



# western australia

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.

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# A Guide to Main Roads rest areas and roadside amenities

ON MAJOR ROUTES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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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 coffe Swap drivers if possi Have a short sleep

#### Maps Disclaimer

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### **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



# **Travel Check List**

| Check traffic, weather and road conditions before |
|---|
| you leave   |
| Pack extra food, water and fuel in case of        |

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



Check roads for incidents affecting your journey

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Look out for these signs. Stop, stretch and enjoy a free tea or coffee.

# 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  |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Main Roads<br>Western Australia                           | 138 138          | www.mainroads.wa.gov.au  | General road<br>enquiries, touring<br>maps, rest area maps,<br>animals on the road                      |
|   | 138 486          |                          | Heavy vehicle queries,<br>sharing the road with<br>trucks   |
| Emergency   | 000              |                          | Emergency, life-<br>threatening situations  |
| Bureau of<br>Meteorology<br>(BoM)                         | 1300 659 210     | www.bom.gov.au           | Weather, cyclone<br>advice  |
| Caravan Industry<br>Association (CIA)                     | 9358 5622        | www.caravanwa.com.au     | Travel tips, towing guide<br>caravan park informatio  |
| Department<br>of Fire and<br>Emergency<br>Services (DFES) | 133 337          | www.dfes.wa.gov.au       | Natural disasters, bush<br>fire, flood and cyclone<br>warnings. Standard<br>emergency warning<br>signal |
|   | 1800 709 355     |                          | Fire ban information  |
| Department<br>of Parks and<br>Wildlife (DPaW)             | 9219 9000        | www.dpaw.wa.gov.au       | Park brochures and guides   |
| Office of<br>Road Safety                                  | 9323 4688        | www.ors.wa.gov.au        | Road safety advice  |
| Police  | 131 444          | www.police.wa.gov.au     | Non-emergency<br>24 hour Police<br>assistance   |
| Royal<br>Automobile Club<br>(RAC) WA                      | 131 703          | www.rac.com.au           | Emergency<br>Roadside Assistance,<br>touring information  |
| Western<br>Australian Visitor<br>Centres                  | 9483 1111        | www.westernaustralia.com | Information and maps<br>on exploring Western<br>Australia   |
| WA Local<br>Government<br>Association (WAL)               | 9213 2000<br>GA) | 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.

| MAP | P   | AGE |
|-----|---|-----|
| 01  | <b>Perth to Geraldton</b> (via Indian Ocean Drive and Brand Highway)                        | 7   |
| 02  | <b>Perth to Geraldton</b> (via Great Northern Highway and Brand Highway)                    | / 9 |
| 03  | <b>Geraldton to Port Hedland</b><br>(via North West Coastal Highway)                        | 11  |
| 04  | <b>Perth to Mt Magnet</b><br>(via Great Northern Highway)                                   | 13  |
| 05  | <b>Mt Magnet to Port Hedland</b><br>(via Great Northern Highway)                            | 15  |
| 06  | <b>Port Hedland to Kununurra</b><br>(via Great Northern Highway)                            | 17  |
| 07  | <b>Derby to Kununurra</b><br>(via Gibb River Road)  | 19  |
| 08  | <b>Perth to Augusta</b><br>(via Forrest Highway and Bussell Highway)                        | 21  |
| 09  | <b>Bunbury to Collie</b> (via South Western Highway and Coalfields Highway)                 | 23  |
| 10  | <b>Bunbury to Albany</b><br>(via South Western Highway)                                     | 25  |
| 11  | <b>Perth to Albany</b><br>(via Albany Highway)  | 27  |
| 12  | Albany to Esperance<br>(via South Coast Highway)  | 29  |
| 13  | <b>Perth to Esperance</b> (via Brookton Highway and South Coast Highway)                    | 31  |
| 14  | <b>Perth to Kalgoorlie</b><br>(via Great Eastern Highway)                                   | 33  |
| 15  | <b>Kalgoorlie to Esperance</b> (via Goldfields<br>Highway and Coolgardie Esperance Highway) | 35  |
| 16  | <b>Norseman to Eucla</b><br>(via Eyre Highway)  | 37  |
| 17  | Geraldton Kalgoorlie/Boulder<br>(via Mt Magnet and Goldfields Highway)                      | 39  |
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