

**1 Birdsville Developmental Road.** Distance 386 km.

The Birdsville Developmental Road is both sealed and unsealed. Although it is well maintained, road conditions can deteriorate during the peak tourist season, especially around the time of the Birdsville Races in September. Take particular care on stretches of gibber stone on the road surface between Betoota and the Cordillo Downs Road turnoff.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

- Deon's Lookout
- Betoota (The last permanent resident, Sigmund Remienko, died in 2004, after owning and operating the Betoota Hotel since 1957.)
- Dreamtime serpent sculpture

**2 The Birdsville "Inside Track".** Distance 146 km.

The unsealed Inside Track is 35 kilometres shorter than the more commonly used Outside (Birdsville) Track. The desert scenery on this route is truly spectacular and is very popular with travelling photographers.

The route travels through some unpredictable terrain, so make sure you check current road conditions with local authorities. If you're planning on towing, a stone guard on the trailer is highly recommended to reduce the risk of gibber stones damaging the trailer and rear window of the tow vehicle.

**3 QAA Line, Birdsville to Poeppel Corner.** Distance 170 km.

The QAA Line is an unsealed sand track over steep dunes and rough terrain. It is true desert travel. It is not possible to tow a caravan on this route as it is only suited to 4WD vehicles.

Make sure you research current road conditions before you set out, and that you have enough fuel, food and water for your trip. While travelling, please be sure to respect the fragile desert environment. You will need a desert parks permit and a vehicle-mounted sand flag is mandatory. Also ensure you have all-terrain or mud-terrain tyres, as well as a couple of spares.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

- Nappanercia, nicknamed 'Big Red' for obvious reasons!
- Eyre Creek
- Poeppel Corner, marking the meeting point of SA, NT and Qld.

**4 Oodnadatta Track.** Distance 637 km.

The Oodnadatta Track is a hard-based, unsealed road and runs between Marree and Oodnadatta in South Australia. The track has variable conditions throughout.

**5 The Birdsville Track.** Distance 520 km.

The Birdsville Track is a hard-based, unsealed road and runs between Marree in South Australia and Birdsville in Queensland. The road surface can vary, travelling through sand dune country and gibber plains. Be careful of ponded water after rain.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

- Lake Harry ruins
- Clayton Bore campsite
- Cooper Creek
- Old Mulka ruins
- Mungerannie Hotel
- Mirra Mitta Bore

**6 Strzelecki Track.** Distance 456 km.

The Strzelecki Track is mostly unsealed, with a few short sealed sections to allow overtaking. It links Innamincka to Lyndhurst, passing through the Strzelecki Desert.

Take this route and you'll be travelling in the tracks of Harry Redford, one of the most colourful and daring drivers in Australian history. This man stole 1,000 cattle in the 1870s and forged this route through uncharted territory to evade the law. Depending on the season, you may come across corrugations, patches of bulldust, and stones.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

- Montecollina Bore
- The Dingo Fence
- Blanchewater Homestead Ruins
- Cobbler Desert
- Lake Blanche
- Moomba Viewing Platform

**A The Birdsville Track**

**B Eyre Creek**

Eyre Creek is fed by the all-important channel country system.

**C Poeppel Corner**

The corner post where QLD, SA and NT meet.

**D Deon's Lookout**

Deon's Lookout is a memorial to one of this country's sons, with peaceful views of the land he loved.

**7 Walkers Crossing.** Distance 364 km.

Walkers Crossing is more of a track than a road, skirting its way around the Moomba gas fields and into the dune country before meeting with the Birdsville Track. This is not an easy track. It is a dry-weather-only track and is best suited to travellers with a strong sense of adventure.

**8 Coongie Lakes Road.** Distance 115 km each way.

The road out to Coongie Lakes is unsealed with a sandy base. This spectacular freshwater lake system is located approximately 115 kilometres north-west of Innamincka. The area is located within the Innamincka Regional Reserve, so you will need an access permit.

The banks of the lakes are extremely popular for campers during the tourist season. Some of the best sunrises in the region can be experienced here. Don't forget your camera!

**9 Cordillo Downs Road.** Distance 424 km.

Cordillo Downs Road is unsealed and conditions vary greatly, depending on local weather and levels of traffic. The countryside is a seemingly endless gibber plain but this is, surprisingly, one of Australia's richest cattle country regions.

Take your time and enjoy the journey.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

- Dripie Creek
- Cordillo Downs Historic Woolshed
- Cadelga Ruins

**E Dreamtime Serpent Sculpture**

Indigenous artwork of a dreamtime serpent on a hill near Betoota.

**F Big Red**

Big Red is the largest and most famous dune in the Simpson Desert.



**G Coongie Lakes**

**H Cordillo Downs Historic Woolshed**

This woolshed is located on Cordillo Downs Station. It is open to the public to view and is worth a stop. Please do not venture into the complex unless you require emergency assistance.

**LEGEND**

- GRAVEL OR DIRT ROADS
- SEALED ROADS
- DESERT TRACK
- SUITABLE FOR 4WD VEHICLES
- SUITABLE FOR AWD SUV VEHICLES
- LAKES, RIVERS, CREEKS
- FUEL
- FOOD & ACCOMMODATION
- OFF-ROAD, PURPOSE-BUILT CARAVANS
- OFF-ROAD, PURPOSE-BUILT CAMPER TRAILERS
- WHILE NOT A NECESSITY, ALL-TERRAIN TYRES AND 2 SPARES ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED ON THIS ROUTE.

**ROAD CONDITION REPORTS**

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