

Things to do and see in and around Balingup

1. Call in at the Balingup Visitor Centre to obtain a map and check any events that may be on in the area and also to get directions or telephone numbers for some of the things on this list.
2. **Visit the Golden Valley Tree Park and enjoy one or more of the signed walk trails. Stay for a picnic in the gazebo.**
3. Stroll up and down the main street and visit the many and varied retail outlets.
4. **Take the children to the playground on the Village Green and sit and rest while they use up some of their energy on the play equipment.**
5. Book an evening meal at the Tavern or the French Restaurant.
6. **Try your hand at croquet – Thurs afternoons & Sunday mornings.**
7. Treat yourself to a good coffee or tea or maybe lunch at one of Balingup's great cafés.
8. **Take a drive along the scenic road to Nannup and then perhaps return via Bridgetown.**
9. Walk a section of the Bibbulmun Track. There are short walks, day walks or longer overnight walks (for those who are really keen).
10. **Check out a few of the local wineries.**
11. Stroll down to the Balingup Brook near the oval and feed the ducks, or just enjoy a family picnic near the pool.
12. **Take a short drive to Greenbushes and visit the Discovery Centre.** Experience the sights and sounds of an underground mine in the "Discovery Decline" and enjoy the interaction in the "Discovery Forest".
13. Enjoy a walk on one of signed walk trails in bushland surrounding Greenbushes.
14. **While in Greenbushes go to the mine lookout and see the Cornwall Pit or have a swim in the Greenbushes Pool.**
15. Take a drive to Donnybrook via the scenic Upper Capel Road and return via the (also scenic) Brookhampton Road and Kirup-Grimwade Road.
16. **Let the children experience and enjoy the Apple Fun Park in Donnybrook while you are there - it's the biggest free entry playground in Australia!**
17. Take a short trip to the Ferguson Valley and visit the gnomes at Gnomesville. Located at the junction of Wellington Mill and Ferguson roads, Gnomesville is the home to over 3000 Gnomes.
18. **After exploring Gnomesville perhaps take a drive around the Ferguson Valley or Donnybrook and visit some of their wineries.**

- 19. Have a game of golf at either the Balingup or Greenbushes courses.**
20. Check out the Blackwood River Valley towns of Boyup Brook, Bridgetown and Nannup.
- 21. How about letting someone else do the driving? Take an informative and enjoyable day tour with Royal Gala Tours.**
22. Have a BBQ or picnic on the Village Green, or at the Peace Pergola.
23. **See the wildflowers.** Visit the Racecourse Flora Reserve. Wildflowers can be seen throughout most of the year but during spring the reserve has an abundance of wildflowers. While at the Racecourse Flora Reserve stroll along one or more of the walking tracks.
24. Go bird watching all year, especially along the many walk trails.
- 25. Visit the open gardens around the area during the spring & autumn festivals.**
26. Keep up your fitness with a game of tennis.
- 27. Check out the lavender products at Balingup's Lavender Farm and try the lavender ice cream!**
28. If you are camping, there are caravan and camping facilities at the transit park by the Balingup Brook under the shade of trees. Book and pay at the general store.
- 29. Canoe the Blackwood River. Bring your own or hire 2 person Canadian style canoe or 1 person kayak at Maranup Ford.**
30. Book a massage, or an aromatherapy session.
- 31. Drive out to Grimwade and explore the old town site. While there, have a swim in the dam or paddle your canoe.**
32. If you are keen on fishing, many locals drop a line in at various places along the Balingup Brook in search of red fin perch. The Blackwood River is stocked annually with rainbow trout by the WA Department of Fisheries. The best fishing times are September through to December. Norilup Dam in Greenbushes, has had some success as a trout fishing spot. Access is from Spring Gully Road in Greenbushes, and the season is open from 1 September to 30 April each year. A Department of Fisheries SW freshwater angling licence/permit must be obtained from your local Australia Post Office.
- 33. Visit the Old Cheese Factory Craft Centre and marvel at all the different things you will find there.**
34. Go horse riding through the forests and across farmland in Bridgetown - bookings required.
- 35. Just relax and enjoy your stay in Balingup and experience the magic!**