

Welcome to

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If you notice information that is incorrect, or you have anything you would like to add to the booklet, please get in touch with the Shire of Beverley or the Beverley Community Resource Centre.

Welcome to Beverley

The Beverley Visitor Centre welcomes you to take your time and discover all the wonderful things Beverley and it's surrounds has to offer.

Whether you enjoy life at a slower pace, or you like to live on the edge, Beverley will have something for you to enjoy.

If you are a nature lover, grab your camera and head out to Yenyening Lakes (page 22), or take a hike up County Peak (page 24) for panoramic views of our great region.

Or if you want take a step back in time, visit the Dead Finish Museum (page 5) to see what life was like for our Beverley pioneers.

Or head over to Avondale Farm and Avondale Agricultural Machinery Museum to immerse yourself in farming of the bygone era.

For the cultural-buff Beverley has plenty for you to see and do!

The Beverley Station Gallery and



Platform Theatre (page 7) holds regular plays and concerts - check out www.beverleywa.com for more information on upcoming events. Beverley was lucky enough to host well-known artist James Giddy (page 10) who left a lasting mark on the main street. Can you spot all his gorgeous murals?

If it is shopping you are after, take a walk down Vincent Street where

you will find a handful of quaint little shops to find that special something (page 12). If all this walking is making you hungry, check out all the places to fill your belly on page 14. And don't forget to stop by our decadent bakery on the way home. For all this and more, keep reading or visit our friendly staff in the Beverley Visitor Centre (page 9).



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History of Beverley

The heritage wheatbelt town of Beverley is 130 kilometres east of Perth on the Avon River.

For thousands of years the Ballardong people lived along by Colguler (Avon River), their stories handed down through songs, dance and rock-art.

They knew their land intimately and farmed it for food: they were native animal pastoralists and bush food harvesters.

Early explorers remarked on the grassy park-like appearance of the land in the river valley - a result of regular controlled burning.

The area is known as Wergijan to the Ballardong people.

Officially founded in 1838, Beverley is one of Western Australia's oldest settlements.

It was one of the first areas in Western Australia opened for agriculture after a glowing report to Governor Stirling by Ensign Dale. Dale made three excursions to the York/Beverley area, the first in 1829 and the last in 1830 when he was accompanied by Governor Stirling.

Large tracts of land were taken up following the Governor's excursion

and the first in the Beverley district was taken up by the Colonial Surgeon, Dr Charles Simmons. Dr Simmons was granted 2,850 hectares on the Eastern bank of the Avon River in January 1831.

It is a common belief that Beverley was named after Beverley in Yorkshire which was Dr Simmon's home.

Official survey of the Beverley district took place in 1843.

The Beverley townsite was established around 1868 and its status was enhanced with the extension of the electric telegraph from York in 1877.

Other communities arose as more and more land was taken up. Localities such as The Dale, Mt Kokeby, East Beverley, Morbinning and Bally Bally had their own schools and district halls.

Only the halls at Morbinning, Bally Bally and The Dale remain. The Beverley Road District was one of the nineteen local authorities established in 1871 by the colonial government.

The original Beverley Road District was in excess of 150,000 square kilometres and extended all the way

to the Western Australia border.

In 1892, the Beverley townsite became a separate municipality and in 1895 East Beverley Road Board was also instituted.

These entities were short lived, with both absorbed back into the Beverley Road Board by 1913.

The change of name to the Shire of Beverley occurred in 1961.

In 1886, the Southern rail link from Perth was extended to Beverley, which was the terminus for three years until the connection to Albany was established.

A pipeline to connect Beverley with the Goldfields water supply scheme was completed in 1908 and the first powerhouse to generate electricity for the town was established under private ownership in 1913.

The flight of a locally-built aeroplane, "The Silver Centenary", in 1930 began Beverley's long association with flying.

The Beverley airfield was upgraded in the 1940s to support the war effort.

Beverley is a quiet agricultural town with a proud history - for visitors it is a chance to experience life in a heritage country town.

The Dead Finish Museum

The Dead Finish Museum is housed in the oldest building in Beverley.

The building was originally called the Wheatsheaf Inn and was built by Alfred Smith in 1872.

It now houses a very fine collection of artifacts depicting life in Beverley since settlement in 1831.

Of particular significance are the many hand-made tools, gifts, clothes and pieces of furniture, highlighting the make-do attitude and creative skill of the early settlers.

More information:

The Museum is open every Sunday from 11am to 3pm from mid-March to November.

Admission \$2 adult and children with adult free.

Alternatively the Museum can be opened at any time - just call our friendly volunteers:

- Joy 0427 411 881
- Maree 9646 1149
- Delys 9646 1075

E:bhsdeadfinish@gmail.com



Avondale Agricultural Machinery Museum

Located at Avondale Farm is the extensive Agricultural Machinery Museum which tells the story of the development of farming in WA, through its display of historic equipment.

Many of the machines have been restored to operating condition by the Museum Volunteers. On any given day you may be able to see a machine in action.

More information

Open selected weekends and public holidays. Please check with the Beverley visitor centre for open times.

E: beverley@crc.net.au

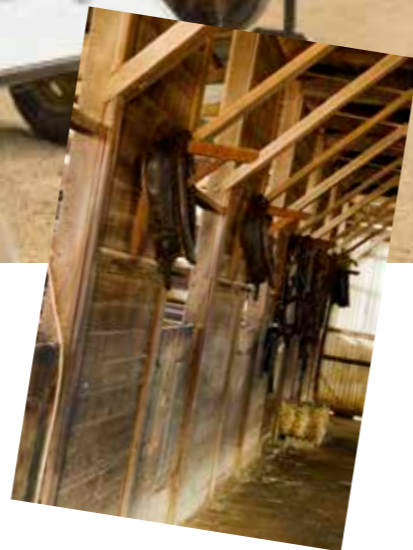
P: (08) 9646 1600

Avondale Farm

Just six kilometres west of Beverley, is the historic Avondale Farm, managed by the National Trust.

Explore one of the earliest pastoral properties developed in the Beverley district in the 1830's. The property boasts stunning views from the picturesque drive trail, as well as the historically significant 1890's homestead, stables and laboratory.

Learn about the role Avondale Farm played in the development of Agriculture in WA. Held by the Agricultural Department of WA, Avondale was a venue for research from 1924-2009.



More information:

Avondale is currently under redevelopment

Access to Avondale Farm will be limited to advertised opening times unless by appointment.

Entry to Avondale is free.

E: avondale@ntwa.com.au

P: (08) 9646 1107 or 0427 477 734



Beverley Station Gallery and Platform Theatre

Beverley Station Gallery and Platform Theatre is a multi-purpose cultural precinct in the centre of the Beverley.

It was built in 1886 in Victorian Tudor style.

Originally the Railway Station was a hub of activity when Beverley was an important stop on the Perth to Albany passenger line.

Closed in October 1984, the Railway Station fell into disrepair, but after much hard work by both

the community and council it was beautifully restored in 2006.

In 2007, the Beverley Railway Station was the winner of the Heritage Council of Western Australia award for the Conservation of a Place on the State Register of Heritage Places. The Station now displays the Shire of Beverley Art Collection and you can also buy artwork or talk with an artist in residence.

Venture beyond the gallery to

the Platform Theatre and see the amazing amphitheatre and stage, where many events are held.

More information:

Open Thursday to Sunday, 11.00 am - 3.00 pm.

Closed through the month of January.

120 Vincent St, Beverley, WA
Ph: 0419 040 063



Annual Events

MARCH

Triathlon: A hugely popular and fun family event. It is usually held in March and features a long and short course, plus fun and family friendly team events.

www.beverleycrc.com

E: beverleytriathlon@westnet.com.au

 Beverley Triathlon

APRIL

Easter Tennis Tournament: This event is held every year over the Easter long weekend and has been running for over 80 years. Both championship and handicap events are on offer, providing competition for experienced and social players.

www.beverleytennisclub.com

E president@beverleytennisclub.com

Easter Art Exhibition: Held in the town hall and open all Easter long weekend. Features local and Australia-wide artwork.

www.beverleywa.com

 Beverley Art Prize & Easter Art Exhibition

Easter Markets: Held at the Beverley Platform Theatre where visitors will find arts and craft, homemade gifts, devonshire tea, and locally made products.

AUGUST

Agricultural Show: A fun-filled, family day out with exhibition shed, sideshow alley, animals, equestrian displays, fireworks, and more.

www.beverleyagsociety.com

SEPTEMBER

In August and September the region comes alive with wildflowers and flowering canola crops. Don't forget your camera.

OCTOBER

Beverley Heroic: A recreational cycling event in Beverley, with something suitable for the whole family. Includes a 100km race, a town ride for the kids, and a fun filled cyclocross event.

www.theheroic.com.au

Rose Show: A fragrant and colourful event showcasing the best blooms in Beverley. Held in the Town Hall with a variety of exhibits and stalls.

Ph: Beverley CRC 9646 1600



Beverley Visitor Centre

The Beverley Visitor Centre is located in the new Cornerstone building.

The Visitor Centre stocks an array of Beverley mementos, gifts, fresh coffee beans, and many locally made products.

There is also a wonderful interactive display complete with a 1:5 scale model, exact replica of the silver centenary plane built in Beverley.

The friendly team at the Visitor Centre are available to help you out with any information you need about Beverley and the surrounding districts.

More information

Open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. Stay tuned for new weekend open times soon.

141 Vincent St, Beverley
9646 1600



Street Murals

Beverley was lucky to play host to well known artist James Giddy who visited the town in June 2017. Mr Giddy painted six animals on blank walls throughout the town centre, in a medium known as

en plein air - which translates as painting in the open air. Take a walk along Vincent St and you will be able to spot them all.



Things to do in Beverley

There is plenty to do in Beverley to keep the whole family entertained for a day or a weekend. There is a variety of sporting facilities, local clubs, and recreation centres available. The locals always love to see new faces!

- Beverley RSL Markets: First weekend of every month (except January), RSL Hall, Forrest St, Beverley, 9 am to 12 noon.
- Tennis Club: October to April, visitors welcome to participate in social tennis on Sundays during the season.
- Beverley Aquatic Centre: Open November to April (except Tuesdays), has a 50m swimming pool with a diving board and shaded toddler pools.
Ph: 9646 1200
- Golf Club: Visitors are welcome to play at this scenic country golf course on the banks of the Avon River.
Ph: 9646 4063
- Bowling Club: Visitors are welcome at the all-weather greens.
Ph 9646 0330
- Football, netball and hockey clubs: these sports are played at the sports amenities on Forrest St over the winter months.
- Horse and Pony Club: Visitors are welcome.
Ph: 0427 143 006
- Beverley Off Road Motor Sports Association: Throughout the year this club holds numerous events including motorkhanas, driver development days and khanacross.
Ph: 0403 352 020
- Rifle Club: Head out to the Beverley Rifle Club in the summer months.
Ph: 9641 6061
- Beverley Districts Motorcycle Club: one of Western Australia's top motocross clubs and boasts one of the best layouts in WA.
Ph: 0439 208 710



Things to do

Gliding

Enjoy the thrill of a motorless and silent flight over the central Wheatbelt, or become a member of the Beverley Soaring Society and learn how to fly a sail plane.

There really is no better way to see the sights.

The Society offers flights from

\$195 most weeks of the year.

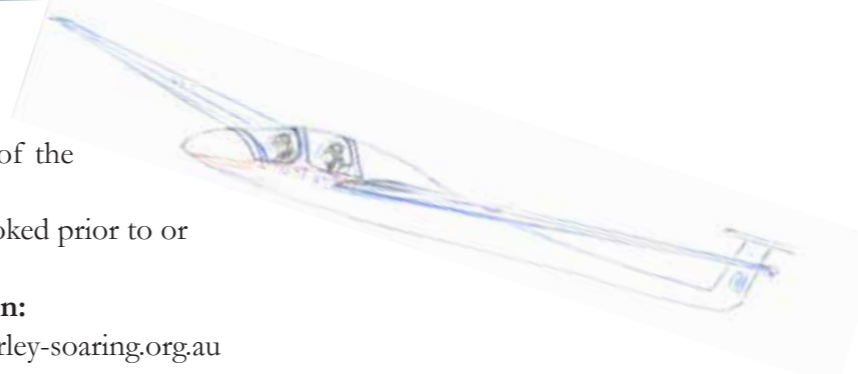
Flights can be booked prior to or on the day.

More information:

E: bevsoar@beverley-soaring.org.au

P: 0407 385 361

www.beverley-soaring.org.au



Shopping in Beverley

There are some great, fun and quirky little shops in Beverley. Wander down Vincent St and check them all out.

Unique State Art and Design prides itself with beautiful gifts, homewares and artwork. Across the road you will find all your beauty products and services at U Beauty Country.

The IGA has all your essentials and Beverley Farm Services is your one stop shop for anything agricultural related.

Further down the street you'll spot the East End Gallery, have a look at all the lovely art for sale. The Beverley Pharmacy has an impressive range of giftwares too! All this and so much more on Vincent St!





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Open Hours
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beverleypharmacy@gmail.com

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 57 Forrest St, Beverley, WA, 6304 

Where to Eat

Beverley has so much to offer the hungry traveller in the way of sustenance and refreshments. There is nothing like the smell of freshly baked bread and delicious treats in the Beverley Bakehouse. If you are after something a little more substantial try out the Beverley Country Kitchen or

the Red Vault Cafe, both have a plethora of yummy meals on offer. Feeling like you need a special beverage with your meal? Head to the Hotel Beverley, or Freemasons Tavern! The Greenhills Inn Bar and Cafe is just a 15 minute drive from Beverley and is a great country pub

that serves lunch, dinner, coffee and drinks. In the summer months the Beverley Aquatic Centre has a great kiosk for you to refuel after a swim.



Rest a while at Greenhills Inn



Opening hours:

Mon and Tues from 3.00 pm
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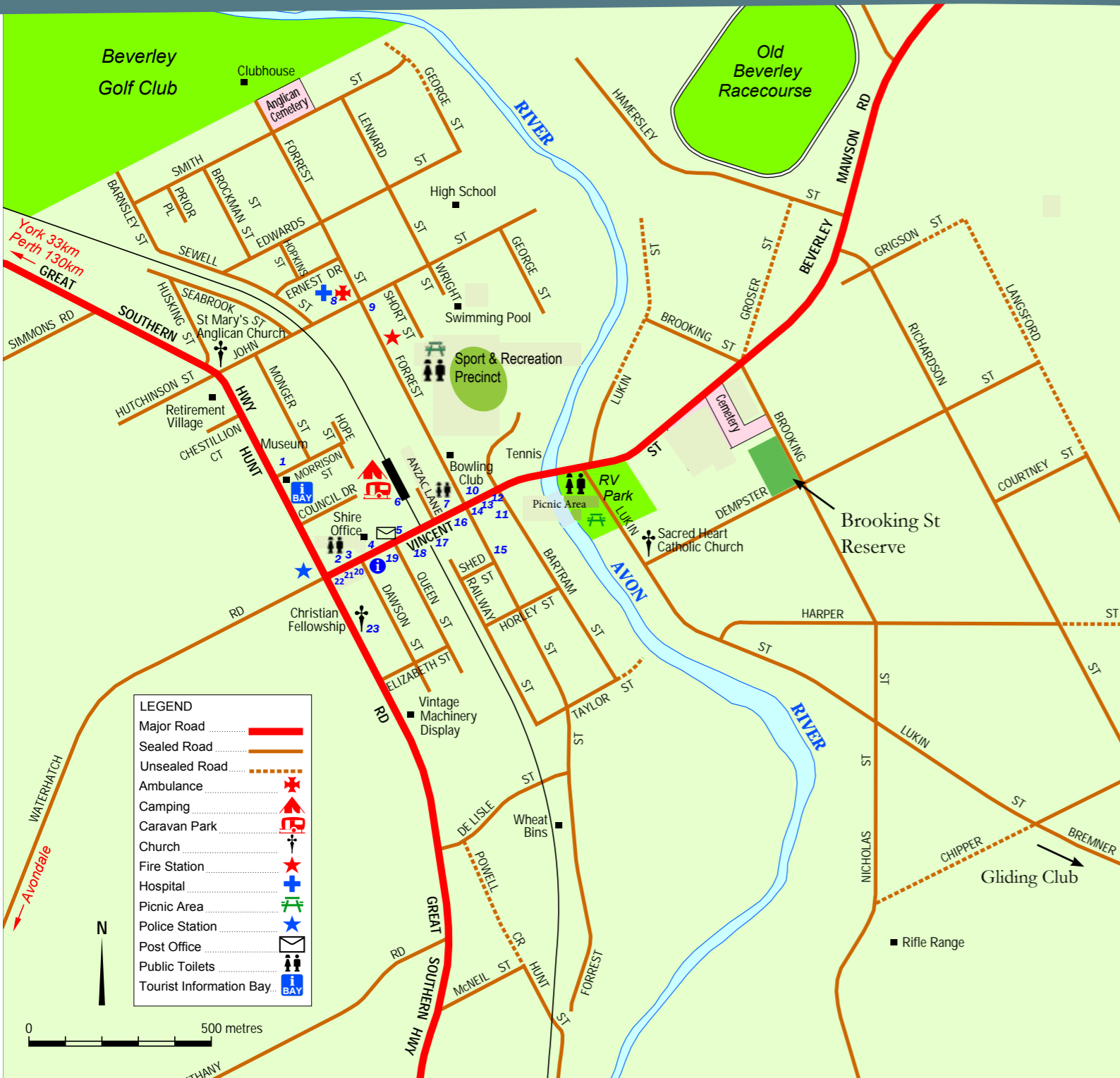
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HOLIDAYS 8AM - 5PM

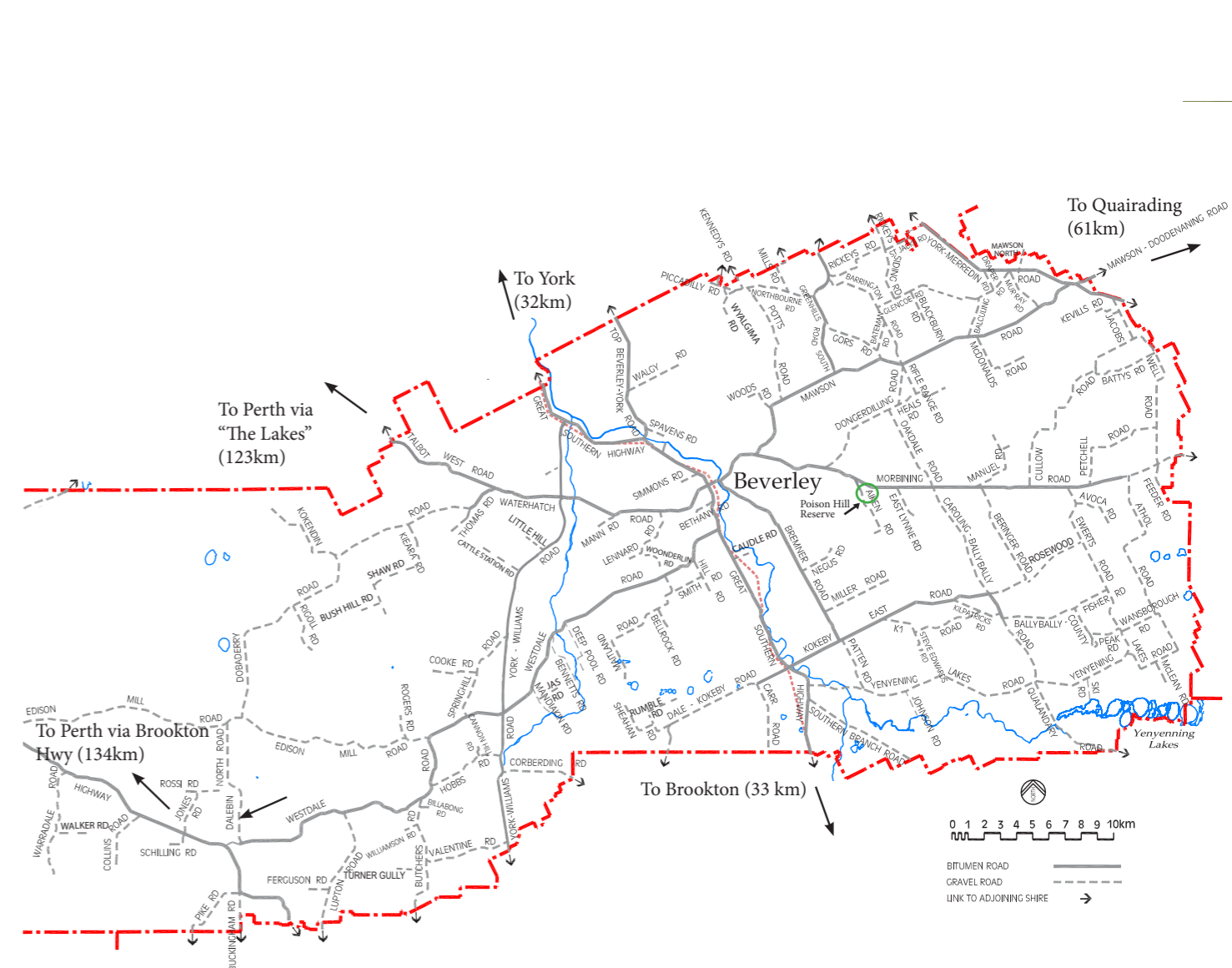


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Ph: 9646 0008



Beverley and Surrounds



A Short Walking Tour

This walking tour starts at the Dead Finish Museum (page 5) and will take you approximately 1 hour. See the map on page 16. It is a relatively easy walk and will take you past all the local shops, pubs and cafes, so don't forget to pop in and say hello if you need a break, or a refreshment. Enjoy the sights of Beverley!

1. **Dead Finish Museum:**

Built in 1872 this old hotel is now the Dead Finish Museum. Originally called the Wheatsheaf Inn, then Settlers Arms, the building was the old centre of Beverley.

2. **The Old Fire Station:**

This Fire Station replaced the original station (located at number 13) and was built in 1948 at a cost of £3700.

3. **Beverley Town Hall:**

The Town Hall was built in art deco style in 1938 and designed by architect William G Bennet. It originally contained a moving picture garden, a lesser hall and a theatre in the main hall.

4. **Old Beverley School:**

This school was built in 1894 and was designed by architect George Temple Poole.

5. **Beverley Post Office:**

The Post Office was built in 1910 for a cost of £1890. Designed in Federation Free style, the manual telephone switchboard was located here until automated in the 1950s.

6. **The Beverley Railway Station:**

The railway came to Beverley in 1886 when the town became the terminus of the State Government from Perth via York. Passengers had to stay overnight in Beverley to catch the connecting train which led to the building of a number of hotels. The railway station was closed in 1984 and it was allowed to fall into disrepair. In 2006, after restoration by the community and the council, it was reopened as the Station Art Gallery.

7. **The Gillespie's Store:**

The first general store was built by the Edwards family in 1898.

8. **The Beverley Hospital:**

The original hospital was built in 1898 but left unused for nearly 10 years. It was eventually opened due to pressure from town and district residents. A maternity ward was added in 1924.

9. **Cullen House:**

The home and surgery of Dr Cullen. It is the current Beverley Medical Practice.

10. **Freemasons Tavern:**

Originally built in 1886, and rebuilt in 1908 after a fire in the dining room. This old pub used to have typical verandas of the time but they were removed as deemed a traffic hazard in the 1960s.

11. **Old Police Station and Cottages:**

Built in 1910 in Federation classical style. Restored in 2010 as two houses by the National Trust.

12. **The Court House:**

Built in 1897 and last used as a court house in 1990. The building was also designed by George Temple Poole.

13. **Old Municipal Council Chambers:**

Operated from 1898 to 1913. The building then became the original fire station.

14. **The Union Bank:**

Built in 1907 in the Federation Free classical style. The verandas were added between 1910 and 1920.

15. **White Hart Hotel:**

Built in 1904 this old hotel used to have a second story which was removed in 1955.

16. **Avon Trading:**

One of the first terraces of shops built in Beverley in 1886.

17. **Centenary of Federation Plaza:**

Built in 2001, there are many old photographs on display.

18. **Avon Buildings:**

The Beverley Times was printed in the shop on the corner from 1905 to 1977. The original printing press is on display in the Dead Finish Museum garden.

19. **The Beverley Hotel:**

Originally built in 1886 as the Railway Hotel. The facade was rebuilt and extended in 1938 in art deco style to match the Town Hall. There are still many of the 1880-1890 features inside.

20. **CWA Rooms:**

These rooms were built around 1936 in the classic West Australian design of the period.

21. **Stone House:**

Originally built in 1898 and restored in 2006, this house features the original rafters cut from unmilled tree trunks.

22. **Geodesic Dome:**

This futuristic building was designed by American architect Buckminster Fuller. Built in 1968, it is one of two left in Australia.

23. **The Beverley Masonic Hall:**

This Masonic Hall has been in constant use since being built in 1909. The hall was extended in 1926.

Other interesting facts: The Railway Cutting: Located alongside the Beverley Hospital, this stretch of the original railway built in 1886 was the steepest gradient on the line from York to Albany and restricted the size of trains that could be used due to the hard pull up from the Beverley Station. The cutting was made deeper in 1926 to allow for larger trains to be used on the line, and in the process John Street railway crossing was lowered allowing the road to be flat.

Where to Stay

There is nothing like a night or two away in the country.

Spend some time really soaking up the sights of Beverley and stay a while.

There are plenty of options, including the Beverley Caravan Park, and the free RV Friendly 48

hour stop over right near the river. Rest your head at one of the Bed and Breakfasts or farmstays. Or call in and book a room at either of the pubs.

Beverley Caravan Park

The Beverley Caravan Park is located in the centre of town, and is only a minute's walk to the main street for dining and shopping. The caravan park offers 19 powered sites, plus an area under the eucalyptus for campers. It includes a campers kitchen facility, a modern ablution block and an RV dump site.

More information:

The Caravan Park is located on Council Road, access from Hunt Rd (Great Southern Hwy). For further details ring Caravan Park Caretaker - Janet on 0457 344 434.



Public Toilets

24 hour public toilets can be found at:

- Memorial Park, Railway Parade
- Apex Park, Lukin St
- Behind the Town Hall, Vincent St
- Recreational Ground, Forrest St

RV Friendly

Beverley is an RV friendly town and there is a free RV friendly 48 hour stopover area at Apex Park on Lukin St, across the road from the Avon River.

Natural Attractions

Avon River

The Avon River flows right through town and there is a picnic area on the east side of the bridge. The Avon River flows 240 km from source to mouth, where it becomes the Swan River.

It can be seen from the top of County Peak (page 24).

There are bridges across the river at Edward's Crossing and Mt Kokeby, as well as in town.

Flora and fauna

Beverley's climate is regarded as Mediterranean, with cool, moist winters and hot, dry summers. Common tree species in the area are York Gums, Salmon Gums and Jam Acacia.

There is also plenty of beautiful wildlife to be seen on your travels.



You won't have to look too hard to spot the pink and grey gallahs that are very common in the area.

But keep your eyes peeled for blue wrens, willy wagtails, and white faced herons. And if you are really lucky you might spot an echidna or two.



Beverley Bed & Breakfast

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Natural Attractions

Yenyening Lakes

Yenyening Lakes are an important part of the Wheatbelt environment from an environmental, economic, and social view point.

The lake system is made up of a chain of lakes covering an area from the Qualandary Crossing through to the Corrigin-Quairading Rd.

The Lakes are a very significant feature in the context of wheatbelt hydrology, located at the junction where the sluggish saline valleys meet the channelised Avon River.

All the water from the Lockhart and Yilgarn Catchments flows through the Yenyening Lakes and into the Avon River from an area of 91000 square kilometres. Recreational use of the lakes has been enjoyed by families since the early 1960s when local farmers John McLean Jr and Eric McLean provided access into the lakes, allowing people to enjoy water skiing, camping, canoing, kayaking, surfcat sailing, windsurfing and bird watching.

The Beverley Ski club was formed at this time and have since held water skiing competitions, and other aquatic events. The lakes are unfortunately not always full as generous rainfall is needed to fill them each year. They are an immense ecosystem providing habitats for an array of native flora and fauna, including breeding black swans, mountain ducks, minos, echidnas and kangaroos.



Maps supplied by Google Maps

Directions

There are a number of routes that will take you to Yenyening Lakes. Some roads are gravel, but are regularly maintained, in good condition and suitable for non-4WD vehicles. Each route will take you through some beautiful Beverley countryside. Slow down and enjoy your trip.



Natural Attractions

County Peak (Mt Quajabin)

County Peak was given its name when the first surveyors drew up the original counties for the Swan River colony in 1829.

County Peak was the intersection of counties York, Howick, Grantham and Minto.

The peak is also known as Mt Quajabin.

The name Quajabin is derived from the Aboriginal word Quabin, which means 'good camp'.

Following European settlement the area surrounding County Peak was taken up in 1898 by the pioneering McLean brothers John, Thomas, Kenneth and Donald Jr.

The brothers selected their land, including County Peak, using tree lines as their guide to indicate rich and fertile soil.

Direct descendants still own and farm this land today.

In 1910 the McLean family provided land at County Peak for a school to be built.

The County Peak School taught many children in the district between 1910 and 1933.

In 1966 John McLean Jr donated enough land for the County Peak Rd to be built surrounding the peak, which is now maintained by the Shire of Beverley.

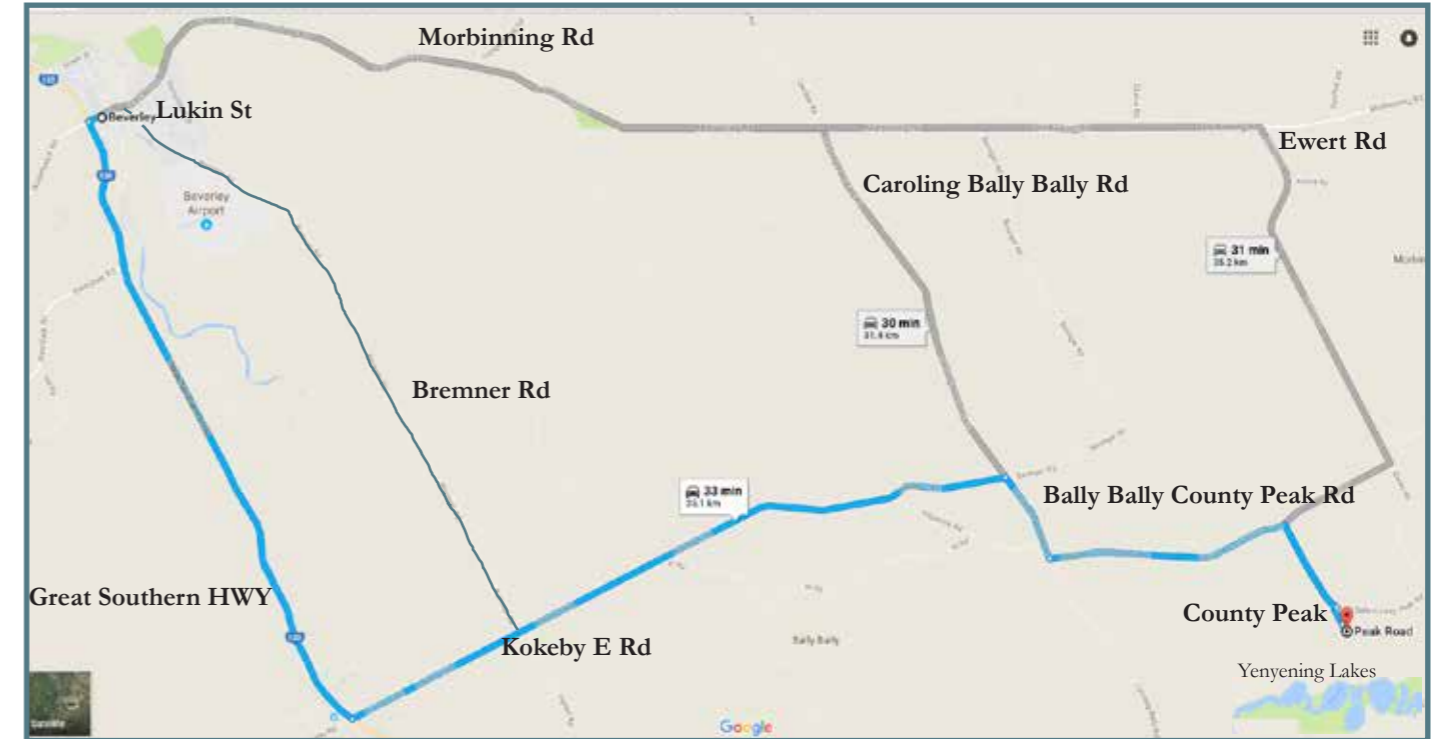
The road, known as Pioneers Memorial Drive, loops around below the level of the summit so visitors can hike to the summit on foot.

At 360 metres, the views from the summit are breath-taking.

Points of seven shires Beverley, Brookton, Pingelly, Corrigin, Quairading, Kelleberrin and York can be seen from the top.

The hike up to the top is relatively easy but be sure to take adequate water, wear sensible shoes and keep a look out for snakes.

Those unable to hike to the top, the Southern lookout is just as stunning.



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Wildflowers

Here in Beverley you will find a range of different wildflowers during the year, the most popular places to see a range of unique wildflowers is the Brooking Street Reserve and the Poison Hill Reserve.

When visiting these areas please take care of the surrounding flora and fauna, and remember the picking of wildflowers is prohibited by law throughout Western Australia.

The best time to look for wildflowers in Beverley is late

winter to early spring, or from August to October, but this is largely dependent on the season. Stop in at the Beverley Visitor Centre (page 9) to find out more about the wildflowers you will be able to spot during your visit.

Directions

See the map on page 16 for the location of the Brooking St Reserve.

See map the on page 17 for the location of the Poison Hill Reserve. To get there head east

on Vincent St (this road becomes Morbinning Rd). Aiken Rd is about 10 kilometres out of town, the Poison Hill Reserve is located on the corner of Aiken Rd and Morbinning Rd.



Local Churches

The Christian faith was a cornerstone in the lives of Beverley pioneers, and following the church services (especially in our rural churches of St Paul's, St Peter's and St John's), social gatherings or picnics were often held and were an important part of early society. Several English traditions including 'The Blessing of The Plough' are still conducted at the St John's in the Wilderness each year before ploughing season.

Prior to permanent places of worship in the district, church services were often held in farm houses and private residents of the early settlers. With the coming of the railway in 1886, and with no Anglican Church in the actual Beverley townsite, church services were held in a room of the railway station, and conducted by the station master, Mr Drake-Brockman. Mrs Brockman also held Sunday school in the station building, and later the schoolhouse. Mrs Brockman was also an avid campaigner for the building of St Mary's Anglican Church in the town,

The first Catholic Church was built in Queen Street in 1890 and a small Methodist Church was erected in Hunt Road in 1893.



St Peter's

The settlement of Gilgering, located between York and Beverley, was the first to have a permanent church erected in the area. St Peter's was an Anglican church built in 1858 by local families. The first minister of the church was

Reverend Lynch.

St Peter's was built of brick, with sheoak shingle roof, and was consecrated in 1860.

The Reverend Lynch lived beside the church in a rectory (since demolished).

The church yard has marked graves from 1867 and is the family burial plot of several pioneering families of the Gilgering and Dale districts.

While Gilgering was originally considered North Beverley, it is now in York Shire.

Directions

St Peter's is reached by driving towards York on the York-Beverley Road for 17.8 kms. The road to St Peter's Church is on the right just after Oakover Road, and is not easily noticed.



St Paul's, Edwards Crossing

The settlers at Edwards Crossing had to wait until St Peter's at Gilgering was built before they were able to start their own building. St Paul's was built of local stone, which was quarried from around the nearby river.

The roof was originally made of timber shingles and the floor paved with hand made mud bricks. This church was consecrated in 1862 and is part of the original site selected by the first settlers of the district to set up the Beverley town site.



The graveyard around the church holds the remains of some of the earliest pioneers of the district.

Directions

From Beverley drive 5 kms towards York. Turn right onto Top Beverley Rd. Just over the bridge St Pauls can be seen in the paddock on the right hand side.

St Mary's Anglican Church, John Street

St Mary's was the first Anglican Church erected at the new Beverley town site, with Canon Grosser the first minister.

The church was consecrated in 1892.

In 1914 a bell tower was added to the church but in the early 1920s it was realised that the weight of the

tower was threatening the security of the church foundations, and the tower was removed in 1926.

A feature of this church is the beautiful stained glass windows.

The Anglican cemetery is located some distance from the church, at the northern end of Forrest Street.



Local Churches

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Lukin Street

Catholic families were able to worship in their own denominational church from 1900, when a Catholic church was built on Queen Street.

The first mass was conducted by Father Gibney.

This church was in use until 1933, when the Sacred Heart Church was erected in Lukin St.

Sacred Heart was built in the inter-war Gothic style with stained glass windows.

The Catholic cemetery is located on Brooking St.

Interestingly, this cemetery holds the remains of local Noongar man, Billy Noongale, an aboriginal who accompanied John Forrest on some of his early expeditions, and the stone on his grave was erected by Sir John Forrest in recognition of their friendship.

The original Catholic Church building still stands in Queen Street.



Methodist Church, Hunt Road

This church was built in Federation Gothic style in 1907 and was erected on the site of the original Methodist Church.

The original Methodist Church was built in 1893.

It later became known as the Uniting Church and is now home to the Beverley Real Life Church. The Beverley Methodist cemetery is situated over the river, on the eastern end of Vincent Street.



St John in the Wilderness

This picturesque church was built to meet the needs of the settlers in the expanding Dale area, who had previously attended St Peter's at Gilgering.

The building was constructed from local stone and was consecrated on the 22nd May 1895 by Rt. Rev Riley, 3rd Bishop and later Archbishop of Perth .

The unusual title of this Church comes from the bible at Isaiah XXXV: *The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.*

A church hall was built in the same style, near the church in 1904 as a community venue and is not restricted to one denomination.



Directions

From Beverley proceed south along the Great Southern Hwy for 2.8 kms and turn right at the sign—Perth via Westdale. The church and hall are located a further 28

kms onward, clearly visible on the left hand side of the road. The graveyard surrounding the church contains the graves of many Dale pioneers.

St Andrew's, Greenhills

St Andrew's is an Anglican church, built in 1912 by the local Penny family.

The original church, which fell into disrepair and eventual ruin, existed where the cemetery is currently located and was consecrated by Bishop (later Archbishop) Riley, on

20th May 1895.

This church and cemetery is the only remaining element of the original town of Greenhills, and is a rare example of a church no longer in the vicinity of a town.

It is a one-story, timber weatherboard structure

demonstrating characteristics of the Federation Carpenter Gothic style.

Directions

Located on the York Quairading Rd and Greenhills Rd crossroads.

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