



PIONEERS' PATHWAY

Follow in the footsteps of the early pioneers who journeyed east into the Western Australian Wheatbelt to find their fortunes living on the land.



Discover the people who have helped make the Wheatbelt the place it is today. Learn their stories, of the men from bushrangers to farmers and pastoralists and how the company that is Australia's largest exporter of grain was started right here in the Wheatbelt.

Hear the accounts of the women who were lawyers, nurses, teachers, wives and mothers who conquered, survived and thrived in the harsh conditions of these towns that remain today.

Come, take the time, learn the stories and explore the Pioneers' Pathway.

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DAY 1: PERTH – DOWERIN

160km
2 Hours

Leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind and follow Pioneers' Pathway Self Drive through the hills to the pretty historic and farming town of Toodyay. Learn the legend of Moondyne Joe at the Newcastle. Goal. Valley views and a patchwork of farmland make this a scenic stop for lunch at a local pub or riverside picnic spot. Continue north east to Goomalling, crossing the Avon River tributary at Mortlock River - a well known wildflower stop during spring. Stop by the Slater Homestead at Goomalling, the base of the pastoral empire of George Slater. Continue on where 'Rusty' the Tin Dog sculpture welcomes you to Dowerin. Take the Tin Dog Creek Walk Trail to see local flora and fauna.

DAY 2: DOWERIN – MERREDIN

155km
2 Hours

The drive from Dowerin winds through farmland, bush reserves and springtime wildflowers. Visit the Wyalkatchem CBH Museum to learn about John Lyndsey and how Australia's largest grain export company started right here. Enjoy a pub lunch at either Wyalkatchem or Trayning, and then stretch your legs on a delightful historical walk trail around the Trayning town site to admire its significant pioneer buildings. When arriving in Nungarin head out to Mangowine Homestead and discover the stories and buildings lived in by Jane Adams, a pioneering farmer's wife and mother as well as Inn Keeper along the Yarragin Road to the Goldfields. End the day in Merredin where you can dine out and reminisce and wonder on the tales you have discovered so far on your journey.

DAY 3: MERREDIN – PERTH

260km
3 Hours

Spend the morning finding out the account of the life of Alice Cummins, Western Australia's first female barrister, the Cummins family and how the Cummins Theatre ended up in Merredin. Explore Merredin's Railway and Military Museums and walk trails or head out to Merredin Peak to take in the Wheatbelt views. Grab some lunch in town before returning to Perth along the Great Eastern Highway, or perhaps take a detour south via Hyden and Wave Rock, one of Australia's best known natural icons.

Information on accommodation, services and what else there is to do on the Pioneers' Pathway can be found on our website

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