



Yarloop Workshops. Credit G Fortune.

## How to get there

Yarloop is located 123km south of Perth via the South Western Highway (State Route 20) or by the Forrest Highway (State Route 2) and Johnston Road. This is a drive of about one and a half hours.

The Yarloop Heritage Walk Trail is a 3.4 km walk taking approximately 1.5 hours if done at a leisurely pace. The walk commences at the Yarloop Community Centre and highlights historical sites that characterised this timber mill town. There is seating along the trail and public toilets at One Tree Park. Follow the trail map and look for signs bearing the name 'Yarloop Heritage Walk Trail'.

Persons using this trail do so at their own risk. Please respect the privacy of local residents.



Yarloop Townsite. Credit Yarloop Workshops.

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The Shire of Harvey would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand today, the Noongar people.

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Harvey History Online; Harvey Districts Historical Society; Yarloop Community Resource Centre; Yarloop Workshops.

For further historical information go to:

[www.harveyhistoryonline.com](http://www.harveyhistoryonline.com) or

<https://www.histwest.org.au/affiliated-societies/harvey-historical-society>



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## Yarloop Community Resource Centre

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# Yarloop Heritage Walk Trail



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Pattern making shop. Credit Harvey Districts Historical Society.

## History of Yarloop

Messrs C & E Millar arrived in the Yarloop area in 1894 and by late 1895 were exporting timber processed at the Yarloop Mill, through the Bunbury port to overseas markets. Other mills were built in the Darling Ranges with the timber railed to stacking yards at Yarloop.

The Yarloop Workshops were developed near the mill site as a repair and maintenance centre for Millars' South West sawmilling operations. At its peak, a workforce in excess of 100 was employed in the Workshops and 500 employees worked in surrounding timber operations.

Yarloop was developed either side of the Government railway line with the company owned businesses and housing to the east and the privately owned land to the west. The town had housing for single men, families, managers and official visitors as well as boarding houses. Town facilities included a hospital, churches, shops, railway station, hotels, post office and a town hall.

Agriculture was also an important industry and early settlers came into the area to farm the rich and plentiful land on the foothills of the Darling Scarp and further to the West. The first recorded European settler was Joseph Logue who arrived in 1849 and selected rich land on the banks of what became known as Logue Brook.

On 7 January 2016, bushfires destroyed 166 houses and public buildings in Yarloop including a number of mill houses and the Yarloop Workshops. Two lives were lost.



## Distance 3.4 km Trail Classification Grade 2



Some areas suitable for wheelchair access.



Wear suitable clothing.



Please carry drinking water in warm weather.



Accessible toilets at Yarloop Community Centre and One Tree Park.



Seating available at suitable intervals.



This trail contains road and railway crossings.



Please observe road rules.



No bins provided, please take your rubbish with you.



Where possible please stay on the footpath.

This trail was designed and constructed in 2020.

1. Yarloop Town Hall
2. Yarloop CWA Rooms
3. Railway Station and Overhead Bridge
4. Post Offices
5. St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church
6. Masonic Lodge
7. Mill Doctor's House
8. Yarloop Hospital
9. Snobs' Hill
10. Sunken Houses and Silhouettes
11. Yarloop Workshops
12. War Memorial
13. Old Mill Boarding House
14. Scrap Iron Alley and Happy Valley
15. Old Yarloop School and Methodist Church
16. All Saints Anglican Church and Hall
17. Hotels
18. Station Street
19. Gillard's Shop
20. Water Tower and Tank

