

A photograph of a red metal grating walkway leading through a lush green forest towards a large, textured orange-brown rock wall. The walkway is made of red metal grating and leads through a dense forest of green trees and bushes. The rock wall is a prominent feature in the background, with a rough, textured surface. The overall scene is a natural, outdoor setting.

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**Exploring the  
Red Continent**

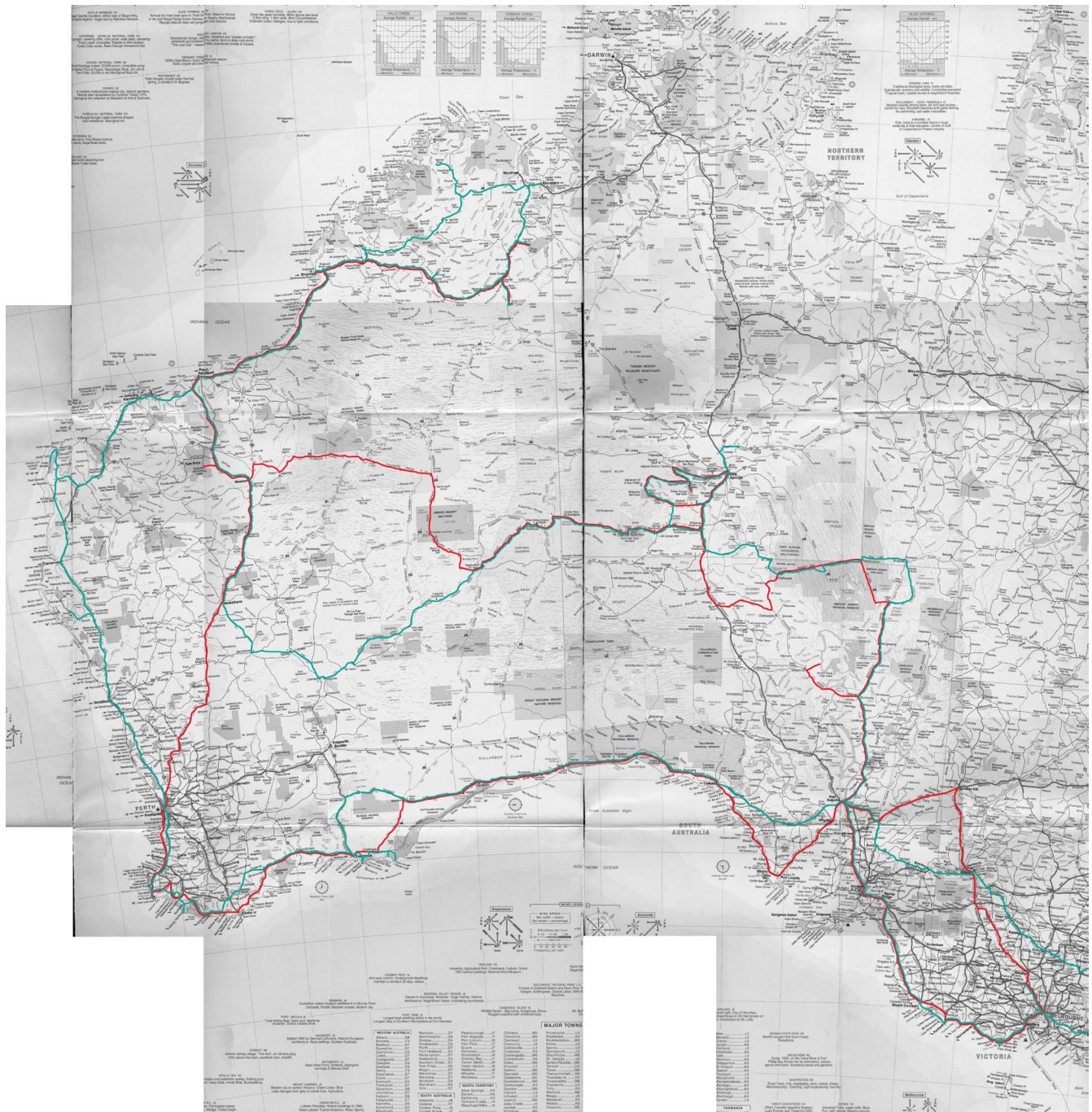
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All our activities are linked to the idea of journeys. And I like to think that our brains have an information system giving us orders for the road, and that here lie the mainsprings of our restlessness. At an early stage man found he could spill out all this information in one go, by tampering with the chemistry of the brain. He could fly off on an illusory journey or an imaginary ascent. Consequently settlers naïvely identified God with the vine, hashish or a hallucinatory mushroom, but true wanderers rarely fell prey to this illusion. Drugs are vehicles for people who have forgotten to walk.

Bruce Chatwin







kilometres driven

04-05-2010	123 km	22-05-2010	70 km	16-06-2010	104 km	08-07-2010	144 km
07-05-2010	143 km	24-05-2010	297 km	17-06-2010	374 km	10-07-2010	324 km
08-05-2010	88 km	27-05-2010	450 km	19-06-2010	467 km	11-07-2010	198 km
09-05-2010	165 km	28-05-2010	471 km	20-06-2010	600 km	13-07-2010	305 km
10-05-2010	464 km	29-05-2010	570 km	21-06-2010	200 km	14-07-2010	310 km
11-05-2010	466 km	01-06-2010	450 km	22-06-2010	642 km	15-07-2010	112 km
12-05-2010	157 km	02-06-2010	610 km	23-06-2010	427 km	16-07-2010	82 km
13-05-2010	548 km	03-06-2010	480 km	24-06-2010	472 km	17-07-2010	62 km
14-05-2010	307 km	04-06-2010	456 km	25-06-2010	378 km	18-07-2010	137 km
15-05-2010	623 km	05-06-2010	427 km	26-06-2010	186 km	19-07-2010	127 km
16-05-2010	391 km	06-06-2010	317 km	27-06-2010	443 km	20-07-2010	416 km
17-05-2010	102 km	10-06-2010	320 km	29-06-2010	70 km	21-07-2010	493 km
18-05-2010	122 km	11-06-2010	255 km	01-07-2010	70 km	22-07-2010	550 km
19-05-2010	58 km	12-06-2010	284 km	05-07-2010	295 km	23-07-2010	624 km
20-05-2010	574 km	14-06-2010	325 km	06-07-2010	192 km	24-07-2010	330 km
21-05-2010	247 km	15-06-2010	170 km	07-07-2010	222 km	26-07-2010	449 km



overnight stops

castlemaine  
melbourne  
lorne  
cape otway  
warrnambool  
salt creek  
mt remarkable np  
eyre highway  
esperance  
cape le grand np  
cape arid np  
sterling range np  
mt frankland np  
shannon np  
leeuwin naturaliste np  
perth  
brand hw  
north west coastal hw

cape range np  
80 mile beach  
broome  
great northern hw  
wolfe creek crater  
purnululu np  
kununurra  
gibb river road  
mitchell falls  
gibb river road  
bell gorge  
mount amy  
broome  
cape keraudren  
newman  
great northern hw  
goldfields hw  
great central road

yulara  
alice springs  
birthday waterhole  
lasseter hw  
watarrka np  
palm valley  
redbank gorge  
gemtree  
kulgara  
dalhousie springs  
simpson desert  
birdsville  
birdsville track  
port augusta  
mildura  
bright  
lakes entrance  
melbourne



fueling stations

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warrnambool  
meningie  
adelaide  
port augusta  
ceduna  
mundrabilla  
cocklebiddy  
caiguna  
balladonia  
norseman  
esperance  
jerramungup  
denmark  
margaret river  
bunbury  
perth  
geraldton  
carnavon  
exmouth  
fortescue  
karratha  
south hedland  
sandfire  
roebuck  
broome  
fitzroy crossing  
halls creek  
doon doon  
kununurra  
mt barnett  
derby  
broome  
south hedland  
newman  
meekatharra  
leonora  
yulara  
erldunda  
stuaris well  
alice springs  
kulgera  
birdsville  
burra  
hawker  
renmark  
echuca  
omeo  
bairnsdale













































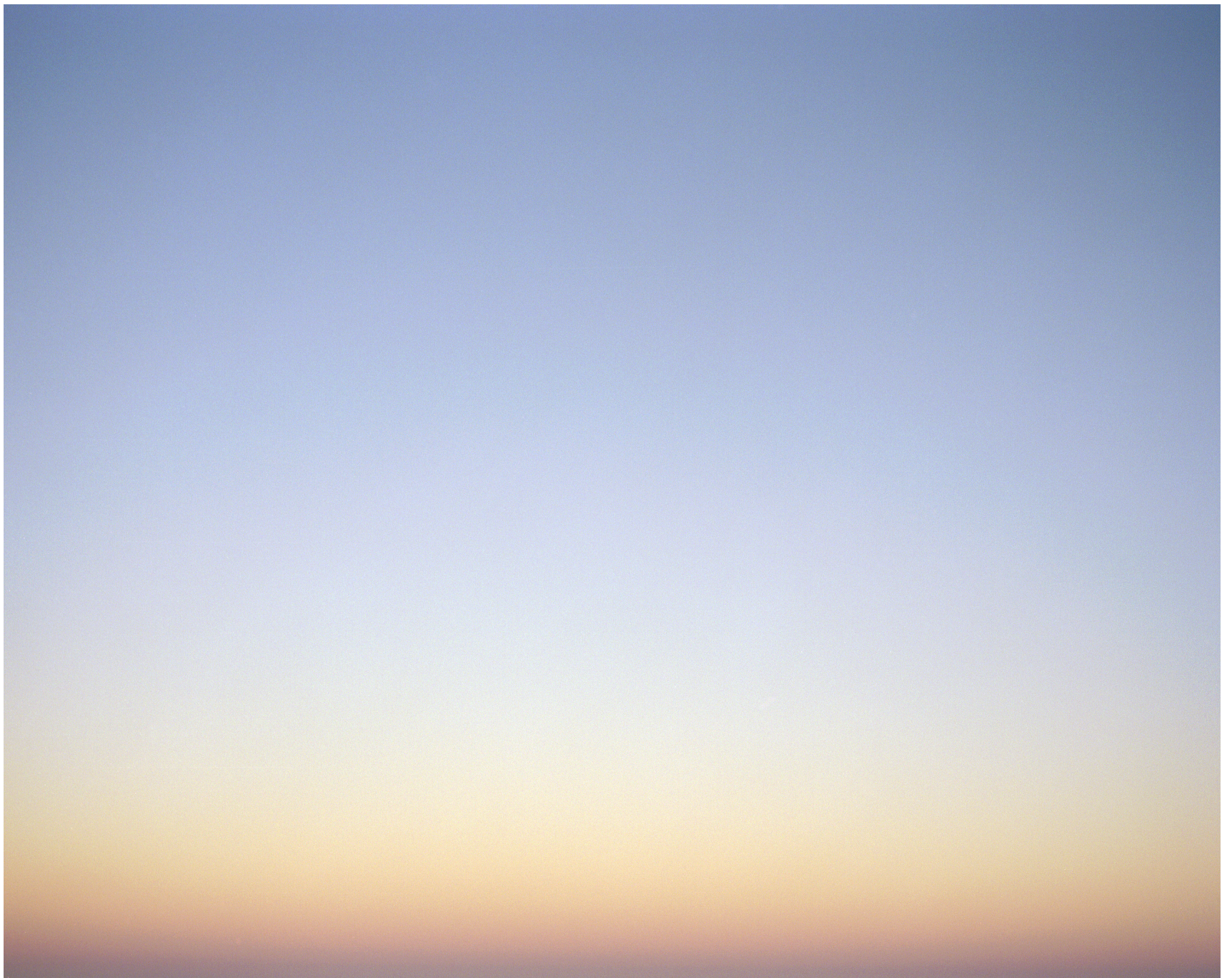






















sunrise western australia

sunset western australia

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The afternoon sun was scorching down on us, but luckily we found a cattle trail that served almost as a proper trail in the flat terrain to the 300 meter high bouldery mount. It took us just one hour to cover the five to six km to the foot of Mount Amy and just under another hour to fight our way up over big rocks and the high grass without a trail. We just made it for the sunset - the view was worth all the struggle and I thanked Feargus for persisting to come here. All around us were similar curiously shaped mounts consisting of red smooth boulders and rocks that reminded me of the sandstone forms of Uluru and Kata Tjuta in the centre. Glistening silvery and white in the last rays of the sun ghost gums and the stumpy and bottle shaped boabs stood out from the dry pale green savannah like trees on a miniature train set. In the distance the rest of the Leopold ranges and escarpments vanished in the evening haze. The way down in the dusk and dark was difficult and slow. We camped right at the foot of Mount Amy on a perfect little flat grassy patch with small yellow flowers. It was probably our most beautiful and serene bush camping spot so far ... the hike out the next day was easier as it was not so hot. I looked back several times at the hill that felt like a special place to me and said goodbye to the lonely boab tree perched high up on a flat big step just beneath the peak.































