

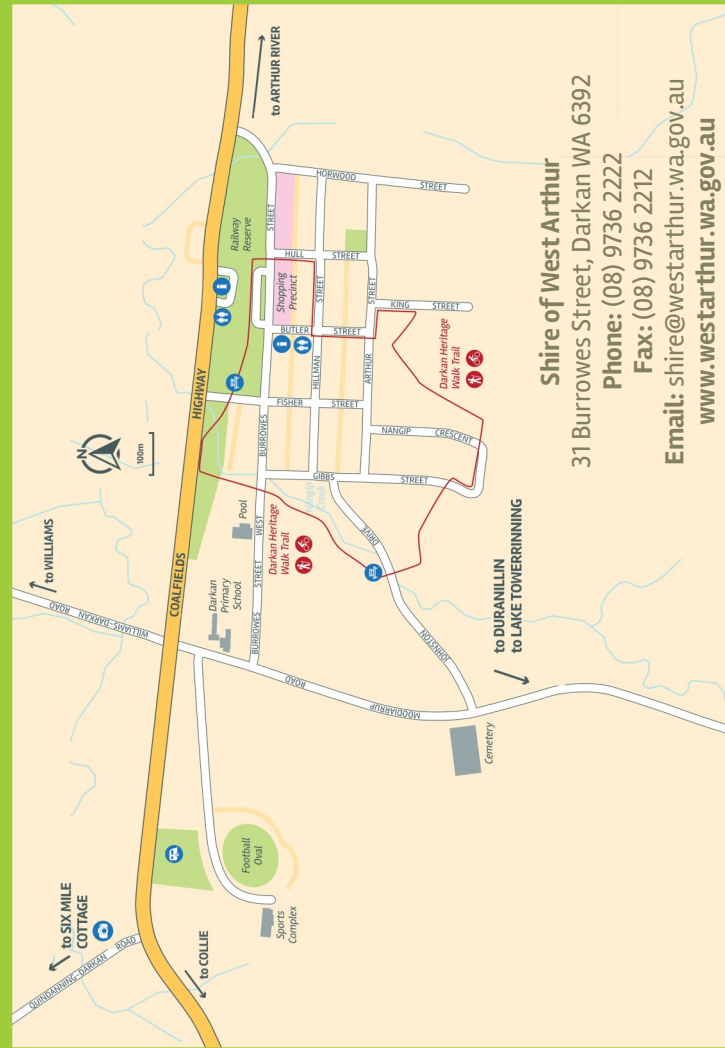
Go back in time

West Arthur has many old buildings that depict life in the early times.

Dotted throughout the Shire, there is an old timber slab cottage, refurbished heritage listed buildings at Arthur River, old jetties, halls and school. In Darkan you will find the new Betty Brown Historical Centre which explores the contribution of women to small rural communities. Drive or take a short stroll through the small town of Darkan to see these sites for yourself.

Darkan Heritage Trail

Allow 40 minutes to walk along the 2.2km heritage trail. Along the route you will see the Darkan Hotel, the first building in the town site in 1905. The railway opened in Darkan in 1907 and the railway station is charming example of a small station, alongside the old loading ramp and crane, and the station master's house. Adjacent to the railway station is the Pioneer Memorial which pays homage to the early settlers of the region. Stop at the old road board building and take in the newly opened Betty Brown Historical Centre which celebrates the contribution of women to small rural communities.



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Heritage Trails

Self drive and walking tours around historical sites in West Arthur





Legend

- Caravan / Camping
- Photo Opportunity
- Picnic
- Wildflowers
- Toilets
- Fuel
- History
- Boat Ramp
- Highway
- Sealed Roads
- Unsealed Roads

West Arthur Heritage Trail



5km

Follow the route marked on the map in red (with dotted detours). For more information on each site scan the QR code opposite for a downloadable audio guide.

1. Arthur River (125 Mile) – if you are arriving from Perth on the Albany Highway you will reach the small settlement of Arthur River. At the northern end of town is St Paul’s Anglican Church. Further south you will come across a group of buildings built in the late 1800s which make up the **Arthur River Heritage Group**.
2. Travel west for 31km until you reach Darkan. Here you can take a walk through the town to see the historical buildings scatter along the route and take in the newly established **Betty Brown Historical Centre**.
3. A small detour 8km north on the Quindanning Darkan Road will take you to **Six Mile Cottage**, a small timber slab cottage built by Dick Strange around 1905. Feel free to have a look inside.
4. Return to Darkan and continue south to Duranillin where you will see the old one room **Duranillin school** at the back of the town. Ask at the local shop for the key to have a look inside. There is also the old store built in 1925 and garage (built 1949) on the main road which has now been converted into a private residence.

5. Head south from Duranillin to Moodiarrup. Stop at Lake **Towerrinning** to see the old jetties and then continue to the **Moodiarrup Hall** where locals today still enjoy a dance in the old wooden hall.
6. From Moodiarrup continue along the Boyup Brook Arthur Road to return to Arthur River or head south on the Collie Changerup road to return to Albany Highway near Kojonup. You could take a short detour to Glenorchy School (south on the Boyup Brook Arthur Road or if you are comfortable driving on gravel roads you could take the Bokal East Arthur Road to see the old **Kylie Water Tower** used to store water for the steam trains that travelled on this route.

