

Norseman: township with all standard amenities  
 Balladonia: roadhouse, motel, caravan park  
 Caiguna: roadhouse, caravan park  
 Cocklebiddy: roadhouse, motel, caravan park  
 Madura: roadhouse, motel, caravan park  
 Mundrabilla: roadhouse, caravan park  
 Eucla: roadhouse, motel, caravan park, shop  
 Border village: roadhouse  
 Nullarbor: roadhouse, motel  
 Yelata: roadhouse, caravan park  
 Nundroo: roadhouse, hotel, motel  
 Penong: roadhouse, shop, hotel, caravan park  
 Ceduna: township with all standard amenities

188 km Norseman to Balladonia  
 178 km Balladonia to Caiguna  
 64 km Caiguna to Cocklebiddy  
 91 km Cocklebiddy to Madura  
 115 km Madura to Mundrabilla  
 65 km Mundrabilla to Eucla  
 12 km Eucla to Border Village  
 182 km Border Village to Nullarbor  
 93 km Nullarbor to Yelata  
 55 km Yelata to Nundroo  
 76 km Nundroo to Penong  
 75 km Penong to Ceduna



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### Sunrise and sunset times (approx for mid-month at WA / SA border)

\* Note that South Australia is 1.5 hours ahead of Western Australia.  
 Both states have daylight saving during the summer months.

Some More Useful Nullarbor Information

	Western Australia		South Australia	
	Sunrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset
January	5.36 am *	7.35 pm *	7.06 am *	9.05 pm *
February	6.04 am *	7.16 pm *	7.34 am *	8.46 pm *
March	6.25 am *	6.44 pm *	7.55 am *	8.14 pm *
April	5.46 am	5.06 pm	7.16 am	6.36 pm
May	6.06 am	4.38 pm	7.36 am	6.08 pm
June	6.23 am	4.29 pm	7.53 am	5.59 pm
July	6.24 am	4.40 pm	7.54 am	6.10 pm
August	6.02 am	4.59 pm	7.32 am	6.29 pm
September	5.25 am	5.17 pm	6.55 am	6.47 pm
October	4.47 am	5.37 pm	6.17 am	7.07 pm
November	5.19 am *	7.02 pm *	6.49 am *	8.32 pm *
December	5.15 am *	7.27 pm *	6.45 am *	8.57 pm *

### Prevailing wind direction

Winds on the Nullarbor Plain can be very strong and have a great effect upon riding times. Although wind direction is variable, there is a trend in direction according to the time of year:

November to April: from the east or south-east  
 May to October: from the west or north-west

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# How to Safely Cycle the Nullarbor



## About the Nullarbor

The Nullarbor Plain is one of the world's great remote wilderness areas, stretching 1200 kilometres from Norseman in Western Australia to Ceduna in South Australia. Crossing the Nullarbor by bicycle via the Eyre Highway is an exciting accomplishment, but one that has its hazards.

Although a fairly quiet sealed road, the Highway carries very large fast-moving trucks that weigh up to 80 tonnes. It is essential that you give these "road trains" plenty of room to pass because they can require up to 1km of braking distance. When fully laden, large trucks cannot deviate more than a metre from a straight line without the risk of losing control.

As a cyclist, you are a small object on the road and must therefore make every effort to appear visible to other road users. It is also very important that you are fully aware of vehicles approaching you from behind and prepared to move further to the left if required.



## How to Increase Your Safety

- **AVOID RIDING AT NIGHT.** Plan your trip so that you allow for headwinds and reach rest stops well before dusk. Riding into a strong headwind can reduce your speed to as little as 12km/h. At that rate, you could only expect to cover about 100km during the daylight hours in mid-winter (see over the page for sunrise and sunset times, route accommodation etc.).
- If you must ride at night, make every effort to ensure you and your bike are highly visible to other traffic (white front lights and rear red lights that are visible from at least 200m, fitted reflectors and reflective clothing are essential).
- Even during the day, you should wear bright clothing so that drivers can see you from a distance (yellow is ideal).
- Fit a good rear-vision mirror and use it often. It is important to know when a vehicle is approaching you from behind. Even the largest trucks remain silent to the rider in certain wind conditions.
- When you notice a vehicle approaching from behind, move as far off the road as possible. Large trucks can create a vortex that has been known to suck riders from as far as 5m away toward the wheels.