

# The Captain Fawcett Commemorative

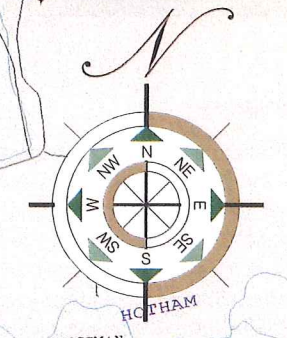
# 4x4 Track



## TRIP NOTES

**Start Point:** Dawn Creek Road/Nanga Road intersection (approx 3kms past Old Nanga Townsite)  
**Finish Point:** Quindanning  
**Total Distance:** 105 kilometres  
**Duration:** Approx 3 hours  
**4 x 4 Grade:** Easy-Medium

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| 1  | 0.0  | Set trip meter to zero at intersection of Dawn Creek Rd and Nanga Rd    |
| 2  | 3.7  | TL King Jarrah Form   |
| 3  | 4.1  | TR South Junction Form  |
| 4  | 10.2 | KSA Old trestle bridge on left (caution: NO ACCESS; unstable structure) |
| 5  | 10.7 | TL South Junction Form  |
| 6  | 14.5 | KSA Old trestle bridge on left (caution: NO ACCESS; unstable structure) |
| 7  | 17.9 | BL South Junction Form after creek crossing                             |
| 8  | 19.8 | TL Driver Road  |
| 9  | 22.0 | TR Muddy Landing Road   |
| 10 | 23.8 | KSA old gravel pit on right   |
| 11 | 25.3 | TL across minor drainage line (unsigned)                                |
| 12 | 25.8 | TL Calona Form  |
| 13 | 26.9 | KSA   |
| 14 | 27.4 | BL  |
| 15 | 27.6 | KSA   |
| 16 | 28.7 | KSA   |
| 17 | 31.1 | TL Joiner Road to Dooganally Road                                       |
| 18 | 31.3 | BL  |
| 19 | 31.4 | TL Dooganally Road  |
| 20 | 31.8 | KSA   |
| 21 | 33.0 | KSA Palatti Road  |
| 22 | 33.8 | KSA   |
| 23 | 33.9 | KSA   |
| 24 | 35.1 | KSA   |
| 25 | 36.0 | BL  |
| 26 | 36.1 | KSA   |
| 27 | 38.4 | TL Joiner Road to Tumlo Pine Plantation                                 |
| 28 | 39.0 | TR Tumlo Pine Plantation  |
| 29 | 39.2 | KSA Old tank on timber stand  |
| 30 | 39.3 | TL Harvey-Quindanning Road  |
| 31 | 41.6 | KSA Long Gully Bridge   |
| 32 | 49.9 | KSA Emmetts Crossing Winery   |
| 33 | 54.8 | Conveyor belt crossing under road                                       |
| 34 | 59.9 | TL Lower Hotham Road  |
| 35 | 65.0 | Conveyor belt crossing over road  |
| 36 | 75.8 | TR Pinjarra-Williams Road   |
| 37 | 78.8 | TR Quindanning Road   |
| 38 | 91.4 | Mokine farm (Private Property)  |
| 39 | 105  | Quindanning Inn   |



Approx. 16.5km from Nanga Rd turn off to Dawn Creek Rd and track start

### Legend

- BL Bear Left
- KSA Keep Straight Ahead
- TL Turn Left
- TR Turn Right
- Track Marks



### Leave No Trace Principles

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimise Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Your Host and Other Visitors

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# The Captain Fawcett Commemorative 4x4 Track

**The Captain Fawcett Commemorative 4WD Track showcases some 90 km of Western Australia's best Jarrah forests, magnificent views, historic farmhouses and original settlers' trestle bridges.**

There are minor creek crossings and ample opportunities for a day's adventure. The Track starts at Dawn Creek Rd, an easy drive from Pinjarra.

### 4WD Section - The Track

The easy to medium grade 4WD section starts within the Lane Poole Conservation Reserve (see map). Much of the track runs along old rail embankments where the timber trains once hauled the forest trees into various mills.

### Long Gully Rail Bridge

A worthwhile stop to the east of Tumlo is a look at the old Long Gully Rail Bridge across the Murray River, once used to transport logs into Hakea Mill. It is now part of the famous Bibbulmun Track, which extends from Kalamunda to Albany. Further along, you can call in to Emmetts' Crossing Winery to taste and purchase their fine selection of wines.

### The History of The Track

The Fawcett Track commemorates one of the district's early pioneers, Captain Theo Fawcett from Pinjarra. Captain Fawcett had a very good working relationship with the local aboriginal



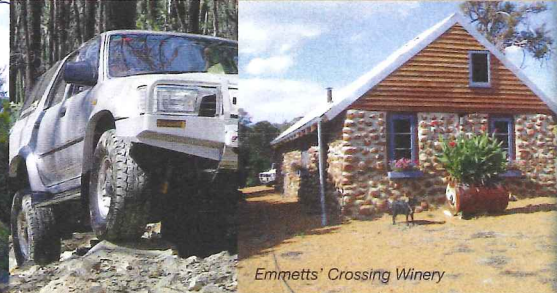
Quindanning Race Club, Annual Meeting held on Easter Saturday



"Mokine" Homestead, circa 1860



Captain Theodore Fawcett (Pinjarra Mounted Volunteers)



Emmetts' Crossing Winery

Remnants of an old rail bridge stand adjacent to the track. Other sections may be on tracks made by timber cutters to access the forest. There are places along the track where you can pull off and enjoy a picnic on your way.

You'll drive through historic farmland, here and there dissected by the belt-line that carries bauxite from the Worsley mine (situated near Marradong and Mt Saddleback) through to the refinery at Collie. This conveyor belt travels some 51 km and is reputedly the longest such belt in the world. Mining operations can be seen from various points along the track.

### Return Options & Attractions

The track emerges onto the Harvey - Quindanning Road at the Tumlo Pine Plantation.

At this point you can choose to go west to Harvey (dirt road) or east, (also dirt road for some distance).

Eastward will take you through to the historic Quindanning Inn and then north past 'Mokine' to Marradong to join the highway back to Dwellingup, or you can make a short detour into Boddington.

From Quindanning you can also continue east through to the historic site of the Boranning Bridge and then continue on to Williams.



people and they told him of the good country over the Darling Range and the place of good water they called 'Mokine'.

In spite of his holding of 10,000 acres at Pinjarra, and land being easily available, Captain Fawcett realised he and his family would require heavier land, so decided to look toward the other side of the Range.

Captain Fawcett set out circa 1860, in company with his friend William Pollard, to see what they could find. Using the Murray River as a guide, they followed it to the junction of the Williams and Hotham Rivers. Here they turned north up the Hotham River. When they met Marradong Creek, Fawcett followed that until he found a spring of fresh water, which he believed was the one the aboriginals called 'Mokine'. It was here he decided to build his house. He selected over 5,000 acres (2,025 hectares) and took up another 6,000 acres (2,429 hectares) of land as a lease.

William Pollard didn't take up any land at the time.

Captain Fawcett again showed his bushcraft skills by making his return



Long Gully Rail Bridge

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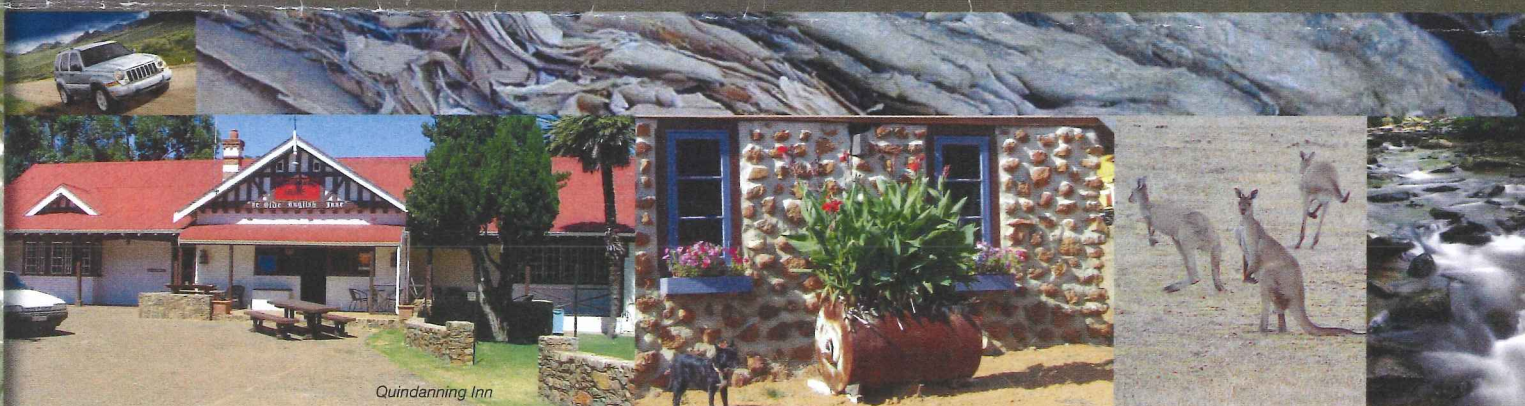
**MAP & TRAIL NOTES**  
EASY-MEDIUM GRADE 4WD

A 105km track that showcases some of Western Australia's best Jarrah forests, historic farm houses, original settler trestle bridges, minor creek crossings and magnificent views. The track starts at Dawn Creek Rd near Dwellingup.

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Quindanning Inn

journey directly through the bush to the nearest civilisation. He blazed trees on his way to show his workmen and shepherds their way back to 'Mokine'. That blazed track is almost exactly the route on which the present day road runs from Marradong to Dwellingup. Captain Fawcett was later awarded a grant of forty pounds (\$80) to build the first road along this alignment. On early maps, the existing Pinjarra/Williams Road was called the Fawcett Road.

### The Fawcett Family today.

The track has the full support of the Fawcett family, who are donating track signposts which will be erected by Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). The Fawcett family still own the 4000 acre Mokine property on the road between Marradong and Quindanning, as well as 600 acres at Pinjarra which is owned by a great grandson, Adrian Fawcett.

### Boddington Heritage Group.

Several years ago, the Boddington Heritage Group voted to particularly recognize Captain Fawcett's contribution to the district. An approach was made to DEC, to allow entry at Lane Poole which has 200,000 visitors per year. DEC accepted the idea with enthusiasm, as it provided the opportunity to view the best Jarrah forest in the State, and worked with the Heritage Group to map out the most interesting route.

## Fawcett Track - Places of Interest and Special Events

### Emmetts' Crossing Vineyard and Winery

Prior arrangements by phoning Peter and Rosslyn are required, and subject to being able to cross the Murray River  
Phone Peter Ganfield **9538 4110**

### Quindanning Race Club

Annual Meeting held on Easter Saturday, a great way to meet the locals.

### Quindanning Inn

A very popular Tudor style Inn on the Williams River. Accommodation and great meals.  
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### Boddington Lions Rodeo

The biggest Rodeo in the State is held in Boddington on the first Saturday in November.

### Jesse Martin's Historic Village

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A unique collection of early buildings, plus old tractors, cars and machines, many of which still operate. Appointments should be made by ringing Jesse on **9885 1118**.

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