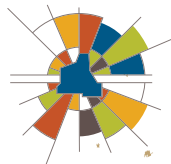


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MERRREDINE



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**CENTRAL WHEATBELT
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HOW TO GET TO Merredin

SELF-DRIVE BY ROAD

Merredin is the largest regional centre in the eastern Wheatbelt, a comfortable 2.5 hrs drive east of Perth and 3.5 hrs west of Kalgoorlie, following the National Trust's epic Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail along the Great Eastern Highway. An alternative route is through Toodyay and Goomalling following the Pioneers' Pathway along quieter less travelled but good sealed roads following stories of early pioneers.



Merredin is an RV Friendly Town with a FREE 24 hour stay for fully self-contained RV's at Merredin Peak one of the Golden Pipelines key attractions. It is also popular for bushwalking and a climb to the peak provides 360 degree views of Merredin and surrounds. Merredin Peak Reserve is a dog friendly off-leash area. RV Dump Point is located at the Merredin Tourist Park in Oats Street, potable water and rubbish dump point at the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre.

FUEL

24hour fuel at BP Roadhouse (Diesel, ULP & Ultra), Liberty (unmanned Shell Card Diesel, ULP & Ultra) and Liberty Fuel Depot (Diesel & Add Blue only). Open daily Puma Roadhouse (Diesel, ULP & LPG Auto Gas) and Andersons BP (Diesel, ULP & Ultra with driveway service).

TRANSWA PROSPECTOR & MERREDIN LINK PASSENGER RAIL

The Prospector train runs daily from East Perth to Kalgoorlie and return stopping at most major towns including Merredin. Alternatively, the Merredin Link offers a Monday, Wednesday and Friday return service between East Perth and Merredin. Call us at the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre about our Merredin Escape Packages (08) 9041 1666.



E-CAR CHARGING STATIONS

Merredin has two Tesla e-charging stations at the rear of the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre (available during opening hours 8:30am-4:30pm, payment at counter) and two chargers (one Type 1 to Type 2, one Type 2 to Type 2, or BYO cable) at Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre (available 24 hours with card payment via smartphone app).

LOCAL EVENTS

Merredin has something for everyone annually, so make sure you check out the events calendar on our website www.wheatbelttourism.com/events and connect with the locals during your travels.

RADIO STATIONS

AM 1098 Triple M
AM 1215 ABC Midwest & Wheatbelt
FM 105.1 Hot FM (6MD)

HIRE AN ELECTRIC TRIKE

Two electric pedal assist-trikes can be hired from the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre to explore in style on a safe and reliable three-wheeled e-trike. A convenient transport if you arrive on the train and want to get around Merredin's CBD or around the two extended multi-purpose trails during your stay. They are suitable for all levels of fitness and riding abilities without the risks associated with two wheel bikes.

CBH SILO ARTWORK MERREDIN

Artwork was created by WA street artist Kyle Hughes-Odgers across four 35 metre grain silos at Merredin. The artwork took 200 litres of paint, 14 days, 168 hours, two lifts, 80 rollers and 10 brushes to complete.

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PLAN YOUR JOURNEY

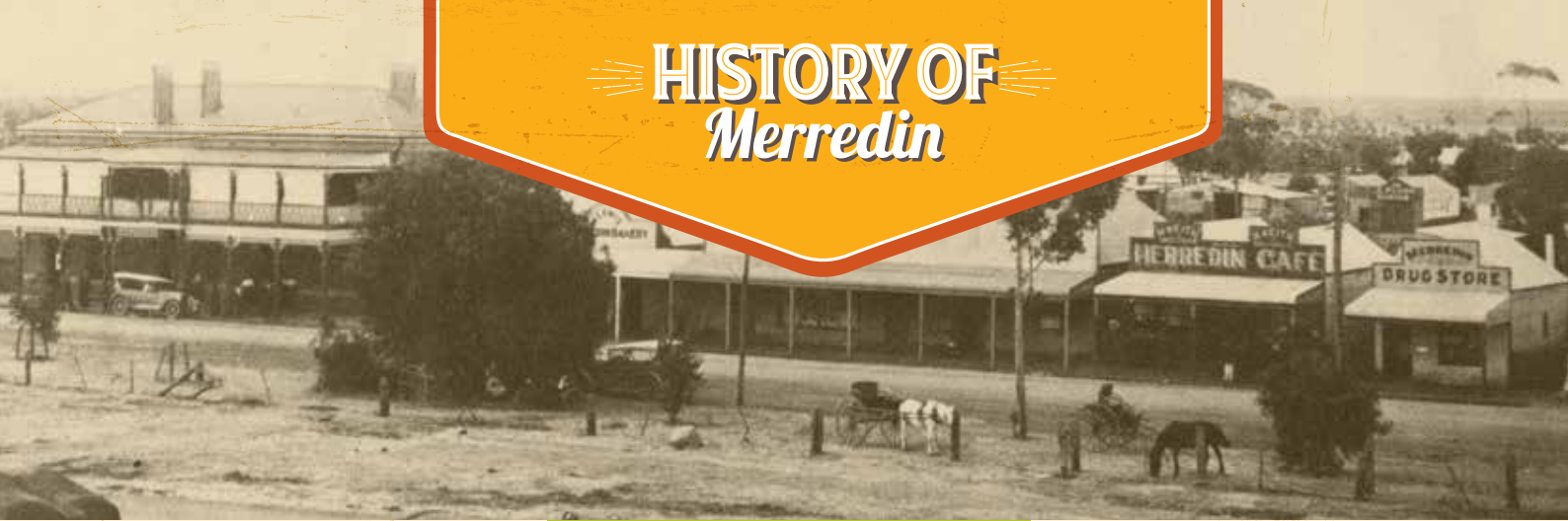
Merredin is central to other key self-drive routes capturing the regions history and heritage, scenery, granite outcrops and natural environment. Stay a night or two and explore the area from this regional hub with all the services it has to offer.

- Public Silo Trail www.publicsilotrail.com
- The Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail www.goldenpipeline.com.au
- Pioneers' Pathway www.pioneerspathway.com.au
- Pathways to Wave Rock www.pathwaystowaverock.com.au
- Wheatbelt Way www.wheatbeltway.com.au

Distance from Merredin	
Albany	470km
Dalwallinu	293km
Esperance	542km
Geraldton	600km
Hyden	160km
Kalgoorlie	334km
Norseman	462km
Northam	163km
Perth	260km



HISTORY OF Merredin



HISTORY OF MERREDIN

The Njaki Njaki Nyoongar people traditional land covers a number of Central Wheatbelt towns and districts, these Aboriginal people continue to have strong connections and a spiritual relationship not only to the places but also the ecological and geographical environment. The many granite outcrops, waterways, land formations and flora and fauna within the region holds much cultural significance to the Traditional Owners through a continued relationship that spans over thousands of years. It is thought that Merredin's name came from the Merritt trees the Njaki Njaki people used to make spears.

Assistant Surveyor Charles Hunt explored the area in 1862 establishing tracks from waterhole to waterhole, as well as building several dams and stone lined wells to supply water to the travellers on route to the Coolgardie Goldfields. A permanent campsite was established at one of these waterholes at the base of the granite outcrop Merredin Peak which was first Gazetted as Merredin Peak Reserve 2914 19th March 1891. In 1893 the Perth to Kalgoorlie railway line came as far as Merredin one mile south so the shanty town relocated to the railway line which established Merredin's future as a significant rail station and freight handling junction.

EARLY WATER CATCHMENT SCHEME MERREDIN PEAK

Merredin's European history began as a rest stop and water point on the way to the prosperous Goldfields of Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie. A superior water catchment solution was needed and a small rock wall was constructed between 1893-1896 around the base of Merredin Peak, which channelled rain water from the rock to a spillway and into Merredin Railway Dam. This dam supplied water for the town and the railway until the construction of C.Y. O'Connor's water pipeline was completed in 1903. Railway Dam continues to supply water to irrigate Merredin parks and gardens and with additional dams, makes Merredin a water wise town.



INDUSTRY TODAY

The Shire of Merredin includes the surrounding towns and key grain growing agricultural regions; Muntadgin to the south, Burracoppin to the east and Hines Hill to the west. Wheat is the state's major grain crop followed by barley, canola, oats, lupins and peas. The Co-operative Bulk Handling (CBH) Group is Australia's largest co-operative and a leader in the Australian grain industry, with Merredin operations extending along the value chain from grain storage, handling, transport, marketing and processing.

There are two major renewable energy industry projects with the Collgar Wind Farm being the largest single stage wind farm in the southern hemisphere. To date the Wind Farm makes a huge contribution towards decreasing Western Australia's greenhouse gas emissions – equal to planting 1 million trees! There are 111 Wind Turbines on farmers properties leased out for the project 25kms south east of Merredin stretching over 18,000 hectares (or 180 square kilometres).

A new Solar Farm Project expecting completion late 2019 is the 132 MW utility-scale Merredin Solar Farm with approximately 360,000 Risen Energy panels mounted on a single axis tracking system. It will be the largest solar farm committed to construction in Western Australia. The solar farm is on a site adjacent to the Western Power Merredin Terminal Substation on Robartson Road and once connected it will have an expected output of 281GWh of electricity annually and deliver clean, renewable electricity into the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) and in doing so make a major contribution to WA's greenhouse gas reductions.



ATTRACTIONS & places to play


CENTRAL WHEATBELT VISITOR CENTRE

Your first stop should be a visit to the local experts for information on accommodation, dining out, attractions, events, tours, self-drive guides and seasonal wildflower hotspots. We also stock a wide range of local handcrafted products, souvenirs and history publications.

Explore Merredin's multi-purpose trails on Electric-Pedal Assist Trikes available from the visitor centre for hire. Suitable for 16+all fitness levels, helmets included.

CUMMINS THEATRE (G4)

This beautifully restored heritage listed theatre is one of the oldest buildings in Merredin. In 1974 the Shire of Merredin purchased the theatre for the use of the Merredin Repertory Club. An extensive and comprehensive conservation and renovation works was funded in 2009. The theatre is classified by the National Trust of Australia (WA), and in 1995 was entered on the Heritage Council of WA's State register of Heritage Places. Today it holds a variety of touring productions, films, theatrical & Merredin Repertory Club performances throughout the year. Catch a show while you are in Merredin.

 www.cumminstheatre.com.au

MERREDIN SILO ART (B6)

Merredin is part of FORM's Public Silo Trail which has brought world class murals by local and international artists to transform grain silos and public buildings with massive artworks in seven country towns.

Urban artist Kyle Hughes-Odgers transformed 4 of the 8 concrete silo cells at CBH Merredin. Through his characteristic geometric yet playful style, Kyle depicts the importance of the agricultural industry to Merredin and the Wheatbelt region. The colours are taken directly from the Wheatbelt's natural environment: the burnt oranges, yellows, and blues are from the landscape and sky.

MERREDIN RAILWAY MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY (G5)

A group of dedicated volunteers maintain these historic railway and Merredin social history collections, keeping alive this once major rail hub, its buildings, artefacts, rolling stock and steam engines. One of the prized possessions is an 1897 steam locomotive that hauled the Kalgoorlie Express. Entry fee applies.

MILITARY MUSEUM (G5)

This museum is managed by a small but dedicated group of military buffs. It houses collections credited to private individuals and public donations including many military vehicles in working order. A number of other WWII sites are located in and around Merredin and surrounding district. Entry fee applies.

MERREDIN PEAK & RAILWAY DAM (I3)

Located 1.5km from Merredin, the Peak is a monolith, one single massive rock made from hard granite and exposed by erosion over millions of years. It is also a cultural reserve and an important place for the Njaki Njaki Aboriginal people. The pioneering/European story of the engineering techniques of building the stone contour wall, rock channel and

Railway Dam built in 1893 is explained through National Trust interpretive signage along bush and rock walk trails. Close by is the World War II remains of the 2/1 Australian General Hospital. A short self-drive trail explains this inland hospital's significance with interpretive signs. Merredin Peak has a 24 hr self-contained RV site. Dogs are permitted off leash in this area. An RV Dump Point is located at the Merredin Tourist Park in Oats Street.

NO 4 PUMP STATION (A6)

A point of interest on the Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail located 3km west of Merredin off the Great Eastern Highway. This once significant structure is now a stabilised ruin with National Trust interpretive signs at the site near the Information Bay rest stop and picnic shelter.

COLLGAR WIND FARM (J8)

Located 25km south east of Merredin, the wind farm covers 18,000 hectares and contains 111 turbines which generate enough power to supply 125,000 homes. It is the largest single stage wind farm in the southern hemisphere to date. An informative interpretive shelter on this renewable energy industry is located on Bulls Head Road.





MERREDIN SOLAR FARM (F8)

Risen Energy (Australia) is in the process of developing the 132 MWdc Merredin Solar Farm which is the largest solar farm committed to construction in Western Australia and once connected will have an expected output of 281GWh of electricity annually, generating enough energy to power approximately 42,000 Western Australian homes. Located on farmland adjacent to the Western Power Merredin Terminal Substation.



SEASONAL WILDFLOWERS

Over 980 species of wildflowers are found within the Merredin Shire. See page 11 for Self-Drive trails guide. An extensive wildflower, tree and bird species list is available from:


 www.wheatbelttourism.com/wildflowers



TOURS

Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours

Join local Aboriginal elder Mick Hayden from Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours on a Merredin Peak Reserve walking tour in a natural bushland setting or take an extended day tour to regional culturally significant sites. Tours conducted in the comfort of a 13 seat air-conditioned bus.

 www.njakinjaki.com.au

For attraction location grid references see Merredin Map on Page 8-9.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS & RESERVES

APEX PARK (F5)

The number one rest stop for your travelling family with Skate Park, playground, picnic shelters, BBQ & Toilets. Secure fencing. Dogs not permitted.

LENIHAN PARK (F6)

A dedicated children's outdoor nature play space and picnic shelter with secure fencing located on South Avenue opposite St Mary's Primary School.

PEAK PLAY & CAFÉ (G3)

A new indoor playground located at the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre in Bates Street. Ideal for parents with children aged 1 to 10 years. Entry fee applies.

ROY LITTLE PARK (F4)

An extensive grassed park and central pond with fountain, accessed by paved pathways to picnic shelters. Parking in King Street with wheelchair and mobility scooter access. Dogs permitted on leash.

PIONEER PARK (G5)

A memorial park dedicated to the early agricultural pioneers to Merredin and district. Access from Great Eastern Highway by paved pathways in close proximity to the Merredin Railway Museum and Military Museum or across the railway line from the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre and Merredin CBD. A perfect place for a BBQ with picnic table shaded by majestic gum trees. Dogs permitted on leash.

TAMMA PARKLAND (F6)

Just off Bruce Rock Road heading south from Merredin, a 1.2km interpretive walk trail wanders amongst delightful natural bushland where the trail markers and signage reveals the secrets of the local flora and fauna. Seasonal wildflower displays. Dogs are permitted on leash.

TOTADGIN CONSERVATION PARK (F8)

Just 14km south of Merredin on the Bruce Rock Road this granite rock in a natural woodland setting features one of Charles Hunt's historic hand built stone wells. A site on the Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail with National Trust interpretive walk trails leads to a mini wave rock formation. Springtime wildflowers make it an ideal picnic spot. Wheelchair access from one of the two car park entries. Picnic shelter. Dept. Parks & Wildlife Conservation Reserve. Dogs not permitted.



Merredin HERITAGE WALK



1. MERREDIN RAILWAY MUSEUM

A must for railway buffs, located in Merredin's historic railway station buildings are exhibits relating to the old days of steam. Wander among massive steam locomotives and rolling stock or climb the signal tower for a view and insight into the amount of signal levers necessary to operate this once major rail hub.

2. PIONEER PARK

Pioneer Park features a 50 foot high timber and iron Railway Water Tower, built in 1893. The water stored at Railway Dam was pumped to the tower and used by steam locomotives until the 1960s. Have a BBQ or picnic lunch overlooking the Bronze Horse statue commemorating early farming ways.

3. MERREDIN MILITARY MUSEUM

A fine collection of military memorabilia from many conflicts including uniforms, equipment and vehicles, some restored to working order and features 'Huey' a former RAAF and Army Aviation Iroquois UH-1H helicopter from Vietnam War.

4. HITCHING RAIL

Dates from the 1920s when horses were tethered to the rings attached to upright rail line while their owners purchased supplies in Barrack Street.

WATER TROUGH

Was one of 500 horse and dog troughs built Circa 1930s throughout Australia by provision from the will of George Bills who made a fortune making wire mattresses. These dual troughs supplied water for both horses and dogs.

DICK LAW MEMORIAL GARDEN

Established by the Shire of Merredin in 1993 as a memorial to the late FA (Dick) Law in recognition of his service to the community and the publication, The History of the Merredin District.



5. WOMEN'S REST CENTRE

The provision of a Rest Centre for women originated from William Francis Telfer at the time when he was Chairman of the Merredin Road Board. The building had an upgrade in the 1960's.

6. MERREDIN COURTHOUSE

Originally a police station, the current courthouse was built in 1938 with the police station incorporated into the building. In 1962 the police rooms were converted into the magistrate's chambers and children's court and new clerk of courts office built. In 1997 the building was renovated to include a holding cell, new magistrate's chambers and courtyard.

7. FORMER MERREDIN TOWN HALL

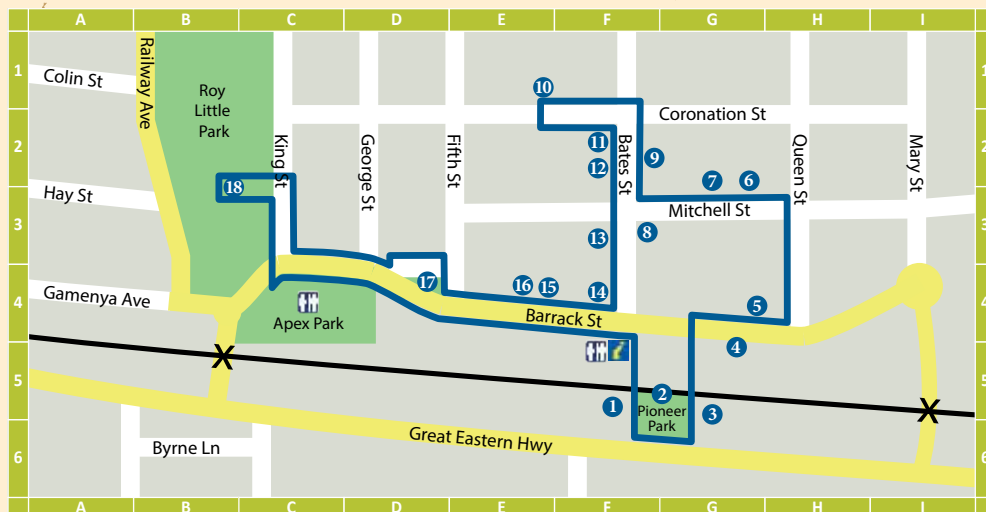
Originally a timber hall built on this site opened in 1913, the remaining brick and tile structure built at the front of the Hall in 1925 was the former Roads Board Office. The clock tower's war memorial designed by J.W Benson, Queen Victoria's clockmaker opened in 1928 is a smaller replica of Big Ben in Westminster UK.

FORMER NATIONAL BANK

Now Middleton Accountants building, was originally a house and business built in 1923 with rendered brick and a hipped gable roof of Marseille Tiles.

8. FORMER OCHILTREE MOTORS

Now the Palace Chinese Restaurant, built in 1937 with a corrugated iron roof and leadlight windows. A good example of a 1930s designed garage with a quarter circle driveway when motoring was relatively new to Merredin.





9. CUMMINS THEATRE

Salvaged and rebuilt by brewer James Cummins with bricks from several old Coolgardie Hotels and the stage, fly tower, and pressed metal ceiling from the Tivoli Theatre in Coolgardie. Cummins Theatre opened in Merredin on the 11/10/1928. James and later, his daughter Alice, operated the brewery in Merredin until the 1940s. They are buried at Pioneer Cemetery.

33 BATES STREET

First built as the Agricultural Bank in 1928, WA's bank lending to farmers. The front facade of the building has architectural significance, being constructed at a time when there was confidence in the future of Merredin.

10. FORMER NORTH MERREDIN SCHOOL

The Merredin State School was moved from its site halfway between town and No 4 Pumping Station to this site in 1911. With population growth, buildings were progressively extended and replaced. Another primary school was built and named South Merredin, this building becoming North Merredin. In 1954 it was extended to a Junior High School. In 1957 a new High School was built and North Merredin reverted to a Primary again. The school closed in 2012, with the amalgamation with the new Merredin College. In 2016 the building was refurbished to accommodate the Merredin Regional Library.

11. CNR BATES AND CORONATION STREETS

Built as an agricultural machinery dealership, Sunshine Harvester and Hugh McKay. The front facade has a plaster decoration of the rising or setting sun, the symbol of Sunshine Harvester.

12. 30 BATES STREET

Now Merredin Bed and Breakfast this residence formerly the English, Scottish & Australian Bank was built in the 1930s. It has been a retail shop, doctor's surgery and political office.

MERREDIN FIRE STATION

Designed by KC Duncan and opened 19/06/1935, it was a residence attached with a central garage.

13. FORMER MERREDIN HOTEL

Built on this site, the Merredin Hotel was opened by Mr Angel the first licensee on the 1/04/1907. Mr T Duff purchased the hotel a year later and it then became known as Duffs' Hotel. This impressive building consisted of 70 bedrooms, 7 sitting rooms, 2 dining rooms, 7 bathrooms, 3 bars and a business arcade. Duffs' Hotel was demolished in 1974.

14. POST OFFICE & POST MASTER'S RESIDENCE 1913

The Post Office would have been originally red brick with rendering that has now been plastered over. The original corner entrance has now been bricked in. The Post Office was the first major public building in Merredin. Tucked behind the Post Office is the original Post Masters residence enjoying a renaissance as a café.

15. FORMER LISTER HOUSE

This two-storey shop's roof top was chosen for an air observer's post during WWII. For many years the building operated as Millar's Pharmacy until May 1995 when the pharmacy relocated to larger premises.

16. COMMERCIAL HOTEL

A large two-story hotel built in 1924 originally had 25 bedrooms. In 1925 another wing was built with an additional 16 bedrooms. The original cellar leading down below the bar has a clear viewing cover in the front bar room.

17. WAR MEMORIAL CENOTAPH

Located within a traffic island on Barrack Street near Fifth Street, the monument sits on a plinth with the names of the fallen soldiers on the wings along with a plaque commemorating fallen of later wars.

18. LONG TAN VIETNAM MEMORIAL

Located on the southern end of Roy Little Park, near the Shire of Merredin Council Chambers. The Long Tan Vietnam Reflection Pond is a dedication to the soldiers and their service during the Vietnam War. Constructed in 2006 marking the 40th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.





Places to Eat

- 1** Café 56 & Happenings on Barrack T: 9041 5000B4
- 2** Commercial HotelT: 9041 4435C4
- 3** Dimensions Café T: 0499 240 953E4
- 4** Merredin Cinema and Café..... T: 9041 1713A5
- 5** Merredin French Hot BreadT: 9041 3709A4
- 6** Merredin Palace Chinese Restaurant T: 9041 2855E2
- 7** Patty Kaye's Coffee Van T: 0429 411 184 I5
- 8** Subway MerredinT: 9041 4607 D4



Refer to Town map on page 8/9 for more places to eat options

Barrack & Bates Street Services

- 1** Australia PostT: 13 13 18 D4
- 2** Bizzy Scizzors T: 9041 1712 E3
- 3** The Cutting Room on Bates T: 9041 5580 E4
- 4** Byfields Business AdvisersT: 9041 6100 C1
- 5** Middleton AccountantsT: 9041 1226 E1
- 6** Federal Member for Durack, Melissa Price T: 9041 1749 E4
- 7** Member for Central Wheatbelt, Hon Mia Davies MLA T: 9041 1702 F1
- 8** Go Mad T: 9041 2000B4
- 9** Merredin Community Resource Centre.....T: 9041 1041 H5
- 10** Merredin Pharmacy T: 9041 1311 G4
- 11** Nextra MerredinT: 9041 1161 F4
- 12** Sportspower MerredinT: 9041 3339 G4
- 13** Wheatbelt Tech & ApplianceT: 9041 4175 E2



Walk, Cycle & Multi-Purpose Trails

Enjoy town heritage sites and bushland trails encircling Merredin extending from 8km to 15km or a CBD heritage trail following Merredin's history and heritage sites 1.5km. Refer to page 5 for Merredin Heritage Walk.

NORTH WALK/CYCLE TRAIL (8KM)

Distance: 8km

Difficulty: Easy, sealed pathway and gravel tracks.

Points of Interest: Museums, Merredin Peak, Merredin Community Men's Shed, Merredin Community Garden, Cohn Creek and WWII hangers.

Suitable for: Walking, cycling, mobility scooters, horse riding, dogs are permitted on leash.

SOUTH WALK/CYCLE TRAIL (15KM)

Distance: 15km

Difficulty: Easy, sealed pathway and gravel tracks.

Points of Interest: No 4 Pump Station, CBH Grain Storage and Merredin Silo Art, Brewery Site, Pioneer Cemetery and Tamma Park.

Suitable for: Walking, cycling, mobility scooters, horse riding, dogs are permitted on leash.

Merredin Peak Reserve & Railway Dam

BUSH WALK

Time: 1 hour

Difficulty: Easy, unsealed pathway and gravel tracks.

Points of Interest: National Trust Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail sites and interpretation panels, wildflowers in season.

Suitable for: Walking, cycling, mobility scooters, horse riding, dogs are permitted on leash.

ROCK WALK

Time: 40 min

Difficulty: Moderate, sloping and uneven rock surfaces.

Points of Interest: National Trust Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail site interpretation panels.

Suitable for: Walking, dogs are permitted on leash.

WWII ARMY HOSPITAL SITE

Distance: 500m unsealed self-drive loop trail.

Points of Interest: Remains of the 2/1 Australian General Hospital with National Trust interpretation.

Suitable for: 2WD/4WD/RV vehicle access, walking, cycling, dogs are permitted on leash.




LEGEND

	Main Arterial Road		Scenic Lookout
	Road		Museum
	Unsealed Road		Parking
	Pipeline		Picnic Facilities
	Railway with crossing		Swimming Pool
	Education Facility		The Golden Pipeline
	Nature Reserve		Public Toilets
	Heritage Site		Walking Trail
	Caravan Park		Recreation Centre
	Fuel/Service Station		Leashed Dogs Permitted
	Public Library		Dog Park
	Theatre		Caravan Dump Point
	Golf		Electric Car Charge
	Hospital		



MERREDIN WALK AND CYCLE TRAILS

	Merredin Peak Bush Trail		Recreation Trail Node
	Merredin Peak Rock Trail		Visitor Centre
	Tamma Parkland Walking Trail		Merredin Peak
	Merredin Heritage Walk		Merredin Men's Shed
	North Walk/Cycle Trail		WWII Hangers
	South Walk/Cycle Trail		No. 4 Pump Station
			Tamma Parkland

Emergency & Medical Services

- 1 Ambulance T: 000 G4
- 2 Fire Brigade T: 000 F4
- 3 Police Station T: 9041 1322 G4
-  Hospital T: 9081 3222 F5
- 5 SES Headquarters T: 0427 412 266 H4
- 6 Karis Medical Group T: 9041 3126 G4
- 7 Merredin Medical Centre T: 9041 2900 F5
- 8 Aim Dental Group T: 9041 1735 F4

















Visitor Information & Tours

-  Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre  T: 9041 1666 G5
- Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours T: 0407 984 470

Shire of Merredin Services

-  Administration Centre T: 9041 1611 F4
-  Cummins Theatre T: 9041 3295 G4
-  Dog Park G4
-  Merredin Regional Library T: 9041 1222 F4
-  Swimming Pool (Nov - Mar) T: 9041 1147 G5

Parks, Playgrounds & Picnic Areas

- 1 Apex Park     F5
- 2 Pioneer Park    G5
- 3 Roy Little Park   F4
- 4 Tamma Parkland   F6
- 5 Lenihan Park   F6
- 6 Merredin Peak   I2
- 7 Peak Play & Café (Indoor)  T: 9041 3033 G3

Places to Eat

- 1 Merredin Grandstand Bar & Restaurant T: 9041 3033 ...G3
- 2 Northside Tavern T: 9041 1635G3

 (Refer to CBD map on page 7 for more places to eat options)

Accommodation

- 1 Merredin Bed & Breakfast, Bates Street Apartments T: 0417 221 909 G4
- 2 Merredin Motel & Gumtree Restaurant T: 9041 1886 E5
- 3 Merredin Oasis Hotel T: 9041 1133 E5
- 4 Merredin Olympic Motel T: 9041 1588 E5
- 5 Merredin Plaza All Suites T: 9041 1755 H5
- 6 Merredin Tourist Park T: 9041 1535 I5
- 7 The Lodge at Little Rock T: 0478 640 155 C6
- 8 Westbrook Merredin T: 0428 416 666 E6

Agricultural & Mechanical Services

- 1 Cliff Haines Tyres & More T: 9041 1851 H5
- 2 Donovan Ford T: 9041 1577 H4
- 3 Eastern Districts Panel Beaters T: 9041 1592 I4
- 4 Hutton & Northey Sales T: 9041 1077 I4
- 5 Kerries Automotive Engineering T: 9041 2810 I4
- 6 Merredin Carr Care T: 9041 1008 H4
- 7 Merredin Toyota T: 9041 4444 H4
- 8 Ross's Diesel Service T: 9041 2337 D4

Services

- 9 Merredin Squash & Fitness Centre T: 9041 2381 G3
- 10 Merredin Telephone Services T: 9041 1199 H4
- 11 Merredin Veterinary Hospital T: 9041 1734 D5
- 12 Tammarin Animal Lodge T: 0408 299 531

 (Refer to regional map on page 12 for location)

Churches

- 1 All Saints Anglican F5
- 2 Church of Christ G6
- 3 Roman Catholic F6
- 4 Seventh Day Adventist G5
- 5 Uniting Church F4

DAY TRIPS From Merredin

TOTADGIN CONSERVATION PARK & SOLAR FARM TRAIL

Distance 40kms return on sealed roads. Allow half a day.

Take South Avenue/Bruce Rock Road 14kms south from Merredin. For granite rock and natural history devotees, follow rock trail markers to the mini wave formation and adjacent bushland. Interpretive signs and picnic tables with disabled access available from Hunt's Well car park. Good walking shoes, hat and water bottle recommended. Level of difficulty is low but allow 45mins for the walk. Dogs not permitted.

Return via Robartson Road past the new Risen Energy (Australia) Merredin Solar Farm project and Merredin Power Substation to the Great Eastern Highway taking in the National Trust Golden Pipeline No 4 Pumping Station and CBH Silo Art 2kms west of Merredin.

RABBIT PROOF FENCE, WESTONIA & HOOD-PENN MUSEUM TRAIL

Distance approx. 170kms return on mainly sealed roads with some unsealed sections. Allow a full day.

Take the Great Eastern Highway east to Burracoppin, the former headquarters for the State Barrier Fence. There are remnants of the original Rabbit Proof Fence along the Goldfields Road east of Burracoppin. Head north 9kms from Carrabin to Westonia with its fascinating 1916 historic retail streetscape. Visit the large historical collection at Hood-Penn Museum in the old Club Hotel building and walk to the viewing platform overlooking the Edna May Gold Mine 1km north of town. Sandford Rocks Reserve 10kms north east is a great place to stop and explore. On your return there is a Rabbit Proof Fence interpretive shelter on the south side of the highway. Westonia has a café and store. Picnic facilities at Sandford Rocks, dogs not permitted.



WILDFLOWER TRAIL

Distance approx. 120-160kms return on mainly sealed roads, some unsealed sections into reserves. Allow a full day.

The corner of Merredin-Chandler Road and Talgomine Reserve Road is a wildflower hot-spot in season. Many wildflowers also at Mt Moore and Talgomine Reserve. Drive on to Eaglestone Rock and Lake Brown to explore the granite rock and salt lake, a great place for picnic lunch. At Mangowine Homestead enjoy the early settler history with a tour by onsite caretaker at this National Trust Heritage site open 1pm - 4pm daily but CLOSED Wednesday's. A short drive further west is Billyacatting Hill Conservation Park and Yarragin Rock. Some rock reserves have walk trails, picnic facilities and toilets.



COLLGAR WINDFARM TRAIL

Distance approx. 70kms return on mainly sealed roads with an unsealed section. Allow a half day.

Head 2kms east on the Great Eastern Highway to the Narembene Road turnoff and then as you travel south the turbines come into view you can see the extent of the largest wind farm in the southern hemisphere. Continue east into onto Bulls Head Road where some of the massive towers are close to the roadside. An interpretive shelter on the left-hand side of the Bulls Head Road is a good place to stop and learn more about the renewable energy industry. Continue till you meet Springwell Valley Road and turn north to meet the Great Eastern Highway at Burracoppin. Take in the history of the Rabbit Proof Fence at the interpretive shelter on the left side of the highway on your return to Merredin.

WWII MILITARY SITE TRAIL

Distance approx. 90kms return on mainly sealed roads with some unsealed sections. Allow half a day.

Some of the following sites can only be viewed from the roadside as they are on private property. Please respect the rights of these property owners.

In Merredin visit the Military Museum in Pioneer Park the WWII Australian Army Hospital site near Merredin Peak, War Memorial Cenotaph Cnr Barrack & Fifth Streets and the Long Tan Vietnam Memorial Reflection Pond in King Street near Roy Little Park.



Leave Merredin heading north on Telfer Avenue and then Merredin-Chandler Road to see a concrete igloo structure in the paddock on the right hand side originally a WWII High Frequency Direction Finding Installation base.

Continue north and turn left on the Nokaning East Road (10km unsealed) several kilometre along you will see the remnants of the RAAF No 6 Central Reserve Munitions Depot where 46 of these concrete igloos were constructed to house munitions. From the roadside you can still see some of the numbers written on the doors.

Follow Nokaning East Road until you reach the Merredin-Nungarin Road and turn north for 25kms to Nungarin. Visit the Nungarin Heritage Machinery and Army Museum (open daily) located in the WWII Maintenance Workshops constructed between 1942 and 1946. Just west of Nungarin on the Nungarin-Wyalkatchem Road out in the paddock is the remnants of the brick dividing fire walls of an additional five large Army store houses. The construction of the fire walls with steel reinforcing rods remain as testament to the constructions methods employed at the time.

Nungarin has a hotel and store.

If time permits, travel 14kms north to historic Mangowine Homestead a National Trust site with an onsite caretaker. View the original homestead and buildings, original CWA building, stone lined wells and follow the walk trails to take in the history.

Returning via the Merredin-Nungarin Road, approaching Merredin are two large igloo shaped hangers located on the left side, these are the remains of the RAAF No 10 Stores Depot built in 1943 and were part of the depot for bulk and technical stores, from vehicle parts to uniforms, aircraft parts and equipment required by the Airforce. The hanger is now an engineering business, can only be viewed externally.



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