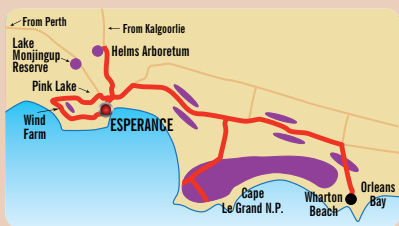


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WANDER AMONGST EXTRAORDINARY BLOOMS ON AN ESPERANCE WILDFLOWER SELF DRIVE.

Starflower (*Calytrix leschenaultia*).



Wildflowers are now blooming around the spectacular Esperance region. Just drive slowly, stop often and go for a wander - you will be amazed at the abundance and variety of Acacias, Boronias, Templetonia, Coastal Pultenaea, Flame Coral Pea, Pink Fairy Orchids and the gorgeous climbing Clematis, just – to name a few!

Cape Le Grand National Park: drive from Esperance along Merivale Rd where Red Kangaroo Paws and Showy Banksia abound, as do the local Xanthorrhoea or Grass Tree. Keep an eye out for Cockies Tongue, Red Lechenaultia, Chorizema Pea and serene Donkey Orchids hidden amongst rocky outcrops.

the road to the boardwalk which winds its way through the magnificent Swamp Paperbarks, stopping on the way back to admire the very old Zamia Palms.

Orleans Bay and Wharton Beach: beautiful coastal country and beaches – on Duke of Orleans Bay Rd there are spectacular plants to be seen such as Red Beaks, Painted Lady, Leek Orchids and a very nice Beard Heath.

Great Ocean Drive and Observatory Point: a 38kms round trip from Esperance town centre to Pink Lake and through a variety of vegetation types from deep sand to elevated limestone coastal headlands. Sheltered dunes and exposed heaths provide wonderful vistas of seasonal natural flora both large and small, passing the Wind Farm and returning to the townsite via Wireless Hill. Around Esperance the colourful Phymatocarpus Maxwellii will start blooming in September.

Rotary Lookout at Wireless Hill: spectacular 360° views. Several species of flowering Eucalypts, Dryandras, Twining Clematis, Australian Bluebell, Fringe Lily in early summer, Pimelea, Agonis, Hakea can be enjoyed throughout the seasons.

Upcoming Events: Esperance Anglican Wildflower Festival 7-10 Sep. Annual display of over 600 varieties of wildflowers from the Esperance region arranged for viewing. For more information contact 9083 1555.

Lake Monjigup Reserve: drive around the reserve stopping at the Grevillea's, which are in their prime. Wander past the variety of Bottlebrush, Flowering Gum, Hakea and native Wax. Then head



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