

Guide to Wildflowers

in Carnarvon & Surrounds



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Wildflowers are blooming...

The Gascoyne Region is one of the world's renowned areas for its wildflowers. Wildflowers are seasonal and dependent on rainfall, with the recent rainfall in the region, the wildflower season has started early and is just magical! Carnarvon is an ideal base for your wildflower adventure, perfectly situated as the gateway to the Gascoyne hinterland and Southern Ningaloo Reef.

What's blooming now...



Red Blooms

Cape Range Grevillea (*Grevillea Variifolia*) on the Quobba Coastline, Sturt's Desert Pea (*Swainsona Formosa*) in Gascoyne Junction & Mount Augustus, Namana (*Euphorbia Australis*) on the Quobba Coastline & Gascoyne Junction.



Pink Blooms

Coastal Hibiscus (*Alyogyne Cuneiformis*) on the Quobba Coastline, Sand Hibiscus (*Alyogyne Cuneiformis*) on the Quobba Coastline & Gascoyne inland such as Rocky Pool and Kennedy Range, Perennial Tar Vine (*Commicarpus Australis*) at Mt Augustus & Kennedy Range, Grey Scurf-Pea (*Cullen Cinereum*), Gascoyne Mulla Mulla (*Ptilotus Helipteroides*) on Blowholes Road, Gascoyne Junction, Kennedy Range, Mountain Nancy (*Wurmbea Inframediana*) at Mount Augustus.



Purple Blooms

Velvet Scurf-Pea (*Cullen Martinii*) on the Tramway Walk Trail, Dampier Pea (*Swainsona Pterostylis*) at Miabooyla Beach, Rough Bluebell (*Trichodesma Zeylanicum*) Sturt's Nightsade (*Salanum Sturtianum*) around Gascoyne Junction, Bush Tomato (*Solanum Diversiflorum*) in Gascoyne Junction, Marsh Stemodia (*Stemodia Grossa*) at Mt Augustus, Camel Weed (*Scaevola Parvifolia*) at Gascoyne Junction & Mt Augustus, Wedge-Leaved Eremophila (*Eremophila Cuneifolia*) Purple Mouth (*Dipteracanthus Australasicus*) at Mt Augustus.



Green & White Blooms

Green Birdflower, known as Carnarvon Bird Flower (*Cratalaria Cunninghamii*) found in Carnarvon and at Kennedy Range. Native Poplar (*Codonocarpus Cotinifloius*) found in Carnarvon and Gascoyne Junction, Tassel Top (white - *Ptilotus Clementii*) found at Miabooyla and Gascoyne hinterland. Crinkled Heliotrope (*Heliotropium Crispatum*) found at Gascoyne Junction.



Mulla Mulla



Dampier Pea & Tassel Top



Carnarvon Bird Flower



Suggested Travel Itinerary

Looking for a quick travel excursion or simply traveling on the Australia's Coral Coast of Western Australia on the hunt for the blankets of wildflowers? Carnarvon and surrounds is just the destination, the recent rainfall has brought a fantastic wildflower season. Here is a suggested travel itinerary, to extend your stay add an additional day or two! #catchyousoon!

Day 1 - Arrive in Carnarvon

Settle into one of seven caravan parks or self-contained/motel style accommodation. Visit the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct and One Mile Jetty. Enjoy sunsets at the Fascine town beach with a picnic or packed BBQ.

Day 2 - Carnarvon

Visit the Space and Technology Museum and to the popular 'fruit loop' where you can find your fresh fruits and vegetables. Top tips - Enjoy mango smoothie at Bumbak's and Chocolate coated Banana, Enjoy the exotic Black Sapote from Morel's Orchard, Lunch at River Gums Cafe, must have the famous River Burger and Pickles Point Seafood for fresh and cooked fresh seafood.

Day 3 - Carnarvon & Blowholes

Take a walk along the 'Old Tramway', starting from the Fascine Town Beach. The flora and fauna trail will amaze you. Look out of the magnificent Burrowing Bees. Pack a picnic at set off to the Blowholes via Miabooyla Beach on Bibbawarra Road. The blankets of wildflowers are magical. Enjoy the magnificent Blowholes and the Humpback Whale Migration. Look out for the thorny devils!

Extend your stay by camping at the wilderness locations of Quobba Station, Red Bluff and Gnaraloo .

Day 4 - Gascoyne Junction

Head towards Gascoyne Junction, located 164km from Carnarvon on a sealed road. Stop at Rocky Pool and enjoy the serenity. Stay at Gascoyne Junction Caravan Park. Explore the wildflowers and enjoy the walk trails along the Gascoyne River.

Day 5 - Kennedy Range National Park

Head to Kennedy Range National Park, located 55km from Gascoyne Junction (unsealed). Enjoy the seasonal waterfalls, the popular Honeycomb Gorge Walk Trail and Drapers Gorge Trail.



Day 6 - Mount Augustus National Park

Enjoy early mornings at Sunrise View Trail before heading to Mount Augustus. Approximately 275km from Kennedy Range. Settle into the Mount Augustus Caravan Park.

Day 7 - Mount Augustus National Park

Enjoy one of 10 walking trails, 1 being the Summit Trail taking approximately 5 - 8 hours. Enjoy the magnificent blanket of wildflowers and the magical sunsets.

Important Travel Information

Travel Distances

South

Shark Bay to Carnarvon - 323km
Kalbarri to Carnarvon - 445km
Geraldton to Carnarvon - 480km
Perth to Carnarvon - 904km

North

Coral Bay to Carnarvon - 228km
Exmouth to Carnarvon - 368km
Tom Price to Carnarvon - 707km
Karratha to Carnarvon - 646km

Carnarvon Region

Carnarvon to Blowholes - 75km
Carnarvon to Miabooyla - 22km
Carnarvon to Quobba Station - 85km
Carnarvon to Red Bluff - 135km
Carnarvon to Gnaraloo - 145km
Carnarvon to Gascoyne Junction - 164km
Carnarvon to Kennedy Range - 230km
Carnarvon to Mount Augustus - 450km



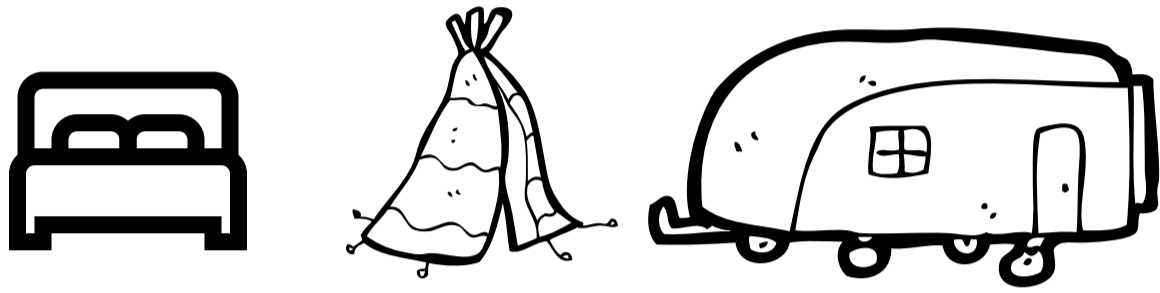
More important travel information

It is important when travelling to ensure you carry ample fuel, water and supplies to cope with all the possible occurrences.

Always stay on signposted tracks and stay with your vehicle if you break down. It is recommended to travel with two spare tyres when travelling on unsealed roads.

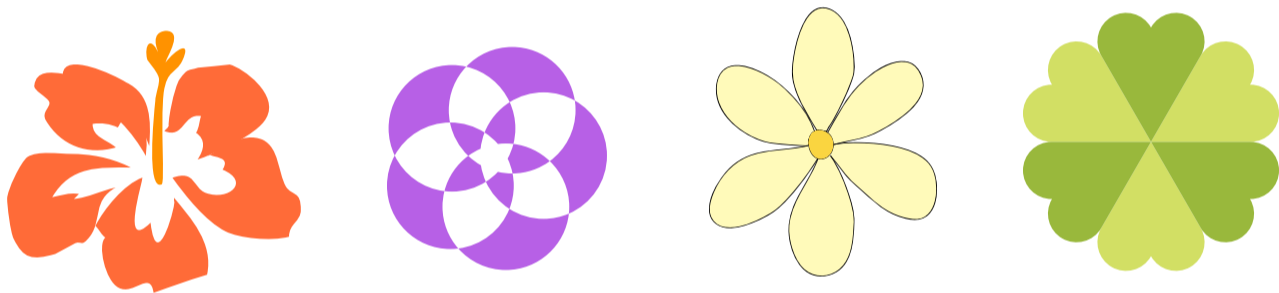
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