



Avis self-drive tours from Perth

PERTH HILLS

- Mundaring & Kalamunda

Mundaring: This large shire stretches from Greenmount in the west to Wooroloo in the east and lies between Gidgegannup in the north and Kalamunda in the south and is bi-sected by Great Eastern Highway - the route connecting Western Australia with the Eastern States.

Mundaring Shire offers you a wealth of interesting places to visit with an abundance of fauna and flora tucked away in tranquil beauty spots just ideal for picnics. As you leave the bustle of the city and travel up into the "The Perth Hills" you quickly reach John Forrest National Park which is a treasure trove of waterfalls, wildflowers, animals and birds - all of which are easily accessible through a series of well marked walking trails. Smaller townships or villages such as Darlington, Glen Forrest, Hovea, Parkerville and Mahogany Creek are dotted along Great Eastern Highway. Each township has its own fascinating history and places of interest to visit. The township of Mundaring is the main centre of administration for the "Hills" area. Here you will find shops and cafes - all catering for your many needs.

Situated in the main shopping precinct is the "Old School" which houses the Museum and Visitor Centre which will provide you with details of the many places available to you.

Mundaring Weir provides the bulk of Perth's water, is a short drive from Mundaring. At the Weir you can visit the historic Mundaring Weir Hotel and C.Y.C. O'Connor Museum. Heading further east, but still within an hours journey from Perth, you will pass through the townships of Stoneville, Sawyers Valley, Mt. Helena, Chidlow and Wooroloo, interesting arts and crafts, bed and Breakfast and Farmstay establishments are dotted throughout the area.

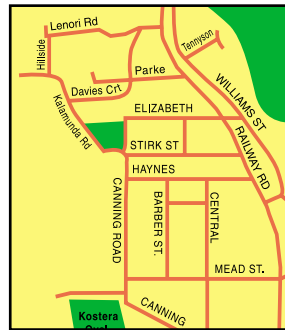
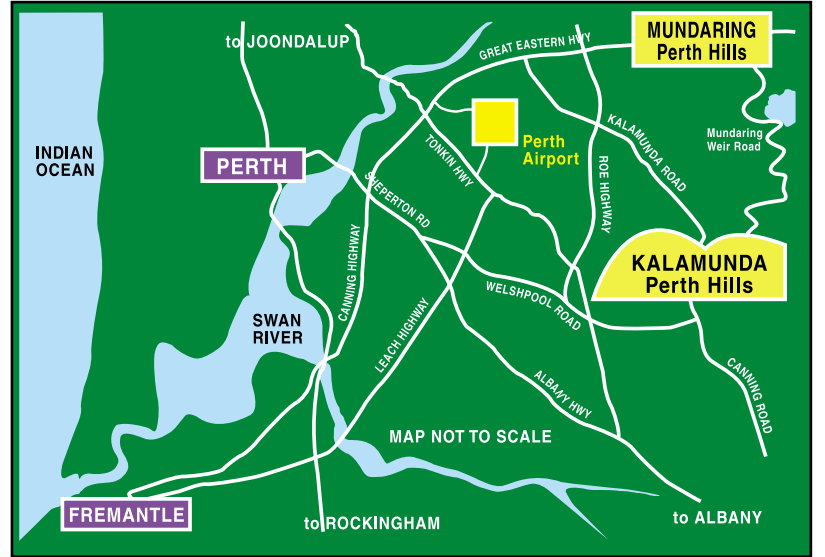
Lake Leschenaultia at Chidlow, originally built to supply water to the stream trains that used to travel the hills, is popular for swimming, fishing and walks.

Kalamunda: The unique Bickley Valley is located in the eastern part of the Shire of Kalamunda and includes (from south to north) parts of Pickering Brook, Carmel and Bickley. Historically the area is well known as one of the earliest fruit-growing areas of the State. Orchards remain a key feature of the area, although in more recent times, a number have been planted over to wine grapes. The area is a wonderful combination of horticultural activity and natural bush. Horticulture takes up most of the lower parts with the natural bush being retained on the crest of hills.

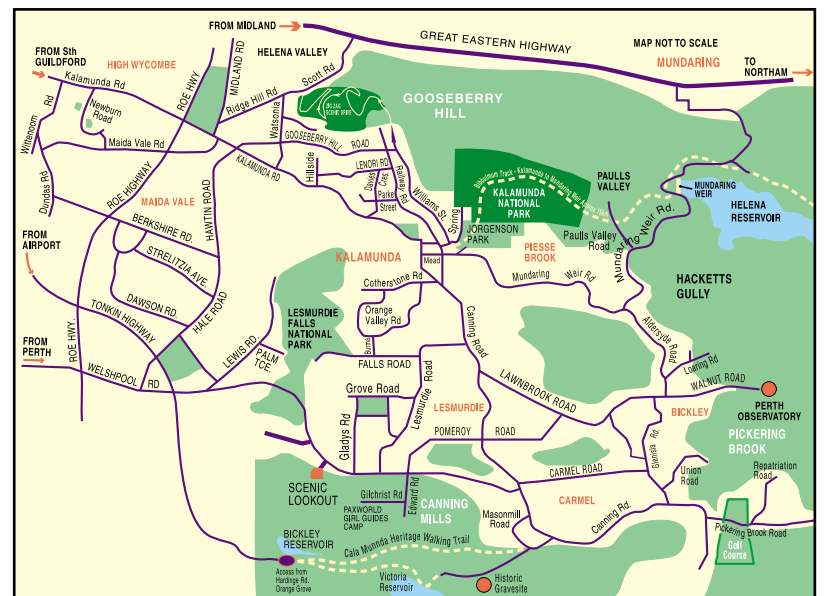
The abundance of fruit trees and vines provides an experience of the four seasons - the bareness of winter, the delicate colours of spring, the greens in summer and wonderful yellows, rusts and reds in autumn - against a backdrop of natural Australian bush, and all a mere 25 to 30 kilometres from the centre of Perth.

Attractions include wineries, a rose farm, roadside fruit stalls, bed and breakfast establishments, tourist gardens and the Perth Observatory.

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Kalamunda - Bickley - Carmel Map



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