

# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DISTILLERY TRAIL

Kununurra to Esperance



FOOD & WINE

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## Welcome to the WA Distillery Trail

Choosing to explore this trail supports Western Australian artisans who craft small batch spirits, each with their own distinctive character and style.

Meet the makers of these spirits; taste, touch, smell and hear the stories behind their unique flavours; and, at some cellar doors, go behind the scenes to view the distillation process.

### KEY

- Distillery
- Accommodation
- Cidery
- Local attraction
- Brewery
- Local produce
- Winery
- Arts & crafts
- Restaurant/café
- Tour

## 1. HOOCHERY DISTILLERY



WA's oldest continuously operating (legal) still

Built on the Dessert family farm just outside Kununurra, the small pot distillery and the building itself were entirely created by hand. It might not be the world's prettiest still, but it's ours. Our founder, Spike even taught himself to distil, with nothing more than a passion to make good, honest, rum. This was rum, done Spike's way.

## 2. MOONTIDE DISTILLERY



Spirits of the Kimberley

Nestled at the edge of the Indian Ocean and the vast Kimberley wilderness is Moontide Distillery. It's here, at one of the world's most isolated distilleries, we hand craft distinctively Kimberley flavoured spirits including our Black Pearl Aniseed Spirit and Roebuck Bay Bitters. Visit our cellar door, tour the distillery, learn our craft and experience our spirits.

## 3. OLD YOUNG'S



Hand-crafted gin & vodka from the Swan Valley

Our award winning hand-crafted spirits are distilled using locally-sourced produce and a wide range of native Australian botanicals. At Old Young's, we love a really good gin, a really good vodka and a really good story – all three of which you'll get out at our Swan Valley Tasting Room

## 4. SWAN VALLEY GIN CO.



A grape to glass experience

Small batch dry gin made in the Swan Valley using Pandemonium Estate wine base and the finest fruit and botanicals. Cellar door open for tastings, delicious gin-infused wood fired pizza and gin construction classes - the ultimate gin experience.

## 5. SIN GIN DISTILLERY



Delightfully Sinful Gins, let the fun beGIN!

This nano (means really really small) distillery makes Perth Pink, Original Sin, the Seven Deadly Sins range and Australian Aquavit. Sin Gin's focus is on using local ingredients and making gin for fun and sharing. Beautifully boxed sets of Seven Deadly Sins make an ideal gift or a great way to take gins home to try. You can book a private tasting session or just come in for a taste.

## 6. GREAT NORTHERN DISTILLERY



Home of the Kimberley Rum Co & Canefire Rum

Canefire Rum uses Australian sugar and high quality yeasts, which are fermented, distilled, matured and bottled in the Swan Valley. Relax with a cocktail or take a guided journey through this internationally acclaimed distillery with samples of premium rums, gin, vodka and hand crafted liqueurs. A unique experience for the uninitiated and connoisseur alike. Book online today.

## 7. WHIPPER SNAPPER DISTILLERY



Perth's local whiskey distillery

Experience Perth's first urban distillery. Go behind the scenes of production, hear our stories, be enlightened in the process of Australian whiskey making as part of our distillery tours, where you'll enjoy tastings and a guided walk through. Or simply head down for a coffee or whiskey. Open 7 days.

## 14. BLACKWOOD VALLEY DISTILLERY



Spirit of the Blackwood

Experience handcrafted gin and liqueur in beautiful Bridgetown, the heart of the Blackwood Valley. Our stunning beer garden is the perfect place to taste our spirits, enjoy a refreshing G&T, Cider or award winning Blackwood craft beer. Lunch served daily, kids and pets are welcome! Live music and meals Friday evenings.

## 15. GREAT SOUTHERN DISTILLING CO.



Home of Internationally Acclaimed Limeburners Whisky

Visit our friendly cellar door to enjoy a selection of tastings of our world class craft spirits or grab a table and linger over lunch featuring fresh local produce. Book a Distillery Tour to see the production of our award winning Limeburners Single Malt Whisky up close, available 7 days.

## 16. ESPERANCE DISTILLERY CO.



Coastal Gin with a Local Focus

Esperance Distillery Co launched in December 2020 as Australia's smallest distillery. The father and son team produce coastally inspired gin with their 30L still which produces only 50 bottle batches, which means you'll enjoy something truly handcrafted. Passionate about local flora, we hand pick botanicals from the Esperance coast used to make our carbon-neutral gin. Come and try the spirit of Esperance.

## 11. THE WEST WINDS GIN



Damn Fine Gini!

Our spiritual home of Margaret River is recognised worldwide as a place of wild, rugged beauty. We are proudly one of the first distillers of this region and through hard work, planning and passion have gained national and international acclaim for our gins. Winning numerous awards both nationally and internationally serves as testimony to our focus on filling every bottle with the greatest combination of unique flavours.

## 12. THE GROVE DISTILLERY & BREWERY



Experience, Enjoy & Stay

Established in 1995, this family owned and operated distillery has won international and national awards for spirits and liqueurs. Experience a mid-week "Talk & Taste" with the distiller. Enjoy tastings and cocktails at cellar door, delicious pizzas with a craft beer. Stay a while and relax at The Grove accommodation.

## 13. MARGARET RIVER DISTILLING CO.



Home of Award Winning Giniversity Gin

Giniversity is WA's best-selling craft gin. Our cellar door is the perfect place to relax over a delicious lunch and craft spirit tasting or enjoy the best cocktails in town. Native botanicals give a distinctly local twist to our expressions, from meen and eucalypt to emu plum and lemon myrtle. Book a Gin Blending class to fully immerse yourself in the wonderful world of gin, with all Graduates creating their very own gin to take home.



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# WA DISTILLERY TRAIL MAP

Discover the location of WA's spirits, distilled with heart.

## About the WA Distillers Guild

Founded in 2019 the WA Distillers Guild (WADG) is an association formed to support WA distillers and promote the awareness, purchase and consumption of spirits that have been distilled in Western Australia. Membership is open to all WA Distillers. Distilleries operate in many industries; tourism, hospitality, retail, production, manufacturing, marketing and sales of spirits and WADG works with the leading advocates and government representatives of these areas to help our members grow their businesses.

There are many more distilleries in WA than those mentioned on this trail brochure. The criteria for entry onto this trail brochure include a WA Distillers Guild membership, a cellar door open to the public and a willingness to promote the Distillery Trail.

## Spirits distilled in WA

**Gin** is one of the broadest categories of spirits, with juniper berry the common ingredient. Gin today is produced in subtly different ways using a range of herbal ingredients resulting in distinct styles and brands. After juniper, gin tends to be flavoured with botanicals, herbal, spice, floral, fruit flavours or a combination. It is most commonly consumed mixed with tonic water.

**Vodka** is a clear distilled alcoholic beverage originating in Poland and Russia, traditionally made by distilling potatoes or cereal grains which have been fermented. Many modern vodkas now use fruits and sugars as the base. Vodka is mostly consumed neat, but can also be used in a wide range of cocktails and mixed drinks.

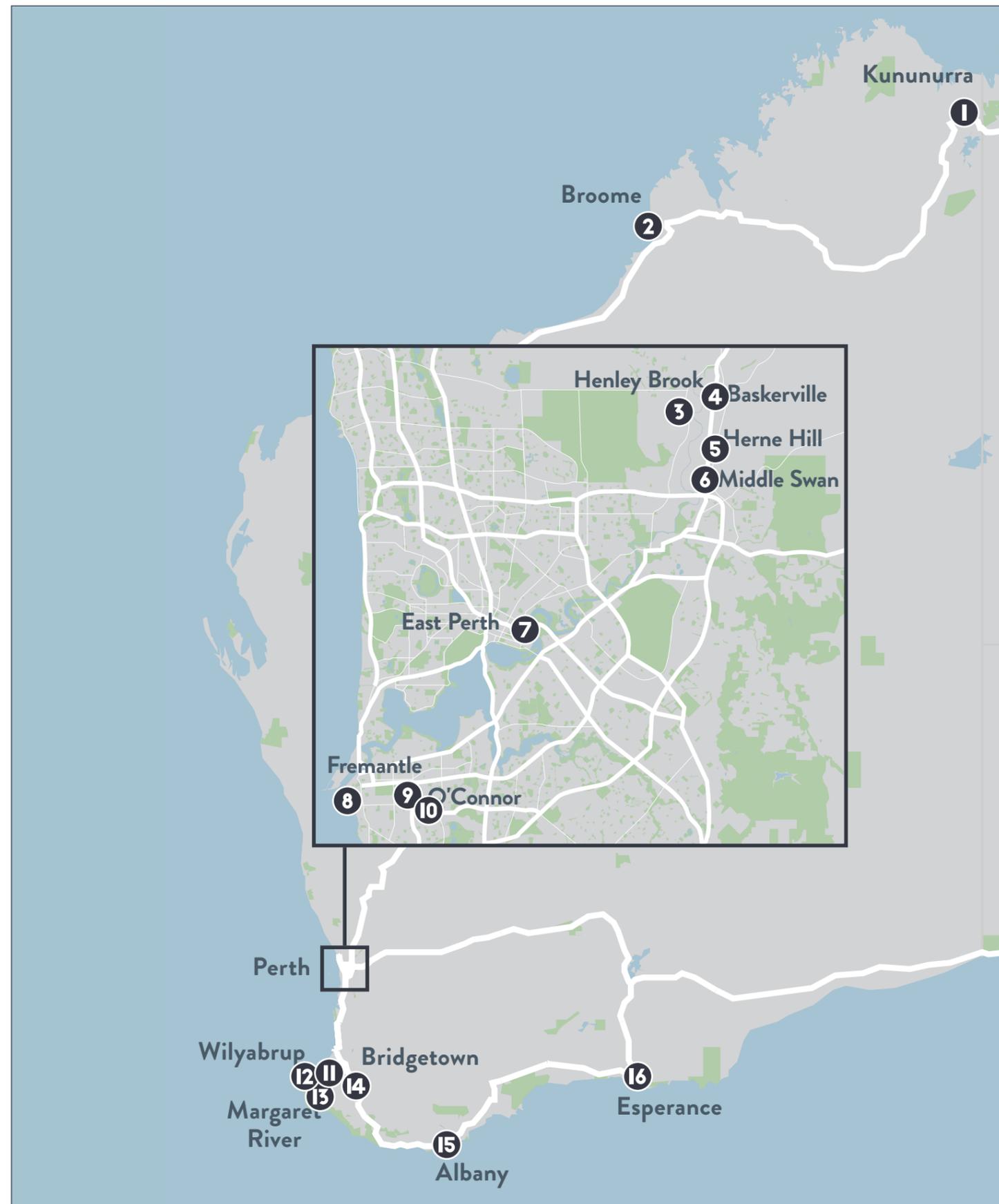
**Whiskey** or **whisky** (we use both spellings in Australia) is an aged spirit made from the distillation of a fermented liquor of a mash of cereal grain so that the spirit possesses the taste, aroma and other characteristics generally attributed to whiskey. To be called a whiskey in Australia, it must spend a minimum of two years in wood, and must contain no additives. A whiskey gets its main flavours and aromas from grains, fermentation, and maturation. Here in Western Australia, we use world-class local grains and our exciting climate to produce some of the world's best whiskey.

**Rum** is made by fermenting, and then distilling, sugarcane molasses or sugarcane juice. The distillate, a clear liquid, is usually aged in oak barrels. Rums are produced in various grades with light rums mostly used in cocktails, whereas golden, dark and premium rums are typically consumed straight or with a small amount of mixer.

**Brandy** is a spirit made by distilling fermented fruit juice. Most often, and traditionally, the fruit is grapes but apples, peaches and apricots are also sometimes used to flavour the brandy. Barrels often made of oak (sometimes charred), play a big role in determining the final brandy flavour profile. Many spend a minimum of three years in barrels prior to bottling. High quality brandy can be matured for 10 to 50 years.

**Liqueurs** can be made by distilling any fruit matter that contains sugar for fermentation. This base spirit can then be sweetened and flavoured with natural oils and spices. As trade routes opened up, a variety of spices and other ingredients, including ginger, orange, cinnamon, cardamom, aniseed, vanilla and chocolate, began to compliment the base spirit of many liqueurs. History shows liqueurs are the descendants of herbal medicines, often made by monks and used as remedies for various ailments.

Many other spirits are distilled in Western Australia including **Aquavit** & **Absinthe**; visit the distilleries to check out their full range.



## Business listings

Please note that business operations are subject to change over time. Consider calling businesses ahead of time to confirm opening hours.

**1. Hoochery Distillery**  
300 Weaber Plain Rd,  
Kununurra  
Mon – Fri: 11am – 4pm  
Sat: 9am – 12pm  
Closed Sundays  
08 91682467  
hoochery.com.au

**2. Moontide Distillery**  
17 Gwendoline Crossing,  
Bilingurr, Broome  
Open Thurs – Mon\*  
12pm – 6pm  
\*Seasonal variability – please  
check webpage  
0407974492  
moontidedistillery.com.au

**3. Old Young's**  
10581C West Swan Rd,  
Henley Brook  
Open 7 days: 11am – 5pm  
08 9296 6656  
oldyoungs.com.au

**4. Swan Valley Gin Co.**  
1050 Great Northern Hwy,  
Baskerville  
Sat – Sun, 11am – 5pm  
08 9296 3537  
swanvalleygincompany.com.au

**5. Sin Gin Distillery**  
Swan Settlers Market,  
124 Lennard St, Herne Hill  
Open 9am – 5pm on Sat, Sun  
& Adjacent Public Holidays  
0438 998 300  
singindistillery.com.au

**6. Great Northern Distillery**  
496 Great Northern Hwy,  
Middle Swan  
Open 7 days: 12pm – 5pm  
08 9250 5422  
canefire.net

**7. Whipper Snapper Distillery**  
139 Kensington St,  
East Perth  
Mon – Fri: 7am – 5pm  
Sat: 8am – 4pm  
Sun: 10am – 4pm  
08 9221 2293  
whippersnapperdistillery.com

**8. Republic of Fremantle**  
3 Pakenham Street, Fremantle  
Wed – Sun: 12pm until late  
08 9331 7222  
republicoffremantle.com

**9. Fremantle Spirit Company**  
6/125 Garling St, O'Connor  
Coffee Bar: Open 7 days  
Tastings: Some evenings  
0414 520 395  
fremantlespirits.com.au

**10. Wandering Distillery**  
Unit 4, 50 Ladner Street,  
O'Connor  
Mon – Fri: 9am – 5pm  
Sat – Sun: By appointment  
(more than happy to open  
just for you)  
0439131236  
wanderingdistillery.com.au

**11. The West Winds Gin**  
445 North Jindong Rd,  
North Jindong  
11am – 5pm  
0414 420 670  
thewestwindsgin.com

**12. The Grove Distillery & Brewery**  
491 Metricup Rd, Wilyabrup  
7 days, 9am – 5pm  
08 9755 7458  
thegrovedistillery.com.au

**13. Margaret River Distilling Co.**  
Cnr Carters & Bussell Hwy,  
Margaret River  
Sun – Thurs: 10am – 6pm  
Fri – Sat: 10am – 7pm  
08 9757 9351  
distillery.com.au

**14. Blackwood Valley Distillery**  
'The Cidery', 43 Gifford Rd,  
Bridgetown  
Sat – Thurs: 11am – 4pm  
Fri: 11am – 8pm  
08 9761 2204  
blackwoodvalleydistillery.com

**15. Great Southern Distilling Co.**  
252 Frenchman Bay Rd, Albany  
Mon – Sun: 10am – 5pm  
Kitchen open: 11.30am – 2.30pm  
08 9842 5363  
distillery.com.au

**16. Esperance Distillery Co.**  
77 Norseman Rd, Esperance  
Check our website for  
our seasonal opening hours  
0420 786 589  
esperancedistilleryco.com