

## Touring and Sightseeing

This page is dedicated to the families and friends of competitors who may wish to have an alternative to watching the championships. In addition I am listing places that may be of interest to those who might stay on after their events and wish to do some sightseeing. Additional information is available on these locations either by contacting the Swan Valley Tourist Centre or by using the Internet. – Norm Kirton.

### List of Touring and trip suggestions.

There will be a representative Swan Valley Tourist kiosk at the site which will be manned for the first few days; thereafter it will have a supply of local touring guides.

**Whiteman Park** – The park itself can be accessed by the Western entry which is located on Beachboro Rd just South of the Contest site or by the Eastern Lord St entrance. This park contains a Wildlife park where you may actually feed kangaroos (food supplied), a motor museum, Tractor museum, Train and tram rides among other attractions.

**Tour Swan Valley** – Visit the many vineyards in the valley with wine tasting, see chocolate being made at the Chocolate Factory and many other local producers. Access by Car, Local Tour Coach or Horse drawn carriage. Information in Visitor centre handbook.

**Hillary's Boat Harbour** – 20.9 Klm – 27 mins

**Perth CBD** – 20.3 – 30 mins

**Cottesloe** – 36.1 Klm – 39 mins

**Fremantle** – 42 Klm – 49 mins

**York** – 93.2 Klm ~ Car or Transwa Coach

**Mandurah** – 94.2 Klm ~ Car, Train or Coach

**New Norcia** – 117 Klm ~ Car or Transwa Coach

### The following are trips which are either full day excursions or overnight stay trips.

**Pinnacles** – 192 Klm ~ Car or Tour Coach – The lunar-like Pinnacles form one of Australia's most unique and fascinating natural landscapes. Formed over millions of years, thousands of tall limestone spires rise eerily out of the yellow desert sands of Nambung National Park, just outside the coastal town of Cervantes.

**Busselton** – 246 Klm ~ Car or Tour Coach - With the jetty as a focal point, the waterfront is brimming with activity. Seaside cafes, kiosks, bars and restaurants give way to bike paths, large shady grassed areas and a calm tranquil white sandy beach. Take a walk or train ride to the end of the Busselton Jetty to the Underwater Observatory where you can see amazing marine life.

**Margaret River** – 292 Klm ~ Car or Tour Coach - With many world-class wineries and award-winning restaurants, Margaret River is one of Western Australia's most famous food and wine regions. Tour the cellar doors and taste local brews at the boutique breweries. Here you can eat fresh crayfish straight from the ocean or dine on the local organic beef and truffles. Visit the farmer's markets and try the artisan cheeses. Indulge in local handmade chocolates and delicious fudge. When you've finished your culinary journey, take time to explore Western Australia's Great South West. In a few hours you can go from wineries to stunning beaches with world-class surf breaks, snorkelling and diving or walk amongst ancient forests and caves.

**Wave Rock** – 345 Klm ~ Car or Tour Coach - Hyden is the closest town to Western Australia's [Wave Rock](#) and is a four-hour drive east of Perth, along the Brookton Highway. This world-famous rock is a granite cliff, standing 15 metres high, 110 metres long and shaped remarkably like a huge wave. Other interesting rock formations in the region include [Hippo's Yawn](#), Mulka's Cave and The Humps. Indigenous Australians have inhabited the Hyden and Wave Rock region for many hundreds of years, and there are significant historic sites located here. Sandalwood cutters are believed to have been the first white men in the area, and farming began in 1922. The descendants of these early settlers still live here today, some of which play host to the 100,000-plus tourists who flock to the area every year.

**Pemberton** – 350 Klm ~ Car, Transwa Coach or Tour Coach - The township of Pemberton lies nestled in a valley surrounded by the spectacular Karri forests of the **Gloucester National Park**, with lush green pastures and acres of rolling vineyards. With its cool Mediterranean climate, crystal clear streams and rich earth, the scenic diversity of Pemberton is awe inspiring. It is home to two magnificent climbing trees; the **Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree**, a dizzying 75 metres high, and the **Gloucester Tree** standing 61 metres high. The Gloucester Tree is probably Western Australia's most famous karri tree, towering above the forest surrounding Pemberton. Visitors can climb to the cabin for sensational views of the surrounding karri forest.

**Albany** – 421 Klm ~ Car or Transwa Coach - The breathtaking beauty of Albany's rugged coastline creates a fitting backdrop to a dramatic whaling, convict and settler history and a sensational south coast adventure. The Albany Highway gets you there in just five hours from Perth, while a direct flight from Perth airport will whisk you there in one hour and 15 minutes. Or why not take your time and enjoy one of the world's greatest journeys, walking the Bibbulmun Track that runs from Perth to Albany. You'll also find some of the town's biggest tales in the Historic Whaling Station at Discovery Bay, the only museum of its kind to be housed in a former whaling station. The industry met its end in 1978, creating a safe port of call for migrating humpback, southern right and blue whales. Spot them from the shore or join a whale watching cruise for a magical encounter. One of the most scenic areas for whale spotting and cliff-top walks is Torndirrup National Park. Here, the Southern Ocean has sculpted the granite coastline into striking formations known as The Gap and Natural Bridge.

**Kalgoorlie** – 595 Klm ~ Car or Transwa Prospector Train. - Kalgoorlie is located 595 kilometres east of Perth and 200 kilometres north of Norseman. The traditional landowners of the Kalgoorlie area are the Maduwangka people and the name Kalgoorlie is said to mean "Silky Pear Bush" in the local aboriginal language. European settlement of Kalgoorlie began in June 1893 with the discovery of rich alluvial gold deposits near Mount Charlotte. The three Irish gold prospectors credited with the discovery were Paddy Hannan, Dan Shea and Tom Flanagan. Paddy Hannan later reported discovering 8 pounds of gold nuggets to the mining warden in Coolgardie, and within a matter of days 700 gold diggers were frantically pegging out mining claims around Kalgoorlie. Kalgoorlie's gold rush had begun and by 1903 the town boasted a population of 30,000, along with 93 hotels and 8 breweries. Today the Golden Mile continues to be actively worked by Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines. During the past 20 years the use of modern open cut mining technologies has seen the Golden Mile transform itself into a Super Pit. Current dimensions of the "Super Pit" are 290 metres deep by 1.5 kilometres wide and 4 kilometres long. At current extraction rates KCGM has proven reserves that should last beyond the year 2016 - by which time the Super Pit will have expanded considerably.

## ADAMS COACH TOURS

### **Half Day Morning Perth and Fremantle City Explorer** **\$79**

**With Optional River Cruise;** A fantastic tour taking in Perth and Fremantle, the city and the alfresco lifestyle that Perth people enjoy. Kings Park Botanical Gardens, Perth City, Cottesloe Beach and Fremantle.

### **Full Day Pinnacles, Koalas and Sand Boarding 4WD Adventure** **\$215**

**With optional Lobster Lunch upgrade.** This fabulous day out explores the world-renowned Pinnacles Desert. Other highlights include off-road driving, sand boarding, feeding kangaroos, photographing koalas and wildflowers (seasonal).

### **Full Day Wave Rock, York, Wildflowers & Aboriginal Culture** **\$215**

Journey through the Western Australian wheatbelt to Wave Rock, one of Australia's most incredible natural monuments. Visit the historic township of York and view other significant formations of the area

### **Full Day Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk** **\$215**

Travelling through spectacular south-west forests and lush farmland, your day is topped off by a walk through the canopy of towering old-growth forest and visit to the culturally significant Kodja Place.

### **Full Day Margaret River, Cave, Wine, Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse & Busselton Jetty** **\$215**

Known as one of Australia's finest wine regions, the Margaret River region is an area blessed with natural beauty. Providing a diverse range of activities, this tour allows you to experience this high-profile Western Australian area in one day.