

Discover the charm of Chidlow

The picturesque town of Chidlow, once famous for its busy railway station is now the go-to destination for nature lovers. The 50-minute drive from Perth makes it perfect for a day trip or an overnight Perth staycation to enjoy everything the region has to offer.

Located at the eastern end of the 59 km [Railway Reserves Heritage Trail](#) Chidlow is a 12km walk or cycle from Wooroloo and 6km in the other direction from Mouth Helena. If you are planning on hitting the trails in this section, keep an eye out for the Proclamation Train Memorial commemorating the 175th anniversary of the founding of Western Australia and the rustic Chidlow Hall built in 1905. If markets are your thing, try to time your visit with the third Saturday of the month for [Chidlow Hall Market Day](#) and don't forget your bags for all the local produce you will be taking home! Follow them on [Facebook](#) for 2021 dates and information on their Twilight Market series.

Chidlow is also home to scenic trails of the equine kind, and you don't even need to own a horse. [Forge Farm](#) offers trail rides through the forest and along the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail as well as part of the KEP Track that follows the historic path of the water pipeline as far as Northam on its journey to the Goldfields. Our personal favourite is the Pub Ride to the [Chidlow Tavern](#) where you can tie your horse to a hitching rail while you partake in a well-deserved hearty pub meal.

On a Sunday, we recommend the [Original Sunday Session Tour](#) from Perth Hills Mountain Bikes Tours where you can retrace the footsteps of the early pioneer's but instead on a low impact eMountain bike, suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. If you do work up an appetite on any kind of trail, we definitely recommend stopping in at the [Baytree Bakery Café](#) for a little take-home bag of their Melting Moments.

A short drive or 30-minute walk from Chidlow Hall is the family favourite destination [Lake Leschenaultia](#). Originally built to service the steam engines that passed through Chidlow it has since been transformed into a postcard-perfect "beach in the hills". Water activities include swimming, canoeing and stand up paddleboards; available for hire during summer months. At the same time, those that prefer dry land have a combination of walk and cycle tracks, hiking trails, and mountain bike trails to choose from. Open every day with free entry, it is the perfect location for a picnic. It has free barbecue facilities available, and on weekends, public holidays and school holidays you can grab a coffee or a tasty treat from the [Reflections Kiosk](#).

Make a weekend out of it and look into the camping and glamping options available on-site, and for larger groups, be sure to check out [Camp Leschenaultia](#) just across the road, where you can also hire e-bikes! If you are staying for a weekend, we do suggest booking into a Guided Spotlight Tour at [Karakamia Sanctuary](#) for a unique 2-hour stroll through the bush at twilight experiencing Perth wildlife.

If camping isn't quite what you're after, contact the [Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor Centre](#) to plan the perfect staycation in Chidlow. Escape your urban troubles by staying a few nights at a farm stay, a quiet forest chalet or an Italian Australian inspired Villa. There are so many options in Perth Hills Mundaring!



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