



Northern Tour Trip Dossier



Ex Perth 24-30 September 2016

Geology – Botany - Wildlife

Enjoy the company of other nature enthusiasts as you experience the natural wonders and history of the Wheatbelt and Inland and Coastal Heaths north of Perth.

The area to the north of Perth is part of the Global Biodiversity Hotspot. We will visit the Inland Sandplains dominated by heath and scrub-heath vegetation and the Wheatbelt region with its wetlands, granite outcrops and remnant woodlands of Wandoo, York Gum, Salmon Gum, Casuarina and spectacular wildflower displays. We will also visit the coastal heathlands with limestone outcrops.

The habitats we will visit are home to many unique and endemic plant species (such as Grevilleas, Hakeas, Eucalypts, Acacias, Eriostemons, and the Asteracea family). Also to endemic reptiles and invertebrates, particularly lizards and ground-dwelling spiders. The areas provide some spectacular sceneries.

Although many animals can be found in this region, most are nocturnal and not easy to spot, with the exception of the bird species and some lizards.



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Itinerary

Day 1 Perth to Wongan Hills

Depart Perth from the East Perth train station at 8.00 am for Wongan Hills in the Wheatbelt area. Today's drive will take us up and over the Darling Scarp and through farm land dotted with rock outcrops that are part of Dreamtime songlines. Sightings of native orchids and other families of flora in a woodland reserve and a granite outcrop will amaze and delight you.

Accommodation – Wongan Hills Caravan Park
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Day 2 Wongan Hills to Dalwallinu

Our second day will be spent exploring wildflower areas around Wongan Hills en-route to Dalwallinu. At Petrudor Rocks we may encounter waterholes, rock wallabies and a range of reptiles.

Accommodation - Wheatland Motel Dalwallinu
BLD

Day 3 Dalwallinu to Mingenew

The third day we continue through WA's Wheatbelt area in search of everlastings. We may be able to find some of the famous wreath flowers along the way.

Accommodation – Mingenew Hotel
BLD

Day 4 Mingenew to Dongara

We visit the Coalseam Nature Reserve near Mingenew, home to an abundance of showy wildflowers and interesting rock formations. Then to Port Denison and Dongara, fishing communities on the Indian Ocean. The coastal geology includes a 4000 year old coral reef above the water line.

Accommodation – Dongara Priory Hotel
BLD

Day 5 Dongara to Jurien

We travel along a coastline of limestone, fine sand and offshore seagrass beds full of marine life, stopping at Cliff Head and at Dynamite Bay near Greenhead. This is Tim Winton country and the inspiration for several of his novels. Before the day's end we will visit Grigson's Lookout.

Accommodation – Jurien Apex Camp
BLD

Day 6 Jurien and Badgingarra area

A day exploring the famous Kwongan heathlands...we visit a famous national park and a private property for a guided tour.

Accommodation – Jurien Apex Camp
BLD

Day 7 Jurien to Perth

From Jurien we head to The Pinnacles via Cervantes where we view stromatolites in Lake Thetis. After the Pinnacles we follow the new coastal road and stop at Nilsen Lookout en-route back to Perth. Then everyone will be dropped off at Woodman Point Recreation Camp.

Accommodation – Woodman Point Recreation Camp or own arrangements
BL

NOTE: The above itinerary may be varied according to conditions and advice at the time.

Tour Costs

Cost: AUD \$2020.00 per person based on a group of 20 coach participants. Costs may alter slightly based on final participants' number or if itinerary changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

Departs: Perth - Pick up from East Perth train station

Returns: Perth – Woodman Point Recreation Camp (venue for the ANN2016 Get-Together)

Min. No. of Passengers: 18 Max. No. of Passenger: 35.

Tour Payments

Total tour cost	\$2,020.00 per person	
Deposit:	\$555.00 per person	At time of booking but no later than 31 May 2016
Final Payment:	\$1,465.00 per person	31st July 2016

Travel Insurance covering all activities is strongly recommended.

Payment information: See ANN 2016 Circular 2.

Tour Information

Accommodation:

Accommodation is included for all passengers. Refer to **Note** below.

Meals:

All meals are included, except breakfast at the day of departure and dinner at the day of return in Perth. Refer to **Note** below.

Most special dietary requirements can be catered for with notice.

Meals included as indicated: B. Breakfast L. Lunch D. Dinner

Weather:

Days in September are usually mild with average maximum temperatures around 22°C inland and around 20°C along the coast. The nights are quite cool inland with minimum temperatures around 8°C. Along the coast they will be a couple of degrees warmer. Rain is expected to occur on some days.

Items to bring:

A suggested list of items to bring on the tour will be included with our pre-departure information sent to you about one month prior to departure. However in general comfortable casual long-sleeved shirt/blouse and long trousers are recommended. A jumper and rain gear are also recommended. Sturdy and comfortable walking shoes are a must. Please also bring sunscreen, tick and mosquito repellent as well as a fly-net. At the Jurien Apex Camp no bedlinen is provided so please bring your own sleeping bag, a pillow case and a shower/bath towel.

Included:

- Transport by coach,
- Accommodation,
- Meals as per the itinerary and above Tour Information,
- All National Park entrance fees,
- Tour guide(s) and special excursions.

Not Included:

- Travel Insurance (Very Strongly Recommended),
- All other private expenses,
- Alcoholic or Carbonated Beverages,
- Pre & Post tour accommodation, travel and meals.

Note

People who wish to stay at the Woodman Point Recreation Camp on the day of return and to have all meals supplied until the Saturday evening Opening Dinner will be charged an additional \$80.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be advised in writing (email accepted). Your deposit will be fully refunded if notice is given before 31 May 2016. After this date consideration will be given to partial refunds depending on the timing and circumstances of the cancellation.

Enquiries

Please direct all enquiries to the Committee Secretary, Margaret Larke mlarke@iinet.net.au or phone the WA Naturalists' Club's office (08) 9228 2495.