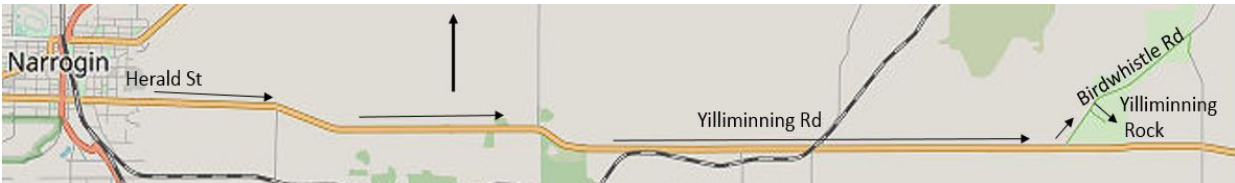




Located 19 km east of Narrogin, Yilliminning Rock offers superb wildflower displays in the spring months and great views from the rock. This historic spot also has a memorial tree for George Brockway, a little known but amazing forester and conservationist.



The rock is part of a larger reserve with interesting kwongan gravel wildflowers in October. Visitors based at Narrogin can return via the historic Yilliminning townsite (has a wildflower reserve) and Marramucking Well. Warning gravel and narrow bitumen roads. Dogs on leash are permitted, but not fires or camping. There are picnic tables and a gas BBQ but no toilet.



Climb the rock

The rock itself is a granite inselberg (bedrock outcrop), rising to approximately 48m, from which there are commanding views across farmland and bush. Special times are at the rising or setting of the sun and when there is an eclipse or full moon. Billions of years ago when the granite was cooling cracks formed and filled with molten rock. These weathered differently to the host rock, and can be seen today as raised lines, and hollows in the granite that channel water and collect soil.

Over time, large onion skin-like plates separated from the main rock, cracked and often slid downslope. They are home to fascinating little rock dragons (*Ctenophorus ornatus*) that nod at you before scuttling off.

Soil-filled hollows and cracks support rock loving flowers like Lemon scented orchids (August-September) and straggly but stunning red flowering *Kunzea pulchella* (November). Intricate mosses and lichens inhabit moist areas. Please avoid walking on them as they are slippery and easily damaged



See the wildflowers

The reserve is particularly attractive from September to early October, when beautiful but uncommon spider orchids are in flower. These include Chapmans spider orchid (*Caladenia chapmani*) and smooth lipped spider orchid (*Caladenia integra*). In late October and November check out the lovely White Verticordia and other wildflowers in gravelly kwongan heath further down Birdwhistle Road



George Brockway Tree

This stately tree commemorates George Brockway, one of Australia's greatest foresters, who well and truly earned the nickname of being "the forgotten conservationist". The tree is one of a grove of magnificent salmon gums (*Eucalyptus salmonophloia*) that were once widespread in wheatbelt clay valleys.

As Forester-in-charge of the WA Forests Department's wheatbelt and goldfields regions during the 1930s, 40s and 50s, George was notable for his passion for the trees of the WA inland, and his promotion of them for conservation, farm planting, townsite beautification, ornamentals and timber.



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