

Yanneymooning Hill Reserve

531 hectares of reserve land situated on the corner of Echo Valley and Elachbutting Roads. The rock offers spectacular views with a wonderful variety of bird life and flowers.

The "Silver Princess" can be found on top of Yanneymooning Rock cascading into the valley below.

Eucalyptus Caesia "Silver Princess"

This extremely beautiful cultivar grows to 10m and has pendulous branches and larger leaves. Flowers and fruits.

Caladenia dundasiae "Patricia's Spider Orchid"

Flowering in July/August. Patricia's spider orchid is a relatively uncommon species that is usually confined to the Watheroo/Moora area but is also found in several reserve areas throughout the Westonia Shire.

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5262 hectares of nature reserve under the control of CALM. Numerous types of wildlife and flora can be found as pictured, as well as granite outcrops and pools.

Callistemon Phoeniceus "Lesser Bottlebrush"



Flowers in bottlebrush head at ends of stems. One of only two bottlebrush species native to south-west Western Australia.



Caladenia flava "Cowslip Orchid"

This common, well-known orchid is often found growing in dense colonies. Each plant has up to four predominantly yellow flowers and a long, broad leaf which is green on top but characteristically tinged with purple underneath.

Rabbit Proof Fence

The Rabbit Proof Fence forms the Western border of the Shire of Westonia. The fence has been instrumental in protecting the State from potential threats. The fence has undergone many transformations in its lifetime, reducing the encroachment of rabbits, wild dogs, emus, kangaroos and feral animals into our farming areas. A historic display and information bay is located on the Great Eastern Highway just east of the Burracoppin townsite.

Westonia Common and Boodalin Soak

Westonia town-site is significant in that it has the unique charm of being nestled inside a common of approximately 5,600 hectares of remnant bushland.

Boodalin soak is situated in a natural setting of tranquil beauty inside the common approximately 6 kilometres west from the Westonia townsite. It has great historical significance and was a resting place for travellers from York to Kalgoorlie. There is an outcrop of granite rocks in close proximity. The well is fenced in a cleared area surrounded by newly planted trees. The stonework is an example of a dry stone wall construction in a circular fashion. CC Hunt excavated and lined the well with the help of convict labourers. There is water in this well of a depth unknown.

An interesting incident relating to Moondyne Joe, Western Australia's best-known bushranger, and his two companions occurred in September 1866 at Boodalin Soak.

Joe and his companions, having absconded from police custody, were intending to head to South Australia following, initially. Hunt's track with its convenient line of wells. The plan failed, as the fugitives were sighted by sandalwood cutters near Youndegin and a search party caught up with Joe and his friends at Boodalin Soak, they succumbed with little resistance. The captives were returned on foot to Fremantle prison.

Elachbutting Rock

Elachbutting Rock is a spectacular natural rock formation similar in shape to Wave Rock, which has numerous larger cavern areas. The name Elachbutting is thought to mean 'that thing standing' which is quite feasible as Elachbutting is a large granite rock, a prominent landmark standing out from the surrounding countryside.

Elachbutting Well is a feature of this area. The well can be found to the rear of the rock and quite a distance between the well and the base of the granite rock. The well is circular and extremely deep there is approximately 3-4 rows of dry wall stones then either clay or stone that looks if it has been drilled. The water seeps in about a metre from the top through the rocks. This well is significant of the typical wells that were built within this area in providing a natural water supply to the settlers.

"Finger Rock" is one of the many wonders to be found at Elachbutting, a rock slip some years ago created this natural thirty metre walk-through cavern.

Baladjie Rock

Baladjie Rock is a popular picnic and camping spot for locals and visitors to the Westonia Shire. It is located on the newly sealed Koorda-Bullfinch road, 42 kms north of Westonia and 55 kms north west of Southern Cross.

The extensive rock outcrops are situated in an attractive woodland adjacent to the Baladjie Lake Nature Reserve. A climb up the main rock affords a spectacular view over the lake system and surrounding landscape.

Ornate Dragon Lizard (*Ctenophorus ornatus*) is a popular resident at Baladjie Rock.



Sandford Rocks Nature Reserve & Nature Trail

Is situated approximately 10 kilometres north east of the Westonia townsite, along the Boodarockin Road. It protects 806 hectares of granite outcrop, pools, wildflowers, scrub and woodland. It has many diverse species of flora and fauna. Silver Mallee and Purple Peacock Beetles are found only on these granite outcrops. The trig point (HK 148) is set on the highest point of the rock towards the rear of the outcrop, where you will find a cairn of stones depicting the highest point.

In 1864, C.C. Hunt used the aboriginal name of the rock (Yorkkrakeine) which remained until altered in 1958 to Sandford Rocks, in honour of H.S. (Harry Sandford) King and his work, and to avoid confusion with the not far distant locality of Yorkkrakeine, north of Tammin.

The Sandford Rocks Nature Trail is a key to exploring these ancient granite outcrops and discovering some of their intriguing wildlife. The trail is only one kilometre return but you may wish to walk away from the trail and make further discoveries of your own.

Wolfram Street Facades

The bright red doors on Westonia's Fire Station are part of the town's plan to step back in time. The colourful exteriors of the Facade Shop Front Project aim to recreate the look of the main street during the 1900's mining boom.

Down the street, the facades of the town's original bank, café and green grocer store have been recreated. The doors on these facades are real and open to the library, telecentre and Shire Offices.



Parking facilities and a walk trail have been developed jointly by the Westonia Shire and CALM.

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