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This scenic drive passes through some of the finest wheatlands in the District. In earlier times this same area saw some of the State's very early conflicts between Aboriginals and European settlers, resulting in the spearing of a shepherd and the hanging of those responsible. The site of this hanging is on Butterabby Road, and a full account of the events leading up to it has been documented and is available at the Shire Office. The drive continues to the picturesque Coalseam National Park and we suggest you try the "Scenic Drive". You will be treated to some magnificent landscape views of the Irwin River and beyond from the top of the cliff face - A must for artists and photographers! This route is made possible by the generosity of the landowner, and you are requested to keep your vehicle strictly to the track. Entry to the property is at your own risk and no responsibility for personal injury or property damage will be taken by the Shire or property owner. Please leave gates as you find them ... open or closed!

The recommended time for this trip and return is one full day from MULLEWA. The total mileage for the round trip is 122.2 kilometres.

COALSEAM PARK

SCENIC DRIVE



- 1. MULLEWA has a Golf Club and Club House built in 1961 after previous sites had proved unsuitable. It is situated on the Old Mingenew-Mullewa Road used by the pioneers. In the wildflower season it is a picture and visitors are welcome.
- 2. DEVIL'S CREEK HALL is built on the site of the old KOCKATEA SCHOOL used from 1930-1949 when a School Bus was introduced to take students to MULLEWA. Until then children travelled many miles on foot or horseback.
- 3. BUTTERABBY GRAVESITE.
 Aboriginals were hung and buried at this site for the spearing of a shepherd. A stone monument marks the spot.
- 5. WONGOONDY WHEAT BIN. Central Storage Depot for the District for the collection of wheat, barley, lupins and oats. Total capacity is 29,200 tonnes.

4. WONGOONDY HALL. District meeting place and site of the first welding contractor's house.

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- SCENIC DRIVE. Beautifu Irwin Valley and Mesas. photographers. Beautiful views of nd Mesas. A must
- 7. FOSSIL CLIFF PICNIC SPOT. A very picturesque site on the IRWIN RIVER. 4 barbecues and a picnic table are installed. For those interested in natural history, fossils from 250 million years ago can be found in the cliff about 200 metres upstream from the picnic area. Shells, corals, bryazoans, crinoids are all easily found, but handle them carefully as they are fragile. About 1½ kilometres further upstream, in the right bank, is an old coal mine where coal was discovered by the Gregory Bros. in 1846.
- 8. HIGH CLIFF faces the picnic grounds. A road leads to the LOOKOUT on top with magnificent views, Children should be accompanied by adults!
- W.A. picnic grounds. A short distance off this track the earliest worked coal mines
- 10. PETERWANGY HILL. H.Y.L. Brown found the first gold in W.A. here in 1868. Proven uneconomic it was soon forgotten by the discovery of gold in the Kimberleys in 1885. Inaccessible by road and difficult by foot.

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LITTER BINS



