

Special Commemorative Tours of the “Holland Track” (1893)

Commencing June 2019

Monday 10th June to Tuesday 18th June
Tuesday 9th July to Wednesday 17th July
Monday 5th August to Tuesday 13th August



Participate in special 4WD escorted private nine day tours along the “Holland Track and Holland Way” from Albany via Broomehill and Hyden to Bailey’s Reward at the “Old Camp” (Coolgardie), the “Golden Mile” and the “Dundas and Norseman Goldfields”



To express your interest or find out more,
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(Conditions apply Not a tag along)*

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BAYLEY’S discovery of gold east of Southern Cross in 1892 generated great excitement in the colony and a rush immediately set in.

John Holland was one of several people from the Great Southern who had the idea of cutting a direct route to the goldfields. He decided to wait for rain and cooler weather. On April 14, 1893, Holland (the leader), Rudolph Krakouer, David Krakouer and John Carmody left Broomehill with five ponies, a light dray (small four wheel/two horse cart), a 100-gallon water tank and provisions for five to six months. Their goal was Gnarlbine Rock, the main water supply for the Goldfields.

They cut the track through thick scrub and bushland and on June 18 reached Bayley’s Find, the day after Paddy Hannan had reported his discovery at what is now Kalgoorlie. Holland and his companions had covered nearly 330 miles (over 520km) in two months and four days, cutting the longest cart road made in one stretch in Western Australia. Remnants of the track still remain, with the largest stretch occurring from the Norseman – Hyden Road to the Victoria Rocks Road.

Their route to the goldfields established direct communication with the south-west of the colony and shortened the journey by a fortnight



or more for the diggers heading to the new gold discoveries.

Mr Wayne Monks is doing special Commemorative Tours of the Holland Track and with him you can discover, explore and experience the Holland Track and Holland Way.

“There will be special commemorative meals, camping under the stars and chalet accommodation after a well-earned ‘Aussie Sundowner’ at a scenic location. There will be Indigenous culture with the Ngadju Rangers, local community

projects and climbing huge granitic outcrops and water catchments in the rugged Great Western Woodlands,” he said.

“You will see remnant bushland reserves in the wheatbelt, wildflowers at their peak and wildlife spotting, mining history on the ‘Golden Mile’ from the 1890’s and Kambalda (the nickel town of WA), the Australian Malleefowl Centre at Ongerup, the famous wood lines constructed for sandalwood harvesting, salt lakes, breakaways and much more.”