

Roebourne Heritage Trail

This trail takes you on a journey to discover the history behind eighteen of the oldest and most significant buildings and sites in Roebourne.

The trail also provides an insight to how life was for the early settlers and Aboriginal people all those years ago.

Gazetted in 1866, Roebourne was the first town in the North West of Western Australia. The Ngarluma people are the traditional owners of this land and call this place Yirramagardu.

The Roebourne Heritage Trail is a self-guided 5km walk or drive (with an extended option of 8km to visit three outer-town sites) capturing the most significant historical sites in Roebourne.

The route is signposted with large interpretive signage detailing the importance and history of each building or site.

Aboriginal Site Protection

Multiple sites along this trail are very significant to Aboriginal people; these heritage sites are of great interest to non-Aboriginal people and are protected by law. We trust that giving people a better understanding will engender greater respect for Aboriginal culture.

Trail Information

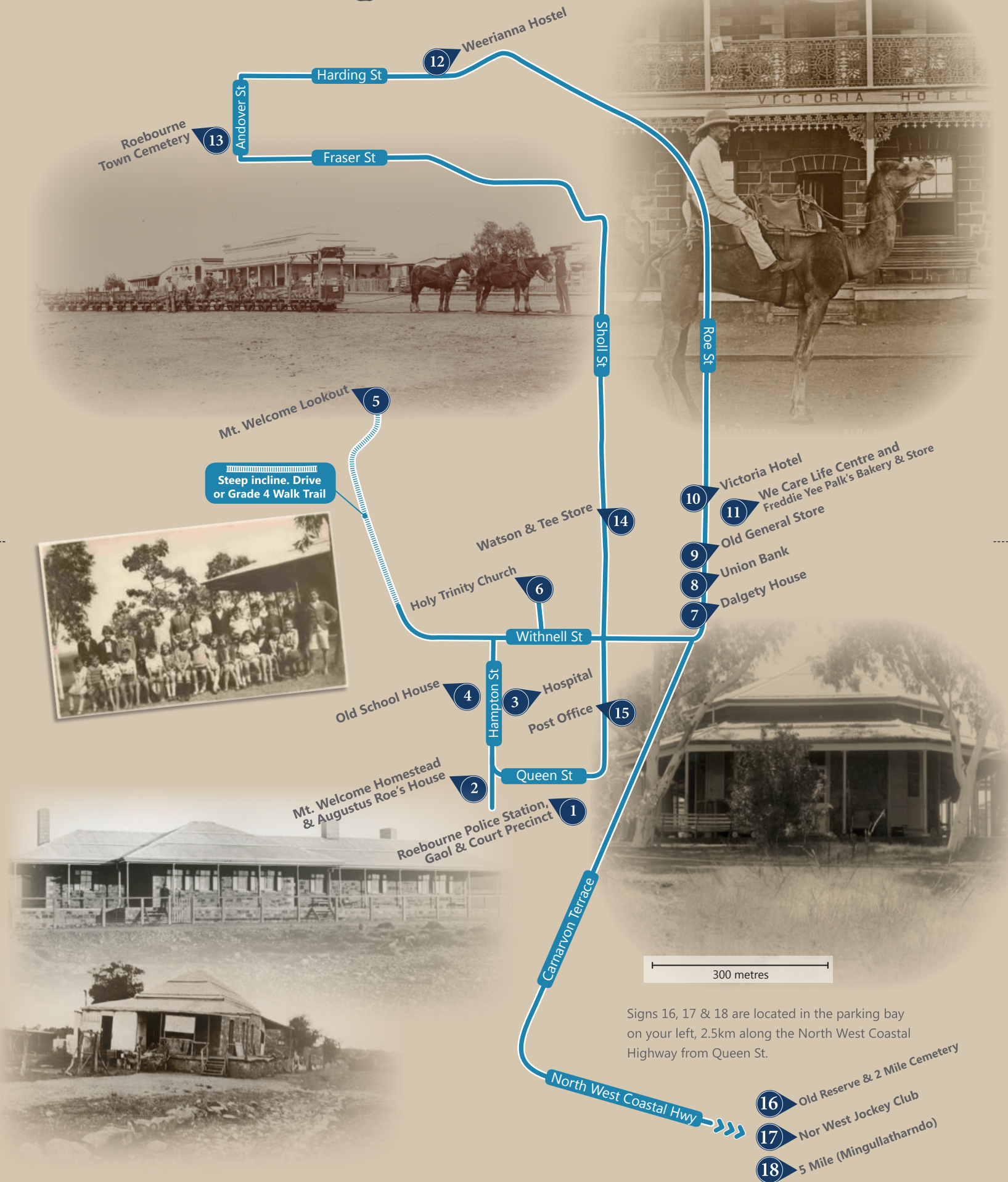
- Persons using this trail do so at their own risk.
- If walking, the trail should only be attempted by those who are reasonably fit and able bodied.
- Remain on the trail and be mindful of traffic.
- If driving the trail, please park appropriately at each point and walk to view signage.
- The trail starts and ends at the same point.
- Sturdy but comfortable footwear is essential.
- Take adequate water with you.
- Take adequate precautions against sunburn and heat stress. Careful consideration should be given before attempting the walk in hot weather.
- Please do not litter. Take your rubbish with you or put in a bin along the trail.
- Under the Aboriginal Heritage Act it is an offence to damage or alter any Aboriginal site or to remove any Aboriginal object from a site.
- This trail is a walk or drive option. The three outer town sites is an extra 8km (or 16km round trip). The signage for the three outer-town sites are located in the parking bay on your left, 2.5km along the North West Coastal Highway from the starting point of this trail.

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Discover the stories of Roebourne on the Heritage Trail



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