

Main Roads Rest Areas



MAP KEY

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| | Rest Area | | Fireplace |
| | Water | | Tree or Shade Shelter |
| | Toilets | | Telephone |
| | Tables and Chairs | | Driver Reviver <small>These sites only operate at certain public holiday periods</small> |
| | Provision for people with a disability | | 24 hour camping permitted |

ROAD SAFETY

SEATBELTS - save lives - always BUCKLE UP. It's the LAW!

ALCOHOL - The legal limit in Western Australian is 0.05 BAC.

If you plan to drink, plan not to drive.

SPEED - is a common factor in road crashes. Remember to observe speed limits for the vehicle you are towing and your own driving capabilities. Maximum speed allowed in WA when towing is 100km/h.

FATIGUE - Don't drive tired. Plan a break at least every 2 hours and share the driving. Make use of roadside rest areas (see map) and commercial facilities to take regular breaks from driving. Stop and revive at Coffee Stop roadhouses (throughout the year) or at Driver Reviver sites (during holiday periods) for a free cup of tea or coffee for the driver.

This brochure was brought to you
in the interest of road safety by:



If you have any comments
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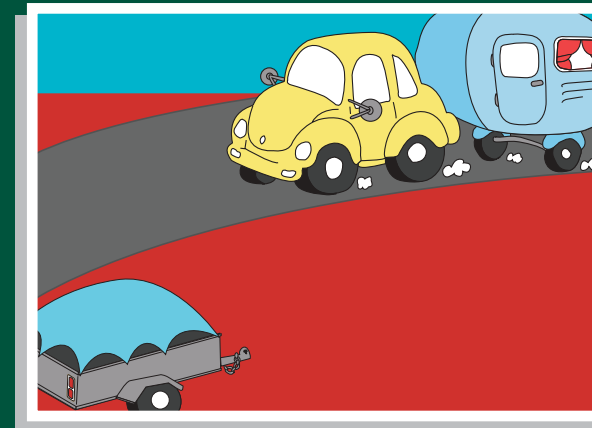
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THINGS TO KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO TOW



Caravanning and Towing
in Western Australia



WELCOME TO THE MID WEST

The Mid West covers an area of 290,000 square kms and is home to many beautiful and interesting tourist attractions. Make the most of your holiday and take your time travelling throughout this remarkable region.

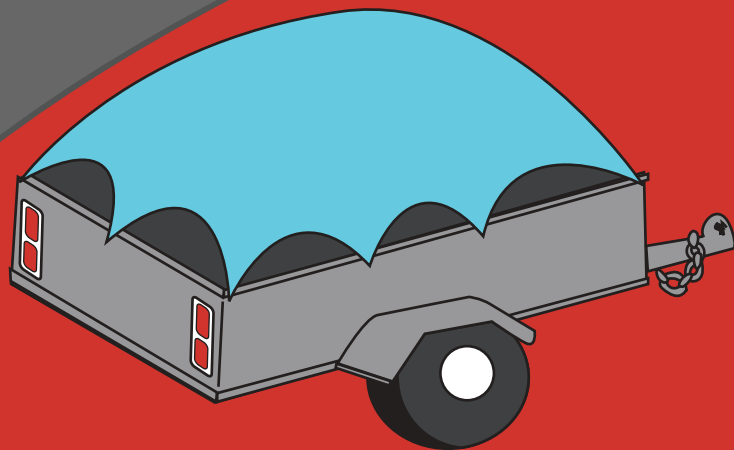
Caravanning is a popular way for tourists to experience the region and many excellent caravan facilities and holiday opportunities are available all over the Mid West.

Tourism Mid West has an excellent holiday planner highlighting the many places of interest and information about the towns and facilities of the Mid West, including travelling distances and alternative scenic routes - such as the Miners Pathway. Call 9921 3803 to find out where you can get a copy.

Here is some helpful advice to help make your visit a happy and safe one!

BEFORE YOU TOW

- Make sure your motor vehicle and the caravan/trailer/boat you are towing are well maintained and meet all legal and safety requirements. The RAC have a detailed pre-holiday checklist you can use that has invaluable information. To obtain a copy, phone 13 17 03.
- Pay attention to tyre wear and pressures and to the caravan or trailer coupling; making sure the jockey wheel is stowed securely or removed and the front and rear supports are raised.
- Check your vehicle manufacturers handbook to ensure the towing capabilities of your motor vehicle. You wouldn't tow a 20ft caravan with a mini minor!!
- Observe load limits for the vehicle you are towing and ensure the load is secured. Heavy and/or unevenly distributed loads may contribute to vehicle rollovers. Unsecured loads are illegal and can be hazardous for other road users.



TRIP PLANNING

- Avoid driving for more than 8 - 10 hours per day and be sure to plan your trip to include rest breaks and overnight stays.
- Roadside rest stops are frequent in the Mid West - please use these to revive if feeling tired. Camping is permitted for up to 24 hours at these sites, however camping can lead to degradation and you are encouraged to plan your trip to enjoy the excellent caravan facilities offered throughout the region.
- Always seek advice about local conditions, make sure your vehicle is suited to the terrain, ensure you have adequate equipment and other provisions.
- If travelling off major highways or in remote areas, always tell someone like the local police in the area where you are going and when you will return. Make sure you notify them when you reach your destination.
- Water supplies are limited in northern areas of the Mid West, so make sure you carry sufficient supplies. Allow 4-5 litres per person per day.

COMMUNICATION

- Please note that mobile phone coverage is limited outside the larger centres in the Mid West.
- Consider alternative communication systems such as CB radio or satellite phone if travelling in more remote areas.
- To allow other road users to contact you on CB, identify your frequency and call sign on the rear of your van in letters approximately 150mm high.

CHECK ROAD CONDITIONS

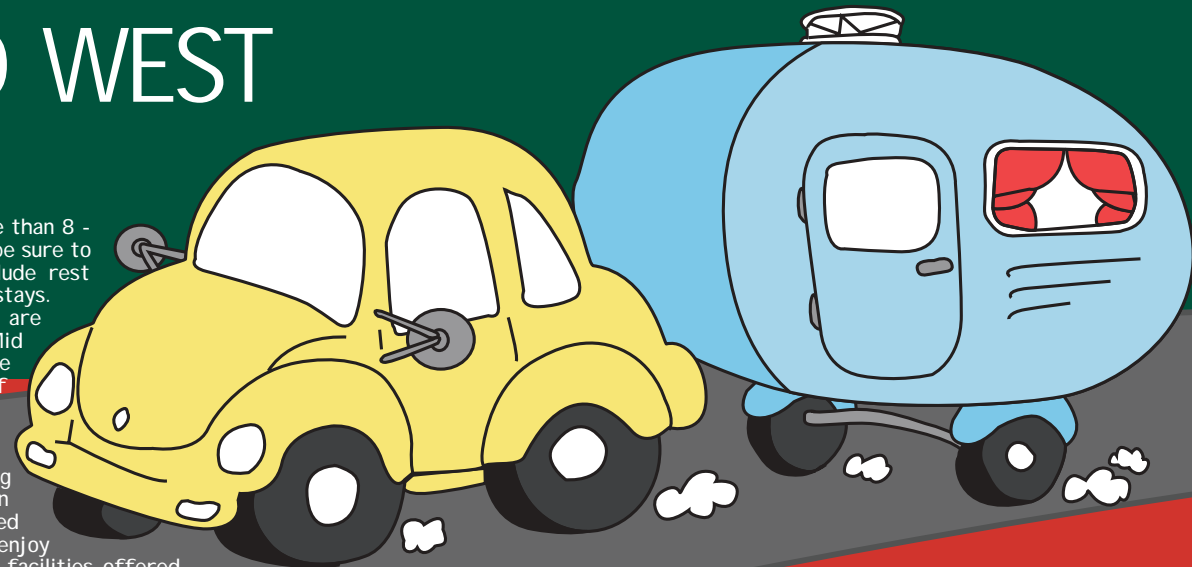
- Always check road conditions before you leave for your next destination. Phone Main Roads on 1800 013 314 for road closures and road condition reports.

CONVOYS

- Please avoid travelling in convoys.
- If travelling in groups or pairs, leave 5-10 minutes apart when moving to your next destination.
- Remember to leave at least 200 metres between vehicles.

OVERTAKING (Letting other road users overtake you)

- Be courteous and share the roads with other vehicles.
- Check your rear-view mirrors regularly to be aware of any traffic building up behind you.
- If you are holding up traffic, pull over and stop where safe by indicating left and moving left to the side of the road. Let the other vehicles pass you safely.



ROAD TRAINS/HEAVY VEHICLES

- The Brand and Great Northern Highways are major road train routes, providing freight transport to the northern regions of the state.
- Road trains may travel at speeds up to 100km per hour, have up to four trailers and be up to 53.5 metres in length.
- Be prepared for the effects of wind turbulence when road trains pass you on the open road.

WILDLIFE & WANDERING STOCK

Single vehicle rollovers often result in death or serious injury on country roads in WA.

- Do not swerve to avoid wildlife or wandering stock as sudden changes in vehicle direction may cause a rollover.
- Be alert for animals crossing the road, particularly at dawn and dusk. Where possible drive during daylight hours only.
- Watch out for kangaroos, emus, sheep, cattle and wedge tail eagles - all common on Mid West roads.

WILDFLOWERS

The Mid West is famous for spectacular displays of wildflowers between August and October, with thousands of people travelling through the region at this time of the year.

When viewing the wildflowers please make sure:

- You park safely on the side of the road.
- Your caravan/trailer is not obstructing the roadway or other traffic.
- You check for passing traffic when opening car doors.
- You view the wildflowers from a safe position and not from the roadway.

NATIVE FAUNA

The collection and export of native wildlife is prohibited without a permit. Please report any unusual or suspicious sightings to Customs on (08) 9964 5344 or free call on 1800 061 800. All calls are treated confidentially.