

# COOLGARDIE

MOTHER OF THE GOLDFIELDS



Discover our story as you create yours



# Two Day Itinerary Overview

## Day One

1. Warden's Court Building
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## Accommodation

Gold Rush Motel

## Day Two

Burra Rock Conservation Park

## Legend



Photographic opportunity



Walking shoes



Sun protection



Coffee / tea available



Scenic View

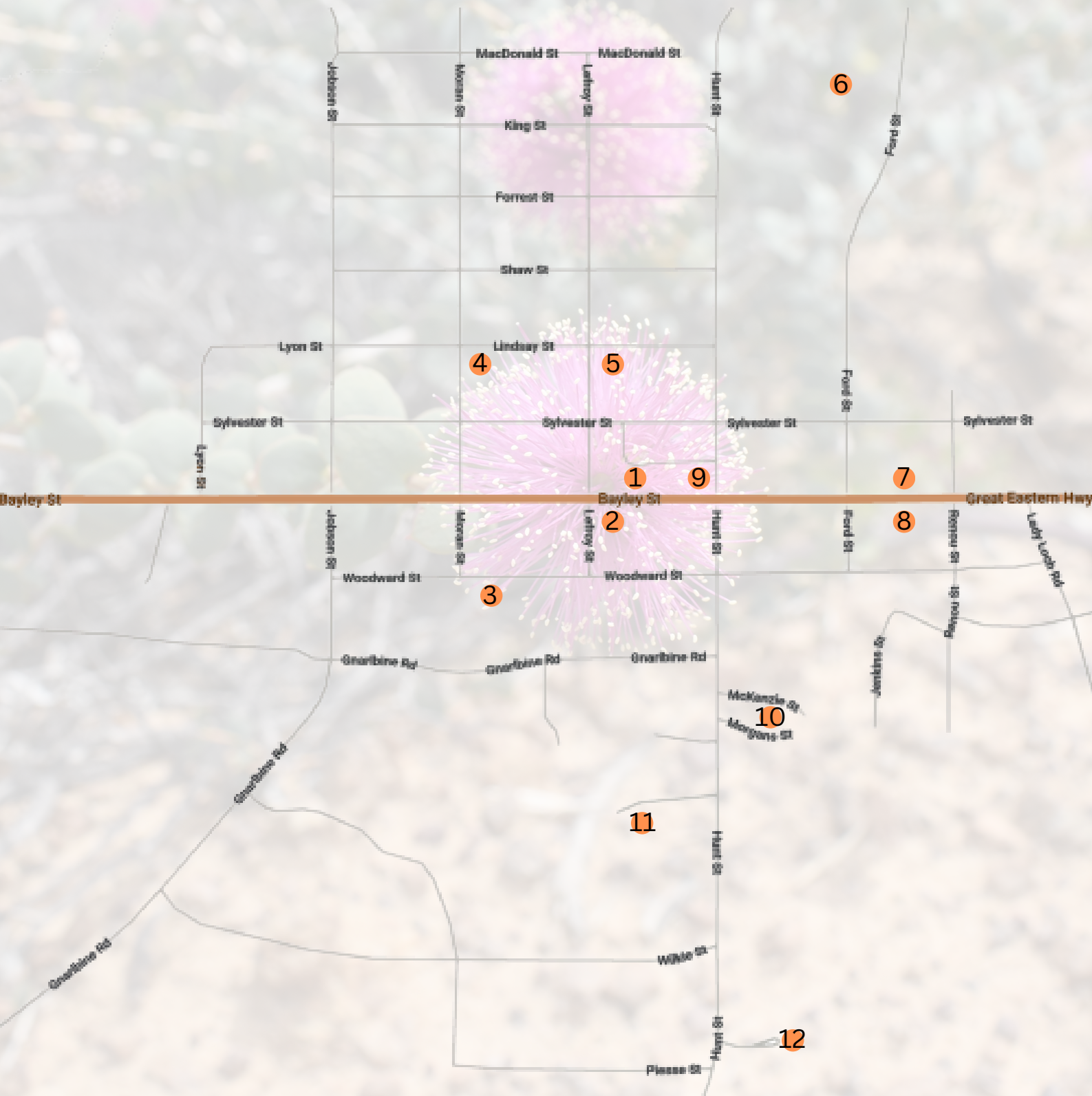


Water



# Coolgardie Map

The map displays a street grid in Coolgardie. The streets shown are MacDonal St, King St, Forrest St, Shaw St, Lindsay St, Sylvester St, Bayley St, Woodward St, Granbire Rd, White St, and Piesse St. The numbered locations are: 1 (near Bayley St and Sylvester St), 2 (near Bayley St and Woodward St), 3 (near Woodward St and Granbire Rd), 4 (near Lindsay St and Sylvester St), 5 (near Lindsay St and Bayley St), 6 (near MacDonal St and King St), 7 (near Bayley St and Sylvester St), 8 (near Bayley St and Woodward St), 9 (near Bayley St and Sylvester St), 10 (near Granbire Rd and Woodward St), 11 (near White St and Piesse St), and 12 (near Piesse St and White St).





# Wardens Court Building

This iconic building was constructed of local pink sandstone in 1898, and only took four months to build. Originally a courthouse, today the grand old lady of Bayley St is home to the Coolgardie Visitor Centre and Goldfields Exhibition Museum. Here you will find many stories of the early pioneers and their struggles to establish a thriving community in this desert landscape.



## Denver City Hotel

The first Denver City Hotel opened in 1894, and one can only imagine, that over the years, many a yarn has been spun over clinking glasses. In 1897 fire destroyed the second version of this pub as it and surrounding buildings were burnt to the ground, but out of the ashes a new Denver City Hotel was built, allowing for the beer to flow once more.



## Coolgardie Historic Railway Station

Coolgardie's Historic Railway Station, built by New Zealand's Wilkie Brothers, is one of the earliest government built railway stations in Western Australia. Historically connected to stories such as the Varischetti Mine Rescue, CY O'Connor's pipeline and WA's involvement in federation, this building could tell many a yarn relating to the foundations of Coolgardie and the surrounding Goldfields.





## St Anthony's Convent

The site for St Anthony's Convent was originally a tobacconist by day and history records show it was a brothel by night. The Catholic Church purchased the land and the convent was opened in 1903. The convent was operated by the Sisters of Mercy and was the only boarding school on the goldfields, playing an important role in education of children in Coolgardie.



## St Mary's Church

Originally built from timber and iron, the foundation stone for the existing church was laid in 1902. On its opening day it held a congregation of 500 people without pews, with many more witnessing the event from outside.



## Coolgardie Bluff Cultural & Heritage Trail

Coolgardie Bluff Cultural & Heritage Trail is an place of cultural significance to local Indigenous people. Here they tell the dreamtime story of this unique rocky outcrop and the surrounding area through story boards and metal sculptures.





## Moran's Store

From a humble wooden framed tent to the two storey building you see today which includes a private residence upstairs, this general store is one of the oldest in the goldfields and until 2019 was the oldest family owned store in Australia.



## Marvel Bar

The Marvel Bar Hotel was a favourite watering hole among the miners. While the building showcased the wealth of the town with its grand facade, it also offered cheap meals and a relaxed atmosphere. The publican was well respected and was generously known to welcome any prospector who was down on his luck.



## Coolgardie Post Office

Built in 1896 the Coolgardie Miner was rather scathing about its appearance in a story on the 31 March 1896 "we refer to that extraordinary jumble of indifferent stone and porous clay facetiously termed the post office building ... externally and internally it is ugly, atrociously so and reminds us of a very bad cross between a second rate stable and an ancient West Australian gaol ... it does not possess one redeeming feature"

This once deemed ugly building is now one of the much loved grand old dames of Bayley St.





# Warden Finnerty's Residence

Built by the Bunnings Brothers, and once the residence of Warden John Michael Finnerty and his family, this homestead welcomed people from all walks of life. From criminals facing justice in the temporary courtroom to visiting dignitaries being entertained in the dining room and parlor, imaging the conversations that took place here and the stories this house could tell.



## Coolgardie Hospital

As illness ran rampant on the goldfields, partly due to the lack of water, a hospital was desperately needed and a series of tents were constructed to fill this void. Later these tents were replaced with stone buildings, consisting of ten wards and included Western Australia's first sanitarium.

Once again the Bunnings brothers contributed to the architecture of Coolgardie with their involvement in this buildings construction.



## Lion's Lookout

Lions Lookout provides a view over Fly Flat, where gold was first discovered in Coolgardie.

The land you see below was once a prospector's dream, with many drawn by the lure of gold. While a few succeeded, others just managed to scrape by with enough to keep themselves fed and sheltered, but many a broken man left empty handed with their ambitions of wealth in tatters.





# Map to Burra





## Day Two - Burra Rock Conservation Park

Have your camera ready as you meander through nature, stopping to notice the colours of the many flora species presented through this part of the Great Western Woodlands. Listen for the sounds of the bird life or if you're lucky catch a glimpse of emus as they amble through the bush, going about their business.

With water-bottle in hand and your walking shoes on, a climb up this granite outcrop will not disappoint. Take a moment to absorb the sweeping vista that is steeped in stories not only of human survival but also that of Mother Nature's resilience.

The 1920's-30's saw the creation of a man-made wall of granite slabs installed to direct water into a natural catchment area, which was used for the steam trains of the woodlines. The steam trains have long since vanished into ghostly stories along with the woodcutters of bygone years, but the legacy lives on with the catchment today still retaining water, creating an idyllic picnic area.

*The road to Burra Rock Conservation Park is a combination of sealed and unsealed surfaces, please check road condition with the Coolgardie Visitors Centre prior to your departure.*





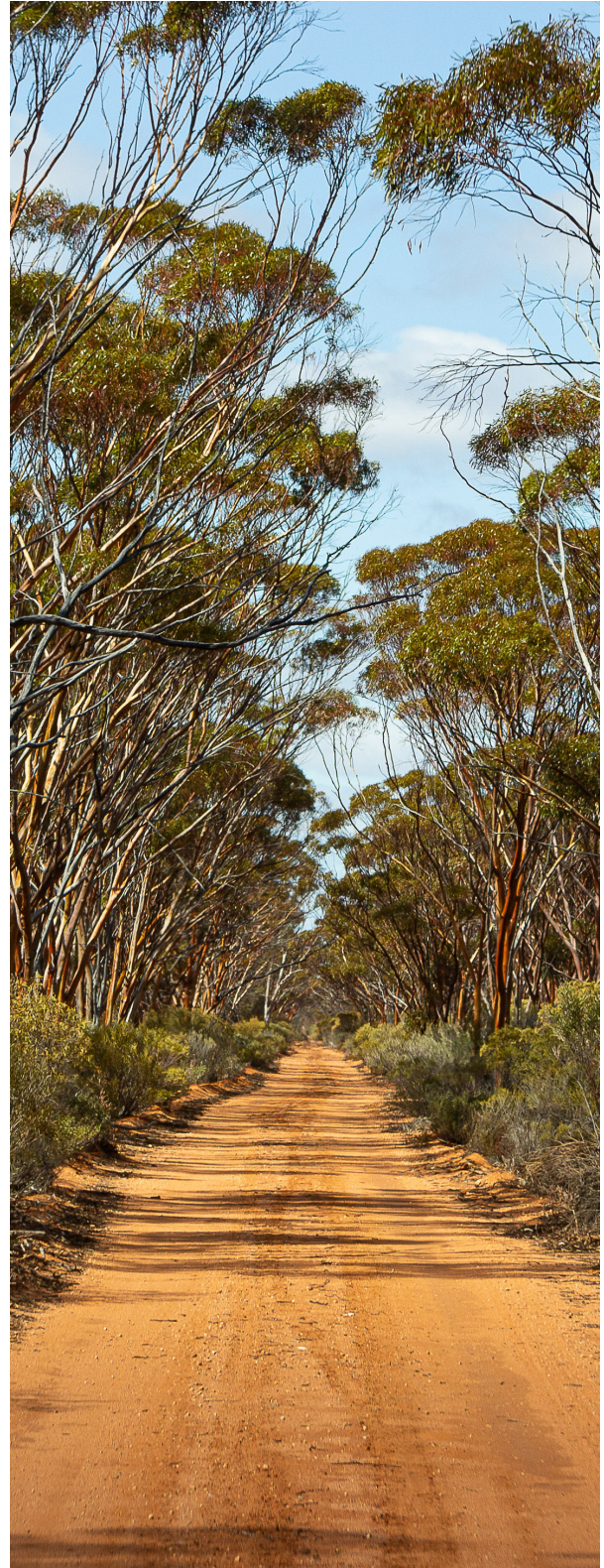
## Extend your stay

Before you put the beautiful Burra Rock in your rearview mirror, consider spending more time exploring this unique area by following the Green Trail through this part of the Great Western Woodlands. Head south to Cave Hill and spend the night camping under the stars, go through Widgiemooltha to Kambalda to do the Red Hill walk trail, while taking in the spectacular views of Lake Lefroy. Then onto Kalgoorlie and explore Karkula Park.

If time permits, from Kalgoorlie, take yourself back to Coolgardie and head north along the 965km Golden Quest Discovery Trail and learn about the northern goldfields.

Or steer your way back to Coolgardie and go south on Victoria Rock Road, taking yourself on a 4x4 adventure on the Holland Track through to Hyden. If 4x4 is not your style take the Holland Way through to the same destination.

If you are traveling onto Perth, follow the Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail along the Great Eastern Highway to discover how this engineering feat bought water to the goldfields.





# Trip Tips

While Coolgardie is a beautiful place to visit all year round, the most popular time to visit is between June - November when the local weather is cooler. You may even find some of our unique wildflowers during this time of year

Our amazing goldfields sunsets can be viewed from the Lions Lookout perhaps visit one of the viewing platforms on the Coolgardie Bluff Cultural and Heritage Trail, this opportunity to capture and create memories is not to be missed!

Regular Makers Markets showcasing Coolgardie and goldfields artisans are held in the gardens of Warden Finnerty's Residence. Visit the Coolgardie Visitors Centre Facebook page for dates. While there check out the information for our other up and coming events, including live music, our annual Rodeo and Ute Muster in August and our Coolgardie Day Celebrations every September.

Are you interested in your ancestral links to the goldfields? Discover your past and its stories with the assistance of the team at Coolgardie's Goldfields Exhibition Museum as they may be able to find information or related local sites for you to visit during your stay.

Not only do we have self-drive trails to explore ... we have a few interactive self-guided trails of Coolgardie too. Free guides are available at the Coolgardie Visitor Centre for the Glory Days Walk Trail, Mystery Roads locations Trail (ABC TV miniseries)-, Coolgardie Cemetery Guide and the ARted augmented reality trail.

## Where to stay

Gold Rush Motel  
08 9026 6080

Denver City Hotel  
08 9026 6031

Coolgardie Safari Inn  
0484 086 994

Coolgardie Tourist Village  
Caravan Park  
08 9026 6009

## Where to eat

Gold Rush Motel

Denver City Hotel

Open Pit Cafe - Vibe  
Service Station

IGA Supermarket



Coolgardie Visitor Centre  
62 Bayley St  
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