

Welcome

Located between Wave Rock and the Great Eastern Highway and only 3 hours east of Perth (286km), Naremben is the perfect place to stop and enjoy country hospitality and scenery that reflects Australia's true farming lifestyle, as you journey along your 'Pathways to Wave Rock'.

A Piece of History

Naremben must be the only town in Australia to come into existence solely so a pub could be built.

In 1836 Surveyor General J.S Roe camped near a rocky outcrop which he named Emu Hill because he had seen emus the day before.

The whole area was sparsely populated until the beginning of the twentieth century when land was opened up and farmers moved in to graze sheep and grow wheat.

As late as 1917 the township of Naremben did not exist and even after the arrival of the railway line it was nothing more than a siding for Emu Hill. In 1920 Emu Hill was the largest centre but the local community, when confronted with the possibility of building

a hotel, opposed the plan and suggested a coffee palace or temperance hotel.

The idea of creating a town at the Naremben siding was the brainchild of prominent Perth lawyer, Henry Hale and Perth publican, Paddy Connolly. They purchased 30ac (about 12ha) of land at Naremben and built a pub, then sold off the rest of the land to prospective residents of their 'private town'. Although local government was established and administered by a Road Board in Naremben in 1924, the private town status was not rescinded until 1968.

If the good citizens of Emu Hill had been happy to have a hotel, there would have been no need for Naremben. A cold drink can be enjoyed at the pub, which still stands today.

Step Back in Time

Naremben is rich in history and heritage, step back in time as you discover the many hidden treasures that Naremben has to offer.

History & Machinery Museum



Machinery Museum

Located on Savage Street, this museum contains an interesting mix of photos and antiques from our pioneers. Browse through the outdoor machinery museum displaying old farm machinery and farming implements.

History Centre

Located in the Old Road Board building, near the Town Hall on Latham Road, this museum contains a visual history of the district and includes photographs of early pioneer farming practices. Family files are also kept here, it has proven to be a great source of information about our locals.

Old Prospector's Trail

This short self-drive tour starts west of Naremben at Dayman Road, follow the signs and be transported back to the early days when sandalwood cutters and gold prospectors travelled this trail in search of riches. Interpretive displays, old water wells, reconstructed prospector's camp, prospector's barrow, amazing scenic lookout and undisturbed landscapes are part of this must do short loop. The self-drive tour is 38km and is not suitable for caravans. The roads are subject to flooding, so please check with the Shire of Naremben on 9064 7308 for current road conditions.



A reconstructed prospector's camp

Spotters Post

Located on Longhurst Street, next to the Shire offices, the Spotters Post building was built in 1942 for the purpose of

spotting enemy aircraft during WWII. In 1945 the Naremben branch of the Sailor's, Soldier's, Airmen and Nurse's Father's Association of WA met at the building. In 1946 the building was converted for use as an Infant Health Clinic. In more recent times the Naremben Toy Library has utilised the building. In 2015 the Spotters Post was opened as a War Museum to celebrate the Centenary of ANZAC.



Spotters Post

St Paul's Museum



St Paul's Church Museum

Located on Longhurst Street, St Paul's Church museum was consecrated in 1929 and opened as a museum for the Historical Society in 1969. After restoration in 1999, it re-opened as a Church Museum. It is a memorial to the pioneer women of the Naremben district.

For tours of all museums, contact the Naremben CRC 9064 7055 (weekdays 9:00am - 4:30pm).

Natural Attractions

Hidden Hollow



Hidden Hollow, Mt Walker

Situated approximately 30km east of Naremben, along the 'Pathways to Wave Rock', Hidden Hollow, formally known as Mt Walker Rock, is the perfect place for a picnic. This granite outcrop also boasts a natural amphitheatre that has been carved out of the rock over years of weathering – it can be found by walking from the car park along the trail. For the more energetic – the view from the summit offers spectacular views of the district. Take your time, read the plaques at the little dam and discover a piece of farming history.

Avoca Farm



Avoca Farm

Located near the Naremben townsite, enjoy a 1.8km leisurely stroll around Lake Walker (water level is dependent upon seasonal rainfall). Rest stops are provided along the way for you to sit, relax and enjoy the view, soaking up

nature at its best, particularly at sunset. Discover history as you take a further 2.2km walk around historic Avoca Farm and enjoy the tranquil setting of one of Naremben's original homesteads.

Roe Dam



Roe Dam

Located approximately 45km east of Naremben is a 20 million gallon storage dam completed in 1971 which supplies the Mt Walker farming community. This is a bird watchers paradise! Take in the majestic eucalyptus with an under-story of bracken fern. Picnic area, toilets and BBQ's are available in this tranquil setting.

Roe Lookout



Roe Lookout

Situated approximately 8km from Naremben and named after Surveyor General John Septimus Roe, who led an expedition eastwards from York in October 1836. A scenic drive takes you to the peak of this granite formation with magnificent panoramic views of

the district – a photographer's delight! Roe Lookout is also a part of the 'Old Prospector's Trail'. There is limited vehicle access to the top of Roe Lookout, the steep incline is not suitable for caravans. Feel free to park at the bottom and take a leisurely walk to the top of the lookout.

Spectacular Wildflowers



Donkey Orchid

Experience Naremben's wildflower reserves, walk trails and roadsides which put on a spectacular seasonal show of colour during spring. Hidden Hollow, Twine Reserve, Roe Dam and the Anderson Rock Reserve are great spots to orchids in bloom (Aug-Oct). Boria, Boronia, verticordia, drorsora can be found along the Merredin-Naremben Road in the large bush reserves.

Wadderin Wildlife Sanctuary

A 400ha nature conservation project managed by the local community located 8km to the north of the Naremben Townsite. The Sanctuary is surrounded by a specially designed fence that stops burrowing animals and prevents other animals from entering the safe haven. The eradication of

feral animals including foxes and cats is proving a success and has allowed for the reintroduction of fauna that is uncommon or locally extinct in the Wheatbelt.



Catch and release Banded Wallaby

Wakeman Ski Lake

Situated approximately 13km east of the Naremben townsite, this lake has undergone major volunteer work to harvest water back into the natural lake, (water level is dependent upon seasonal rainfall). During the Summer months the lake is a hive of activity with ski boats and water pursuits, popular with locals and visitors. This is a picturesque location, with abundant bird life.

Visiting boat fees applicable. Before entering the lake with boats, please contact Brendon Parsons 0419 854 350 with boat insurance details.



Ski Lake Sunset

Discover more in Naremben

Boot Mile Fence



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As you travel on the 'Pathways to Wave Rock' from Naremben to Hyden, you will pass a quirky spectacle on Mt Walker Road. More than 1000 odd shoes and boots hanging from a fence-line. The collection of footwear stretches for more than 1km and finishes at an old pull-chain dunny. The unusual and colourful display has been put together by local semi-retired farmers, Ross and Helen Fidge, who after a trip to the US thought it would be an interesting sight for passing tourists.

East Naremben Seventh-day Adventist Church

Located at 105 Church Road, Mt Walker about 55km east of the township of Naremben and approximately 349km east of Perth. A rural church, literally located in a paddock! Visitors most welcome.



East Naremben Adventist Church

Naremben Civic Precinct



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The Civic Precinct located at the corner of Longhurst St and Latham Rd is on the State Register of Heritage Places and includes the Naremben Roads Board Building (built in 1927 the Naremben Public Hall (built in 1940) and the Lesser Hall (now demolished).

An interpretation was prepared for the Lesser Hall in 2016 and was implemented by the Shire of Naremben in 2019, the newly refurbished outdoor interpretation area will be a great place for visitors and locals to visit to learn about the value of Naremben's heritage and the way that social life developed in country towns of this era.

Naremben Community Resource Centre & Public Library

There are over 100 Community Resource Centres (CRC's) located in remote and regional towns throughout Western Australia. They are not-for-profit organisations that are independently owned and operated by their local communities. CRC's are contracted by the Department of Primary Industries and

Regional Development (DPIRD) to provide access to government and community services and information, and undertake community, business and economic development activities.



Naremben Public Library

The Naremben CRC is open five days a week, servicing the needs of the Naremben community as well as tourists, visitors and other Wheatbelt community members. The CRC offers a wide range of services including:

- FREE Public Computers
- Government Access Points including the Department of Human Services Access Points
- Regular business support and secretarial services
- Social and community development activities, events and services
- Community training and upskilling workshops
- Access to meeting rooms and office spaces
- Library books and activities

The CRC also provides information to visitors and new community members whilst actively participating in the CRC and Wheatbelt Business Network. So if you are in town and in need of assistance or information, please call into the

local CRC on 2/19 Churchill Street. We're open Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm or call 9064 7055.

Naremben Community Shed & Gallery



Community Shed & Gallery

Located in the former Moppett's Garage on Churchill St, a unique shed that is occupied by different groups specialising in art and craft and local hand crafted wood furniture, décor and giftware. Certainly worth a look, visitors are welcome on weekdays.

Naremben Grain Discovery Centre



Grain Discovery Centre

Adjacent to the Naremben Roadhouse (entry is through the Roadhouse) is a modern, interpretive centre focusing on grain growing in Western Australia. Learn more about farming in Naremben as you wander through the centre. The centre features brilliant visual and interpretive displays and is open from 9am to 5pm daily.

Further information is available from the Naremben CRC 9064 7055 or visit www.naremben.wa.gov.au.

Naremben Sculptures



The Naremben 'Hawk'

A trip to Naremben must include a visit to two of Naremben's famous metal sculptures. The first, the Naremben Hawk, located at the Naremben Recreation Centre, Currall Street, is a symbol of Naremben's sporting clubs. It has a wingspan of 2.5 meters, includes 1,000 individually cut feathers and is fashioned using metal collected from around the district. The magnificent sculpture took local artist Jordan Sprigg 260 hours to complete!

The second sculpture is the Australian Draught Horse, located at the Lesser Hall Precinct. The sculpture is a life-size replica depicting a 1920s workhorse made from retired tools, machinery parts and farm scrap. The horse took approximately 400 hours to construct – this one is a stayer, so make sure you pay him a visit!

Rabbit Proof Fence – Gate 54

Located approximately 70km east of Naremben, the fence stretches from Port Hedland to Ravensthorpe, spanning a distance of 1,827km. It was originally erected between 1901 and 1907 to prevent invading rabbits and other vermin entering the grain growing region. Much of the fence has undergone maintenance and some of the original fence remains today. An interesting place to visit.



Rabbit Proof Fence - Gate 54

Rock Stars – Millions of Years in the Making

You can experience the striking beauty of massive granite outcrops rising impressively across the landscape as you follow the Mt Walker Road east towards Hyden on your 'Pathways to Wave Rock'.

Be sure to wear good walking shoes as you explore the many rock formations including Hidden Hollow, Roe Dam, Gibb Rock and Anderson Rock. You will be rewarded at Hyden with Wave Rock which is 15m metres high and 110m long!

South Kumminin Pioneer Information Site

Located approximately 18km south of Naremben on the Naremben-Kondinin Rd where the townsite of South Kumminin was once located. The information site provides a restful stop for visitors travelling through the district. The information bay contains pictorial and written information relating to South Kumminin and its pioneers.



South Kumminin Pioneer Information Site

Stargazing

On a moonless night, the stunning night sky of the Wheatbelt lights up, making the views absolutely magnificent. This is something you just have to experience when visiting Naremben! When stargazing, remember to turn out all of your lights, the darker the sky the more stars you will be able to see. Make sure you bring a chair or picnic rug, lie back, watch and enjoy our Wheatbelt sky!

'Star Light, Star Bright, Let's stay outside tonight'



The Milky Way clearly visible on a moonless wheatbelt night

Lake Walker – Walk Trails

Feeling energetic? If you're staying in town, this is the perfect opportunity to see Naremben nature at its best. Located to the west of the Naremben townsite is a natural lake with abundant water in summer. Wander around the lake as you take in this majestic setting.

The Walker Lake trail is 1.8km, for those more energetic walk the 2.2km Avoca Farm walk trail, enjoy the rural setting as you take in the old Avoca Homestead, Shearing Shed and machinery on display.



Lake Walker

We hope you enjoy your stay in the Shire of Naremben.

For more information visit the Shire of Naremben Website

www.naremben.wa.gov.au

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 & Visitor Guide
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Tourist Information

Doctor 9064 7145
 Dentist 9064 7397
 Fuel 9064 7315
 Hospital 9064 6222
 Tyre Service 9064 7326
 Open Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm
 Sat 8.30am - 12pm

Important Numbers

THE CO-OP CAFE 0447 403 373
 NAREMBEN HOTEL 9064 8608
 NAREMBEN RECREATION CENTRE 9064 8373
 NAREMBEN ROADHOUSE 9064 7315
 Monday - Friday

Where to Eat

NAREMBEN HOTEL 9064 8608
 ADRIAN'S RETREAT 0429 335 646
 MORNING SUN MOTEL 0488 102 296
 NAREMBEN HOTEL 0438 880 856
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 Up to Free 72 hour parking for fully self-contained RV's
 CARAVAN PARK AND CABINS 9064 7308 or A/H 0428 973 602

Where to Stay

Shire of Naremben
 Together we grow
 Western Australia





Mobile Phones

Testra are the ONLY regional network provider for remote parts of WA. If you are travelling through Narembeem and the greater Central Wheatbelt region you will need a Blue Tick certified device. Please note mobile phone coverage varies and can be unreliable in some areas.

- Ensure you have drinking water and a hat when exploring the reserves and walking trails
- Protect the flora, wildlife, environment and heritage sites so others may enjoy the beauty of the area
- When out and about, take all your rubbish with you
- Fires are prohibited during the summer months
- Slow down - You'll see more of us, we'll see more of you
- Allow enough driving time - 100km is at least 1 hour of driving
- Take extra care when driving on gravel roads (unsealed)

Take care and be prepared



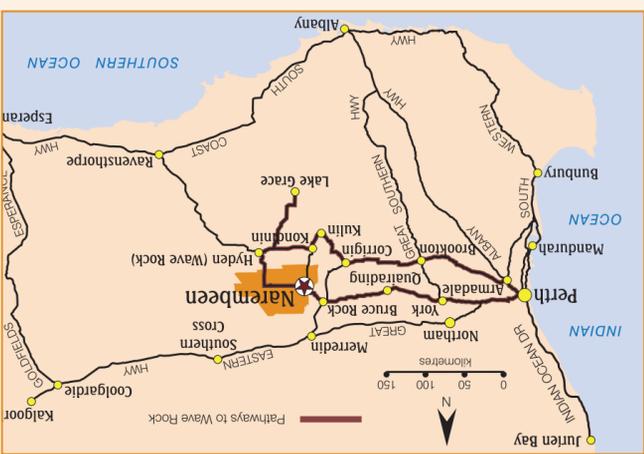
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Roe Audio Tour

The Roe Audio Tour is a collaboration of historical stores, local and visitor information read by locals from Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Hyden, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace, Narembeem. Presented as a Podcast and available to download for free on any Podcast App on your smart device.

Visit: www.pathwaystowaverock.com.au

Pathways to Wave Rock



WARNING Water features shown do not guarantee water and if there, the quality of the water cannot be assured. Always carry ample fresh water for drinking and camping. Roads and tracks as represented are not always proof of public thoroughfare as some tracks are suitable for 4WD vehicles only. Outdoor activities can be hazardous. Suitable safety precautions should be taken at all times. The information contained herein does not guarantee your safety.

