

Before you set out:

- ☛ Mobile phone coverage can be quite limited – do not rely on this always being available!
- ☛ Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to be back.
- ☛ Be sure to pack water, fuel, spare tyre(s), tools, a tow-rope and a shovel (at least).
- ☛ Consider carrying a satellite phone or an EPIRB, in case of emergency.

Fuel and food:

- ☛ Leonora and Leinster – good selection
- ☛ Agnew – limited options

Accommodation:

- ☛ Leonora (good selection, including caravan park)
- ☛ Agnew (Agnew Hotel, limited number of rooms – phone first: 9037 5929)
- ☛ Leinster (public accommodation not always available – phone first: 9037 9556)

Other important information:

- ☛ These trails pass through a number of active pastoral properties – please do not travel off-road without the prior permission of the owner or manager.
- ☛ Enjoy trying to “strike it rich” - but do keep off active mining leases.
- ☛ Old mine workings can be extremely dangerous. Be very careful, as many shafts are unmarked and unstable. In particular, keep children close to you at all times.
- ☛ If you're travelling with a pet dog never let it roam free. Bait containing 1080 poison have been scattered throughout the region to control wild dogs and foxes.



While these Trails use public roads they do take you into relatively remote country, and travel conditions can be challenging at times. We are concerned for your safety – but in the end it is *your responsibility*. Please take note of the following information:

Road conditions:

- ☛ Large parts of these trails are on gravel roads (well in excess of 50%).
- ☛ These are generally in good condition, but can suffer after either rain or prolonged dry spells.
- ☛ Watch for bog holes (when wet) and bull-dust and/or corrugations when dry.
- ☛ Creek crossings can be washed out – always slow down as damage can be hard to see.
- ☛ If possible, check with the Shire of Leonora before setting out.
- ☛ Do not drive past a “Road Closed” sign! You may be liable for the cost of repairs.
- ☛ While travel in a 2wd vehicle is quite possible, with care, a 4wd is preferable.
- ☛ The sealed section up the Goldfields Highway to Leinster is always accessible to all vehicles.

**Driving safely:**

- ☛ On all unsealed roads a maximum speed of 80 kph is recommended.
- ☛ Watch carefully for livestock and wildlife, especially near dawn or dusk.
- ☛ Avoid driving at night, unless absolutely necessary.
- ☛ Dust will often indicate oncoming traffic – slow down, and move to the side of the road.
- ☛ If you break down or have an accident stay with your vehicle!

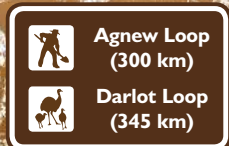


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THE LEONORA LOOP TRAILS

Two outback adventure drives in Western Australia's historic northern goldfields



Agnew Loop
(300 km)



Darlot Loop
(345 km)

THE LEONORA LOOP TRAILS

Two trails, two themes, two days out – take them alone, or take them together, whichever option you choose the Leonora Loop Trails are a great way to see the sights and soak up the stories of the Leonora Shire. Each trail has 15 interpretive sites (stopping places), spaced roughly 15 – 30 km apart. At each of these locations you will find an interpretive panel and, somewhere nearby, a figure, a “ghost” from the past or a creature from the present, intended to share a story with you...



Let these rusty steel story-tellers introduce you to the people and the places, and to the pests and the perfectly natural – but you will need to go out and find them first! At each stopping place along both Loops someone (or something!) is waiting to tell you their story – go and explore, see who and what you can discover, and learn about the lives and landscapes of this remarkable region.

The Combined Experience: The best of both trails (432.8 km, 85% gravel, two days)

Starting from Leonora, you can overnight at Agnew or possibly Leinster, and drive the 430 km “round the outside” of the combined loop in a two-day outing. However, it is important to check accommodation in both places before setting out, as room numbers and public availability are limited. Or you can camp out along the way, and take in the spectacular stars of the outback sky.

To undertake this drive, use the Agnew Loop until you reach the Darlot-Veebo Road, 15 km south of the Lawlers-Darlot Track site (in all, about 30 km south of Leinster). Then join the Darlot Loop at the same junction, and head east to the Transition Zone site and then on to Darlot, Nambi and beyond.

THE AGNEW LOOP

Survival in a strange land
(298.4 km, 50% gravel, full day outing)

The discovery of gold in the 1890s sparked a rush to this region – but the country the settlers came to was hot, harsh and horribly unforgiving. This Trail tells many of the stories of what was often a struggle for survival as Europeans set out to make their way in a land that was both foreign and pitiless.

From coach roads and stock routes to wayside hotels and staging posts, and from vast pastoral stations to historic mines and the shooting-star settlements that they spawned – the social history of this struggle for survival is strung out along this Loop for your enjoyment. Drive the 300 km in a clockwise direction – it is a comfortable day's outing, but do check road conditions first as half the route is on gravel surfaces.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE / ROAD MAPS

All major junctions and all sites (stopping places) are clearly signposted, but please note: this signposting is *only fully functional for travel in a clockwise direction, as shown on all trail maps.*

Note also that in some cases *only the Trail logo* appears on signage – so please familiarise yourself with these – the man with a shovel marks the Agnew Loop, while the logo for the Darlot Loop is the emu and chicks.

You are strongly urged to carry up-to-date and detailed road and / or topographic mapping to augment the map in this brochure, which is pictorial and symbolic in nature. You will be travelling in remote locations and are responsible for knowing your surrounds – and your options – at all times!



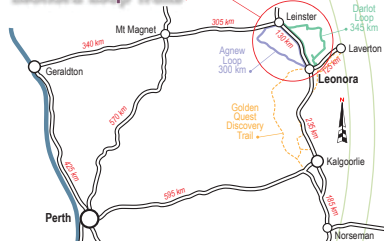
THE DARLOT LOOP

Much more than just mulga
(345.8 km, 70% gravel, full day outing)

Take a trip through the many and varied landscapes of the north-east goldfields – from dramatic breakaways to samphire flats and salt lakes, and from vast mulga plains to magnificent marble gum on spinifex sands. This Loop is your introduction to a fascinating natural environment, and to the human influences that have shaped it over the last hundred years.

At close to 350 km this is a long day's outing. It is designed to be travelled in a clockwise direction, initially heading north from Leonora on the Goldfields Highway. Note that approximately 70% of the Trail is gravel – this is generally of good quality, but can suffer after rain. Check with the Shire for latest conditions!

Leonora Loop Trails



Taking a trail to these trails: Both loops start and finish in Leonora – which can be reached via the Golden Quest Discovery Trail (www.goldenquesttrail.com) if you choose. Or what about using the Miner's Pathway to get from Geraldton to Sandstone, or the Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail to get from Perth to Kalgoorlie or back again?

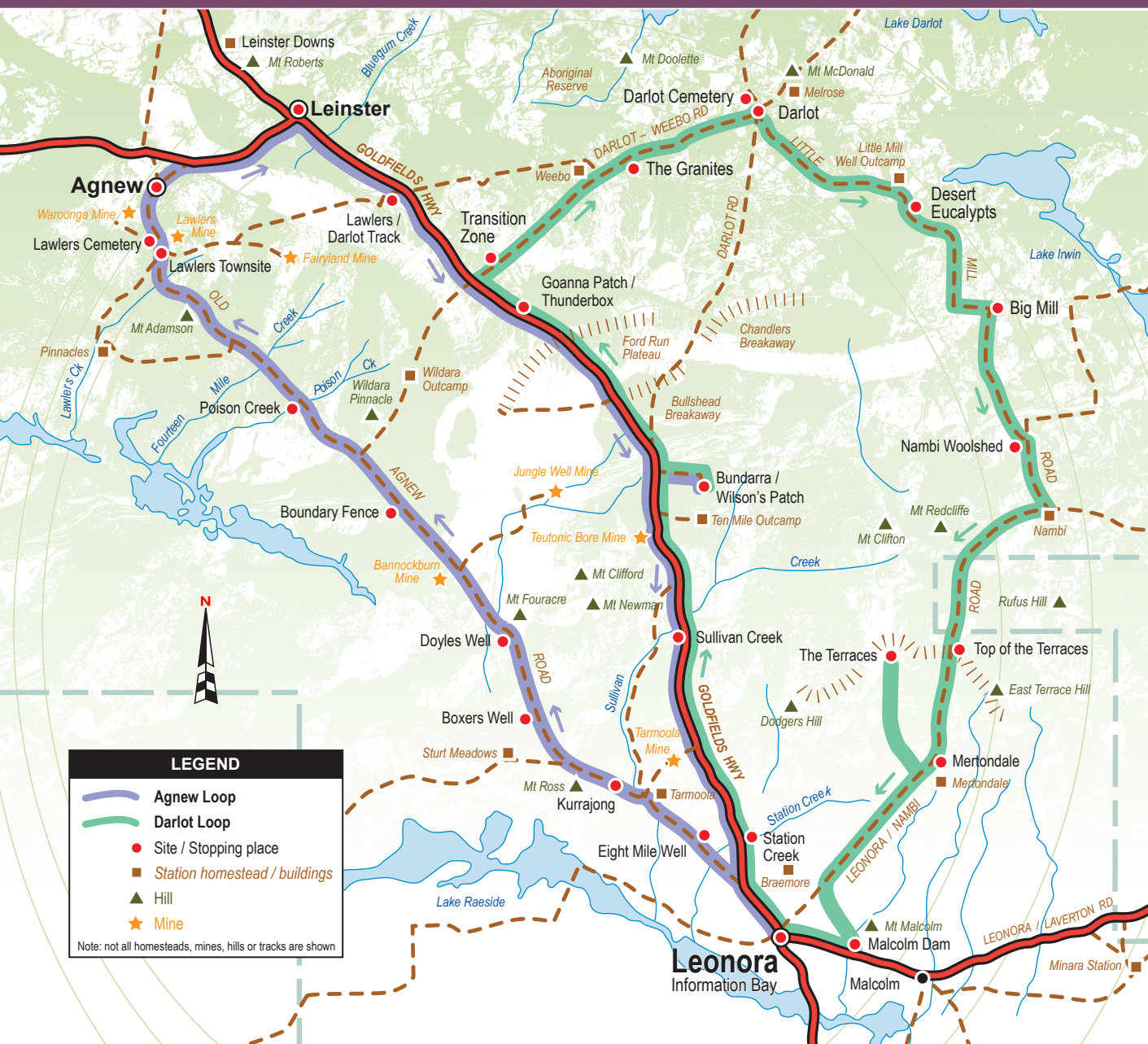
Buy the Trail Guide: A comprehensive and entertaining 90-page guidebook is available from the Shire of Leonora and a range of Visitor Centres around the goldfields. For visitor information, or to purchase a copy of the guide, contact:

i Leonora Visitor Centre: Phone: 08 9037 7016
Web: www.leonora.wa.gov.au/tourism
Shire of Leonora: Phone: 9037 6044

Only \$14.95!



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AGNEW LOOP

Stopping place / Site	Km	Interpretive story	Steel cut-out
Leonora Information Bay	0.0	Trail overview	Prospector and bungarra
Eight Mile Well	14.7	Stock routes and droving	Watering his mob
Kurrajong	18.0	Kurrajong / Station sheds	A lady goes to the well
Boxers Well	11.3	The old telegraph line	A weary worker
Doyles Well	14.8	Doyles Well / Coach Road	By the pool, with baby
Boundary Fence	21.9	A premier pastoral property	Fixing the fence
Poison Creek	18.3	The pesky poison plant	On the ship of the desert
Lawlers Townsite	27.2	Life in early Lawlers	A frisky youngster
Lawlers Cemetery	2.1	The drama of death	After a triple tragedy
Agnew	4.7	Agnew: mines & community	(None at this site)
Leinster	24.1	A whole new town	Fly in – fly out
Lawlers-Darlot Track	20.6	Doing it tough on the track	Barrowman hits the road
Goanna Patch / Thunderbox	21.4	Right place, right time	Like a lizard on a rock
Bundarra / Wilson's Patch	27.4	A slice of pastoral history	Serving up an ace or two
Sullivan Creek	27.4	Sullivan? Who was Sullivan?	A feathered feast for two
Station Creek	29.9	Station Creek Water Supply	Big red stops for a drink
Leonora	14.6	Trail overview	Prospector and bungarra
Total	298.4		

DARLOT LOOP

Stopping place / Site	Km	Interpretive story	Steel cut-out
Leonora Information Bay	0.0	Trail overview	Prospector and bungarra
Station Creek	14.6	Life in the canopy	Big red stops for a drink
Sullivan Creek	29.9	Watch out for wedgies	A feathered feast for two
Bundarra / Wilson's Patch	27.5	Pretty pests at best	Serving up an ace or two
Goanna Patch / Thunderbox	27.4	Big bold bungarra	Like a lizard on a rock
Transition Zone	9.2	A classic transition zone	One hump on the run
The Granites	24.4	A drama set in stone	No, I'm not a kangaroo!
Darlot	16.4	Woodarra / Water & wood	Watch out for flying fur!
Darlot Cemetery	1.9	Hard men, hard land, hard deaths	One way to find water
Desert Eucalypts	26.9	A highly prized refuge	Possums from the past
Big Mill	20.2	Water: blessing and curse	Let me outta here!
Nambi Woolshed	17.2	A fading star	Out on the boards
Top of the Terraces	35.3	The top of the Terraces	Stretch a little higher...
Mertondale	14.4	Mertondale: mulga & mine	A proud single father
The Terraces	18.6	The magnificent Terraces	A red roo reprise
Malcolm Dam	47.7	An oasis in the mulga	Big bills are best
Leonora	14.2	Trail overview	Prospector and bungarra
Total	345.8		