Animal Alert

Many of the major rural highways are unfenced due to the vast expanse of land, therefore no barriers are present to prevent wild or pastoral animals wandering across the road.

- Be alert for animals on the road, particularly dusk and dawn.
- Watch out for warning signs on the road, different regions have different animals.
- Slow down and sound your horn if you encounter an animal.
Fatigue is a silent killer on Western Australian roads. Planning ahead is crucial to managing fatigue on long road trips.

Distances between remote towns can be vast and in some cases conditions can be very hot and dry with limited fuel, water and food available.

We want you to enjoy your journey but more importantly we want you to stay safe.

Manage Fatigue
Look out for warning signs and make sure you know what to do if you feel fatigued.

Early danger signs of fatigue include:
- Wandering or disconnected thoughts
- Missing a gear, road sign or exit
- Slowing unintentionally
- Braking too late

If you:
- Are yawning
- Are blinking more than usual
- Are having trouble keeping your head up
- Notice your eyes closing for a moment or going out of focus
- Forget driving the last few kilometres

Have a break or coffee
Swap drivers if possible
Have a short sleep

Roadside Stopping Places
A roadside stopping place is an area beside the road designed to provide a safe place for emergency stopping or special stopping (e.g. rest areas, scenic lookouts, information bays, road train assembly areas). Entry signs indicate what type of roadside stopping place it is. Facilities within each vary.

Rest Areas
A rest area is a type of stopping place which provides additional facilities that may not be available at short term parking spots or information bays. This guide provides information on rest areas only, however we encourage drivers to stop and rest at any of the roadside stopping places available.

Signs showing relevant facilities that may be available in a stopping place or rest area:

Blackwater may only be disposed of in rest areas displaying the effluent dump point sign or be taken to the nearest town and disposed of at a dump site. Waste should not be dumped into river water catchments or any of the toilets provided in rest areas.

24 Hour Rest Areas
24 hour rest areas are not intended for camping and stopping is NOT to exceed more than 24 consecutive hours.
How to use this guide

This guide lists the rest areas and amenities provided by Main Roads on 17 major routes to enable you to manage fatigue whilst travelling. The maps in this guide are not to scale and should only be used as a supplement to other sources of route information.

Map symbols

- Road
- Town
- Rest area maintained by others
- North point

Travel Check List

☐ Check traffic, weather and road conditions before you leave
☐ Pack extra food, water and fuel in case of emergency or breakdown, especially when rest stops are limited
☐ Give your itinerary to someone in case of an emergency
☐ If you have a mobile phone check your coverage en-route to your destination
☐ Download useful travel apps
☐ If you have a two way radio, tune in to Channel 40 for road user communication

Contacts

Western Australia’s (WA) road system covers vast distances through some of the most remote and uninhabited regions of the world. Conditions can vary, from cyclones and flooding in the north to bush fires in the wooded regions of the east and south-west of the country. Planning for your trip is important and the following information may assist in planning a safe journey.

Organisation | Phone | Website | Call for
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Main Roads Western Australia | 138 138 | www.mainroads.wa.gov.au | General road enquiries, touring maps, rest area maps, animals on the road
| 138 486 | | Heavy vehicle queries, sharing the road with trucks

Emergency | 000 | | Emergency, life-threatening situations

Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) | 1300 659 210 | www.bom.gov.au | Weather, cyclone advice

Caravan Industry Association (CIA) | 9358 5622 | www.caravanwa.com.au | Travel tips, towing guide, caravan park information

Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) | 133 337 | www.dfes.wa.gov.au | Natural disasters, bush fire, flood and cyclone warnings, Standard emergency warning signal

|| 1800 709 355 | | Fire ban information

Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) | 9219 9000 | www.dpaw.wa.gov.au | Park brochures and guides

Office of Road Safety | 9323 4688 | www.ors.wa.gov.au | Road safety advice

Police | 131 444 | www.police.wa.gov.au | Non-emergency 24 hour Police assistance

Royal Automobile Club (RAC) WA | 131 703 | www.rac.com.au | Emergency Roadside Assistance, touring information

Western Australian Visitor Centres | 9483 1111 | www.westaustralia.com | Information and maps on exploring Western Australia

WA Local Government Association (WALGA) | 9213 2000 | www.walga.asn.au | Local shires and council directory
Reference Map

Be fire aware. Ensure all fireplaces or barbeques are put out before you leave.

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