Come And See Our Wheatbelt Way From Here



Wyalkatchem sits smack, bang, right in the middle of Western Australia's Wheatbelt Way, so you've got good options in almost every direction. Here are some easy day trips for you, leaving from the Travellers Park:

In and around Wyalkatchem itself (half day)

Before you head out, it's worth a morning wandering the town: the CBH and Agricultural Museum at the original Wheatbin site houses farming and transport equipment from the early 1900s, including a 1920 "Waterloo Boy" tractor, one of the first John Deere models made and one of very few left in Australia. Just nearby is the heritage "School-House Museum" on the corner of Gamble and Flint Streets, a home built in 1926 that gives a step-back-in-time look at rural domestic life. A walk along the main street also reveals several murals depicting town and rural life. Then head a few kilometres out to **Korrelocking Reserve** for a picnic and nature walk — it's the local wildflower hotspot in season, and there's a short walk trail to a pioneer well nearby.

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North-east loop: Koorda, Trayning, Yorkrakine Rock (full day)

This follows part of the **Wheatbelt Way**. The full Wheatbelt Way loops through Wyalkatchem, Koorda, Bencubbin, Beacon, Westonia, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, and Trayning, dotted with 24 interpretive sites telling the area's nature and history — you obviously can't do the whole 800–1000km circuit in a day, but a manageable loop is Wyalkatchem ? Koorda ? back via Trayning, taking in **Yorkrakine Rock** (a great lookout and popular local landmark) along the way. Koorda has its own museum and heritage buildings worth a stop.

South-west toward Kellerberrin and Meckering (full day)

Kellerberrin is about 45 minutes away and makes a solid loop with Meckering and Cunderdin on the way back. The Kellerberrin Heritage Trail features an old flour mill, war memorial, Preventorium, church, post office and a stunning lookout, and the old

Kellerberrin Museum has served as a school, courthouse and Road Board office from 1897 to 1972. If you want to extend it, there's also the Minnivale Rail and Heritage Centre with unique rail carriages, an original diesel locomotive and even a Kalamazoo hand-pumped cart — Minnivale is close by, just off the road between Wyalkatchem and Dowerin, so it fits neatly into this loop.

West toward Dowerin and Northam (full day, longer drive)

If you want a bigger day out, Dowerin and Northam are further west (Northam is roughly 1.5 hours from Wyalkatchem). Northam is split by the Avon River and has a fascinating history as a WWII training camp and as home to thousands of migrants, plus the Bilya Koort Boodja Aboriginal cultural centre, and the longest suspension bridge in Australia where you might spot Northam's famous white swans, introduced by the British in 1896. This is a longer round trip, so it's best done as a dedicated day rather than combined with the eastern towns.

A few practical notes

- **Best season**: July to October is ideal — cooler weather and peak wildflower season, with the region a global biodiversity hotspot known for carpets of pink, white and yellow everlastings and unique orchids. If you're visiting outside this window, prioritise the museums and heritage trails over the nature reserves.

- **Fuel/food**: rural fuel stations can have limited hours, so it's worth planning around that and carrying water — worth fuelling up in Wyalkatchem before any of these loops.

- Museums in the smaller towns (Koorda, Trayning, Nungarin) are often volunteer-run and only open on weekends or by request, so if a specific museum is the goal, it's worth checking ahead.

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Central Wheatbelt Day Trips from Wyalkatchem

Base: Wyalkatchem Travellers Park, Hands Drive (Goomalling Wyalkatchem Road), Wyalkatchem

Here are four options ranging from a relaxed half day in town to a longer day out west — pick and mix depending on how many days you have.

Option 1 — Wyalkatchem Town & Korrelocking Reserve (half day)

An easy morning that doesn't require much driving at all.

Time	Stop	Notes
9:00 AM	Wyalkatchem Travellers Park	Depart on foot/short drive
9:30 AM	Wyalkatchem CBH Agricultural Museum	Restored vintage engines, military vehicles and tractors, including a 1920 "Waterloo Boy" — one of the first John Deere tractor models and one of very few left in Australia. $5 entry. Open weekdays 9am–4pm, weekends 10am–2pm.
11:00 AM	School-House Museum	Corner of Gamble & Flint Streets — a 1926 home preserved as it was used until the late 1960s
11:30 AM	Korrelocking Nature Reserve	Picnic spot and wildflower walk trail with a pioneer well nearby (~15 min drive from town)

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Also worth it: a stroll along the main street to spot the town's heritage murals.

Option 2 — North-East Loop: Koorda, Trayning & Yorkrakine Rock (full day)

Part of the wider **Wheatbelt Way** self-drive trail.

Time	Stop	Notes
8:30 AM	Depart Wyalkatchem	
9:30 AM	Koorda	~1hr drive; local museum and heritage buildings
12:00 PM	Trayning	Small heritage town, good lunch stop
2:30 PM	Yorkrakine Rock and Nature Reserve	Easy climb around the granite monolith, 360° views, wildflowers and canola in season (best winter/spring)

Tip: Gravel/unsealed sections are common on these routes — take it slow and avoid driving after dark if unfamiliar with the roads.

Option 3 — South-West Loop: Minnivale & Kellerberrin (full day)

A heritage-and-lookout loop, easily extended into Kellerberrin's wider trail.

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9:00 AM	Depart Wyalkatchem	
9:30 AM	Minnivale Rail and Heritage Centre	Vintage rail carriages, an original diesel locomotive, and a Kalamazoo hand-pumped cart
12:30 PM	Kellerberrin Hill Lookout	~1.5km gravel road to the top; part of the Kellerberrin Heritage Trail, which also takes in an old flour mill, war memorial, church and post office in town

Extend it: the old Kellerberrin Museum (a former school, courthouse and Road Board office from 1897–1972) is worth a stop in town before or after the lookout.

Option 4 — West Loop: Dowerin & Northam (long day)

The biggest day of the four — best treated as its own dedicated outing rather than combined with the others.

Time	Stop	Notes
8:00 AM	Depart Wyalkatchem (early start recommended)	
8:45 AM	Dowerin	Start/end point of the Wheatbelt Way; quick stop
10:00 AM	Northam	Bilya Koort Boodja Aboriginal cultural centre; a walk over the Avon River's suspension bridge (Australia's longest); keep an eye out for the town's famous white swans, introduced in 1896

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Practical notes

Best season: July–October — cooler weather and peak wildflower season, with carpets of pink, white and yellow everlastings plus native orchids across the region.

Fuel & food: rural fuel stations can have limited hours — top up in Wyalkatchem before setting out, and carry water.

Small-town museums (Koorda, Trayning, Nungarin) are often volunteer-run and may only open on weekends or by request — worth calling ahead if a specific museum is the goal.

Roads: some routes include unsealed sections; a spare tyre and basic repair kit are sensible for a full day off the highway.

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Compiled for a stay at the Wyalkatchem Travellers Park, Central Wheatbelt, WA.