

## Experience the heart of Australia on Australia's Longest Shortcut

The  
**OUTBACK**  
Way

No other drive route passes through as many climates, landscapes and iconic Australian attractions as the Outback Way! From Perth's mediterranean climate to the central deserts and the balmy tropics of Cairns, the Outback Way is a 2,750km shortcut from Laverton to Winton through the heart of Australia.



Being a shortcut linking Queensland to Western Australia (almost halving the trip via sealed roads), the Outback Way is an adventure of the greatest kind! The Outback Way passes through remote regions with unsealed roads that are best travelled in high-clearance four-wheel drives. The route can be challenging, but the landscapes, colours and night skies are legendary making it a truly life changing adventure.

The Outback Way is bursting with stories to tell. Over 30 interpretive panels along the route introduce travellers to the stories of the Outback. In between, visitors can view caves, wander through indigenous art-craft workshops and Galleries, enjoy guided outback tours, visit a remote meteorology station, try fossicking in gem fields, visit Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kata Tjuta (The Olga's) & MacDonnell Ranges or enjoy discovery centres at Laverton, Alice Springs, Boulia and Winton.

An adventure awaits travellers on the Outback Way. Numerous side trips offer further insight into Australia's heart, such as Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta (The Olga's), MacDonnell Ranges, the Channel Country or Lark Quarry. Travellers can also time their trips so they can take part in some of the many outback festivals including the Boulia Camel Races, Harts Range Bush Sports & Ball, Alice Springs Henley-on-Todd-Regatta, Winton Outback Festival or the Birdsville Races. Some of Australia's most renowned four wheel drive tracks link to the Outback Way offering further side trip opportunities including the Gunbarrel Highway, Tanami Road, Anne Beadell Highway and others.

Whether you're seeking a 'shortcut', a four wheel drive adventure or a desert experience there are plenty of options along the Outback Way. With 'The Outback Way Atlas and Guide' - available from outlets along the Outback Way and wherever Hema Maps are sold - you will surely discover Australia's inner secrets!

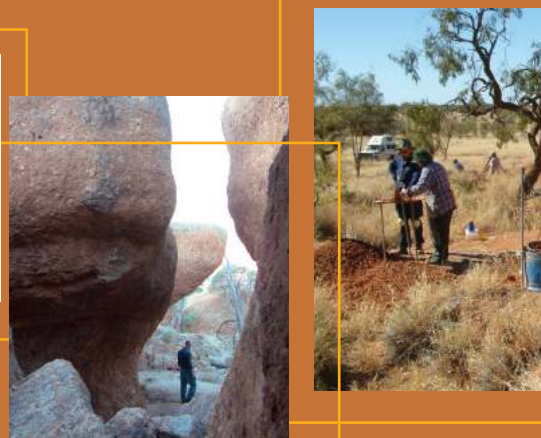
### WORLD'S LONGEST GEOCACHEING TRAIL

Outback Way visitors can also enjoy searching for the 36 hidden caches of the Outback Way-finder Geocache Trail. Geocaching is a relatively new hobby that requires a handheld GPS to find a 'treasure' hidden at a given latitude / longitude coordinate.

The 'treasure' or cache is usually a small canister that contains a few mementos and a log book.

The Outback Way-Finder Geocache Trail has 36 'hidden' caches, highlighting places of interest along the Outback Way and encourages travellers to stop and enjoy the natural wonders of central Australia while searching for caches.

Go to [www.outbackway.org.au](http://www.outbackway.org.au) to find out more about how to enjoy the Outback Way-finder Geocache Trail.



## Suggested Itineraries

Whether you prefer sleeping under five-stars or a million stars, the Outback Way has it all. Five star resorts await at Yulara, while hotel/motel accommodation and caravan / camping sites await at roadhouses, while station stays offer country hospitality and roadside stops provide free camping along the entire Outback Way. Choose a style of accommodation and a leisurely travel schedule when preparing your itinerary. Here's a few suggestions depending on your accommodation preference (reverse the stopovers if travelling from Laverton!). Visit [www.outbackway.org.au](http://www.outbackway.org.au) for more details.

### Room Accommodation

5 Days

**5 Days Winton to Laverton** (7.0 hours driving per day)

Day 1 - Winton to Boulia  
Day 2 - Boulia to Gem Tree  
Day 3 - Gem Tree to Yulara  
Day 4 - Yulara to Warburton  
Day 5 - Warburton to Laverton

6 Days

**6 Days Winton to Laverton** (6.0 hours driving per day)

Day 1 - Winton to Boulia  
Day 2 - Boulia to Jervois Station  
Day 3 - Jervois to Alice Springs  
Day 4 - Alice Springs to Yulara  
Day 5 - Yulara to Warburton  
Day 6 - Warburton to Laverton

### Camping

4 Days

**4 Days Winton to Laverton** (8.5 hours driving per day)

Day 1 - Winton to Arthur River (bush camp)  
Day 2 - Arthur River to Desert Oaks (rest bay)  
Day 3 - Desert Oaks to Yarla Kutjarra  
Day 4 - Yarla Kutjarra to Laverton

5 Days

**5 Days Winton to Laverton** (7.0 hours driving per day)

Day 1 - Winton to Georgina River (bush camp)  
Day 2 - Georgina River to Alice Springs  
Day 3 - Alice Springs to Docker River (Kaltukatjarra Campground)  
Day 4 - Docker River to Desert Breakaway (bush camp)  
Day 5 - Desert Breakaway to Laverton

6 Days

**6 Days Winton to Laverton** (6.0 hours driving per day)

Day 1 - Winton to Georgina River (bush camp)  
Day 2 - Georgina River to Mt Swan Campground  
Day 3 - Mt Swan to Desert Oaks (rest bay)  
Day 4 - Desert Oaks to Kaltukatjarra campground  
Day 5 - Kaltukatjarra to Paradise Camp (bush camp)  
Day 6 - Paradise Camp to Laverton

Please refer to the HEMA guide book for details about these locations.

Allow 1.5 days from Cairns to Winton, staying overnight at Townsville, Charters Towers or Hughenden.  
Allow 1.5 days from Perth to Laverton, staying overnight at Southern Cross, Coolgardie or Kalgoorlie

## Essential Travel Tips & Advice

The best time to travel the Outback Way is April to October. Extreme high temperatures or torrential rain during November to March can sometimes make travelling uncomfortable or roads impassable. Always check the road conditions when stopping at roadhouses and never proceed if the road ahead is closed. Travellers should avoid driving at night and instead aim to be camped an hour before sunset. Remember permits are required to travel between Kata Tjuta and the NT Border and the NT Border and Laverton.

The Outback Way passes through remote regions with limited communications, repair services and supplies. Travellers should be well prepared and carry the following for their own safety:

- At least 2 spare tyres, tool kit, tyre tube & repair kit, air pump-compressor, jumper leads, spare hoses and fan belt.
- At least 20 litres of water, food for 3-4 days, first aid kit and a fire extinguisher.
- Hat, sunscreen, sturdy shoes plus cool and warm clothes, (temperatures can range from -6 to 46°C).
- Preferably a Satellite phone or HF radio (mobile phones should not be relied on).
- 4WD recovery gear (hi-lift jack, snatch strap, jacking plate, shovel, tow rope, load rated shackles).
- Maps, GPS and if venturing off the Outback Way, an EPIRB.
- Always carry enough fuel to travel 600km or more.

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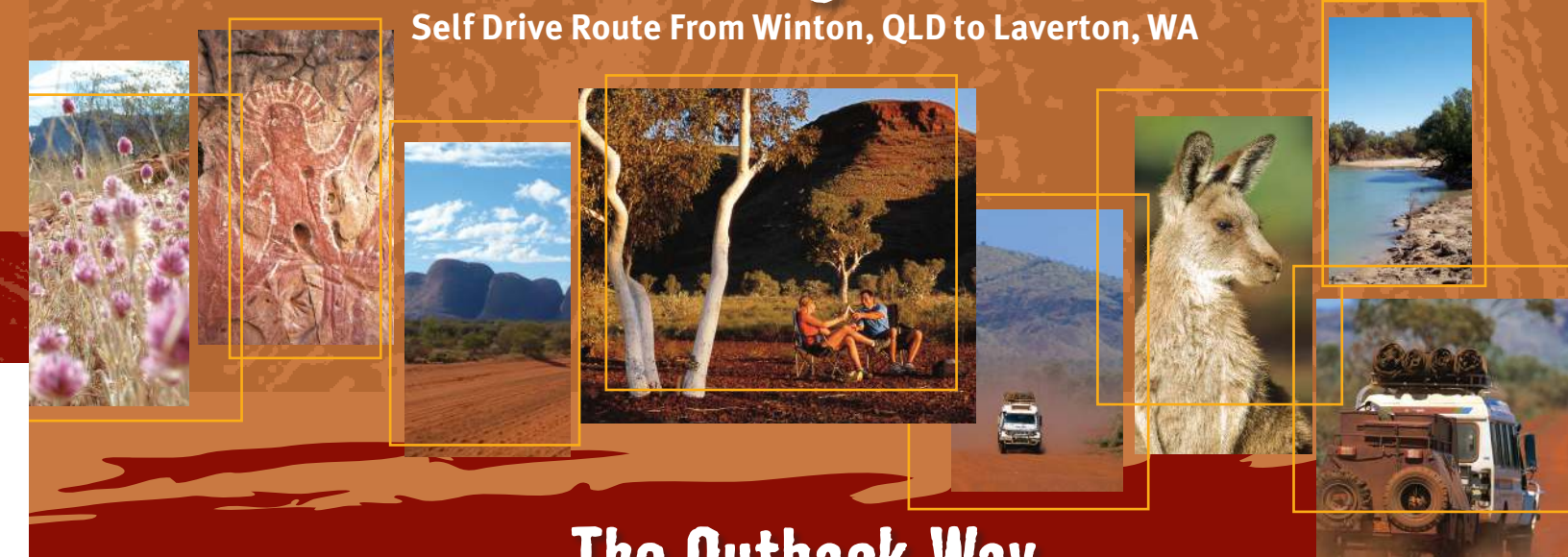
## Cairns to Perth via Central Australia on

The  
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Way



## Australia's Longest Shortcut

Self Drive Route From Winton, QLD to Laverton, WA



## The Outback Way The Reef, The Rock & The West

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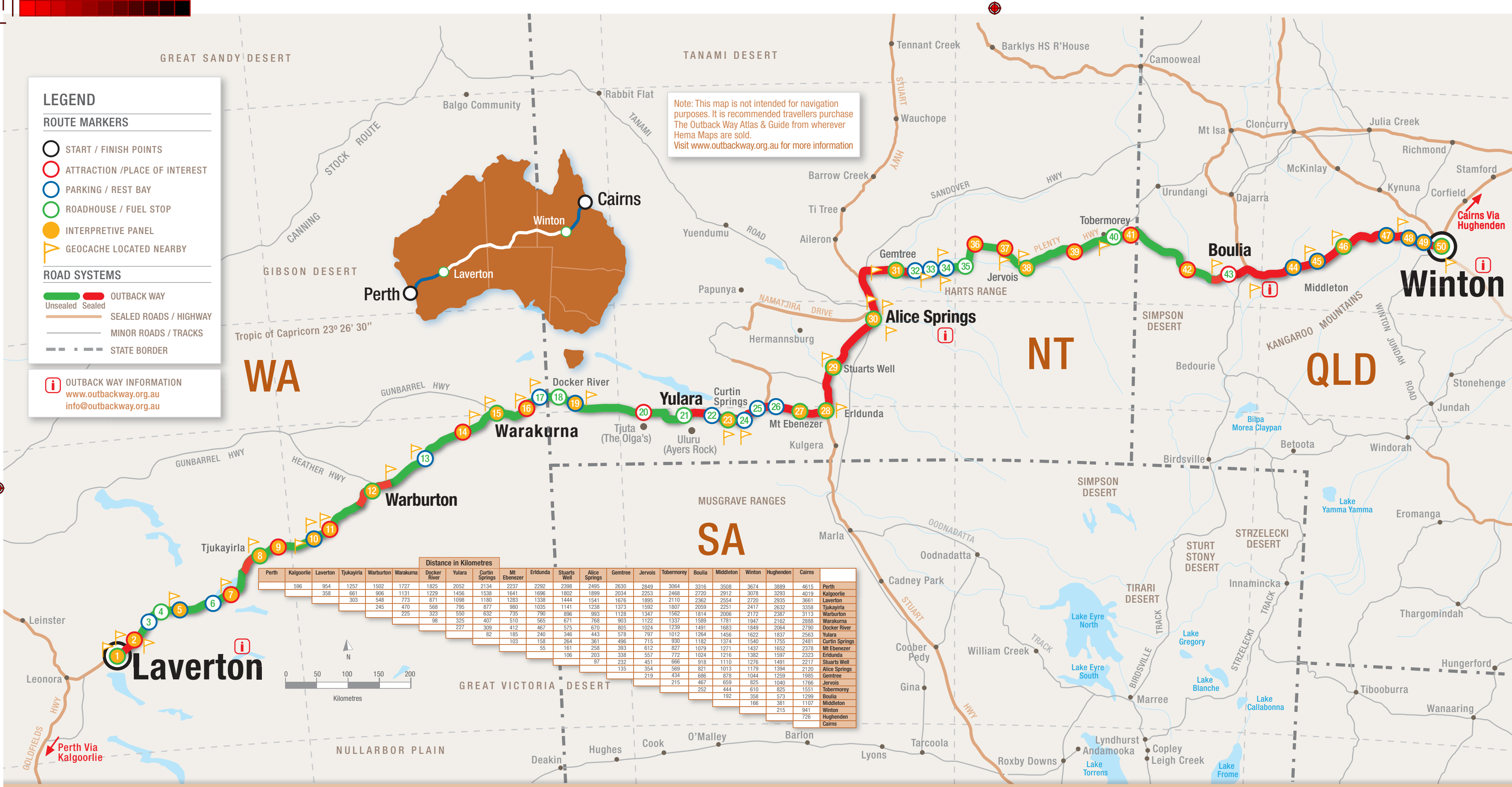
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and purchase the HEMA Outback Way guide book and Atlas

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	Laverton	Tjukayirla	Warburton	Warakurna / Giles	Docker River	Yulara	Curtin Springs	Mt Ebenezer	Erlunda	Stuarts Well	Alice Springs	Gemtree	Jervois	Boulia	Middleton	Winton
Distance (km)		303	245	225	98	227	82		103	55	106	97	135	219	467	166
Time (hrs)		3.8	3.0	3.0	1.2	3.0	1.0		1.2	0.7	1.2	1.5	2.5	6.0	2.5	2.0

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## Points of Interest

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**Laverton INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
Unleaded petrol, diesel, rooms & campsites, general store, discovery centre, gallery, post office, police, mechanical repairs. Bookings 08 9031 1361. Ask about local tours! Open M-F 6am-6pm S+S 8am-4pm.
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**Deba Gnamma hole INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
28km from Laverton. North side of the road in the Adam Ranges.
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**Parking Bay**  
55km east of Laverton, south side of road, shaded.
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**Cosmo Newberry**  
Unleaded (opal) petrol & diesel. M-F 10-12am & 3-5pm. Sat 10am-12am. 84km east of Laverton.
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**Parking Bay – The Pines INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
120km east of Laverton. Large shaded area, south of road, no signs, no facilities, no bins.
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**Parking Bay**  
195km from Laverton. South side of road. 2-3 shaded sites. No facilities, no bins.
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**White Cross INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
Prominent marker, south of road, on ridge. Gnamma holes adjacent.
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**Tjukayirla Roadhouse INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
Unleaded (opal) petrol, diesel, basic provisions, rooms & campsites, RFDs airstrip. Tyre repairs. Bookings 08 9037 1108. Open M-F 8am-5pm S+S 9am-3pm. Public Hols - 9am - 12pm Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday and Australia Day. (after hours until 8pm, fees involved)
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**Kurrajong Sentinel INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
17km east of Tjukayirla / 228km west of Warburton. Distinctive tree on south side of road.
- 10

**Parking Bay & Paradise Camp**  
90km east of Tjukayirla / 155km west of Warburton, camping, views westward & gnamma hole along ridge north of parking area, parking bay north of road.
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**Desert Breakaway & Gnamma Hole INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
19km east of Tjukayirla / 126km west of Warburton. South side of road.
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**Warburton Roadhouse INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
Unleaded (opal) petrol, diesel, basic provisions, rooms & campsites. Bookings 08 8956 7656. Visit the Art Gallery & ask about local tours! Open M-F 9am-5pm S+S 9am-3pm. Public hols (unless otherwise advertised) 9am-12noon
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**Yarla Kutjara Campground**  
89km east of Warburton / 131km west of Warakurna.
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**Tjukurlapini Rock Hole INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
165km east of Warburton / 60km west of Warakurna.
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**Warakurna Roadhouse**  
Unleaded (opal) petrol, diesel, basic provisions, mechanical repairs, rooms & campsites. Bookings 08 8956 7344. Ask about local tours! Open M-F 8:30am-6pm S+S 9am-3pm.
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**Giles Weather Station INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
Tours and weather balloon launch 8:45am. 08 89567358
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**Kaltukatjara Campground INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
5km east of WA / NT Border. \$5 per person. Water, toilets, fire rings, shade & viewing platform. A great campsite!
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**Docker River General Store**  
Unleaded (opal) petrol, diesel, basic provisions. Enquiries 08 8956 7273. Ask about local tours! Open M-F 9am-5pm S+S 9am-2pm.
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**Lasseter's Cave INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
40km east of Docker River. Shade, shelter & cave.
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**Views to Kata Tjuta**  
Unleaded (opal) petrol, diesel, basic provisions. Enquiries 08 8956 7273. Ask about local tours! Open M-F 9am-5pm S+S 9am-2pm.
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**Yulara**  
227km east of Docker River / 82km from Curtin Springs. Resort, hotel, caravan park, unleaded petrol, diesel, supermarket, post office, police, medical post, tours, guided walks, visitor centre, art-craft galleries.
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**Parking Bay**  
27km east of Yulara / 55km west of Curtin Springs. Shelter, bench, water, bins & BBQ.
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**Curtin Springs INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
361km to Alice Springs / 1180km from Laverton. Unleaded petrol, diesel, meals, pub, rooms, caravan sites, BBQ, tours, bookings 08 8956 2906.
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**Mt Conner Lookout**  
21km east of Curtin Springs / 82km west of Mt Ebenezer. Toilet, shelter, water, table-bench, parking.
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**Parking Bay**  
28km east of Curtin Springs / 75km east of Mt Ebenezer. Shade, picnic benches, water, bins, no overnight camping.
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**Parking Bay**  
60km east of Curtin Springs / 43km west of Mt Ebenezer. Shade, picnic benches, water, bins, no overnight camping.
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**Mt Ebenezer INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
103 km east of Curtin Springs / 55km west of Erlunda. Unleaded petrol, diesel, rooms, caravan-camping sites, meals, art gallery & food-provisions. Bookings 08 8956 2904.
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**Erlunda INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
55km east of Mt Ebenezer / 106km south of Stuarts Well. Unleaded petrol, diesel, LPG, restaurant, tavern, food-provisions, rooms, caravan-camping sites, tours, resort facilities. Bookings 08 8956 0984.
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**Stuarts Well INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
106km north of Erlunda / 97km south of Alice Springs. Unleaded petrol, diesel, repair service, rooms, caravan-camping sites, food and provisions, bar, restaurant & tours. Bookings 08 8956 0808.
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**Alice Springs INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
154km from Laverton / 1179km from Winton. Visit the Central Australia Tourism Information Centre for details on tours, accommodation, restaurants, cafes, hires, local walks, sites & attractions. Enquiries 1300 645 199 or visinfo@tourismca.asn.au
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**Gemtree INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
135km north east of Alice Springs / 89km west of Atitjere. Unleaded petrol, diesel, cabins, caravan-camping sites, general store, gem sales / cutting / displays & tours, walk trail. 7 days 8am-6pm. Bookings 08 8956 9855.
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**Avi Mud Tank Gemfield & campground** (via Pinnacle rd)  
Turnoff 2km east of Gemtree. Travel 8km south through gate & turn right to campsite or left to gemfields.
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**Gem Fossicking**  
Ambalindum Rd. 46km east of Gemtree / 44km west of Harts Range Police Station. Travel 2-4km south along Ambalindum Rd to garnet & zircon fossicking area.
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**Harts Range Police Station**  
87km east of Gemtree / 132km west of Jervois. Near entrance to Police Station.
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**Atitjere Community**  
Unleaded (opal) petrol, diesel, general store & art gallery. M-F 9am - 4pm, Sat 9am-12pm.
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**Mt Swan & Central Australia CONSERVATION RESERVE**  
Mount Swan Mini Mart-food, fuel, car parts, internet, 9.00am-4.00pm Monday to Sunday & Eastern Desert Art Gallery and Café by local Aboriginal people  
Phone (08) 89569433 (Bookings essential for painting days)  
Opening times: 10.00am-4.00pm.
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**Jervois - INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
354km from Alice Springs / 467km from Boulia. Unleaded petrol, diesel, cabins, caravan-camping sites, M-F 8am-4pm, S+S 9am-3pm. Bookings 08 8956 6307.
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**Bonya Community**  
20kms east of Jervois Homestead and 10kms off the Plenty Hwy. Store open 9-12 and 1-3 PM. Car parts / workshop, internet, phone box, airstrip. A workshop and many 'bush mechanics' for help with emergency repairs. Health Clinic, playground, Local art / beads, wood carvings. Public loo's.
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**Three-Range Views INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
80km east of Jervois / 22km west of Marqua Station turnoff. South side of road offers panoramic views to three distinctive ranges.
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**Tobermorey Station**  
Tobermorey offers unleaded, diesel / camping with ablution block / souvenirs / drinks only / no power / minor tyre repairs. Ph 0747484996 (Old time) 7am to 6pm. tobermorey@optusnet.com.au
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**NT/QLD Border INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
50m west of the border.
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**Georgina River INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
Bush campsites on the eastern side, both north and south of the river. River is renowned for flooding during the wet season!
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**Boulia - INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
Accommodation, caravan - camping sites, pub, restaurant, general store, petrol & diesel, tours, repair services, golf course, Police station, Min Min Discovery Centre. M-F 7am-5pm. S+S 8am-4pm. Bookings 07 4746 3386.
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**Parking Bay INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
79km east of Boulia / 113km west of Middleton. Shade shelter, picnic bench, water & historic ruins.
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**Cawnpore Lookout INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
141km east of Boulia / 51km west of Middleton. Shade shelter & bench. Views across unique landscapes.
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**Middleton INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
192km east of Boulia / 166km west of Winton. Unleaded petrol, diesel, pub, meals, accommodation & historic displays. Mon-Sun 8am-6pm. Bookings 07 4657 3980.
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**Woodstock Station INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
48km east of Middleton / 118km west of Middleton.
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**Diamantina Causeway INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
67km west of Winton / 99km east of Middleton.
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**Shire lay-by / rest area INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
20km west of Winton / 125km east of Middleton. The panel is located 300m south of the road adjacent to historic railway ruins.
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**Winton - INTERPRETIVE PANEL**  
Unleaded petrol, diesel, LPG, general store, café, restaurants, pubs, accommodation, caravan-camping sites, repair services, police station, medical post, tours & Waltzing Matilda Centre. Bookings 07 4657 1466.

Details and operating hours correct as at September 2013. Central Standard Time