

However we are going to complete our Granite Discovery by turning left 1km from Moorine rock travelling for 15kms along Moorine Rock Road, you come across Kodjering Rock, a low flat formation and a restored hunts well. First discovered in 1864, Hunt returned again in 1865 to redig the well to a depth of 2 metres. He returned twice more during his travels into the eastern vastness. The well alongside the road.

A further 10kms brings you back to the Great Eastern Highway, 3kms right to Moorine Rock or 18kms left will return you to Southern Cross.

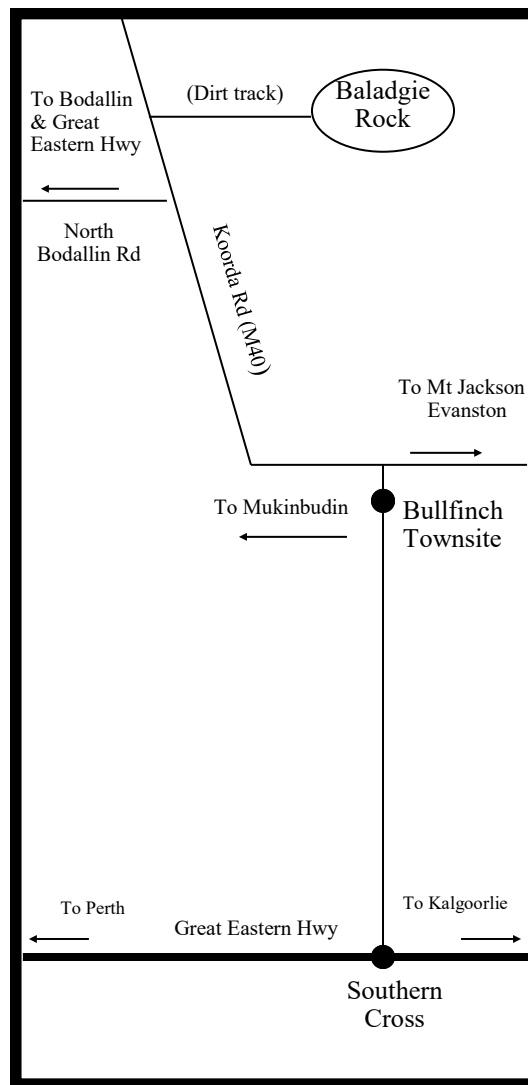
Thank you for taking this trip with us, we hope you have enjoyed your day.



Baladgie Rock



## Directions to Baladgie Rock



# Yilgarn Granite Discovery North



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The Yilgarn is known to have some of the oldest rock formations in the world.

We have designed this tour to enable you to visit some of those with spectacular views, interesting rock formations, waves and caves and great picnic places. Take in the expanse and beauty of our land. Your trip will take you on unsealed roads, so care should be taken.

From Southern Cross travel north over Lake Polaris along Bullfinch Road. A small detour 6kms will take you to Hunts Soak on Lake Koorkoordinate and the Golf Course for a great view of the Lake and Southern Cross.

Back on the Bullfinch Road approximately 18kms you come to Halfway Rocks, break away with Arch—site of “Sly Grog” shop during Bullfinch boom 1909-10. Continuing on you reach the town of Bullfinch 36kms, whose main street was once a mile long with businesses on both sides—shops, newspaper, boarding houses, mine office, bank, service station etc. The Copperhead Goldmine operates now in the area.

At the “T” Junction you can turn right and travel to Golden Valley 28kms. The first gold lease and first town east of Northam. Pass Radio Mill (reputed the richest privately owned gold mine in the Southern Hemisphere owned by the same family from 1913 to the late 1960’s) travel further 140kms to Mt Jackson, Clampton and Evanston. However our trip is taking us west.

At “T” junction turn left onto the Mukinbudin Road travelling through wheat and 1km into many various creepers, wildlife, birdlife,

the nosiest being the Bellbird. There is an excellent example of an old well, it is during Hunts third expedition east in 1865 his construction party met some aborigines who refer to the water at Karalin as “Gully never dead”. Hunts team blasted the rock and enlarged the basin. Follow the track to small water-hole and picnic place.

Return to Mukinbudin Road 3kms on the right is the turn off to Lake Baladgie and Baladgie Rock. 5.7kms to the actual rock. You can drive two thirds around Baladgie or walk and experience the wonders of caves and rock formations. A short climb to the top, take in the magnificent views of Baladgie Salt Lake to the north and east, Highclere Hills where gold was first discovered in Golden Valley. This is also an excellent picnic facility, with wildflowers during the season. Orchids and a variety of ferns can be seen growing in the rock crevices.

Return to Mukinbudin Road and drive 2.4kms back to North Bodallin Road, turn right to Kerman Rock at approx 7kms on right (there is no road entry, however a short walk through the bush to stretch your legs will allow you to see another of our unique granite formations and look-out on top of the rock.)

Continue along North Bodallin Road 12.6kms to Keokanie Rock, travelling through farming, bushland, shrub and tall trees. Keokanie on your right, where you will find the remnants of a Hunts Dam at the base of the rock. While exploring this area for the first time in 1865, Hunt met five Aborigines who had never seen a European man on horseback before. 3kms further on your left is Stand-pipe Road, turn left here for 8kms to junction of Noongaar North Road, turn right 6kms to Moorine Rocks hunts Soak and another great picnic place. A corroboree

was arranged here in Hunt’s honour by the Aborigines who seeing Hunt red coat believed him to be the Governor. Walk through the bushland, climb to the top, to the south you can see Moorine Rock Wheat Bins.

1km from Moorine Rock turn left, or you can continue 11kms straight ahead to Great Eastern Highway. At Noongaar turn left to return to Southern Cross 37kms.

Travelling to each of Hunt and his workforce of pensioner Soldiers, probationary convicts and Aboriginal guides. Great undertakings to establish these water holes.



*Halfway Rocks Natural arch*

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