, souvenirs and artisan pieces on display. The Museum offers an insight into the jetty’s fascinating past and stunning marine environment through a variety of interpretive signs, artefacts and audio visual displays.

Jump on board and take the leisurely train ride along the jetty. Sit back and relax while the driver takes you on a journey over the calm, clear waters of Geographe Bay. With 50 seats available and trips leaving throughout the day, the Jetty Train is the perfect way to experience the Busselton Jetty.

The Underwater Observatory, at the end of the jetty, provides visitors the opportunity to experience one of Australia’s greatest artificial reefs. Descend eight metres to the ocean floor via a spiral staircase to view some of the 300 species of vividly coloured tropical and sub-tropical corals, sponges, fish and invertebrates.

Extend the experience with a dip, throw a line in or have a bite to eat on the Busselton beachfront. Underwater Observatory and Jetty Train tours depart on the hour, weather permitting.

Interpretive Centre and Museum open daily 8.30am – 6pm  
September to April and 9am – 5pm May to August  
Beachfront end of Queen Street, Busselton

Phone: 08 9754 0900  www.busseltonjetty.com.au  
Email: bookings@busseltonjetty.com.au
Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse

Grounds open daily 8.45am – 5pm
Leeuwin Road, Augusta

Constructed in 1895, the historic Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse is situated at the most south westerly tip of Australia, standing at the point where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet.

With a stunning blue backdrop of the ocean meeting the sky, the lighthouse appears to glow in white splendour during summer, whilst during winter the awesome force of the fierce Southern Ocean and powerful Indian Ocean crashing against the Cape makes a visit to Augusta a remarkable experience year round.

A famous maritime landmark and important meteorological site from which data is collected, the tower stands 39 metres high from ground level and 56 metres above sea level.

Its piercing beam, which has an intensity of one million candles, shines over the surrounding rugged sea and landscape for 26 nautical miles or 48 kilometres. The lighthouse still features its original lens and clockwork mechanism in the tower.

A recently developed heritage trail features two viewing decks with binoculars, giving visitors a birds-eye-view of the wildlife and islands off the coast. Depending on the season you may even see whales frolicking in the waters.

The grounds are universally accessible, with a visitor centre, cafe and retail shop all contained within the first lighthouse heritage cottage. Visitors can enjoy a light lunch or coffee within the glass-walled cafe overlooking Flinders Bay.

Guided tours are conducted daily from 9am – 4.30pm. Fees apply. Extra tours in peak periods and school holidays.

Phone: 08 9758 1920  www.margaretriverlighthouses.com
Email: capleepuuwin@margaretriver.com

Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse

Grounds open daily 9am – 5pm
Cape Naturaliste Road, Dunsborough

Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse was the last manned lighthouse on mainland Australia and is one of the few operational lighthouses the public can access.

The lighthouse stands on a 100m high bluff overlooking Geographe Bay and affords breathtaking views across the Indian Ocean and the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park. From the balcony, whales and their young can be spotted frolicking in the waters below during the annual migratory period, from September to December.

Friendly tour guides provide a fascinating insight into the functions of this working lighthouse. Three keepers and their families originally lived and worked at Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse and the three original lightkeepers’ quarters are still standing. Life revolved around night watches which were divided into three periods, one for each man. During each watch the keeper had to wind the clockwork, carry and then pump kerosene to the burner.

Life was hard for lightkeepers and their families. With no paid annual leave or travel assistance, lightkeepers remained at their isolated stations for many years. Once a fortnight stores and supplies were delivered from Busselton, including classwork for the children who were home schooled. The light was converted to automatic operation in July 1978 and the last lighthouse keeper, Max Nethery, left in 1996.

Showcasing breathtaking natural beauty and providing fascinating glimpses into a bygone era, Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse is open daily. Tours are conducted daily between 9.30am and 4.30pm.

Phone: 08 9755 3955  www.margaretriverlighthouses.com
Email: capenaturaliste@margaretriver.com
Coalfields Museum

Contact Collie Shire for opening details
161 Throssell Street, Collie

The Coalfields Museum on Throssell Street provides a unique glimpse into Collie’s early days.

The museum is housed in the historic buildings of the 1900 and 1930 Road Board offices.

The buildings were converted into a museum and opened in 1971. Almost single-handedly, coal miner Stan Cull established an attraction which ranks with the best of country town museums.

A Jeffrey Coal Cutter was one of the first machines used on the coalfields and is featured in the simulated mine along with the horse drawn skips and the crib cabin.

Taking pride of place is a restored barrel organ made in Italy. The organ is a forerunner of a juke box and it entertained the old timers at Fontanana’s Wine Saloon by the Federal Hotel in Throssell Street.

A massive letterbox (pillarbox), a relic of the penny postage days, is rare having been cast in the Ledgar Foundry in Perth in 1903.

The Wall of Remembrance is in memory of our Collie boys who served in the Great War.

Many more household items are on display in the museum including bottles, radiograms, phonographs, gramophones, wirelesses, a baker’s cart, mining equipment, a Coolgardie safe, IcyBall refrigerator, Lynch’s Rock and Mineral display, Fred Kohler woodwork, Gastaldo Homestead items, Della bus, all time great fireman Dudley Magill’s bust, and many historical photos.

Phone: 08 9734 9000
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Collie Historical Rail Precinct

Open Monday & Friday (all day in summer /afternoons only in winter), or by appointment. Forrest Street, Collie

The significant role rail played in the emergence of Collie as a source of coal for Western Australia is highlighted at the Collie Historical Rail Precinct.

Collie Coal was discovered in 1883 but was not immediately exploited because of the dominance of the eastern states coalfields and the lack of a railway to transport the coal from Collie to Bunbury.

The South West railway line was completed in 1893 and the line from Brunswick to Collie in 1898. Access to rail transport launched Collie and the coal industry on a sound basis and boosted settlement in the district.

Many West Australians are unaware of the important role that CY O’Connor played in establishing the Collie coalfields. He pushed hard for the building of the line from Brunswick to Collie and argued convincingly for the use of local coal so that WA would be independent of the unreliable Eastern States coal.

The South railway goods shed at Collie is the sole original remnant of the once important Collie Yards which at their peak contained eleven lines and ranked second only to the Fremantle rail yards in size and importance.

Occupying the same block as the old goods shed is the Bill Weir Rolling Stock shed. This is where the restoration of rolling stock takes place, ranging from the ‘the ganger’s favourite’ the Kalamazoo to the First Class Sleeping Coach AZQ415 and all types of wagons and coal trucks in between.

The Collie Historical Rail Precinct is run by the Collie Heritage and Men’s Shed group.

Phone: Keith on 08 9734 2410
**Dardanup Heritage Park**

The world-class, family-owned and operated museum houses one of Australia’s finest collections of agricultural, industrial and social history items. With over 20 sheds full of beautifully restored items, it is not hard to spend a full day reflecting on a bygone era.

The international shed is home to a rare 1913 truck and more than 40 tractors and dozers including a W12 and TD24. Other sheds are full of Massey Harris and Ferguson equipment, Fordsons, Caterpillars, Chamberlains, TC12 Euclid, harvesting equipment, horse drawn wagons, Garagenalia, large and small engines and loads more.

Browse through our gemstone and household memorabilia displays.

A free tractor-trailer ride around the park will take you to our workshop print shop, settlement style dairy, shearing and blacksmith sheds and many other interesting exhibits.

The relocated Bunbury Army Drill Hall now houses a very extensive military display with everything from medals to huge missiles and an impressive Leopold Tank.

The timber industry is well represented with logging equipment, drag saws, chain saws and a replica mill settlement. On the first Sunday of every month, the Park cuts timber in its fully operational saw mill.

A majestic 1903 Marshall traction engine has pride of place, and seeing the 50hp and 100hp Tangye engines running side by side is a very impressive sight.

**Open every Sunday & Wednesday 9.30am – 4pm**

**Group bookings by appointment**

416 Moore Road, Dardanup West

Phone: 08 9728 0552 or 0429 793 362

www.dardanupheritagepark.com.au

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**Donnelly River Village**

Donnelly River Village is a hidden treasure nestled in the karri forest. Built originally as a mill town, it was known as the jewel in the Bunnings family timber empire.

The former mill town was used for its original purpose for 30 years, with first buildings being completed in 1948 and the mill finally closing in 1978. The mill was state-of-the-art at the time and was unique in that for most of its working life it was fully steam driven.

The village remains largely intact, including cottages, a workshop, shop, clubrooms and the old school. The entire town and the mill are heritage listed.

After a short stint as Commission housing, the entire village was converted to holiday accommodation in 1982.

The secluded forest location of the village makes it a tranquil retreat for those seeking the peace of nature and a safe place for children to play and explore on family holidays.

The old general store still runs seven days a week, serving great coffee, cakes and lunches. The 36 self-contained cottages also make it ideal for functions and events including family reunions, meetings, school excursions and weddings.

The village is one of few places where the Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail intersect so there are plenty of walks and rides to do.

The village is also known for its tame and friendly wildlife. Hand-feed kangaroos, emus, possums and parrots or do a spot of bird watching.

**Day visitors welcome any time, Shop/Café open 8.30 am – 5pm**

Sears Road, Donnelly Mill

Phone: 08 9772 1244  www.donnellyriver.com.au

Email: enjoy@donnellyriver.com.au
Donnybrook Historic Railway Precinct (1893)

Open 9am – 4pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month (market day). Visitor Centre, South Western Highway, Donnybrook

Step inside this mini museum and find out about the rail history of Donnybrook. Take the time to peruse the memorabilia and artefacts on display. Resources, including an audio visual presentation, give visitors the chance to learn more about Donnybrook’s rail heritage.

Donnybrook’s rail history began in 1893 when the South West railway was extended from Boyanup to Minninup, as the station was first known. In 1912 the station became a junction station, and in 1929 a new station building was built. At times, rail played a role in transporting the locally-grown apples Donnybrook is well-known for.

Though no longer a functioning station, the railway precinct continues to be important to Donnybrook, contributing to the aesthetic appeal of the town, as well as an area for locals and tourists to enjoy.

Markets are held on site on the third Saturday of every month, and the museum is always open on this day.

The Donnybrook Historic Railway Museum can be found in the heart of Donnybrook inside the former railway station, now the town visitor centre. The building itself is heritage-listed.

www.donnybrookwa.com.au

Featured Wood Gallery and Museum

Open daily 10am – 4pm
12 Piggott Drive, Australind

A lifetime of working with wood and a passion for collecting has resulted in the creation of the Featured Wood Gallery and Museum in Australind.

The museum is a labour of love for owner John Ablett, who has spent more than 25 years gathering an eclectic collection of antique, heritage and other collectibles from Australia and around the world.

The museum exhibits – arranged in a tableau style – are built around seven themes, starting with the Ablett family’s woodworking heritage. John Ablett’s family arrived in Australia in the 1840s, producing four generations of carpenters and joiners.

The newest display is on the Gallipoli campaign, which included members of the Western Australia 10th Light Horse.

Local Noongars have provided input and advice on a large Aboriginal display depicting their 50,000 year old culture in the region.

The diorama on Ned Kelly and his gang, Australia’s best-known bushrangers, features a replica of Ned’s famous steel armour which visitors are invited to try on.

The international display of The North American Great Plains tribes includes a full-size tipi, as well as chiefs in full headdress. Displays also depict the American Civil War and the history of the American West.

The old Bunbury Jetty exhibit rounds out the experience. The Jetty played a major part in exporting timber and wool around the world.

Phone: 08 9797 2411  www.featuredwoodgallery.com.au
Email: enquire@featuredwoodgallery.com.au
Greenbushes Discovery Centre

Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10am – 2pm or by appointment. 38 Blackwood Road, Greenbushes

A mine blast reverberates through a softly lit tunnel, and radio chatter and truck noises add atmosphere as you descend into the Discovery Decline.

Take a journey underground through a multi media display featuring people who work in underground mines and the equipment they use.

This modern replica adds a “wow” factor as you learn about Greenbushes – Western Australia’s oldest gazetted minerals field and the longest continuously mined field in the State.

Try on miners’ gear, pore over old maps, find out about the discovery of tin in 1886 and the town’s development as a producer of the strategic minerals tantalum and lithium.

Find the large hollow tree and enter the Discovery Forest, a virtual indoor forest which highlights forest ecology, indigenous culture, plantation industries, timber milling and timber products.

Get dried in our kiln or take a load of logs to the mill in our simulated truck. See animals and plants in the Land Dome and play our interactive games.

Take an amble along the main street on the Heritage Amble where you can explore the history of the town from the 1880s to the 1940s.

Go bush on one of our three forest walk trails beginning and ending at the heritage park opposite the centre. Visit the Public Mine Lookout or take a picnic to the Greenbushes Pool and Boardwalk on Spring Gully Road.

Phone: 08 9764 3883
www.greenbushes.com.au

Harvey Heritage Precinct

Open daily 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday
9.30am – 4pm Saturday and Sunday
Cnr James Stirling Place and South Western Highway, Harvey

Western Australia’s first purpose-built internment camp for World War II enemy aliens, which later became an agricultural college, is State Heritage listed.

The memorial shrine is the only road-side shrine of its kind in Australia. During World War Two, Italian and German migrants living in allied countries were interned in camps such as the Harvey Camp No 11.

In 1941, one of the prisoners instigated the construction of an altar made of stone, depicting the Catholic faith. The shrine still stands today and was enclosed in a chapel in 1992. Collect the key to the shrine from the Harvey Visitor Centre.

The Stirling Cottage is a replica of James Stirling’s cottage The Hut. Built on the banks of the Harvey River, it was also the house that author-illustrator May Gibbs lived in as a child.

The replica cottage is surrounded by the Harvey River and beautiful replica Heritage Gardens which feature an elegant 19th century-style fountain.

Discover the story of the Harvey Valley by visiting a display at the Harvey Visitor Centre. The display reveals the story of three historic homesteads – Nicklup, Jardup and Glentana.

The houses and surrounding farmland were inundated by water when the new Harvey Dam was built in 2000-2002 as part of the Stirling-Harvey Redevelopment Scheme.

Phone: 08 9729 1122 www.harveytourism.com
Email: info@harveytourism.com
King Cottage Museum

Once a home to four generations of the King family, King Cottage is now a museum that provides people with the opportunity to step into the lives of some of Bunbury’s earliest residents. Housing an extensive collection of historic items, the cottage’s history stretches back as far as the 1800s.

It was built in the 1880s by Henry King, who had come to WA in 1855. The home was originally on five acres of land on the outskirts of the town. The bricks were made by Henry King, who was a brickmaker by trade, and he built the house with the help of his sons. The pattern in which the bricks were laid on the front facade is known as Flemish bond while English bond was used on the end walls.

As a museum, it is an excellent example of a home in which an average family, such as the Kings, lived during the period from 1880 to the 1920s. It represents a snapshot of the social history of the era.

The rooms display artefacts associated with this period, as well as special displays of clothing, photographs and other items from the collection. Outside displays include wheeled vehicles, maritime items, small farm machinery and tools, laundry items and butter making equipment.

Members of the public are invited to bring in their family tree and photographs for future generations to view.

Open daily 2pm – 4pm, group bookings by appointment
77 Forrest Avenue, Bunbury

Phone: 08 9721 7546
Email: bunburyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com
www.bunburyhistoricalsociety.com

Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park

The Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park, centrally located within the Manjimup town site, highlights the region’s working life and cultural heritage.

Set on 10 hectares of natural landscaped and grassed picnic areas are the State Timber Museum, Age of Steam Museum, historical hamlet with period buildings and exhibits, and a full-size replica fire lookout tower.

The Snorting Liz and the Saw Pit and rail relics provide a wonderful insight to the technology and techniques of days past, while a timber museum filled with memorabilia will captivate all visitors.

In addition to the many historical static displays relating to the early era of timber and steam, the park also hosts the Manjimup Woodturners Association and Manjimup Historical Society.

The Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park provides an experience in discovering the area’s rich and colourful history with an insight into how the Lower South West region was developed by the early pioneers of major industries.

Surrounded by a stand of significant trees found within the region, the Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park will take you on a journey to a time past when a special group of people worked to forge a prosperous future for the Manjimup district.

A private café operates seven days a week, and there are ample barbecue and picnic facilities, children’s adventure playground with a giant 14m slide onsite. There is ample street parking for caravans and larger vehicles.

Open daily 8am – 4pm
Rose Street, Manjimup

Phone: 08 9771 7777
Margaret River Old Settlement

Margaret River Old Settlement

Margaret River is famous for its wine, food and surf, but get off the beaten track and there is also plenty of history to enjoy when exploring this coastal South West town.

Visit the Old Settlement at the entrance to town and be transported back to the days of Group Settlement and the hardy pioneers who opened up the region to farming.

Established in 1977 by the local Rotary Club, the site is now managed by the Margaret River and Districts Historical Society.

It comprises a collection of relocated buildings including a Group House, set up to reflect the people who lived there, and a Group School with a small schoolroom display together with an changing-exhibition area, cowshed, machinery sheds, dairy and outbuildings.

A former pottery on the site is now a cafe named after the local endangered “Hairy Marron” and featuring a deck which overlooks the Margaret River.

The Old Settlement can be accessed directly from Bussell Highway or via a pedestrian bridge over the river from Rotary Park, which has extensive parking facilities and also displays the steam locomotive “Kate” which dates from 1889 and was used in the Karridale timber industry.

Open Tuesday 2pm – 4pm (Summer only), Thursday 2pm – 4pm, Saturday 10am – 3pm, Sunday 10am – 3pm
69 Bussell Highway, Margaret River

Phone: 08 9757 4523
Email: elfra@westnet.com.au

www.everythingnannup.com.au

Nannup Heritage Trail

Nannup Heritage Trail

Have you ever come across an old building and wondered about its previous life?

When in Nannup, there’s no need to guess. The town’s heritage trail brings to life the former uses of local cultural sites and heritage buildings.

For example, did you know that the building at Lot 1 Warren Road was opened in 1926 and was occupied by the Nannup Roads Board until 1963? Since 2002, it has housed The Nannup Historical Society.

A partnership between the Nannup Historical Society and Shire of Nannup, the Nannup Heritage Trail provides a fascinating window into the histories of a long list of local places of interest.

As you journey through the town and discover its past, you will find interpretative plaques marking sites along the trail. These plaques provide historical photos and information that will enrich your knowledge of Nannup. You will also learn about individuals who helped to shape the town.

A companion booklet is available to assist with self-guided tours. The guide can be purchased from Nannup Historical Society, the Nannup Community Resource Centre, Nannup Shire offices and A Taste of Nannup.
**Northcliffe Pioneer Museum**

Plan your journey to the trail's most southern point. On the way you will have marveled at more than 15 exhibitions and driven alongside some of the world's tallest trees. You are following the path of 1500 pioneers who came to Northcliffe.

When you arrive, stroll through the 90 year old trading store and Group Settlement home. In the bush school squeeze into the children's jarrah desks under which they wriggled their cold bare feet in winter and wrote with chalk on slates all year.

Did you know World War Two came here? Northcliffe's Dads Army climbed Mt Chudalup at night to search the skies and patrolled the sand dunes to check the Southern Ocean. Memorabilia is on display. And so are the items washed ashore off SS Michael J Goulandris, sailing past Windy Harbour with Perth's wartime rations. Shipping lights forbidden, she hit the rocks and sank where she remains to this day.

The rush to build homes for 66,000 migrants heading for Perth in the 1950s saw 1000 people move to the tiny village of Northcliffe where two new sawmills worked round the clock. The drag saws, photos and display of chainsaws including the first two-man design tell their story. And so does the 100 year old Robey Engine, which had foreshadowed a timber industry by arriving in 1924 to prepare the jarrah for 390 homes for the pioneers, who had sailed from Britain to begin the dairy industry of the South West.

Northcliffe offers picnic areas, cafes, farm stays, motels and seaside cottages for accommodation.

Open daily 10am – 3pm
Wheatley Coast Road, Northcliffe

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**Pemberton Historic Timber Town**

Timber was milled in Pemberton for more than a century. And though the last timber mill closed in 2016, traces of the industry's influence on the town can still be seen throughout its streets.

Wander through Pemberton and one of the first things you will notice is the old forestry houses that many of today's residents call home. The Pemberton Timber Mill Workers’ Cottage Precinct, which is on the State Register of Heritage Places, can be found on Brockman, Broadway, Dean, Kelly and Pine streets, as well as Karri Rise.

Sites of interest include the former Pemberton Mill, which was built in 1913 and can still be seen on Brockman Street.

While in town, don’t forget to stop by the Pemberton Visitor Centre to have a look through its museum. Here you will discover examples of equipment belonging to early settlers, clothing, utensils and memorabilia from yesteryear. The building itself was originally an old school.

You will also want to visit the Pemberton Hydro-Energy Station. The hydroelectric power plant on Lefroy Brook is a working replica of the original facility that provided electricity for Pemberton from the 1930s to the 1950s.

And, as no visit to Pemberton is complete without taking in the surrounding forests, make sure make time to see the historic climbing trees which were used as fire lookouts in the 1930s and 1940s.

Pemberton township

Phone: 08 9776 1745
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**Railway House and Busselton Visitor Centre**

Open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 9.30am – 4.30pm. Closed Christmas Day
17 Foreshore Parade, Busselton

Located at the heart of the Busselton Foreshore, Railway House is home to Western Australia's first steam locomotive, the Ballaarat Engine and interpretation about the timber industry and its pioneers.

**Replica Underground Coal Mine**

Guided and self guided tours available
156 Throssell Street, Collie

Step back in time and discover what life was like for the miners of yesteryear.

Guided tours with a retired miner are available by appointment.

Alternatively, take the self-guided option consisting of audio visual presentations and interpretive panels.

The mine contains a coal skip, mining equipment and memorabilia from the days of underground mining. Try lifting some of the drills and marvel at the stamina of those early underground miners.

The impressive iron gates which adorn the front of the mine were originally used on a cattle transport ship owned by Johnston and Lynn. Johnston later became the owner of Amalgamated Collieries who used the gates on their Bullfinch mine. The gates were later donated to the Collie Rotary Club.

The replica coal mine was constructed in 1983 by the Collie Rotary Club to commemorate the centenary of the discovery of coal. Underground mining ceased in 1994, with all mining now done by open cut. Collie coal has been used to power Western Australia for more than 100 years.

The attraction can cater for small tour groups of up to 30 people, and is a popular attraction with school groups. While there is no minimum number for the guided tours, advance bookings are essential. Self guided tours are available during the visitor centre’s opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm, Saturday/Public Holidays 10am – 3pm, Sunday 10am – 2pm. Entry fees apply.

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For nearly 100 years, Boyanup was an important railway junction on the West Australian Government railways system. The line from Bunbury split to serve the agricultural areas as far south as Northcliffe and the coastal areas as far as Flinders Bay (Augusta).

As a rail junction, Boyanup was home to railway fettlers and other staff, with two of the railway cottages still standing next to Fettlers Park, although not now in railway hands. The station buildings were demolished in the early 1990s and the loading bank is the only remnant of a once busy goods yard, which forms part of the Boyanup Railway precinct.

With the relocation of the railway infrastructure from the centre of Bunbury to Picton in the mid 1980s, a new home was required for two vintage steam locomotives, Leschenault Lady and Koombana Queen.

The Boyanup railway yard, no longer the busy place it had once been, was chosen as the venue and the South West Rail and Heritage Centre (formerly known as the Boyanup Museum) was opened in 1986.

A section of the once great Bunbury roundhouse and the 70metre long goods shed were rebuilt on the site and artefacts, both railway and related to life in the South West, were collected and put on display.

In recent years, the museum site had been closed to the public while much-needed renovations and improvements were made. Today, that work continues but most of the site is now open by appointment for visitors to explore.

Phone: 0459 712 552
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Take a stroll around the historic Wellington Dam, situated in the Wellington National Park near Collie, and imagine what life was like for the people who lent their hands to its construction during the Great Depression.

The building of the dam in 1932 was part of a drive to fund public works to provide jobs for thousands of people desperate for work in the 1930s. A dam on the Collie River was proposed as a way to extend the South West irrigation network and to encourage further expansion in agriculture.

More than a hundred workers, many with wives and children, made their way to live in a tiny settlement of tents pitched in a forest clearing (now the cafe and surrounding car parks). Their labour is seen today in the wall of the dam, which measures 366 metres across, 34 metres high and stores about 186 million kilolitres of water when full.

When the dam overflows it creates a spectacular lace curtain effect – a must-see if you have the opportunity.

Also of interest is the now disused power station down the river. This was the first such power facility built by the State Government and was one of only two operational hydro power stations in Western Australia.

The Wellington National Park, with its magnificent towering jarrah and marri forests, is a place of beauty and sets the scene for relaxing camping retreats for the whole family at Potters Gorge and Honeymoon Pool. The dam kiosk is open for refreshments, and can be contacted on 9734 7521, or visit www.kioskatthedam.com.au.

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White Rocks Farm

Open daily 2pm – 4pm by appointment only
South Western Highway, Brunswick

White Rocks is a dairy farm situated in the Brunswick area, traditionally a major centre for the dairy industry.

White Rocks has always been a dairy farm and was settled in 1887 by the present manager’s great grandfather John, who with his family milked five or six cows by hand, making butter and cheese for sale to neighbours.

Gradually as more land was cleared the herd grew. In 1894 the Perth/Bunbury railway came through the bottom of the property. With the option of this fast transport to Perth (it only took six or eight hours) it was possible to sell milk direct to vendors in Perth in 10 gallon cans wrapped in wet bags.

An old cottage built in 1891 has become a family museum and houses memorabilia from past generations. A blacksmith work area and tools are in an adjacent shed, together with a wash house. In a school room, transported from the old Brunswick school, is a collection of butter churns and cheese making paraphernalia.

Having seen how dairying was conducted in the past, visitors are shown how it is done now. There is a modern rotary 50 stand dairy where up to 600 cows are milked in under two hours by two people.

The farm also raises dairy-fed veal which is marketed as White Rock Veal to top restaurants in several states, and is exported to Singapore, Mauritius and China.

White Rocks Farm specialises in tours for secondary schools. Many top schools and colleges in Perth regularly take their Year 12 geography students through the farm.

Phone: 08 9726 1085 for appointment
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Yarloop Workshops

Tribute

The outstanding and unique Yarloop Workshops were destroyed by a bushfire which swept through the town in January 2016. For years, people had visited the workshops to experience the steam era come to life through a fascinating steam engine collection. Though it is not a site that people can currently visit, the attraction is included in this brochure as a tribute. Passionate locals one day hope to develop a small interpretive centre to tell the story of the Yarloop Workshops.
Please contact the individual sites for current opening times and entry fees.