

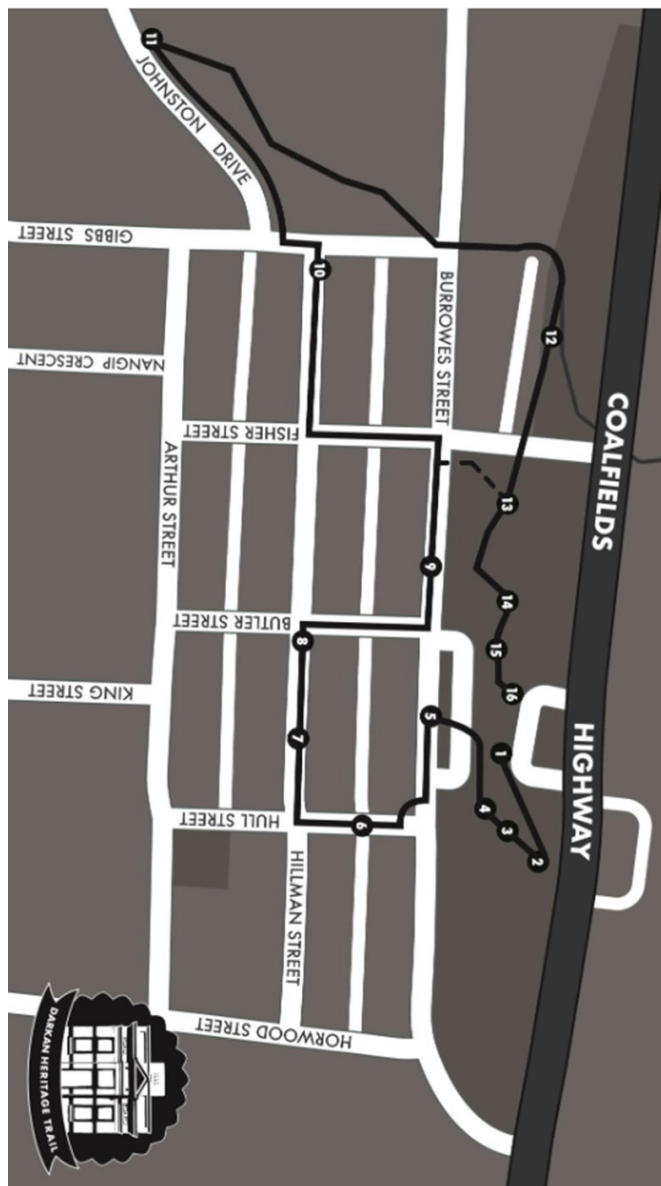
Darkan Heritage Walk Trail

Allow yourself an hour to walk along the 3km heritage trail; or you can opt to take a shortcut onto the 1.5km trail.

The trail consists of 16 signs highlighting the area's heritage significance. The longer loop includes a walk along Nangip Creek and part of the Collie-Darkan Rail Trail. It shows the town's development from a small agricultural settlement to a rail town in the early 1900s before becoming a major wool production area. The district has a reputation as the 'Blue Wool' area of Western Australia.

Starting and ending at the information bay on Coalfields Road, the trail tells the history of the first white settlers to the area, as well as the conflict with the local Noongar Wilman Aboriginal people. It gives insight into what life was like for those who worked on the land or on the railway, and how people lived, played and worshipped.

You can find complimentary information on the Darkan Heritage trail on the Shire's website by scanning the code below.



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Heritage Trails

Walking and Self-Drive
Tours Around the Shire
of West Arthur



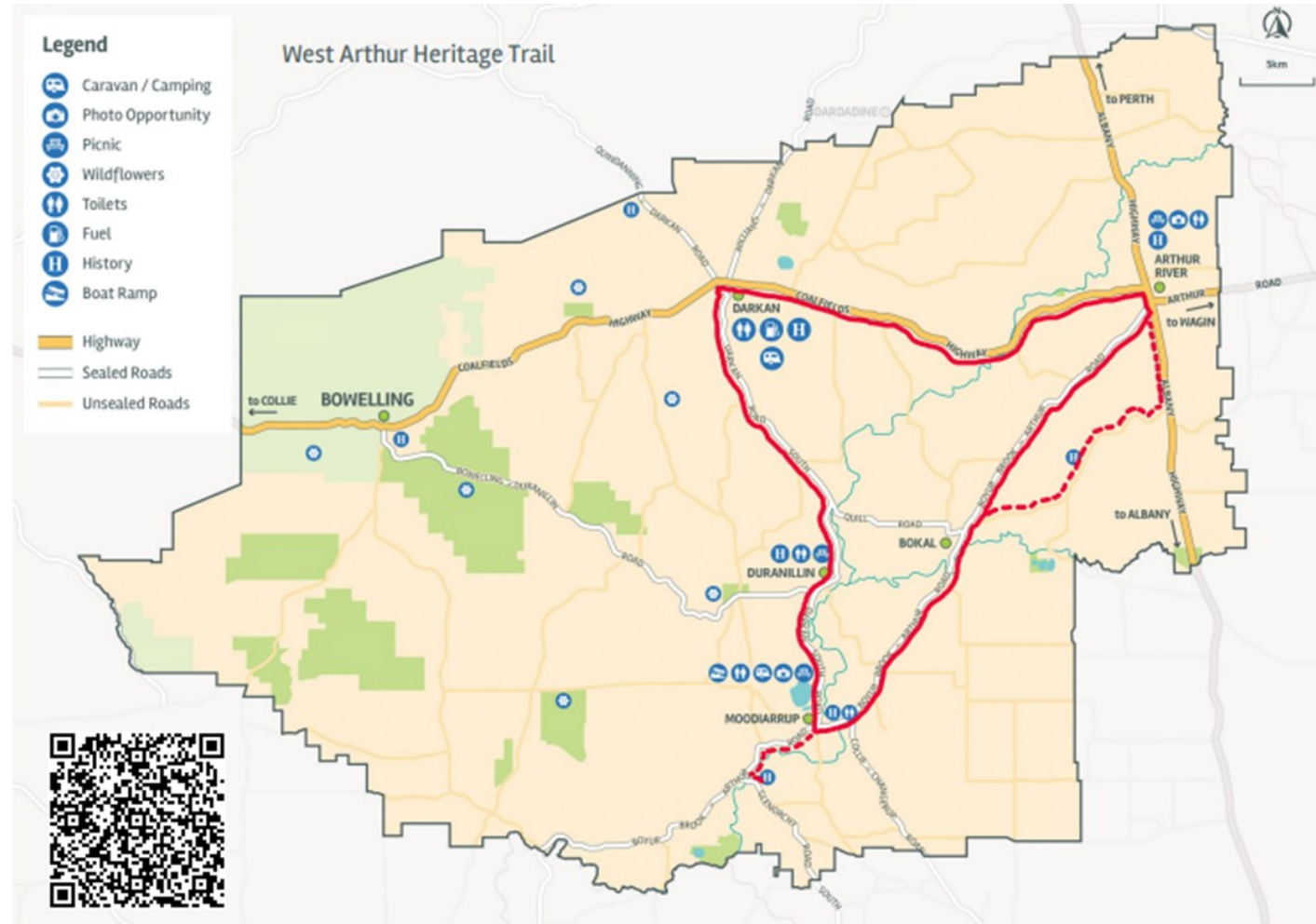
Forest to Wheatbelt

Self-Drive Heritage Trail

Go back in time as you explore a self-drive tour of heritage buildings that depict life in the early days. Adhere to the path marked in red (optional dotted detours). For more information on each site, scan the QR code on the next page.

After walking the Darkan Heritage Trail Walk, if you choose to start a self-drive, travel to:

1. Arthur River (125 Mile) - located 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 scattered along the route. Why not drop into the **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 building built by Dick Strange around 1905. Feel free to take 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 town. Additionally, there is the old store built in 1925, and the garage built in 1949 on the main



road which has been converted into a private residence.

5. Head south from Duranillin to Moodiarrup. Take a detour into **Lake Townerinning** to see the old jetties before continuing on to the **Moodiarrup Hall**.
6. From Moodiarrup, continue along the Boyup Brook-Arthur River Road to return to Arthur River, or head south on the Collie-Changerup Rd to return to the Highway near Kojonup.

Alternatively, you could make a short detour to the **Glenorchy School**. If you are comfortable driving on gravel, 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.

If you choose to spend a couple of days in Darkan, don't forget to check out the Astrotourism hotspots, and indulge in a bit of astrophotography.