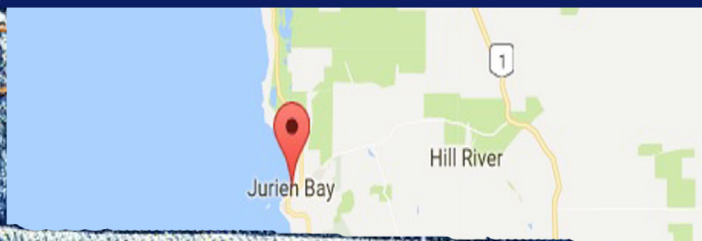


North of Perth



POCKET GUIDE

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About the Author

Brenda was first introduced to travelling at the age of 8 when she took a train by herself to Cape Town to visit her cousin. From that point on, she took on every adventure she could to see places and to experience new things.



In 2011 she started writing her blog called 'A Road Travelled'. Her goal is to share new places which you may not have thought of, offer suggestions on what to take, and give you a break down of what you could expect.

This book was written to help world wide travelers to find there way around one of the best parts of the world.... i.e Western Australia.

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Western Australia (W.A.) is one of the most beautiful places in the world. It is also one of the more isolated areas with the closet city taking at least 4 hours by plane.

What makes W.A. one of the best places in the world is the rugged coastline and the untouched lands that stretch from North W.A. to South W.A. and everything in between.

Because of its size, I have compiled a few tips and ideas for your journey through W.A. This will includes places to say, places to see and things to take with you on your journey.

For this pocket book I have focused on places north of Perth that stretch all the way to Geraldton.

Please visit my website for more information, places and photos. www.aronroadtravelled.com



Dongara Tourist Park



Pinnacles Holiday Park



Dongara Tourist Park

There are a number of Caravan Parks along the coastal stretch north of Perth. We have stayed at 5 of them which are listed in this section.

1. Burns Beach Holiday Park

Situated North of Perth, this is a perfect spot for a short Getaway. It offers all the amenities you need, plus it has an amazing cafe just on the corner. Unfortunately we chose a time when Perth had its first hurricane and spent the night holding down the tent. There are not many tent sites here, however they do have cabins.

Contact Number: 08-9305 5000

2. Pinnacles Holiday Park

This is my favorite park. It is about 2 hours outside of Perth, situated right on the coast and offers you the chance to either put up a tent, anchor your caravan or hire a cabin. The waters are shallow to swim in and you may see a few rays in the evening. There are BBQ facilities, toilets, showers, laundry and a cafe. And with the Pinnacles just a few minutes away, this would be the perfect stop for an adventure.

Contact Number: 08-9652-7060



Jurien Bay



Pinnacles Holiday Park



Cervantes Jetty

3. Lancelin Caravan Park (North End)

Lancelin is one of those town where the wind can either blow like a hurricane or not blow at all. However, the caravan park has all the necessary things to make camping fun. It is right on the ocean edge, has toilets/showers, laundry and bbq's for a meal by the beach. We have stayed here twice, with the wind blowing on both occasions.

Contact Number is: 08-9655-1115

4. Dongara Tourist Park

This is a little further up the coastal terrain, however it also well known for its fishing spots. The Tourist parks offers the 'slum it on grass', caravan spots or cabins. Of course, we slumped it on the grass area!

Contact Number: 08-9927-1210

5. Sunset Beach Holiday Park

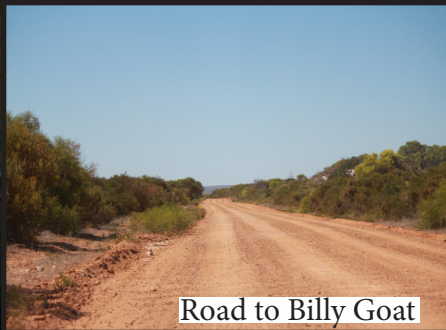
Found in Geraldton, this park offers all the things a caravan park should offer with a little more. From tent sites to camps, this park also offers a Games Room and an amazing kitchen. Contact Number: 1800 353 389



Green Head



Sign to Billy Goat



Road to Billy Goat

If you are on a shoestring budget, there are a number of places where you can camp without paying fees. However, with everything 'free', there are some disadvantages which include no amenities.

We personally have not taken this step yet, however we have spotted a couple of places along the coastal route that offer you the opportunity to camp for the night.

Billy Goat Bay

Found south of Leeman this campsite has a 48 hour maximum stay with the opportunity to camp right next to the beach. The only amenities is a drop toilet. No open fires are allowed. Pets are OK but they must be restrained.

Cliff Head North

Found south of Dongara this campsite has only 10 sites here. Free camping. NO amenities. First come first serve. No water available. But they say it is a great fishing spot.

Outside of this, a great website to find more information is: www.findacamp.com.au



Happy Car Happy Travels



Quick Stop



Vast WA Countryside

Travelling Essentials

Western Australia is known for its extended distances between towns. I always adopt the notion that if you are low on fuel - fill up while you can.

However, outside of this here are a few things you would like to consider if you are planning to take a trip.

1. Always make sure your car is ready for travel. Check water, oil, fuel and windscreen washing fluid. [Believe me - you will need the latter more than you think]
2. **Water** - make sure you have it! If you break down between towns then you may be waiting a while before help arrives.
3. **Telstra** - believe it or not - Telstra owns most of the communication network in W.A. Vodafone does not get reception in most inland areas. So, make sure you have a Telstra Sim card for emergencies.
4. **Day Bag** - You never know where you may end up and where you may wish to stay (if you have the time) I like to carry extra clothes and toiletries for these occasions.



Dunes near Cervantes



Near Burns Beach



Sunset in W.A.

5. **Tent and Supplies.** Believe it or not, we have a tent, sleeping bag, a container of cooking wear and other essentials for a night out of town. Sleeping on the beach - #pricelessexperience

6. **Maps.** Don't rely on your GPS. There is a big chance you will lose reception, even if you have telstra. So carry a map book in case you do. And, brush up on 'map reading' skills. I know I needed to when I missed the exit and ended up 2 hours north of where I was suppose to!

7. **Bug Spray and Fly Nets.** Australia is known for flies. Bug Spray helps for about 15 minutes. A fly net fits over your head and keeps flies from entering every opening it can. Might not look that pretty - but neither is choking on a fly! [been there and done that]

8. **Mobile phone charger.** There are many to choose from...however having one to charge your phone while in the car or on a trail will be greatly beneficial.

9. **Food.** We have a few tins of food for that last minute over night decisions. Packing a 'picnic' basket will be handy especially if you are on a budget!



Yanchep National Park



Cervantes



Nambung National Park

I really enjoy travelling up north along Indian Ocean Drive. Maybe it is because of the contrasts of colors from the bluest of oceans to the reddest of soils. There is a lot to see as you venture up north.

A Road Travelled's 5 Major Places to Visit:

1. Yanchep

Yanchep is the home to the Yanchep National Park. There is a fee to enter into the park which is about \$12.00. However, once inside you can explore some amazing places which also include the Koala Sanctuary, Cabaret Caves and the old homestead.

2. Cervantes

One of my favorites. It has a stunning beach area where you can swim. If you bring a kayak, you may be able to paddle to the little island just off its shore. About 5 minutes from Cervantes is the Nambung National Park which is the home to the Pinnacles. This little town is perfect for a week-end getaway.

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