

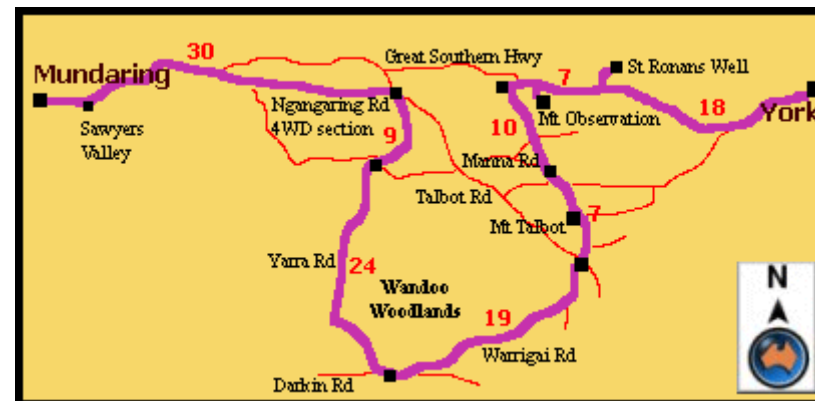
## Wandoo Woodlands

Another challenging day trip out of Perth, this is the back route from Mundaring - York. Taking in the Powerlines trek and the Wandoo Woodlands conservation area, this is part of the original "Chauncy line" built by convicts in the late 1840s.

This trek is located in the [WA Coast](#) region.

Start	Finish	Distance	Min Days	Rating
Perth	Perth		1	3

### Description



This trek is a full day's drive, taking in a 12.5km challenging 4WD section near Sawyers Valley (written up separately as the [Powerlines Trek](#)) and an easy but fairly extensive tour through the Wandoo Conservation Park just South-West of York.

You can either begin this trek with the 4WD Powerlines section or come in from the Great Southern Highway at Talbot Road. The Wandoo section is less affected by wet conditions and is a much easier route for those that would prefer to just do this part. These notes allow for both options with an odometer reset at Talbot Road.



The 12.5km Powerlines section provides more difficult obstacles with a number of very rutted sections becoming flooded and causing all sorts of havoc to inexperienced drivers during the winter months.



The Powerline trek follows a service track beneath powerlines between the valleys from Mundaring to York. The route finishes at the intersection of Talbot Road where you can either turn left to head back to the Great Southern Hwy or right to continue your exploration of the bush on dirt roads.

## **Preparation**

### **Fuel Supplies**

Perth, Mundaring, Sawyers Valley, York

### **Best time to visit**

April - November

### **Permits**

None

### **Supplies/Facilities**

Perth, Mundaring, Sawyers Valley, York

### **Things to See & Do**

Bushland, convict ruins, bush camps, St Ronans Well



**Picnic spots in the Wandoo Woodlands**



**St Ronans Well - just west of York**

## **Environment**

Get out of the car and explore - there's some unusual finds...



## **History**

York town is full of historic buildings on the banks of the Avon River. You can easily spend a whole day exploring this tiny community.



## Driving Notes

Distance from start	Description
Trip Meter (km)	
0.0km	At Mundaring Post Office, set trip meter to zero. Continue east along Great Eastern Highway.
14.9	At Flynn Road, turn right. This is a dirt track.
16.9	Right beneath the powerlines stop and look for tracks on the left. Any of these will meet up with the main track but just past the powerlines you will find a signpost marking Nganguring Road. Turn left.
	The track continues in an obvious straight line beneath enormous powerlines for 12.5km and emerges at Talbot Road. Read the <a href="#">Powerline Trek</a> notes for details and photos.
29.4	Turn right onto Talbot Road (left takes you out to the Great Southern Highway)
31.0	Crossroads. Turn right onto bitumen at Yarra Road.
57.1	Turn left into Darkin Rd. (Good spot for lunch or camp)
70.0	Straight on through crossroads (sign says Wendoc CP)
74.35	Veer left at Catchment Road.
76.5	S/O at crossroads with Talbot West Rd.

78.4	Veer left (unmarked fork)
81.6	Crest of Mt Talbot - views.
81.8	T/left & descend track
84.0	T/left into Helena Rd at t-junction
85.3	T/right into Manna Flat. (Water Authority no entry sign is applicable for extension of this track but we turn off before no entry area). Follow fence line then bear left away from property at new Manna Flat Rd sign.
0.0	Reset trip meter at new looking Manna Flat Rd sign.
1.2	T/left into Sand Spring Rd
1.7	Pond Road crossroads - continue s/o
4.7	Yuring Rd (comes in from left) - continue s/o
5.9	Another y-junction. Left to ruins (1.7km return).
7.6	Back at same y-junction and turn left. It's just 1.1km out to meet up with the Great Southern Hwy (bitumen).
8.7	Great Southern Highway. Turn right towards York (left back to Perth).
0.0	Reset Trip Meter at Great Southern Highway.
	Turn off highway at small sign to Mt Observation on right. Short one-way loop drive in anti-clockwise direction passes very attractive bush picnic/camp site with nice views. BBQs, nice log tables, plenty of wood, beautiful surroundings etc.
	Back on highway continue east towards York.
7.9	Turn left at small sign to St Ronans Well (just past 11mile Brook). Historic site.
	Return to highway and continue east towards York (18km).