

Post-Rally Wildflower Tours



Dear Riley Folk,

In conjunction with the Rally in the Valley we will be hosting two wildflower tours to commence immediately at the conclusion of the Rally.

Both tours to occur at the same time from September 15th to 18th 2015.

The two options for your consideration are as follows:

Option 1. Fully Guided Coach Tour.

Option 2. Self Drive Tour.

Please read carefully the information presented in this notice including attachment and map.

As you will see we have engaged Casey Australia Tours to create a fantastic fully guided tour to meet our requirements. They are a vastly experienced tour operator who are able to provide the optimum wildflower viewing experience. Committee members Roger Gillbanks and Jim Runciman plan to be on the coach tour.

For those wanting to take their Rileys or moderns we are also arranging a self drive tour. Committee members Rowland Palmer, Georgie Bennett and Jacquie Hocking will be driving in their Rileys and will be happy to assist others in planning and enjoying the journey.

We would expect the self drive tour to be approximately a 1500 km round trip. Given the age of the vehicles, the self driven course will always remain on sealed bitumen. However this does mean that many of the best wildflower displays will not be accessible.

As this is the absolute peak busy period for normally quiet locations **we must** have firm responses by the end of August this year 2014.

Please email your intentions to us at rallyinthevalley2015@outlook.com .

We apologize for requiring this commitment from you so early (before Rally bookings), but must stress we have no other choice in the matter.

Thank you,
2015 National Rally Committee.



Option 1.

Guided Coach Tour.



The 2015 rally was planned to coincide with the famous wildflower season in WA. Over 60% of the beautiful wildflowers you will see are found no-where else! The season runs from August to December moving from the North to the South. On the dates we are planning the display is at its most spectacular around Geraldton down to Eneabba on the coast, with fields of everlasting daisies inland.

Of course there is variation year to year depending on rainfall but there will be good displays in the region and our tour guides will ensure that we see the best.



Tourists going South of Perth will see increasing displays of Leschenaultias and flowering trees and shrubs from about the end of September.

The Riley Motor Club of WA have reviewed proposals for a 4 day wildflower tour from the 15th to 18th September following the Rally in the Valley. We have selected a very high quality botanist guided tour to the North of Perth including 3 nights accommodation, breakfasts and dinners. The indicated cost is \$950 per person. In order to confirm this we need a minimum of 20 firm expressions of interest before the end of August 2014. Non refundable deposits of \$100 each will be payable to the club before 1st April 2015 on which date we need to lodge the deposits with the tour operator. Final payments of \$850 each should be received by the club before the 1st August 2015.

The proposed itinerary is attached, we believe it to be a very relaxed and interesting tour and we hope and expect that we can get sufficient takers. The maximum number we can take is 47.

If you wish to join the coach tour please confirm your intentions by email:

rallyinthevalley2015@outlook.com

All we need to know at this stage are the names and how many people the booking is for. Once we have compiled a list of at least 20 interested parties we will contact you with details of your booking confirmation and how to pay the required \$100 deposit.



Option 2. Self Drive Tour.



For those of you who wish to join our organized self drive wildflower tour, we are intending to base ourselves at Dongara/Port Denison.

There are two Caravan Parks right on the beach within walking distance of each other with very nice self contained cabins/chalets. They are both 4 star accredited. This would make a good base for us and a daily gathering point would be nearby in a car park.

We envisage this to be a much more relaxed tour which may on an occasion follow the bus tour, allowing us to catch up with our fellow Rally tourists. We will keep in contact with locals and the guided group to alert us to the best locations of wildflower displays.

Of course anyone is free to come and go from the main group at their leisure. When and where you go is up to you, however you can rest assured when travelling in number.

You will be responsible for booking your own accommodation for the nights of 15th to 17th September 2015 and paying for your own meals and any entry fees.

We strongly urge that you book accommodation as soon as possible after August 2014 (this year).

As tourist numbers swell in this region during peak wildflower display you may miss out if left too late. Check with your accommodation provider for full booking details.

We recommend you staying at either:

Dongara Denison Beach Holiday Park
(Big 4)

250 Ocean Dr. Pt Denison WA 6525
Phone 1800 600 776 or 08 9927 1131

Website:

www.ddbeachholidaypark.com.au

2014 Prices vary from:

\$115 1 bedroom studio, sleeps 2 or 4
to \$189 Deluxe beach house -
3 bedrooms, sleeps 6

Dongara Tourist Park
8 George Street,

Pt Denison WA 6525
Phone: 08 9927 1210

Website:

www.dongaratouristpark.com.au

2014 Prices vary from:

\$99 studio chalet, sleeps 2 to
\$175 Superior ocean view cabin -
sleeps 6

Another option:

The Dongara Hotel Motel

12 Moreton Tce

Dongara WA

Phone 08 99271023

Website:

www.dongaramotel.com.au

