

Disconnect from the everyday and explore a WA Station Stay

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Sheep and cattle stations have been the backbone of Western Australia's outback for over 130 years - and hospitality is nothing new for them. Welcoming the shearers, jackaroos, governesses, head stockmen, neighbours, mail contractors and distinguished guests is a way of life for the people who live in these remote areas.

A diverse range of accommodation offers a multitude of experiences. Grand old homesteads present comfortable respite whilst you watch the day to day work of running a station. Self-contained cottages are relaxed and personable. Get comfy down at the shearers' quarters and imagine life back in the days of booming wool prices. Most stations will also offer you a patch to roll out your swag or set up your camper, surrounded by stunning scenery and whistling birds in the trees above.

Despite the fact you could sit back all day and soak up the atmosphere of the outback, the list of activities you can partake in is endless. Four wheel driving, hiking, mountainbike riding, birdwatching, painting, horse treks, walk-trails, guided tours, wildflowers, stargazing or perhaps even lend a hand and get involved in station life. No matter your choice you can be assured of sharing hundreds of thousands of acres with only a few others.

However you choose to spend your time at a Station Stay you can be guaranteed of an experience like no other. Forget the hustle and bustle of city life and allow the wide sweeping plains and ruggedly beautiful landscapes of these Western Australian Stations Stays capture your imagination.

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## **BULLARA STATION STAY**

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 Location:
 Burkett Rd, Exmouth Gulf, WA

 GPS:
 22°40'50.2"S
 114°02'22.2"E

## Accommodation:

A mix of spacious powered/unpowered campsites, self-contained cottages, repurposed shearers lodge and luxury safari huts. There is something for everyone.

### **Experience**:

Bullara Station Stay is a place of gathering, where connections are made with travellers and the authentic outback experience on this working cattle station. The Shallcross family have lived here for three generations and continue to work both the tourism and cattle enterprise side by side to help bridge the gap between the city and the country. We pride ourselves on delivering first class hospitality, food, and accommodation. Our team is hardworking and go out of their way to make sure you leave the Bullara gates with a warm smile on your face and friends for life. The Woolshed Café is on site offering delicious food, barista quality coffee and our own grassfed beef available to purchase. This is the true farmgate experience. Bullara is ideally located 65km north of Coral Bay and 86km south of Exmouth so makes for easy day trips to the acclaimed Ningaloo Reef. We open from April to October each year and are 2WD accessible. Tim and Edwina look forward to welcoming you to our patch of paradise.

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## CARNEGIE STATION

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Location: Wongawol-Carnegie Rd (Gunbarrel Hwy), 340km east of Wiluna, WA GPS: 25°47'45.4"S 122°58'26.4"E

## Accommodation:

Camping and caravan sites (unpowered), Donga-style accommodation

### **Experience**:

Carnegie is the last station on the Gunbarrel Highway before open desert in the vast area east of Wiluna, central Western Australia. The approx. one million-acre station occupies a historical land, with the homestead area nestled below hills and creek lines with original tree blazes from early exploration by John Forrest. Operating primarily as a cattle station, there are camping spots and even donga-style rooms for those who make the cross-country trip towards Warburton and Alice Springs, or the loop drive out from Wiluna to look over the desert shrublands, breakaways and claypans around Lake Carnegie. The lake itself is so huge tides have been recorded when seasonally full of water. When it is dry, its wildlife crossings and islands are a sight to share. Green grass, fruit trees and a welcoming visitors centre (complete with stove and kitchen facilities) are available to enjoy. An interesting museum area, book library, and television nook occupy one section of the large room. Meals can be provided by prior arrangement. Fuel (ULP and diesel) is for sale in the homestead area. Muster in winter months is fantastic viewing and at other times tag-along tours of the mill runs can be arranged.

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## CHEELA PLAINS

GPS:

Location: Hwy 136, 176 Nanutarra-Munjina Road, Paraburdoo-Tom Price, WA 22°57'57.5"S 116°58'59.7"E

## Accommodation:

Camping - powered and unpowered campsites with access to camp kitchen, 4X4 wilderness campsites, Quarters with either shared amenities or ensuite rooms.

## **Experience:**

An oasis between Karijini and Ningaloo. Cheela Plains Station is a family-owned cattle station nestled in the semi-arid, pastoral rangelands of the rugged Pilbara in northern Western Australia along the Warlu Way. With shady campground sites set around an oasis of lush green lawn, wilderness campsites in the magnificent Beasley Gorge, accommodation, walking trails and self-drive safaris, there is something for everyone to enjoy in this epic ancient landscape. The Red Plains Café is open daily from 7.30am to 2.30pm boasting barista coffee and delicious in-house made carrot cake and reopens for dinner every night (bookings required). It is the perfect stop between the reef and ranges if looking to stop and stretch your legs or to stay for one or more nights and discover the 400-millionyear Geological Time Trail marking the Great Oxidation Event. Settle in for a magnificent sunset, and while around the campfire witness the Southern Hemisphere night sky come to life. Open seasonally from April 1 - October 31, each year.

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## **DIRK HARTOG ISLAND**



Location: Landing barge available to transfer 4WD vehicles from Steep Point to Dirk Hartog Island (pre-bookings required) 25°50'S 113°05'E

### Accommodation:

GPS:

Eco Lodge, Oceanside Villa, Homestead Camp Sites, Private Camp Sites, National Park Camping, BYO 4WD, Day Trips

## **Experience:**

Bring your own 4WD on our purpose-built barge and camp on some of the most remote beaches you will find in the world. Dirk Hartog Island National Park has rugged cliffs, tranguil beaches, awesome snorkelling, and fishing. Our homestead camping is great for families wanting a little bit extra. Our camp kitchens and bathrooms with hot water and flushing toilets, plus kayaks, SUPs, the Beach Bar, and fire pits are available for all to enjoy. If wanting a bit of extra comfort, we have the fully contained, self-catering Ocean Villa. For rustic luxury, the beautiful Eco Lodge is all inclusive, providing everything you need to create an unforgettable holiday.

Looking at only doing a day at Dirk? Our Island Life Adventure boat leaves Denham most days and showcases the best parts of what we have to offer. It's an island adventure not to be missed!

#### Your Hosts:

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## HAMELIN STATION



GPS:

Location: 1km off the sealed Shark Bay Rd, and 31km from the Overlander Roadhouse. 26°25'32"S 114°11'34"F

## Accommodation:

Family, standard and twin rooms with communal facilities in the restored Shearers' Quarters

Caravan and camping sites with access to powered amenities and kitchen facilities

### **Experience**:

Hamelin Station Reserve is a 202,000-hectare property managed and owned by one of Australia's largest and most effective conservation organisations, Bush Heritage. Located on the shores of the Shark Bay World Heritage Area, it is the ideal base from which to explore the region's many attractions, including the dolphins of Monkey Mia, Francois Peron National Park, and the Hamelin Pool stromatolites - examples of some of the oldest life forms on Earth. Guests can choose from either the stunningly restored and renovated Shearers' Quarters, or a range of caravan and camping sites under the starry outback skies. Please note that Bush Heritage management no longer allow fire pits.

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## **MELANGATA STATION**

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 Location:
 Melangata Rd, Yalgoo, WA

 GPS:
 27°48'12.2"S
 116°53'06.7"E

## Accommodation:

Hosted Homestead Rooms (King and Queen rooms) Elegant family, queen and twin share bell tents Camping and caravan sites (unpowered)

## **Experience**:

Melangata Station is situated in the Yalgoo region of Western Australia and has a unique homestead which was designed by the Priest Architect, Monsignor John Hawes. The Homestead is the only privately-owned residential John Hawes-designed building in Australia, which is being lovingly restored to welcome guests. Melangata is a haven for over 45 different species of birds, hopping mice, fat-tailed dunnarts and micro bats. The station boasts abundant wildflowers after good winter rains. We offer guided and tag along station tours to spectacular locations, homestead tours, bush glamping, camp oven cooking classes plus more. Melangata has always been a sheep station, running mostly Merino sheep until the early 2000s. Now, damara dorper cross meat sheep graze the pasture at the station.

## Your Hosts:

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## MOUNT AUGUSTUS TOURIST PARK



Location:East Lyons River, WAGPS:24.308°S116.909°E

## Accommodation:

Twin room (airconditioned), Queen self-contained (airconditioned), Family self-contained two-bedroom unit (airconditioned), Powered and unpowered sites.

## **Experience**:

Mount Augustus Tourist Park with its lawns and shade trees provides an idyllic setting for you to explore. Adjoining the spectacular National Park and Mount Augustus cattle station. Mount Augustus Tourist Park is at the heart of the Upper Gascoyne Region. Located at the centre of some of Western Australia's world-renowned tourist attractions. Karijini and Millstream to the north, world heritage Shark Bay, Ningaloo Reef and Coral Coast are to the west, Wool Wagon Pathway to the south and Goldfields Highway to the east of the park. Enjoy views of the "world's biggest rock" from comfortable accommodation or campsites. Celebrate the best of the bush with Australia's Biggest BBQ, where you'll be served outback beef cooked on open fire pits with locally sourced vegetables. Get in touch with the Tourist Park for more information. Feast on uninterrupted spectacular views and relax in the shade or under the starlit skies by your own campfire or utilise the free communal barbecue where you can meet guests from all over the world.

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## **MURCHISON HOUSE STATION**

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 Location:
 5618 Ajana Rd, Kalbarri, WA

 GPS:
 27°38'44"S
 114°14'17"E

## Accommodation:

Camping and caravan sites, Homestead sites and self-contained 4WD bush camping

## **Experience**:

Visit a 350,000-acre working station with over 150 years of history just a short drive from the coastal resort town of Kalbarri. Murchison House Station has over 60km of rugged Indian Ocean shoreline and over 30km of Murchison River flood plains. Because of the plentiful supply of water, with many permanent soaks and springs, the wildlife and bird life is abundant. The terrain is rugged, spectacular and varied, ranging from coastal sand plains and dunes to red dirt and river gorge country and ancient gum trees. Wildflowers, when in season, are a stunning feature of the landscape.

Activities include: fishing, birdwatching, swimming, kayaking and 4WD tracks. Quad bike tours and canoe safaris are also available. We welcome visitors from April to October.

### **Your Hosts:**

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## **QUOBBA STATION**



 Location:
 Gnaraloo Rd, Carnarvon, WA

 GPS:
 24°23'44.4"S
 113°24'22.0"E

## Accommodation:

Cottages and Chalets, Shacks and The Outcamp, Shearers Quarters, Powered and unpowered caravan and camp sites

### **Experience**:

Some of Australia's best land-based game fishing platforms along 80km of raw, rugged coastline. Red Bluff marks the southern tip of the UNESCO world heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef and boasts a world class left hand surf break. Experience incredible wildlife, beautiful snorkelling and pristine beaches all to yourself.

All campsites have access to: basic camp kitchen (fridge, sink, gas BBQ), washing machine (takes 3 x \$2 coins), common ablution block (flushing toilets and solar hot, bore water showers), long drop toilets, daily rubbish collection (please bag your rubbish before putting in bins), tennis court, fire pits (firewood sold in store, wood collection on Quobba NOT permitted. If you would like to have your own fire, it must be contained in your own fire pit. No ash/coals to be left on site).

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## WARROORA STATION

Location:Minilya Coral Bay Rd, Carnarvon, WAGPS:23°28'53.3"S113°47'30.6"E

## Accommodation:

Choose from a diverse selection of accommodations to suit your preferences, ranging from modern ocean-view villas to cosy self-contained cottages and authentic stockmen's rooms with shared facilities. Connect with nature at our eco-friendly campground located at the homestead, which is also petfriendly.

### **Experience**:

Explore the beauty of Warroora Station, known as 'Warra', a family-operated cattle station situated on the doorstep of the Ningaloo Reef, a world heritage site. Immerse yourself in this one-of-a-kind location where nature thrives, preserving the pristine beauty of its untouched beaches. Embark on a journey through the stunning 50km stretch of Warroora coastline, where the rugged outback seamlessly meets magnificent beaches. Engage in coastal adventures such as fishing, snorkelling, and surfing. Let the allure of the Ningaloo Reef refresh your soul as you submerge yourself in the turquoise waters, leaving behind the city rush.

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## WOOLEEN STATION

Location: Twin Peaks Wooleen Rd, Murchison, WA GPS: 27°05'15"S 116°09'40"E

### Accommodation:

Hosted Homestead rooms (7 queen rooms) Self-contained Guesthouses - (2 houses) Nature-based remote camping (unpowered).

## **Experience**:

Covering a quarter of a million acres of picturesque rangelands, Wooleen is a cattle station playing a leading role in regenerating and sustaining the unique biodiversity of the region. On a guided eco-sunset tour, you'll learn about the longevity of the arid plants, their palatability and indicators, and why food security and sustainability is so important for the future. Hire a mountain bike (or bring your own) and make use of the exciting bike trails. Join a dingo encounter and talk. Walking or hiking trails, self-drive routes, birdwatching, and a museum are also available. The Homestead, built in 1918, offers seven elegant bedrooms for guests, along with plenty of tranquil spots for enjoying freshly baked afternoon tea and a good book. Alternatively, enjoy the spacious self-contained rammed earth guesthouses or adventure out to a secluded campsite with friends. New in 2024 is the Milimanmanha café, shop, and artist residency. Open each year from April to October with booking essential.

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## WOORAMEL STATION

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Location: 120km south of Carnarvon, 2km off the North West Coastal Hwy CPS: 25.737°S 114.285°E

## Accommodation:

Campsites - for the outdoors enthusiasts, our campsites provide the ideal setting to pitch your tent or park your caravan. Nestled in the shade of majestic gum trees, these sites offer a genuine connection with nature.

Cabin Tents - if you're looking for a blend of comfort and adventure, our cabin tents are the perfect choice. These canvas retreats provide a touch of luxury. You'll have a cosy bed, shelter from the elements, and a private campfire. Rooms - whether you're travelling as a couple or a family, our

well-appointed rooms provide a peaceful retreat. You can enjoy a good night's sleep, a hot shower, and all the amenities you need to recharge for your next day of exploration.

## **Experience**:

Nestled beneath majestic, age-old gum trees, our unique station campground offers an idyllic setting on the serene banks of the Wooramel River. Here, you can escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and immerse yourself in the tranquil embrace of nature.

Relax and rejuvenate your body in the naturally heated therapeutic artesian bore baths from the Birdrong aquifer. Taste delicious authentic outback cuisine while soaking in the friendly, welcoming atmosphere at the upside-down café. Enjoy the wide-open space; abundant bird and wildlife; private campfires and be captivated by amazing night skies.

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# PLANNING YOUR JOURNEY

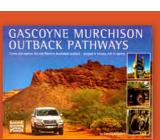
The Australian Outback offers spectacular scenery and the chance for great adventure.

But it is important to be ready for the rigours of travelling in isolated areas. Read the following road safety tips below for advice that will ensure you have a safe and enjoyable journey.

- Book accommodation, or check availability of the Stations prior to arrival.
- Plan fuel stops and provisions carefully.
- · Inform friends or family of your intended travel route.
- · Check in with local visitor centres while planning.
- Plan your route with quality and up-to-date maps of the region.
- Check road condition reports before departure; the condition of unsealed roads varies according to weather, usage, and grading.
- $\cdot$  Carry emergency supplies with you.
- Reduce speed on unsealed roads; be cautious of hidden dangers. Dawn, dusk, and night driving are the times to be most aware.

## Scan the QR code or visit the website for further details on safety on the roads.

MURCHISON



Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways features three selfdrive trails which traverse the red heart of Western Australia. Each trail is complemented by a series of roadside interpretative signage, which opens your eyes to the wonder of this ancient landscape - its history, nature and its charismatic characters creating the perfect link between Mid-West Station Stays.

Accompanying the trails is a guidebook that takes readers on a journey and delves deep into the three unique drive routes -The Wool Wagon Pathway, The Kingsford Smith Mail Run and The Miners Pathway. It examines the rich indigenous history, the arrival of European explorers and the establishment of the pastoral and mining industries.

Purchase your copy of the 178-page colour *Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways* guidebook online and consider the pathways as part of your Station Stay adventure.

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Step into the Murchison GeoRegion to experience the world from its very formation 4.54 billion years ago. Containing fragments of all three ancient land masses throughout Earth's history – Rodinia, Gondwana and Pangea, Murchison GeoRegion shires of Yalgoo, Murchison, Mount Magnet, Cue, Sandstone, Meekatharra and Wiluna sit atop a unique and largely unspoilt ancient landscape full of stories of natural, cultural and geological significance.

Aspiring to establish a UNESCO Global Geopark, remarkable geosites highlight the journey along a self drive Geo Trail. While mostly accessible, sites of significance with no access will soon have interpretive material at Visitor Centres.

WITNESS the result of colliding continents, long gone oceans, and destructive meteorites and marvel at spectacular rock formations.

**DISCOVER** unique native fauna and flora, like desert kurrajong "compass tree" and after rains, dazzling fields of flowers July – September.

**CONNECT** with Geosites on Geo Trails, Outback Pathways and other heritage, Indigenous, botanical, cultural and art trails and museums which tell the stories. Largest gallery of Aboriginal rock paintings in Western Australia maps thousands of years of human history.

**LEARN** about geological significance of landscapes and, as the sun sets, renown dark night skies reveal bright neighbours in our universe – its time to try out landscape astro photography.

**IMMERSE** yourself on ancient lands under vast brilliant skies at Station Stays in the Murchison GeoRegion.

**DOWNLOAD** the free app to map out your trip. Pick up a copy of the Trail Guide and map at a local visitor centre or download from the website

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