

Eight scenic drives, varying in distance from 3 km to 113 km have been planned to help you enjoy your stay. They have been numbered and sign posted No 2 to No 9. To avoid confusion with National Highway 1 there is no No 1 drive.

Please take care when driving as some of the roads are narrow and winding with steep hills in many areas. Also, some of the roads are through private property and may be unsealed. There may also be stock on the road. Please remember to leave gates as you find them.



2 BRIDGETOWN - GREENBUSHES - MARANUP FORD 51KM

Travel north along Hampton St which becomes the South Western Highway as you leave Bridgetown. Drive 15km, turn left into Stanifer St which takes you into Greenbushes. Here you can visit the Mine Lookout at the southern end of Telluride St or have a look around the township checking out the historic plaques and visit the Discovery Centre on Blackwood Rd (open Wed, Fri, Sat 10am – 2pm). Pick up a walk trail booklet from the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre or the Discovery Centre showing walk trails from 500 metres to 15 km long. Take a drive along Spring Gully Rd for the Greenbushes natural Pool to have a swim, a picnic or take a walk around the pool on the boardwalk. Return to Telluride St and turn right into Maranup Ford Rd. This will take you firstly past areas of the new Talison Lithium mine expansion project, then on past revegetated mine sites, pine plantations and farmland, dropping steeply down to the Blackwood River. The bridge across the Blackwood River replaces the original Maranup Ford and the homestead on the left is one of the older houses in the district, now with the Maranup Ford caravan park on site. Continue until you reach the Brockman Highway. Turn left and enjoy this scenic drive back into Bridgetown.

3 BRIDGETOWN - BALINGUP- NANNUP 113KM

Take the South Western Highway north as far as Balingup where there are many things to see and do, including boutique shops, galleries, a fruit winery, cafes and the Golden Valley Tree Park. Turn left into the Balingup-Nannup Road (Tourist Drive 251). The road is narrow and winding and follows the Blackwood River through picturesque river country, pine and hardwood forests, farms and bushland. Stop for a picnic on the banks of the Blackwood River at Wrights Bridge or Revelly Bridge picnic areas. Drop into wineries along the way.

When you get into Nannup, visit the local craft and antique shops, eat at one of the many eateries, visit the brewery or go into Barrabup Pool (off Mowen Rd) for a picnic. Return to Bridgetown along the scenic tree-lined Brockman Highway. Call into Karri Gully Picnic Site to view the only stand of Karri trees along the Brockman Highway

4 BRIDGETOWN - JARRAH PARK - DONNELLY RIVER 73KM

Travel south along Hampton St to the Blackwood River, cross the bridge and turn right onto the Brockman Highway. Enjoy this scenic drive for 20 km where you will find the Bridgetown Jarrah Park on your right. Here you can enjoy bush walks on marked trails and picnic in the barbeque area. One kilometre past the entry to the Jarrah Park (towards Nannup), turn left into Sears Road and proceed to Donnelly River Holiday Village. Here you will see kangaroos, emus and other birds around the General Store. This is the centre point of the Bibbulmun Track, a 1000km walk trail from Perth hills to Albany. The return to Bridgetown via Donnelly Mill Rd takes you through Karri forest; keep left into Mockerdillup Road which takes you through bush and farmland. A right turn at Brockman Highway gets you back to Bridgetown.

5 TOWN DRIVE 5KM

Drive south as far as the Bridgetown Town Hall on the corner with Steere St. The town hall has been an important meeting place for the settlers since 1877 when the Mechanics Institute was built. The current building was built in 1936 with a number of additions since then. It currently houses the Shire offices. Turn left and proceed up Steere St, over the railway line, past the Bridgetown Hub on the right (which was the original Terminus Hotel) and the Old Convent at St Brigid's Catholic Church on the left. Continue up past the Bridgetown Library, skate park and Leisure Centre on the left. Clovers General Store, on the opposite corner, has been in existence mostly as a general store since 1930. Cross over Gifford Rd and continue up to the top of the hill. Turn right into Giblett St. At the T intersection turn right onto Blechynden St and left into Phillips St (Opposite Dorothy Scott Bushland). Enjoy the panoramic view down towards Kangaroo Gully. The next turn left takes you to Sutton's Lookout, the site of TV and mobile phone receivers. When you leave the lookout, turn left into Phillips St, then left into Roe St towards the Blackwood River. Turn right and follow the river back to Hampton St.

6 BRIDGETOWN - PENINSULAR ROAD 19KM

Travel north for 300m along Hampton St and turn left into Peninsula Rd. This takes you past the Bridgetown Hospital and Agricultural Show Grounds on your right. The showgrounds have been located here since 1905. The memorial entrance gate was made by Gordon Holdsworth (1884 – 1965). After 4 kms turn right on to the peninsula, also labelled as Peninsula Road. This takes you through a nature reserve at either end, then onto private property and along the river. Take care on this road as it is unsealed and watch for stock. You will drive past Peninsula House, built in 1920 by Jack Walter, a significant agriculturalist in the area. There is an impressive stand of grass trees on the left as you head back up the hill. Follow this road (name changes to Walter Willis Rd) until you arrive back at the point where you turned off and return to Bridgetown. There is a road into the new housing estate, Highlands Estate, on your right. Closer to town the Maslin Reserve is on your right, a good spot to stretch your legs.

7 BRIDGETOWN – ALLNUT STREET 3KM

Drive north along Hampton St, turn left into Nelson St. This takes you past our Repertory Theatre (with the Big Peg, #13 in our Art Trail booklet), the Bridgetown Tennis Club and then the site of the old graveyard behind which is a Peace Park with a labyrinth. Take the third left into Allnut St, following this until the end when it curves into Loftie St. In the dip is Geegeelup Brook where you will find more art works on the eastern bank. Cross over Hampton St into Phillips St to visit St Paul's Anglican Church (built in 1911). The church contains works by artist Gordon Holdsworth who lived in the district. There is an Op Shop attached to the hall too. Return to Hampton St, turning left to the Blackwood River bridge. Park in the information bay on the right and visit the National Trust house "Bridgedale" (built in 1862) across the road. You can walk through the grounds to view the house and the small building that was the original building used by the Blechynden family while building the main house. The house is now privately operated. Head back to the Visitor Centre to see the Human Shelter His and Hers artwork made by artist Tony Davis from the original shingles of Bridgedale House.

8 MOCKERDILLUP ROAD 22KM

Travel south along Hampton Str over the Blackwood River, turning right into Brockman Highway (towards Nannup) for 3 kms. Turn left into Mockerdillup Rd then take the second turn right into Grange Rd (unsealed road). This was originally John Allnutt's property called Nelson Grange where apples were first grown commercially in the district. It is now mainly a pine plantation. You will pass the entrance to the Nelson Grange homestead, now privately owned. Continue through the forest and turn left when you reach the sealed road. This will take you back to the Brockman Highway. Turn right to return to Bridgetown.

9 BRIDGETOWN – HESTER – TWEED RD 71KM

Take the South West Highway north for 4 km and turn right into Hester Rd. This will take you past the Golf Club on the left. Stop here for an impromptu game of mini golf! Travel on through Hester townsite (watch the sharp turns near the timber mill) to the Boyup Brook Rd. Cross this and join Winnejup Rd. After passing over the Blackwood River turn right into Tweed Rd (unsealed road) which takes you through "Silverlands" (private property) and follows the river. Near the intersection with Carburnup Brook Rd, there is an entry to Sunnyside Reserve. There is a toilet, an old shelter, an oval and access to the river here, a great place for a picnic. From here continue along Tweed Rd, sealed from here, back to the South West Highway, south of Bridgetown. Turn right and return to Bridgetown.



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BRIDGETOWN'S SCENIC DRIVES



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