

WHEN TO SEE THE BALLOONS

Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th May

Official practice flights will take place, weather permitting, both mornings at sunrise (approx 6.50 am) on Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th May 2023.

For information about the Shire of Northam Community Event 'Elevate Festival' and the 'Balloon Night Glow', please visit:
<https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/events/elevate-festival/12113>

Monday 8th - Friday 12th May

Competition flights will take place, weather permitting, each morning at sunrise (approx 6.50 am) and again in the afternoons (at approx 4.00 pm).

Saturday 13th May

At sunrise (approx 6.50 am) on Saturday 13th May there will be either an additional competition flight, or the exciting 'Key Grab' fly-in.

Flight time duration

The flight itself will be for about an hour or so, but the whole procedure for balloon set up, flight, retrieve by the ground crew, and pack up, takes about four hours.

KEEP UPDATED

How do I keep updated? Facebook of course! <https://www.facebook.com/northamballooningevents>

We will be updating our Facebook page very early each morning, and again mid-afternoon, to keep you updated with where the balloons will be for that flight, and estimated launch times.

WEATHER

The protected Avon Valley offers the best conditions for ballooning in Western Australia, however balloon flights are always weather dependent, and wind speeds in excess of about 10 km/hr on the ground may result in cancellation for safety reasons.

Optimum conditions are usually found in the morning, after the cold nights keep the wind conditions calmer in the valley. Yes, it's early, but it's the very best time to visit, and well worth setting the alarm for.

FOLLOWING THE BALLOONS

Please return to our main balloon event page and follow the link to 'Balloon Watching'

