



## Camping Information

### Quick facts about Wooleen Station

**Size:** 378,729 acres

**Climate and rainfall:** Wooleen receives an average of 210mm (8 inches) rainfall and is described as semi-arid, characterised by large variations in temperature and moisture availability.

**Temperature Average:** Autumn 16° - 29°C Winter 6° - 20°C Spring 13° - 32°C Summer 22° - 41°C

**Indigenous Group:** Wajarri Yamatji **Major Water Courses:** Murchison River, Roderick River and the Wooleen Lake

**Geology:** Wooleen is located in the Narryer Gneiss Terrane, adjacent to the northernmost margin of the Yilgarn Craton. The majority of the Narryer Gneiss complex is composed of rocks in excess of 3.6 billion years old and includes the oldest known samples of the earth's crust dated at 4.4 billion years old.

**Mission:** Wooleen Station is dedicated to the restoration of the Outback environment and exists for the purpose of finding sustainable land uses and healthy ways to provide food in the future.

### What activities do we encourage?

- Hiking and walking
- Birdwatching
- Photography

### What activities do we discourage/not allow?

- Off-road 4WDing
- Dirt bike/motor bike riding
- Shooting and hunting

### Come prepared

Wooleen Station is remote with minimal services at hand. Roads around the property are unsealed. Following rain, access on the station may be restricted until tracks are dry enough to travel on. It is essential visitors come well stocked with supplies of food, water, fuel, camping and safety equipment as Wooleen Station does not operate any shop or cafe facilities

### Vehicle Requirements

While some campsites can be reached by 2WD vehicles, travelling around the property is more suited to AWD and 4WD. If 2WD is your only option you may be greatly restricted as to where you can travel and should be prepared to explore by foot. All vehicles must carry a spare tyre and we recommend carrying a puncture repair kit or second spare. Trailers and off road vans are ok to bring in with you. The tracks are less suited for semi-off road caravans and motor homes, though people have brought them in the past.



## **Fuel**

Fuel is not available at Wooleen Station so please ensure you fill up at Mullewa or the Murchison Settlement prior to your arrival. For vehicles with single or small fuel tanks you may wish to consider bringing in extra supplies depending on your length of stay and your onward travel plans. As a guide, Wooleen has approximately 60kms of self-drive roads and you might like to travel back to the homestead for showers on occasion. Remember fuel consumption can increase when travelling on unsealed roads. The Murchison Oasis Roadhouse (located at the Murchison Settlement) has a 24hr swipe card facility for fuel.

## **Communications**

There is no mobile phone reception and you will need to travel up to 190kms back to Mullewa to reach it. We strongly recommend that you travel with some form of communication equipment for safety and use in emergency situations, such as satellite phone, SPOT or EPIRB device, or UHF radio. Wooleen Station uses UHF radio (channel 4) although reception can be limited. Car mounted units usually reach greater distances. If you have one, we recommend bringing it. It is also important that a friend or family member have your roughly travel itinerary and can anticipate your date of return. This way they can help to raise an alarm in the event something goes wrong.

## **Travelling around**

Please drive ONLY on existing tracks and take care when parking or turning around to help minimise impacts. Wooleen Station's staff will advise you as to where you can and can't travel and there is plenty of signage around the property to indicate points of interest or 'no entry' zones. Please travel to the conditions and avoid driving after rain—road maintenance is costly, especially when trying to fix deep wheel ruts. Drive at appropriate speeds—we suggest no more than 10km around the homestead and camp areas and 40-50km on tracks. Remember wildlife has right of way and tend to be active at dawn and dusk, but be prepared at all times.

## **Emergency assistance**

In an emergency please try to contact Wooleen Station staff immediately and follow their instructions to assist you. If the situation is life threatening and staff are not available on UHF call the Royal Flying Doctors on your satellite phone or use your SPOT or EPIRB device. The Shire of Murchison operate on UHF Channel 7 duplex and you can try this as another option. Wooleen Station is equipped with a Royal Flying Doctor first aid kit and can help you by accessing this. Remember medical and emergency services are not close at hand. Think carefully about your actions. Evacuation and search and rescue is expensive. We recommend all visitors have current travel insurance which covers them in remote off-road situations.

Wooleen Station's camping areas are small, simple bush camps located between 6 – 16kms from the homestead complex.

## **Commitment to Country**

You'll be asked to sign a 'commitment to country' agreement before heading off to your campsite. This outlines a few pointers regarding respect, responsibility and conservation. Please see a sample at the end of this document.

## **Fires**

Camp fires are only permitted in the stone fire pits. A total fire ban exists from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March each year. We ask that you provide your own firewood. Otherwise collection

is permitted along the main (shire owned) roads or at designated areas on Wooleen Station.

### **Washing**

There are no shower or kitchen facilities at the campsites. Visitors can travel back to the homestead to use our 'rustic' shower and toilet block. Please do not use soap or washing chemicals in the river.

### **Toilet**

A pit toilet is located at the camp. Wooleen Station services these toilets once a fortnight with fresh toilet paper, hand sanitiser and general cleaning products.

### **Food & Water**

Ensure you have enough food and water for your stay as well as some emergency supplies. Mullewa (200kms) or Murchison Settlement (38kms) are the closest shops with a selection of supplies. Wooleen has a supply of bore water (non-potable) and rainwater to fill your tanks if they become empty during your stay

### **Power**

There is no power on site. We ask that you respect the experience of others at Wooleen Station and only use generators for a limited amount of time if absolutely necessary.

### **Rubbish**

Please take rubbish out with you or leave it in the wheelie bins at the homestead. There is no rubbish service at Wooleen and therefore we ask for your assistance with minimising our impact on the environment.

### **Travelling with dogs**

Our campsites and self-drives are dog friendly. However, we humbly request that your dog does not visit or enter the homestead area. Please remain vigilant at all times as vast areas of the outback bait for wild dogs which could have fatal consequences.

