

Historical Day Trip Around West Arthur

10.00am – arrive in Darkan and pick up a coffee from Rarebits on Burrowes (open Tues 10am-2pm and Fri 9am-5pm) or Black Rock café (Tues – Fri 6am -2pm/Sun 9am-

2pm) and let the kids have a play on the nature playground in the centre of town whilst you enjoy a bit of a breather and wander around the Pioneer Memorial and historical railway station. Pick up a sandwich from the Roadhouse to take with you on your travels.

10.30am – wander over to the West Arthur Community Resource Centre which houses the brand new Betty Brown Historical Centre. The centre tells the story of women in rural communities and showcases some of the history of the local area.

11.00am – travel the 10km north on the Darkan Quindanning road and explore the tiny historic Six Mile Cottage. Explore inside the cottage and imagine life in the early years of the district.

12.30 noon – travel 35km south to Lake Towerrinning and enjoy a picnic lunch whilst overlooking the lake. If the weather is warm, there is time for a quick swim or a walk along the edge of the lake.

2.30pm – Leave Lake Towerrinning and head south, before turning left onto the Boyup Brook Arthur Road. It is a 40 minute drive to Arthur River where you will find a collection of historical buildings. Wander around the buildings or the Arthur River Cemetery and learn a little more about 125 Mile (as Arthur River was originally known) on the road from Perth to Albany.

4.00pm – finish your day and begin your trip home. If you are heading back to Perth, pick up

a snack at the Williams Woolshed. If you are off towards Bunbury, stop at the Darkan roadhouse for a bite to eat before hitting the road.

6.30pm – arrive home weary and content.

