

Culture & Heritage

Busseton to Ellensbrook

Settled in 1834, Busseton is one of the earliest settlements in WA and there is a range of great attractions you can visit in the area to learn more about this town's fascinating past. This self drive tour includes several sites of historical significance, but there are many other places that may interest you- so visit Busseton or Dunsborough Visitor Centres to find out more.

Start your tour by visiting the oldest stone church in WA- **St Mary's Church**. Located opposite Busseton Visitor Centre, St Mary's was built in 1844 of limestone and jarrah and is still a place of worship for the Busseton Community.

A short distance along Peel Terrace is the **Busseton Museum**- run by Busseton Historical Society volunteers; it houses photographs, furniture, clothing, farm machinery, butter and cheese making equipment from days gone by.

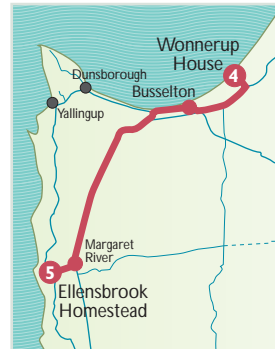


Take a drive through Queen St, the main street of Busseton to visit the heritage listed **ArtGeo Cultural Complex** which encompasses the Old Courthouse where 'art and heritage meet'. The courthouse dates back to the 1850's and was the centre for justice for the region until the 1970's and is now the cultural hub of Busseton with regular art exhibitions in the two art galleries.

For those who like historic homesteads, there are two in the area open to visitors. **Wonnerup House** is located 10km north of Busseton and was built by the Layman family in 1838. See the house and old school site with displays of early farming life.

Ellensbrook Homestead was built in 1857 by Alfred and Ellen Busell and is located on Ellensbrook Road 10km North of Margaret River. Nearby is the superb Meekadarrabee Falls which is generally flowing following winter rain.

There is wide range of galleries that you can visit, exhibiting unique works by the large number of artisans that reside in this area. Pick up an artisans map from Busseton or Dunsborough Visitor Centres to create your own Gallery Tour.



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