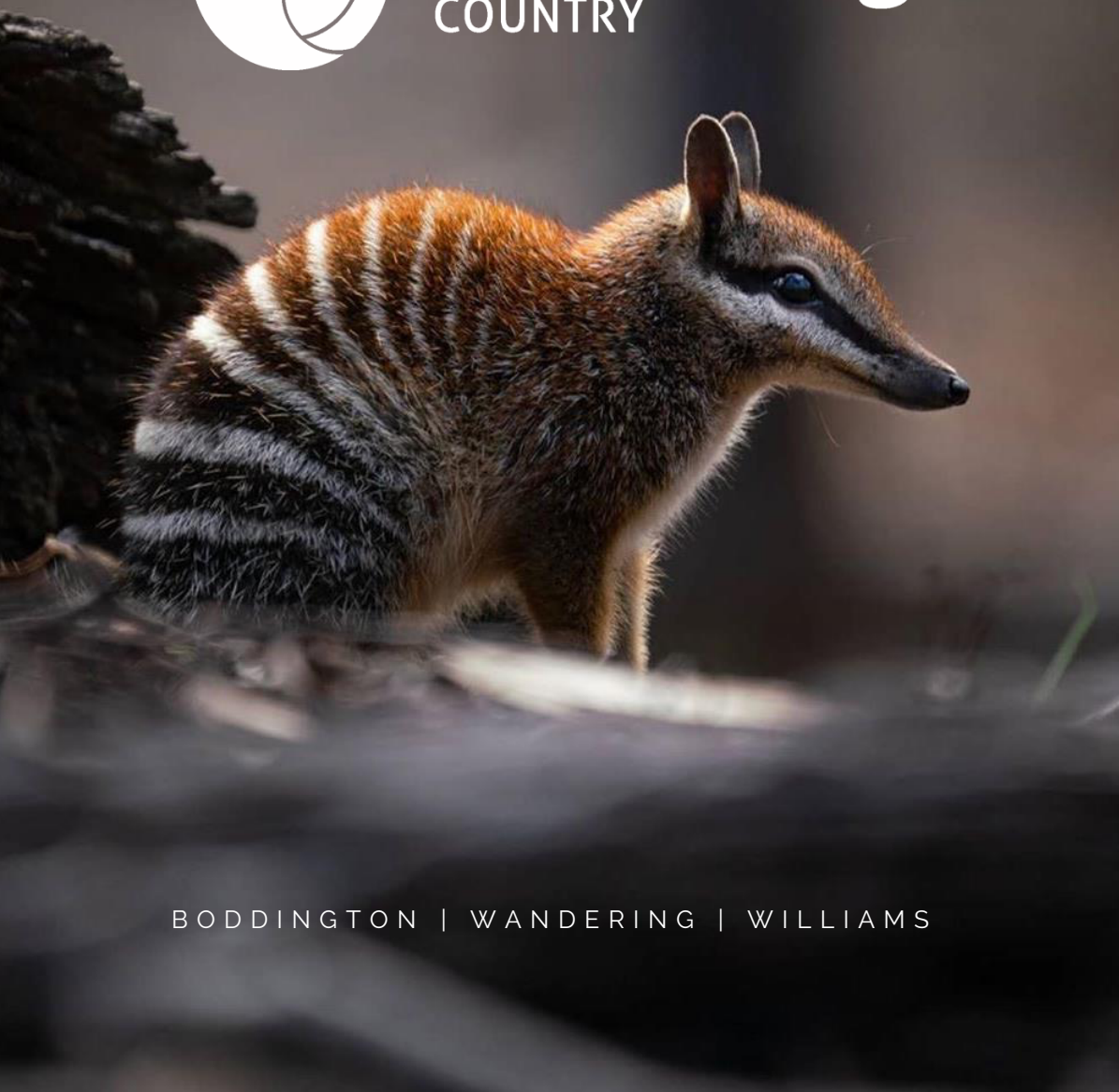


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# MARRADONG COUNTRY

Explore a wilderness within reach

Welcome to Marradong Country, 90 minutes south east of Perth. Marradong encompasses the Shires of Boddington, Williams and Wandering and is homes to rolling hills, expansive skies, native bushlands, historic buildings and is one of only two remaining habitats of WA's elusive state emblem, the numbat.

The region's name, Marradong Country, is the correct Aboriginal [Noongar] name for the district (Williams, Wandering, Boddington). It is part of the Wiilman nation and is drawn from the word 'Marra' which means hand. Marradong refers to a unique hills formation in the district that resembles a hand.

Discover and explore history, nature and open spaces all to be freely enjoyed.



An aerial photograph of Boddington, a town in Western Australia, during the golden hour of sunset. The town is nestled along the banks of the Hotham River, which flows from the top right towards the bottom right. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the entire scene. The river's surface is shimmering with reflected light. The town itself is a mix of residential houses, some with swimming pools, and commercial buildings. A large, green park area with a winding path is visible in the center-left. The surrounding landscape is lush with trees and vegetation. The word "Boddington" is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font in the upper-middle part of the image.

# Boddington

Being the most populous town in Marradong Country you will never tire of things to do. No matter what your age or interest, there is something for everyone. Walk along the banks of the picturesque Hotham River where you'll find a magnificent public recreation space that includes a nature play space, a skate park, multipurpose courts, a pump track, an outdoor exercise space, shade and BBQ structures and amphitheatre style tiered seating.

Boddington is emerging as a tourist mecca of people enjoying local public quirky artworks, the Interpretive Centre or enjoying a choice of cafes along the main street. Close to the town are a range of nature based trails including Ranford Pool Walk, Bibbulmun Track, and Tullis Bridge Trail. Explore local Aboriginal history by taking a look at Dilyan's Grave and the mining industry by marvelling at South32's bauxite mine overland conveyor belt. There are a number of events held each year to enhance your visit including, the Boddington Lion's Rodeo and Community Festival in November, Boddington Arts Council's Field of Quilts held in September and Sunday markets.

With a number of accommodation options to suit your budget, use Boddington as base for your Marradong Country self-drive trail or just come for the day. On the way home pick up some fuel and snacks at Riverside Roadhouse and Bakery or Three-ways Roadhouse for a safe passage home.







# Williams

Williams, one of the oldest settled areas in Western Australia, is the "Gateway to the Great Southern Region". Much more than a pit stop for travellers, this friendly farming community encourages you to stop and 'smell the roses' which is notable for its magnificent display of "500 roses in 400m" along the main street over the summer and well into the cooler months. Located on the banks of the Williams River the Lion's park is a popular and pleasant place for a barbecue or picnic, used by locals and travellers alike with BBQs, public toilets, a nature play area and a riverside walkway which also serves as a dog exercise area. Stop at local cafes or shop at the Williams Woolshed for that hard to find gift or local produce. Williams is also home to its annual Gateway Expo held in April.

5km north west of the Williams, the well sign posted Williams Nature Reserve, just off the Albany Highway, is set aside for the conservation of flora and fauna which provides visitors with suitable access and day-use facilities such as parking, information, a lookout and picnic table.

Focus on Marradong Country's rich history by booking a time to visit Jesse Martin's Historical Village or by following Williams Heritage Trail enroute to Quindanning passing many points of interest including the Marling Pioneer Cemetery.

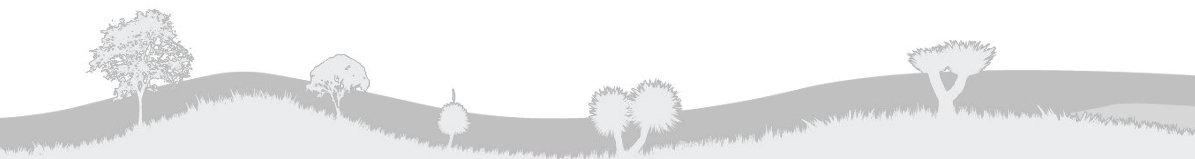




# Wandering

The small village of Wandering is nestled in a scenic valley and is the gateway to Numbat Country, Dryandra Woodland. The Community Centre has a picnic area and BBQs. In the main street, near the historic Agricultural Hall (now the Community Resource Centre) is Len Zuk's Sculpture of a pioneer and his horse, based on Wandering being founded the 'The Horses Came First', a book which can also be viewed in the Community Resource Centre. Stop for lunch at the historic tavern for lunch or at the local CRC for coffee or a light snacks. Along Wogolin Gully, take a walk on the Lion's Heritage and Nature Trail from the Caravan Park which has recently had major upgrade with modern facilities.

Wandering has the reputation for being the coldest town in WA so bring your winter woollies and start exploring or come for the annual Spring Fair or Autumn Graze long table luncheon. Enroute to Pumphrey's Bridge and Dryandra, on the outskirts of town, is historic St Martin's church and historic homestead 'Grassdale'. Annual activities include the Autumn Long Table Lunch and the Vintage Motor Cross Scramble. Spring time is abound with wildflowers and yellow fields of dazzling canola crop as far as the eye can see.



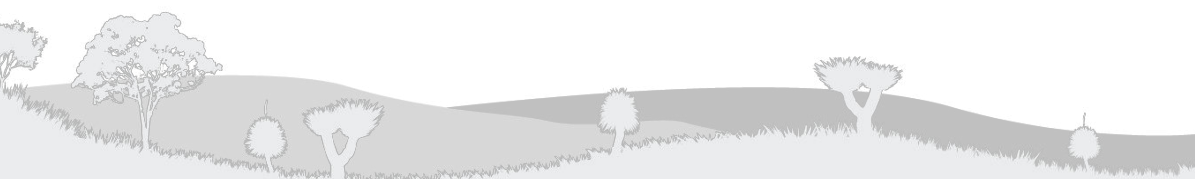




The drawcard for the locality of Quindanning is most certainly the Elizabethan styled heritage listed Ye Olde Quindanning Inne. The hotel is one of the most easily recognisable historic buildings in the district, where for more than 100 years, travellers and locals have been visiting.

Today the hotel hosts concerts and functions, serves hearty pub meals and ales and accommodates travellers in its bygone era rooms. With its generous use of Jarrah panelling, open wood fires, quiet location, sprawling gardens and long veranda's. Next to the hotel is St Boniface historic stone church. During the town's history, Quindanning has had a general store, post office, hairdresser and café. Currently, the town has a hotel, church, community hall and a racecourse.

The racecourse is used for the annual Quindanning Picnic Races, held every Easter Saturday. The road from Quindanning to Boddington is arguably the most scenic within Marradong Country as it meanders along the valley with rolling hills passing pioneer gravesites and St Alban's historic church.



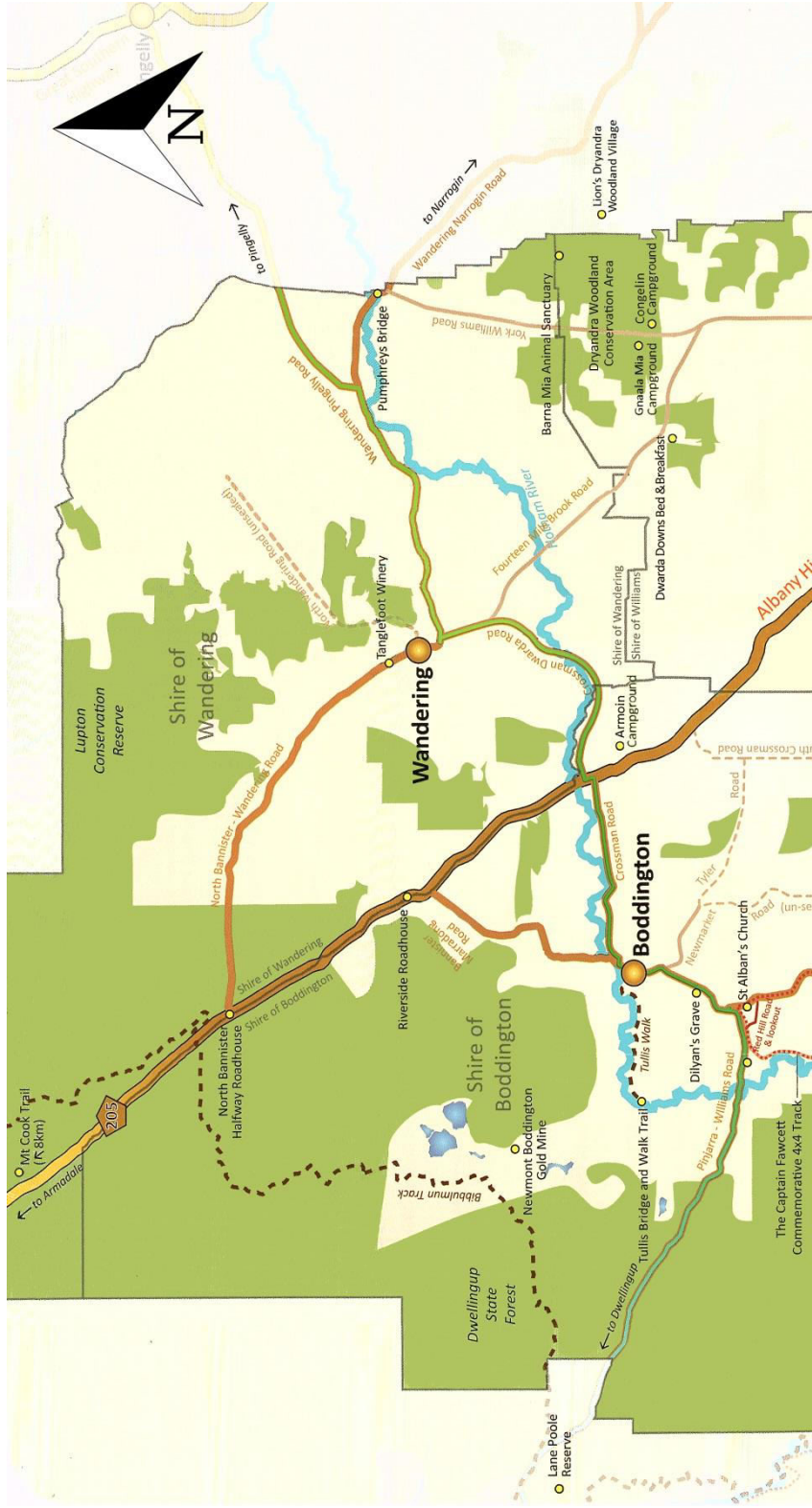


The locality of Dryandra certainly is the jewel in the crown of Marradong Country as it is home to our endangered state's fauna emblem the Numbat and an unsurpassed array of other native wildlife. The Dryandra Woodlands is an important conservation area covering 28,000 hectares established by Department of Parks and Wildlife to protect the Numbat and many other animals that thrive here.

Dryandra reserve is a proposed National Park and has two campgrounds, Gnaala Mia and Congelin, within the Marradong Region complete with camp kitchens and toilets. Tours are available at the nearby, internationally renowned Barna Mia Wildlife Sanctuary in the evening.

Enjoy wildflowers and views of wild kangaroos and echidnas munching on the oval in the evening from the front porch of the self-contained cottages or dormitories at the Lions Dryandra Woodlands Village.









# Accommodation

## Wandering

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Wandering Caravan Park

(08) 9884 1056 / 0427 254 827 A/H

### CAMPING

Pumphrey's Bridge

(08) 9884 1056 / 0427 254 827 A/H

### TOURIST INFORMATION

Wandering Community Resource

Centre,

(08) 9884 1561

18 Watts St, Wandering

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## Quindanning

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Springhills Farmstay

(08) 9885 7092

Quindanning Hotel

(08) 9885 1118

### CAMPING

Quindanning Hotel

(08) 9885 1118

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## Dryandra

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Lion's Dryandra Woodland Village

(08) 9884 5231

### CAMPING

Congelin Campground

(08) 9881 9200

Gnaala Mia Campground

(08) 9881 9200

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# Accommodation

## Williams

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Williams Shady Acre Caravan Park & Motel	(08) 9885 1192
Williams Bed & Breakfast	0431 715 809
Williams Hotel	(08) 9885 1016
Gelfro Organic Farmstay	(08) 9884 5245
Dwarda Downs Country Hideaway	(08) 9885 6063
Williams River Farmstay	(08) 9885 1181

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## Boddington

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Boddington Caravan Park	(08) 9883 8018
Old Boddington Police Station	(08) 9883 8018
Boddington Motel	(08) 9883 9383
Boddington Retreat	0422 441 973
Brady's BnB	(08) 9883 9293
Boddington Hotel	(08) 9883 9007

### CAMPING

Armoin Nature Based Park	0437 906 510
Boddington Memorial Park RV Camping	(08) 9883 4999

### TOURIST INFORMATION

Boddington Visitor Centre, Wuraming Rd, Boddington	(08) 9883 4999
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## The Great Outdoors

In the heart of the Darling Ranges, Marradong Country features beautiful rolling hills, valleys and forests spread on the shores of several rivers. It is also home to changing landscapes of rich agricultural lands, creating a patchwork of colours throughout the different seasons. This landscape along with the vast, pristine night skies beckon the photography enthusiast. Come and re-connect with nature on this self-drive trail with ample walking trails, camping and caravanning spots and native flora and fauna reserves.

Duration: 4+ days, 5 hours 10 minutes drive time

Distance: 340km from Armadale return

Map: [marradongtrails.com/tour/the-great-outdoors](http://marradongtrails.com/tour/the-great-outdoors)



## Food, Wine & Culture

See for yourself the origins of our agricultural wares in this paddock -to-plate/wardrobe/wine glass experience. Inspiration for amazing art and photography can also be found in the most unlikely of places. Scattered throughout Marradong Country is an amazing array of public art and sculptures by various local artists. A uniquely country experience can be had by immersing yourself into the character and culture of the region which has a rich history of farming, mining, timber and railways.

Duration: 1 or 2 days, 3 hour 50 minute drive time

Distance: 337km from Armadale return

Map: [marradongtrails.com/tour/food-wine-culture](http://marradongtrails.com/tour/food-wine-culture)



## Country Kids

Pack your bikes and camping gear and get ready for some quality family fun. Just 1.5 hours from the city, this drive trail is a great mini-break for families looking to escape the hustle and bustle and take in the fresh air. With walking and bike trails, nature based, agricultural and mining activities, food, playgrounds and skate parks, Marradong Country is a great place for families to create memories together.

Duration: 1 or 2 days, 4 hours 30 minute drive time

Distance: 366km from Armadale return

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A man in a plaid shirt is seen from behind, carrying a baby in a carrier. They are walking on a dirt path through a forest. A small dog is walking ahead of them. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, likely from the setting or rising sun, creating a hazy, dreamlike atmosphere. Large trees with dense foliage frame the scene.

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