

Northern Goldfields

Western Australia



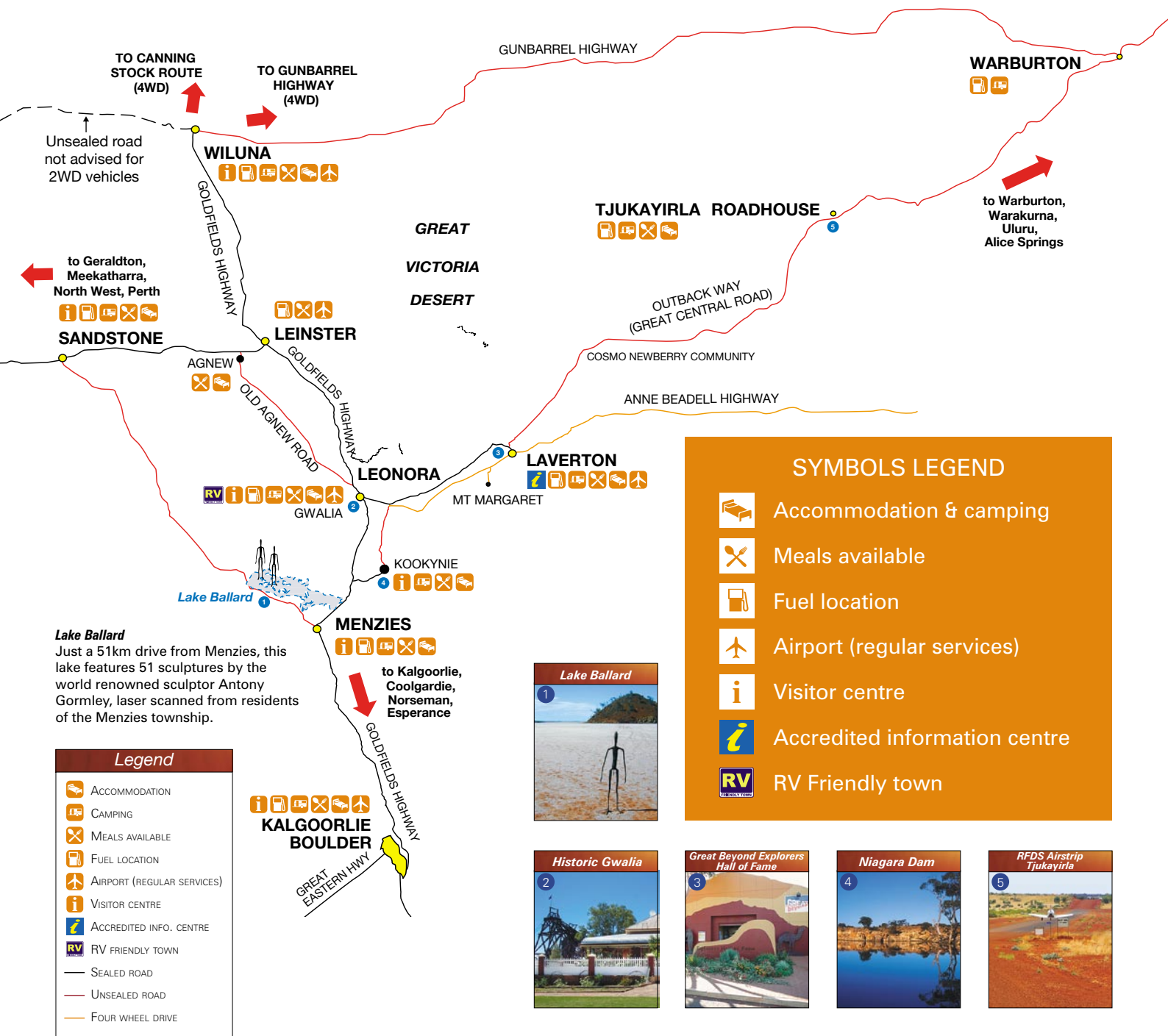
Travel Planner

The Real Outback. Open Spaces. History.

Menzies Leonora Agnew Sandstone Leinster Wiluna Kookynie Laverton Warburton



NORTHERN GOLDFIELDS



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Cover Image – Gwalia Ghost Town

Bottom Left – Landscape near Wiluna

Bottom Right – Lake Ballard, Menzies

Distance Table

Towns	Distance	Road Surface	Time
Kalgoorlie – Menzies	132	Sealed	1hr 15m
Menzies – Leonora	105	Sealed	1hr 05m
Menzies – Lake Ballard	51	Unsealed	0hr 45m
Menzies – Sandstone	295	Unsealed	3hr 30m
Menzies – Kookynie	68	Sealed	0hr 45m
Kookynie – Laverton	158	Unsealed	2hr
Kookynie – Laverton	153	Part Sealed	1hr 30m
Leonora – Kookynie	89	Part Sealed	1hr 30m
Leonora – Leinster	131	Sealed	1hr 20m
Leinster – Wiluna	170	Sealed	1hr 35m
Leinster – Agnew	28	Sealed	0hr 20m
Leinster – Sandstone	151	Sealed	1hr 30m
Agnew – Sandstone	134	Sealed	1hr 30m
Leonora – Laverton	127	Sealed	1hr 15m
Laverton – Tjukayirla	315	Unsealed	3hr 30m
Tjukayirla – Warburton	250	Unsealed	3hr 00m
Warburton – Warakurna	220	Unsealed	2hr 30m

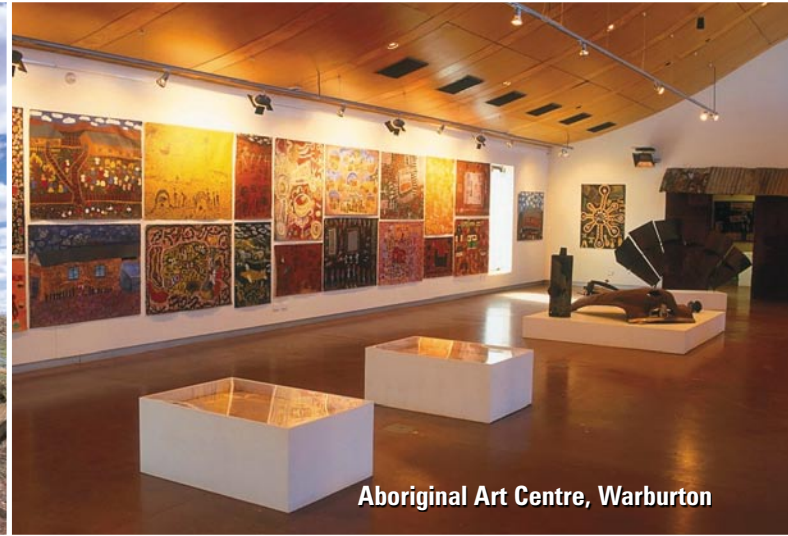


Goldfields History

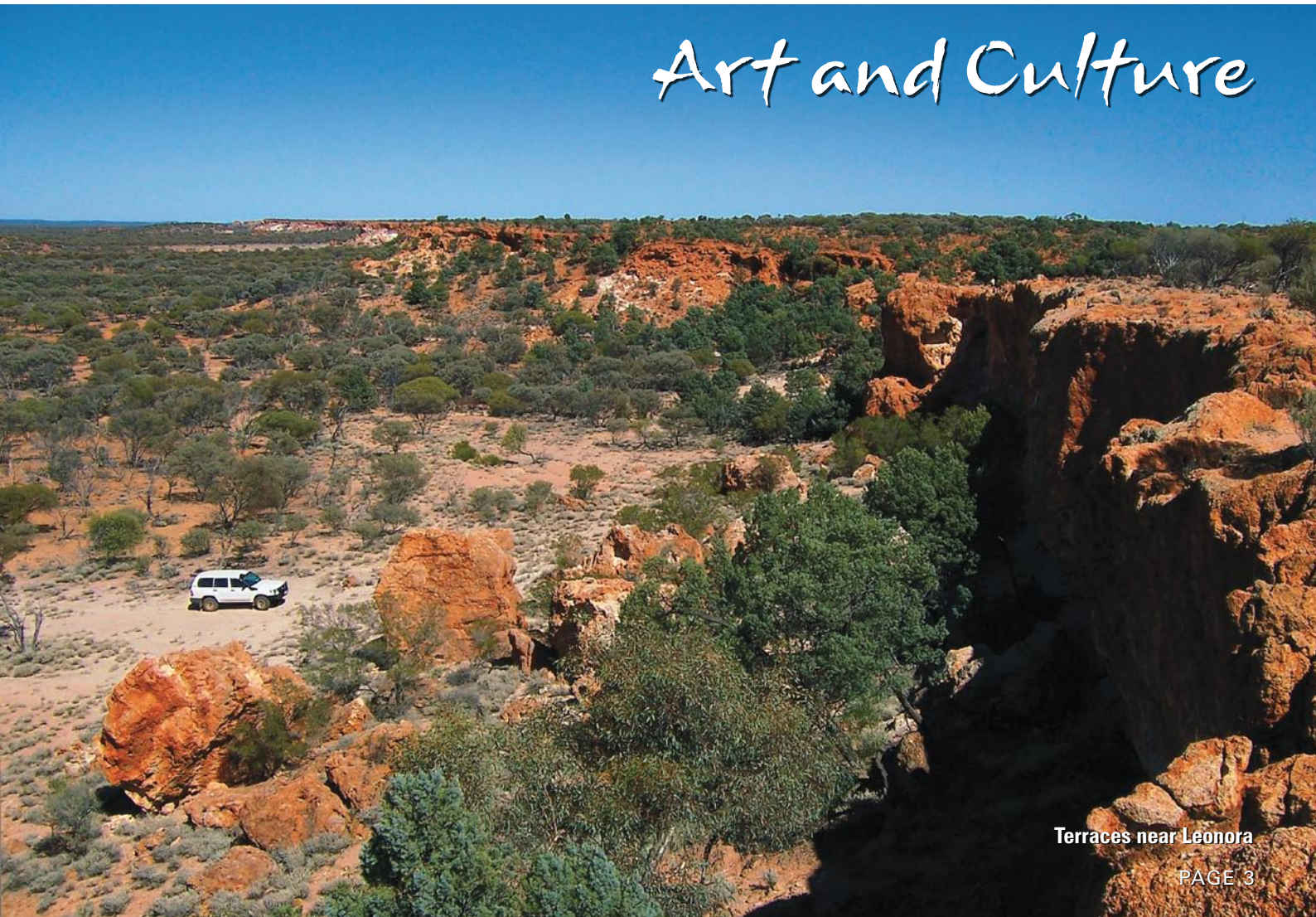
Sunrise at Gwalia



Mt Morgans, near Laverton



Aboriginal Art Centre, Warburton



Art and Culture

Terraces near Leonora



Adventure

Wiluna



Menzies Hotel



Poison Creek pool near Agnew



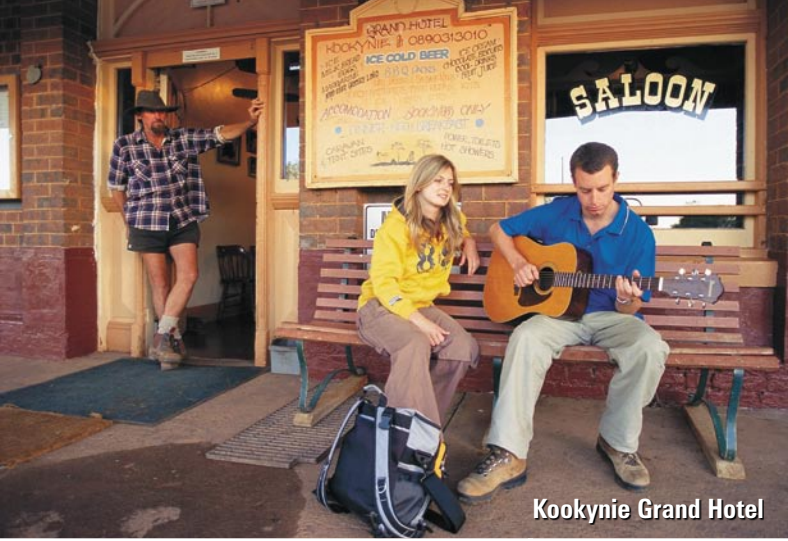
Eagles seen easily near Leonora and Laverton



Children at play



Spinifex near Sandstone



Kookynie Grand Hotel



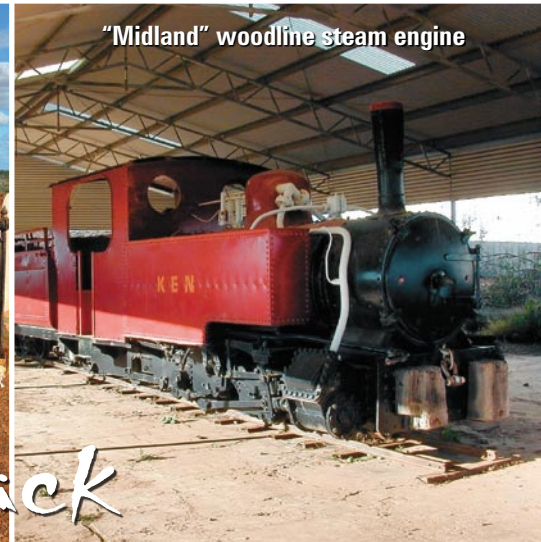
London Bridge, Sandstone



Gwalia Museum, Leonora



Rest in Peace



"Midland" woodline steam engine

Real Australian Outback

Best of the West

See WA's great touring gems in one round trip all on sealed roads.

The "Best of the West" touring route links Perth with the Northern Goldfields travelling through Geraldton, on through Sandstone, Leonora and Lake Ballard.

Then back via Kalgoorlie, Esperance and on through the South West.



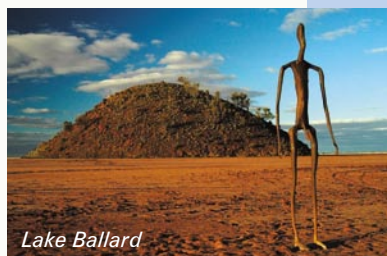
Sandstone



Gwalia

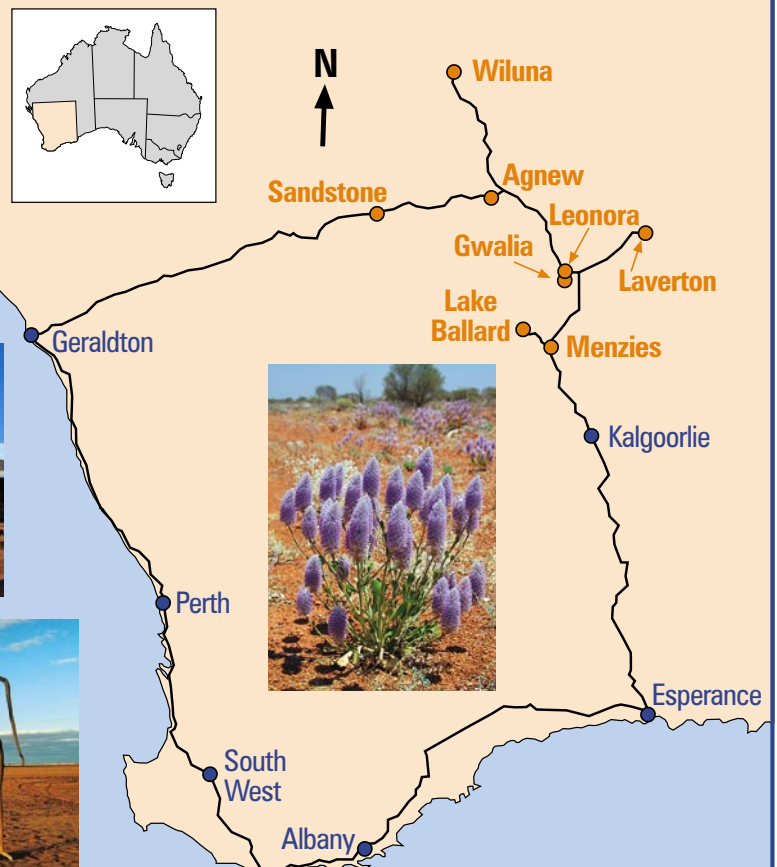


Laverton



Lake Ballard

Self-Drive Touring



Adventure Self-Drive Touring

Outback Way

(Laverton – Warburton – Central Australia – Queensland)

Australia's longest shortcut.

A real Australian adventure, the Outback Way (known formerly as the Outback Highway) travels through the heart of Australia via the Northern Goldfields. It links Perth and Kalgoorlie in Western Australia with Ayers Rock (Uluru) and Alice Springs in the Northern Territory then continues on to Winton in Queensland.

This route is an exciting adventure beginning in Laverton – a town rich in Goldfields history and home to the must see Great Beyond Explorers Hall of Fame and an abundance of native wildlife.

When you reach Tjukayirla Roadhouse beware of aircraft, which could be landing on the Royal Flying Doctor Service airstrip that was built as part of the Outback Way. At Warburton you can experience Aboriginal culture at the Tjulyuru Civic Centre. Here you can meet local Ngaanyatjarra people and view wonderful Aboriginal art.

Between Warburton and the Northern Territory border is spectacular outback scenery, which very few travellers have an opportunity to experience.

For more detailed information on Outback Way highlights check out <http://www.outbackway.org.au>

Golden Quest Discovery Trail

The Golden Quest Discovery Trail is a 965km self-drive adventure through Western Australia's Goldfields region, running from Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Coolgardie to Leonora and Laverton via Menzies and Kookynie. The trail passes many attractions that are well worth stopping at including the Great Beyond Explorers Hall of Fame in Laverton. In fact, 25 sites of significance can be visited along the way with interpretive signage helping visitors discover each one.

The complete route can take up to four days to complete, depending on where you choose to go, and crosses the pioneering paths of some of Australia's

greatest explorers. Famous historical precincts include the ghost town of Gwalia near Leonora, which features the house commissioned by Herbert Hoover, later to be the 31st President of the United States. Popular with European tourists is a visit to Lake Ballard, a remote salt lake near Menzies boasting an installation of 51 statues created by world-renowned British sculptor Antony Gormley.

To learn more about the trail visit www.goldenquesttrail.com



Outback Way through Northern Goldfields

Places of interest: Laverton – Northern Territory Border

The map shows a route starting from Laverton and heading north through Tjukayirla, Warburton, and Warakurna towards the Northern Territory border. 17 numbered points of interest are marked along the route.

- 1 Laverton**
INTERPRETIVE PANEL.
- 2 Deba Gnamma hole**
INTERPRETIVE PANEL.
North side of the road in the Adam Ranges.
- 3 Parking Bay**
South side of road, shaded.
- 4 Cosmo Newberry**
Unleaded (opal) petrol & diesel.
M–F 10–12am & 3–5pm.
Sat 10am–12pm.
- 5 Parking Bay – The Pines**
INTERPRETIVE PANEL.
Shaded area, south of road. No signs, no facilities.
- 6 Parking Bay**
South side of road, 2-3 shaded sites. No facilities.
- 7 White Cross**
INTERPRETIVE PANEL. Prominent marker, south of road, on ridge. Gnamma holes adjacent.
- 8 Tjukayirla Roadhouse**
INTERPRETIVE PANEL.
- 9 Kurrajong Sentinel**
INTERPRETIVE PANEL. Distinctive tree on south side of road.
- 10 Parking Bay & Paradise Camp**
Camping, views & gnamma hole along ridge north of parking area. Parking bay north of road.
- 11 Desert Breakaway & Gnamma Hole**
INTERPRETIVE PANEL.
South side of road.
- 12 Warburton Roadhouse**
INTERPRETIVE PANEL.
- 13 Yarla Kutjara Campground**
- 14 Tjukurlapini Rock Hole**
INTERPRETIVE PANEL.
- 15 Warakurna Roadhouse**
INTERPRETIVE PANEL. Tours, view weather balloons 8.30am and 2.30pm (winter SA time). Bookings (08) 8956 7358.
- 16 Len Beadell Plaque**
INTERPRETIVE PANEL. 65km east of Warakurna / 35km west of Docker River. Plaque is in a tall Ghost Gum on the road side.
- 17 Kaltukatjara Campground**
\$5 per person. Water, toilets, fire rings, shade & viewing platform. A great campsite!

Leonora, Warburton, Warakurna, Tjukayirla, Laverton, To Yulara, Alice Springs



Gunbarrel Highway

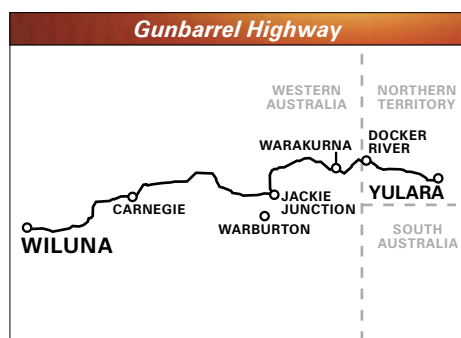
(Wiluna – Yulara in Central Australia)

The Gunbarrel Highway is an isolated 1400km desert track that stretches from Wiluna (via Jackie Junction and Docker River) north of the Outback Way to Yulara near Ayers Rock, which can also be accessed from Warburton.

In general, wash-aways, heavy corrugations, stone, sand, long grasses and flood plains are all typical elements of the drive, however unlike the Anne Beadell Highway, the track is graded from Wiluna through to the Wiluna Shire border 180km east of Carnegie. Along the way, drivers will encounter excellent bush camps, many with graded campsites and bores.

Pick up the Gunbarrel Highway from either Wiluna in the west or Giles (Warakurna Roadhouse) in the east and you can link up to the famous Canning Stock Route.

Conditions vary greatly in this region, depending on how much rainfall has been received in recent days, the volume of traffic travelling the roads, and length of time that has passed since the road was last graded. In general, the Wiluna Shire section is very good.



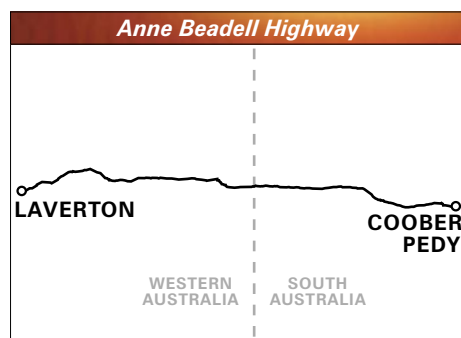
Anne Beadell Highway

(Laverton – Coober Pedy)

The Anne Beadell Highway branches off from the Outback Way at Laverton in Western Australia and stretches 1350km across the Great Victoria Desert into Coober Pedy in South Australia. Surveyed and graded some 50 years ago by famous surveyor, Len Beadell, it is not a sealed road and conditions along it can be treacherous.

The journey features rarely used tracks that are often narrow, twisted and sandy, and surfaces along the way vary from fairly hard and packed to very soft. It is recommended that only the most experienced off-road drivers undertake this route.

For travellers who are equipped for the journey, the Anne Beadell Highway can provide many memorable experiences and passes through beautiful and extremely remote desert country.

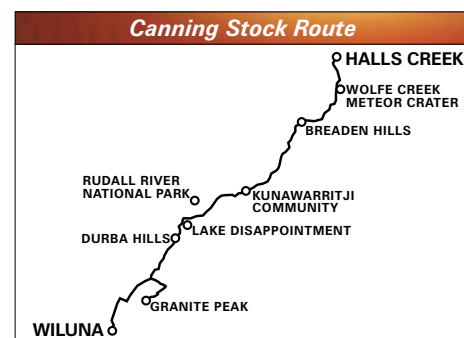


Canning Stock Route

(Wiluna – Halls Creek)

The Canning Stock Route (CSR), which stretches from Wiluna to Halls Creek in the state's far North West, is one of the most remote and isolated 4WD tracks in the world and holds an appeal as the 'last frontier'. The route covers a distance of 2000km, most of which is difficult to travel and requires great care and preparation.

The northern section of the route ends in Halls Creek near the Billiluna Community on the Tanami Track. It is affected by wet season conditions throughout the Australian summer and often into autumn. During this period sections can be extremely boggy and even impassable. Access to many areas along the northern end of the track is totally weather dependant. At the southern end, there are two possible entry points – one is at Wiluna, via Cunyu Station (no trailers) and the other is at Granite Peak Station.



For more information about off-road routes to be travelled

Transit Permits are required for Aboriginal communities and when travelling on these tracks and can be obtained through Department of Aboriginal Affairs on their web site www.daa.wa.gov.au or by contacting Ngaanyatjarra Council on (08) 8956 7966 or web site.

- http://www.exploroz.com/TrekNotes/WDeserts/Anne_Beadell_Highway.aspx
- http://www.exploroz.com/TrekNotes/WDeserts/Gunbarrel_Highway.aspx
- http://www.exploroz.com/TrekNotes/WDeserts/Canning_Stock_Route.aspx

Important Outback Touring Tips

Travel on the Canning Stock Route, Gunbarrel Highway, Anne Beadell Highway and any other off-road route should only be attempted between the months of April to September, and only by experienced 4WD enthusiasts. During summer travellers should not attempt touring in remote areas and should stick to main roads like the Outback Way, Goldfields Highway and connecting roads.

When travelling on these routes, even during April to September, it is recommended that a number of basic rules be observed closely:

- Prepare thoroughly for the journey
- Gain a clear understanding of road conditions
- Travel preferably in the company of others
- Ensure your vehicle is in first class mechanical condition
- Be capable of carrying out emergency repairs should they be required
- It is vital that travellers carry sufficient food and water in their vehicles for any emergency

There are many instances where travellers who have failed to observe these precautions meet a tragic end to their journey. With proper planning and care when driving, travel along the routes above will prove to be an enjoyable, once-in-a-lifetime journey experienced by very few.



Lake Ballard

The Northern Goldfields is vast, rugged and beautiful with real outback experiences to remember. Pioneering history, native birds and animals, quaint outback towns, Aboriginal culture and man-made attractions like Antony Gormley’s sculptures at Lake Ballard and the Explorers Hall of Fame at Laverton combine to create the colourful fabric that makes this region so magnificent.

Menzies

While today Menzies is a small mining and pastoral town, it once had a population of over 5000 and boasted many hotels and breweries, camel races, cricket matches, and a 40-bed hospital. For almost 100 years the magnificent Town Hall had a blank-faced clock tower, and according to folklore, the clock that was originally intended to grace the building came from England aboard a ship that sank en route in 1905. A replacement clock was eventually installed and unveiled in 2000. The Town Hall, railway station and Nursing Post were all built from local stone in the late 1890s and all bear witness to the town’s past prosperity and size. Menzies is the closest town to British sculptor Antony Gormley’s world-famous ‘Inside Australia’ art installation at Lake Ballard. Another feature of the town today is the Aboriginal Art Gallery.

MENZIES

‘Inside Australia’ – Antony Gormley Installation at Lake Ballard

This unique world-renowned attraction is located 51km west of Menzies.

British sculptor Antony Gormley’s 51 sculptures are spread across Lake Ballard’s dry salt bed and are particularly fascinating at sunrise and sunset.

Details:
Ph: (08) 9024 2702 (Menzies Visitor Centre)
Web: www.antonygormley.com

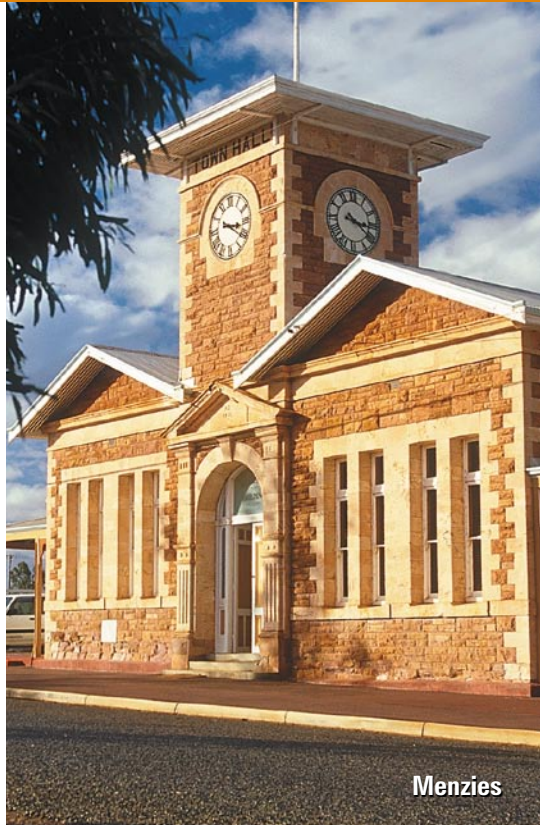
MENZIES

Menzies Visitor Centre, Community Resource Centre, Australia Post agent

All housed in the historic ‘former’ Lady Shenton Hotel. Visitor information, caravan Park bookings and enquiries. Spinifex Art Gallery.

Open 8.30am–4.30pm Weekdays,
10am–2pm Weekends and public holidays.

Goldfields Highway, Menzies.
Ph: (08) 9024 2702 • **Fax:** (08) 9024 2775
Email: visitorcentre1@menzies.wa.gov.au
Web: www.menzies.wa.gov.au



Menzies

Kookynie

Kookynie is renowned for being home to the Goldfields’ first swimming baths, a racecourse, variety of shops and factories, and even a red light district run by local Japanese residents. Today, Kookynie’s most famous feature is its quintessential country pub. Called the Grand Hotel, the building was built in 1902 and attracts visitors who travel for miles just to have lunch in the pub’s unique Australian outback setting. Guests can enjoy true country fare in the dining room surrounded by historic memorabilia or outside in the beer garden. Overnight accommodation is also available, as are camping and caravan sites.

Nearby the famous Niagara Dam, built by C Y O’Connor who was also the visionary behind the Perth to Kalgoorlie pipeline, is a highlight of the region. Niagara Dam has unpowered caravan sites and is very popular with both caravanners and day-trippers. Morapoi Station, just 12km from Kookynie, provides a unique Indigenous experience and offers station stays and other accommodation. Indigenous cultural tours are available from the station by arrangement.

KOOKYNIIE

Kookynie Nugget Tours

Based at Morapoi Station, 12km from Kookynie, Nugget Tours have 2WD and 4WD coaches for local sightseeing and cultural tours of the Northern Goldfields region including Lake Ballard, Gwalia and Laverton. Tours can start from Kalgoorlie or locally as required.

Morapoi Station
Ph: (08) 9031 3380
Email: morapoistn@bigpond.com.au

Leonora

With its picturesque main street and historic buildings, Leonora combines an old world charm with modern facilities and services. The town is the largest commercial centre north of Kalgoorlie and home to the Gwalia Ghost Town & Museum. Surrounding the town are many old gold mining centres and cemeteries, popular with visitors interested in history and genealogy.

Join the locals at the 18-hole golf course, gun club, race track, indoor recreation centre or modern Aquatic Centre. Annual events include clay target shooting, genuine outback race meetings, and the popular Golden Gift. The Golden Gift is Australia's richest mile running race and a weekend of entertainment. Leonora has a superb visitor centre on the main street and a brand new lawn bowls club.

Gwalia Ghost Town and Museum

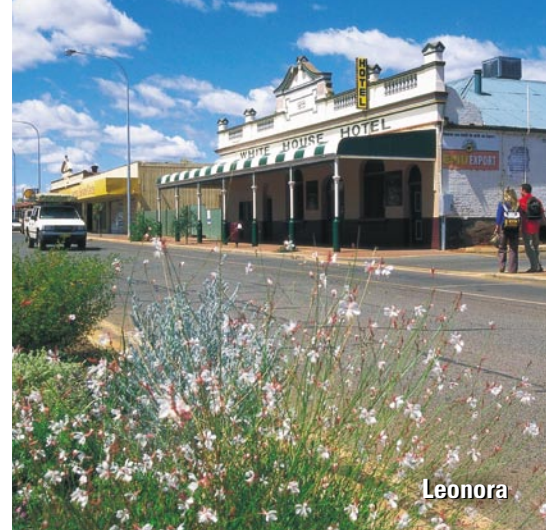
Gwalia is synonymous with the historic Sons of Gwalia gold mine. Today this protected area, known as the Gwalia Ghost Town and Museum, is one of the most fascinating places in the Northern Goldfields. Its main features are the huge open cut mine, museum, Hoover House, which was built for Herbert Hoover who at the time was the mine manager and later became 31st President of the USA, the magnificent State Hotel; and the old miners cottages, stores and guest house, which are still much the same as they were so many years ago.

The museum displays the old Oregon head-frame. Made of Oregon pine, it was designed by Herbert Hoover and is believed to be the only wooden incline head-frame left in Australia. The museum is also home to the country's largest steam winder (1000 hp), imported from England in 1912. A special museum item is 'Midland,' a woodline train that once carted over 30,000 tonnes of firewood a year for firing the boilers at the Sons of Gwalia mine.

Leinster

In the countryside around Leinster wildlife, including kangaroos, emus and Wedge-tailed eagles is abundant. The town of Leinster provides community services for staff and families of a nearby mine, and while the mine is not open to visitors, the shops and service station welcome travellers.

For further information please contact the Leonora Visitor Information Centre: (08) 9037 7016



Leonora

GWALIA

Gwalia Museum

The Gwalia Ghost Town and Museum offers visitors the chance to see a large collection of mining artefacts. Here you can also see miners' living quarters as they were in the 1890s, the giant open-cut pit, a ghost town, the State Hotel and Hoover House, which is named after ex-mine manager and former US President Herbert Hoover.

Free Entry – Donations encouraged

Open 7 days a week 9am-4pm

Ph: (08) 9037 7122 • Tower St, Gwalia

Email: museum@gwalia.org.au

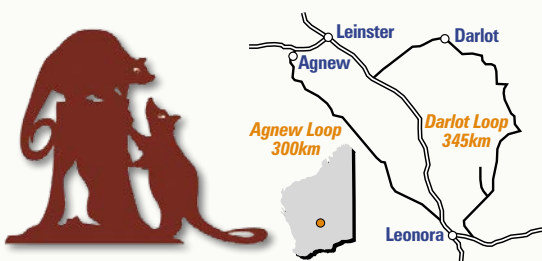
Web: www.gwalia.org.au

See Mulga, Miners and Merino History The Leonora Loop Trails

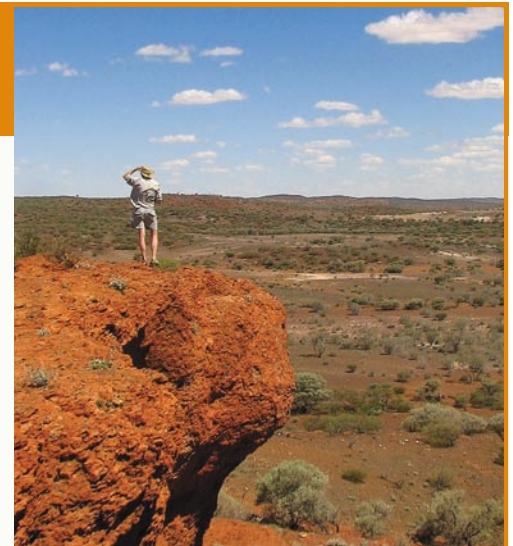


Two trails, two themes, two days out – take them alone, or take them together, whichever option you choose the Leonora Loop Trails are a great way to see the sights and soak up stories of the Leonora district. Each trail has 15 interpretive sites (stopping places). At each of these locations you will find an interpretive panel and, somewhere nearby, a figure, a "ghost" from the past or a creature from the present, waiting to share a story with you...

Let these rusty steel story-tellers introduce you to the people and the places, and to the pests and the perfectly natural. At each stopping place along both Loops someone (or something!) is waiting to tell their story – go and explore, see who and what you can discover, and learn about the lives and landscapes of this remarkable region.



Directional signs appear along both routes. Remember to seek out the rusty steel "story teller" at each of the stopping places!



For more information, and copies of the Leonora Loop Trails Guide Book:
Leonora Information Centre • Phone (08) 9037 7016

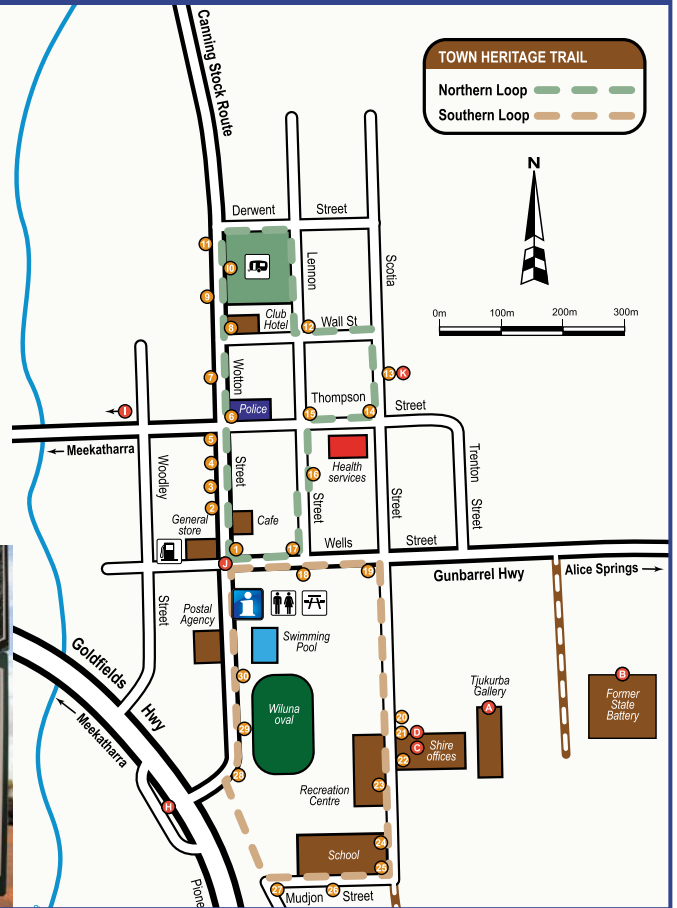
Wiluna Town Heritage Trail

The very best way to explore the heritage of Wiluna!

Pick up your brochure from the Shire office, post office, caravan park or shop and take a stroll around one of these fascinating walks:

- **Northern Loop 1650m**
- **Southern Loop 1490m**
- **Full circuit 2880m**

Follow the brightly coloured marker plates from the trail head on the corner of Wells & Wotten Streets. Intriguing interpretive panels describe a host of places that have been important to our community and give a fascinating insight into life in our town.



Wiluna

An old gold mining town, Wiluna is located at the junction of the Canning Stock Route and the Gunbarrel Highway – two great outback adventures for 4WD enthusiasts. At its peak Wiluna was the home of the biggest mine in Western Australia. Today several day trips to various lookouts and locations of mining significance are offered to visitors.

In the wonderful Tjukurba Art Gallery, located in the old Wiluna Hospital, are exhibitions of local Aboriginal paintings and artefacts. Many of the artworks are for sale and here you'll have an opportunity to meet Aboriginal artists who are often on location painting new works. Another Wiluna highlight is the statue at the town's entrance that commemorates the Last of the Nomads (featured in the panel below).

WILUNA

Tjukurba Art Gallery

Visitors can meet and chat with artists at work. Open 9.00am-4.00pm Monday to Friday, or by appointment. Well worth a visit.

Scotia St, Wiluna
Ph: (08) 9981 8000



WILUNA HONOURS THE LAST OF THE NOMADS

Warri (1909–1979) and Yatungka (1917–1979) are believed to have been Australia's last desert nomads. Long after their Mandildjara (Martu) tribe had gravitated to urban settlements, this couple survived for decades on their own, hunting traditionally and eating native fruits such as the quandong.

Forbidden from marrying due to tribal 'skin group' rules, under which they were the wrong match, the couple ran away together. Living in isolation, they had three children. Despite their defiance and departure, the Mandildjara elders constantly worried about

their welfare, becoming particularly anxious in 1977 when a severe drought dried up the region's waterholes.

A local elder, Mudjon, and a white explorer, Stan Gratte, were asked to help search for the pair, who were found several weeks later in the Gibson Desert, close to starvation. They agreed to return to Wiluna, where the elders had forgiven them, and remained there until passing away within weeks of each other in 1979, marking the end of a tribal lifestyle stretching back more than 40,000 years.



Last of Nomads statue



Great Beyond Explorers Hall of Fame



Laverton

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The town of Laverton is the western starting point of the Outback Way, which journeys into Central Australia and across to Winton in outback Queensland. In the skies above the district Wedge-tailed Eagles hover majestically over abandoned gold mines. Camels, emus and kangaroos pass by without so much as a second glance.

In the mid to late 19th century, several explorers led challenging expeditions through the areas in and around Laverton and across Central Australia. These fearless men are honoured in a splendid high-tech tribute, aptly named The Great Beyond – Explorers’ Hall of Fame. Step back in time with notable explorers John Forrest and Ludwig Leichhardt, eavesdrop on the heroes of the inland as they recount their personal stories of hardship, bravery and perseverance. Discover what it was like for women and other pioneers living and working on the Goldfields during the pioneering days. This innovative centre also houses the local visitor centre and a coffee shop.

Other unique features of Laverton include the statue of Dr Charles Laver, after whom the town is named, and the historic Police Station Complex, which features the refurbished, original Police Sergeant’s House, Police Station and Gaol. The Laverton Outback Art Gallery has a wonderful exhibition of local Aboriginal art and artefacts for sale. The rugged countryside surrounding Laverton is home to the historic sites of former outback towns and there are plenty of photo opportunities at lookouts such as Giles Breakaway.

Be transported to a time of exploration and endeavour

The Great Beyond Visitor Centre

Home of the **Explorers Hall of Fame**



Hear the stories of the past and present champions of the bush. The Great Beyond pays tribute to the rigorous and spirited travellers who opened up Central Australia for the early settlers.

Browse the extensive collection of history books, maps and guides or unique locally made gifts while you wait for a freshly brewed cappuccino from the Horizon’s Café.

Phone: (08) 9031 1361
www.laverton.wa.gov.au

Opening 7 days a week:
Monday to Friday 9.00am–4.30pm
Sat, Sun, Public Holidays 9.00am–1.00pm

LAVERTON

Something special
Marlu Kuru Kuru Aboriginal silk scarves

These wonderful silk scarves are produced by the ladies of the Wongatha people using their traditional knowledge of local plant dyes and ochre. Silk dyeing demonstrations by prior arrangement.

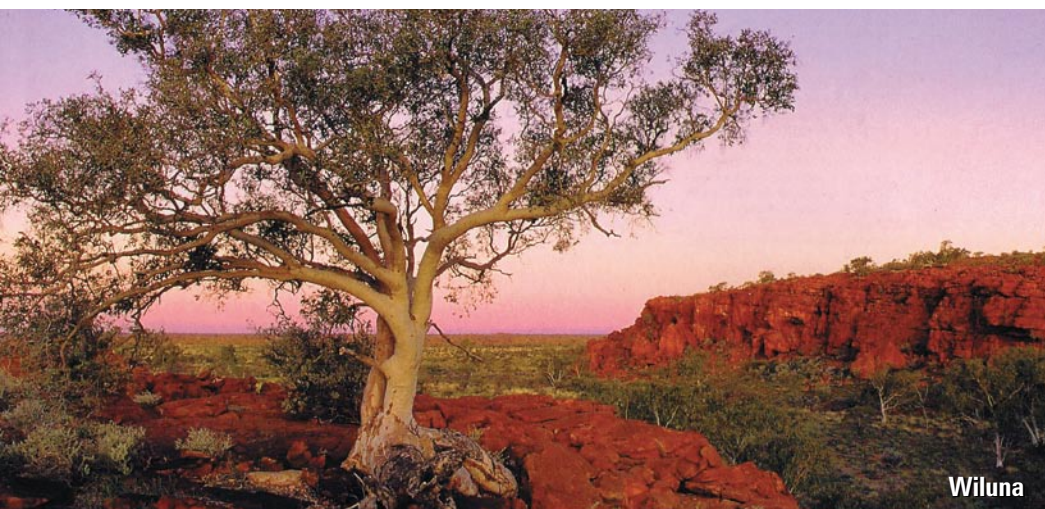
Cnr Euro St & Augusta St Laverton WA 6440
Ph: (08) 9031 1395
Email: admin@llcca.org.au

LAVERTON

Laverton Outback Gallery

The art and craft displayed is made by local Wongatha people or people from the Lands. Apart from the wonderful art, there are wooden artefacts handcrafted from local timber, boomerangs, hand painted emu eggs, baskets, wooden bowls and more. All have connections to the stories and the knowledge of the land.

Cnr Euro St & Augusta St Laverton WA 6440
Ph: (08) 9031 1395
Email: admin@llcca.org.au



Wiluna

Travellers Supplies

Available throughout the region:

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Menzies | Hotel Store |
| Leonora | Supermarket |
| Leinster | Supermarket |
| Sandstone | Sandstone Store |
| Wiluna | Gunbarrel Groceries |
| Laverton | Laverton Stores |
| Tjukayirla | Roadhouse |
| Warburton | Roadhouse |
| Warakurna | Roadhouse |



Sandstone Post Office



Sandstone

Sandstone

One of WA's most picturesque towns, Sandstone, located in the heart of the lower Murchison region, is a town with many beautiful historic buildings. Gold was discovered here as early as 1894 and Sandstone's wide streets are a reminder of the settlement's heyday in the decade before World War One. During its boom, the town buzzed with people, horse-drawn wagons, donkey and camel trains. Several buildings of the Goldrush era remain including the Post and Telegraph Office, the old Warden's Court, which until recently, housed the now closed Sandstone Primary School, and the old National Hotel. Since opening, the hotel has provided continuous hospitality to visitors and is a great place to meet up with a few locals.

Features of Sandstone are the Gold & Wool Interpretive Park in the heart of this picturesque town and a Heritage Trail skirting the town. The Park contains artefacts and displays of equipment of the era complete with interpretive displays. A brochure containing a map of Sandstone is available from the Sandstone Heritage Museum and Visitor Information Centre. The brochure includes additional information on the town's history, local landmarks and nearby geological sites, many of which are quite spectacular and offer stunning views across the region. Two of the best lookouts are London Bridge, believed to be 350-million years old, and the Peter Denny Lookout, a breathtaking ancient rock formation dedicated to a former shire president.

Tjukayirla Roadhouse

On the Outback Way, 315km north of Laverton and 250km south west of Warburton is the Tjukayirla Roadhouse. A truly remarkable experience, this destination takes its name from the Tjukayirla rock holes that are located not far from the roadhouse next to an important survey marker, placed there in the 1930s. The road house is just 500 metres from a Royal Flying Doctor Service Airstrip, which forms part of the Outback Way road.

Abundant wild life can be spotted in the area. Dingoes, emus, kangaroos, camels and a large variety of birdlife can be seen, and in May through to September, the wildflowers are truly a stunning spectacle.

The Tjukayirla Roadhouse is the only roadhouse along the Great Central Road to feature a full take away or dine in menu, with their specialties being all day cooked breakfasts and the famous Tjuka Works Burger. Have a well deserved break at the little oasis – sample the home baking, have a cappuccino out on the shaded front verandah, take in the serenity and the birdsong – the choice is yours.

Accommodation includes ensuite, kitchenette and twin backpacker style rooms. Also large camping area with powered and unpowered sites, camp kitchen, gas stove and BBQ as well as a comfortable air conditioned common TV room for campers. Ask about our evening room menu when booking. Roadhouse hours: Monday–Friday 9am–5pm, Weekends 9am–2pm, Public Holidays 9am–12 noon. After hours service operates until 8pm, fee applies.

SANDSTONE

Sandstone Heritage Trail

This self-guided walk/drive trail is 18km long and passes by local attractions such as London Bridge, the Sandstone Brewery, the former State Battery, the Black Range Chapel and Contradiction Well.

Sandstone Visitor Centre

Ph: (08) 9963 5061

Email: visitus@sandstone.wa.gov.au

SANDSTONE

National Hotel

Built in c.1907, this historical mining pub still stands with its original décor and fine architecture evident. Catering for the thirsty and the hungry, under new management with new and improved rooms.

Oroya St, Sandstone

Ph: (08) 9963 5801

Email: sandstonepub@gmail.com

Stay an extra night So much Outback to enjoy

Real authentic Australian Outback history seen by very few travellers like

- Empress Springs that saved an explorer's life
- Brendan's Bluff associated with Len Beadell's remarkable feats
- Aboriginal art in rock caves



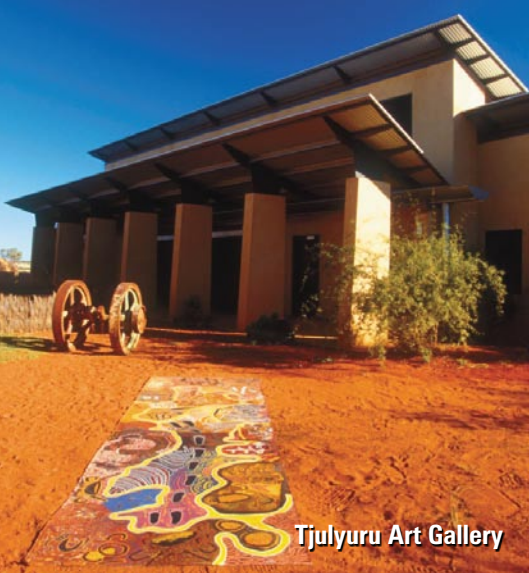
Tjukayirla Roadhouse has the details:

Call (08) 9037 1108 or email:

tjukayirlaroadhouse@nglands.org.au



Royal Flying Doctor Airstrip, Outback Way at Tjukayirla



Tjulyuru Art Gallery



Tjulyuru Art Gallery

Warburton (Ngaanyatjarraku) 🏠🔪🍷

Right in the heart of Australia (950km north-east of Kalbarrie and 1000km south-west of Alice Springs) is Warburton on the Outback Way – home to the largest of the Ngaanyatjarra communities. The region is diverse in natural beauty and boasts the magnificent Warburton Ranges and the red sandy plains of the Gibson Desert.

Warburton’s Tjulyuru Cultural and Civic Centre, which features the Tjulyuru Regional Art Gallery and the Warta Shop, is truly impressive and worth a visit. Of special significance to the Ngaanyatjarra people, this centre reflects the local red earth, shrubs and grasses in an organic corridor that runs through the middle of the site. The vivid colours of the Ngaanyatjarra people’s homelands are referenced in feature walls and furnishings. The art gallery is designed to exhibit Warburton’s extensive collection of Aboriginal art.

The Ngaanyatjarra people work together to produce beautiful paintings, glass and other products, which can be seen in the centre and be purchased through the Warta shop. Travellers can stay in cabins at the Warburton Roadhouse and Caravan Park where meals and a general store are also available. Bookings are essential.



Rawlinson Ranges near Warakurna at sunset

Warakurna 🏠🔪🍷

Warakurna community is located in the spectacular Rawlinson Ranges near the Western Australian/Northern Territory border, approximately 310km west of Uluru.

The nearby Giles Weather Station is fully operational and welcomes visitors to view the daily release of weather balloons at 8.30am and 2.30pm (Northern Territory time). The station was named after Ernest Giles, an explorer of the area during 1870s. At the weather station are the remains of the first Blue Streak Rocket, launched from Woomera on June 5, 1964, and the grader that was used to build the Gunbarrel Highway and other roads in the area. Surveyor of the Gunbarrel Highway, Len Beadell, who was also a talented artist and author, provided the Giles Weather Station with interesting wall murals, which often become a talking point among visitors. Accommodation is available at Warakurna Roadhouse.

WARBURTON

Tjulyuru Regional Art Gallery

The Tjulyuru Regional Art Centre exhibits splendid Aboriginal art produced by communities in the Ngaanyatjarra lands. The centre’s opening hours are Monday to Friday, 8.30am–4.30pm (WST), and weekends by appointment.

Tjulyuru Cultural and Civic Centre

Ph: (08) 8956 7966

Web: www.ngaanyatjarraku.wa.gov.au

WARBURTON

Warburton, The Warta Shop

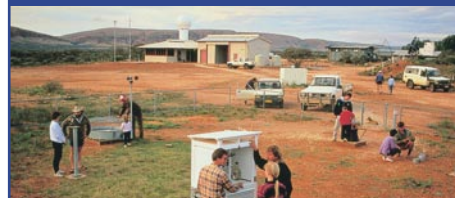
The Warta shop sells a unique range of Aboriginal products and work produced by Ngaanyatjarra communities including paintings, artifacts, spinifex paper, baskets, art, glassware and books on Aboriginal culture, language and history. The shop’s opening hours are Monday to Friday, 8.30am–4.30pm (WST), and weekends by appointment.

Tjulyuru Cultural and Civic Centre

Ph: (08) 8956 7966

Web: www.ngaanyatjarraku.wa.gov.au

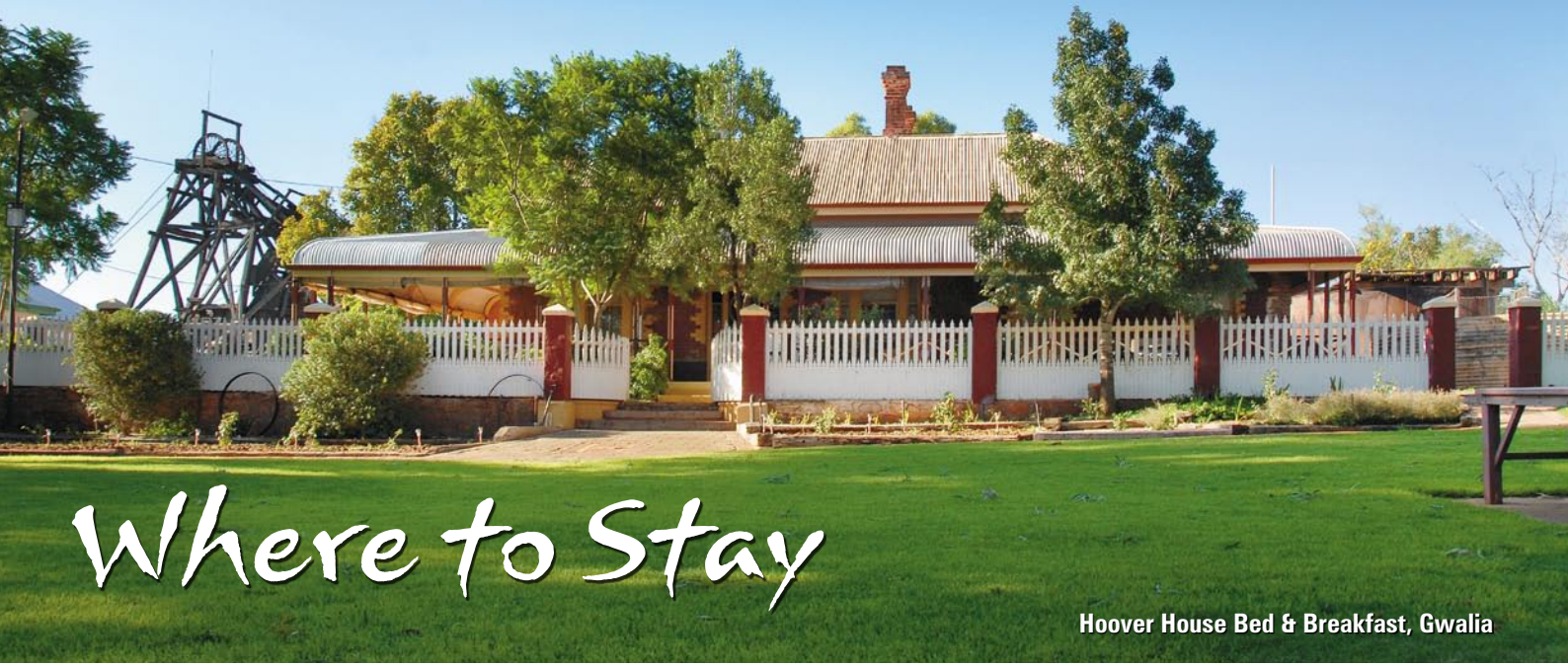
Unique Outback Feature Giles Weather Station



Near Warakurna: Australia’s most visited remote weather station.

Learn about life as a weather observer. See the balloon go up at 8.30am & 2.30pm daily (Northern Territory). Free tours of the Weather Station are available following the balloon release. To check station opening hours and get more information on balloon and tour times, it is a good idea to phone ahead to **(08) 8956 7358**.

For more details of this fascinating place:
www.bom.gov.au/sa/giles/index.shtml



Where to Stay

Hoover House Bed & Breakfast, Gwalia

Three Historic Gems

Menzies <i>Our Place</i>	Kookynie <i>A Living Ghost Town</i>	Niagara Dam <i>Outback Oasis</i>
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Walking Trails

Pick up a brochure at the Visitor Centre and wander amongst the fascinating Goldfields history and characters, whose stories are told through interpretive panels, photos and ghosts from the past.

Menzies Visitor Centre: Phone (08) 9024 2702
E-mail visitorcentre@menzies.wa.gov.au

MENZIES

Menzies Hotel

Historic hotel c.1902 with outback character, air-conditioned with 3 double and 9 single rooms, 3 twin rooms, shared bathrooms. Front bar, beer garden, pool room, dining room, counter meals in bar, laundry facilities.

22 Shenton St (Goldfields Highway) Menzies WA 6436
Phone: +61 (8) 9024 2016 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9024 3042

MENZIES

Menzies Caravan Park

This newly appointed park is centrally located & adjacent to the Visitor Centre. Facilities include new modern amenities with a separate dedicated disabled amenity with wheelchair access. 29 powered sites with concrete slabs, 6 unpowered tent-sites and a Campers Kitchen.

Entry via Brown Street, Menzies.
Bookings: Visitor Centre Phone: +61 (8) 9024 2702
Mobile: 0448 242 041

KOOKYNIE

Morapoi Station

Indigenous station stay, a traditional Wangkatha experience. Caters for families wanting a weekend getaway, backpackers, youth camps, corporate groups. Accommodation includes fully catered serviced queen, single and family rooms with ensuite or shared facilities. Also self-contained units and caravan and tent sites with kitchen and outdoor dining. Artefacts and paintings available for purchase.

Kookynie Rd, Kookynie
Phone: +61 (8) 9031 3380 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9031 3380
Email: morapoistn@bigpond.com.au • **Web:** www.morapoi.com.au

KOOKYNIE

Kookynie Grand Hotel

Historic outback pub c.1902 which is famous for its wonderful character and hospitality. The hotel has 8 bedrooms accommodating up to 20 guests, Bar, log fires, BBQ, great dining room, continental and cooked breakfast, telephone, faxing facilities, Internet access, cable/satellite TV, books/magazines, camping ground, caravan park, BBQ - gas, wheelchair accessible facilities, pool.

Brittania Street, Kookynie WA 6431
Phone: +61 (8) 9031 3010 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9031 3001
Email: puseymin@bigpond.com.au
Web: www.takeabreak.com.au/grandhotelkookynie.htm

Menzies

Explore and interpret

In the early 1900s there were over 13,000 people living at Menzies, at the time a major commercial centre supporting the gold mining and pastoralists. There were 13 hotels and other businesses mostly on the main street.

Today it is fascinating to walk around this delightful historic town. Giving a real feeling for the period, interpretive panels provide stories from the past.

For a special brochure with further details contact the Visitor Centre: (08) 9024 2702




LEONORA

Leonora Lodge

Outback Parks & Lodges (OPL) flagship property! Located on Otterburn Street at the town's southern entrance, the Lodge is an easy walk or short drive to the main street. Features: self-contained units with fully equipped kitchen, lounge room and bedrooms with private en-suites; one or two bedroom units all with veranda and parking; motel style single and double rooms with en-suite. Outdoor swimming pool, fully equipped gymnasium, complimentary guest laundry facilities, BBQ area, ample secure parking, dining room, internet access, Foxtel, tea & coffee making facilities.

1126 Otterburn St Leonora

Phone: +61 (8) 9037 7053 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9037 7059

Email: leonora@opl.net.au

LEONORA

Leonora White House Hotel

Historic hotel c.1902 with outback character, air-conditioned with 1 double and 2 single rooms. 6 twin rooms. Shared bathrooms. Front bar, beer garden, pool table, dining room, counter meals in bar, laundry facilities, with ample secure parking.

22 Tower St (Goldfields Highway) Leonora WA 6438

Phone: +61 (8) 9037 6030 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9037 6168

Email: whitehousehotel@bigpond.com.au

Kookynie

A living ghost town

In 1907, Kookynie had a population of 3,500 with regular steam train services. An absolute hive of activities including the building of the Niagara Dam and the famous Kookynie Hotel which still operates today and offers classic outback hospitality. A real fun place.

While many of the historic buildings are gone, the stories and images have been captured and are on illustrated interpretative signage. For a brochure with further details contact Menzies Visitor Centre: (08) 9024 2702



LEONORA

Central Hotel Motel

The motel wing has 12 double units with ensuites. Lunch is available Tuesday to Saturday and dinner each evening 6.00pm–8.30pm. Facilities include Lounge bar, front bar with TAB facilities and a beer garden.

Tower St (Goldfields Highway) Leonora

Phone: +61 (8) 9037 6042 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9037 6609

Email: thecentralhotel@bigpond.com

LEONORA

Leonora Caravan Park

A small, friendly oasis right in the town centre. A popular base for prospectors and an ideal base for exploring the famous Golden Quest Discovery Trail and Leonora Loop Trails. Features: 50 powered sites, grassy lawn for camping, campers kitchen, guest BBQ area, outdoor fireplace and bird sanctuary, playground, internet access, self-contained cabins, 30 single budget rooms with en-suite, modern ablutions, guest operated laundry facilities. Dogs on leash welcome.

42 Rochester St Leonora

Phone: +61 (8) 9037 6568 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9037 6576

Email: leonoracp@opl.net.au

Presidential Bed and Breakfast

Hoover House – built 1898

Enjoy the garden and wide verandahs of this charming home commissioned by Herbert Clarke Hoover, later to be the 31st U.S. president. Sip a glass of wine as you overlook the Sons of Gwalia Gold Mine as Hoover did, or sit in peace and tranquility as you watch the sun set on Mt. Leonora.



Phone/Fax: (08) 9037 7122 • **Mobile:** 0419 958 199

E-mail: museum@gwalia.org.au • **Web:** www.gwalia.org.au

LEONORA / GWALIA

Hoover House B&B

Just 3 km from Leonora town centre in the Gwalia Ghost Town, this superb B&B was commissioned in 1898 by Herbert Hoover, later 31st President of the United States. It has 3 spacious high quality rooms with ensuites and a shady verandah. Continental breakfast is included.

Kane St Gwalia • **Phone:** +61 (8) 9037 7122 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9037 7122

Email: museum@gwalia.org.au • **Web:** www.gwalia.org.au

LEONORA

Leonora Motor Inn

Located in town in walking distance to shops, hotels and service stations with 4 King executive suites, 27 Queen suites and 10 Family suites with LCD screen TV, microwave, toaster. Ample secure parking beside suites. Laundry on site.

Tower St (Goldfields Highway) Leonora

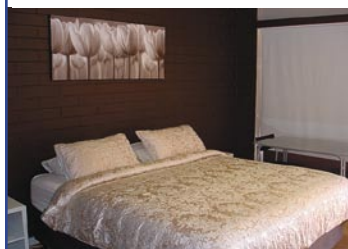
Phone: +61 (8) 9037 6444 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9037 6433

Email: leonoramotorinn@bigpond.com

Modern Leonora Accommodation

Self-drive day trips to

- Laverton
- Great Beyond Explorers Hall of Fame
- Leonora Loop Trails
- Gwalia • Kookynie Pub
- Menzies • Lake Ballard



Leonora Motor Inn

The only motel in town

- Self-contained, air-conditioned rooms
- Plasma screen TVs
- 97 Foxtel channels

On Goldfields Highway

Phone: (08) 9037 6444 • **Fax:** (08) 9037 6433

E-mail: leonoramotorinn@bigpond.com

Accommodation Bookings

Accommodation in the Northern Goldfields is often very popular and it is strongly recommended that bookings be made in advance. There is a wide variety of choices to suit the needs of travellers visiting the region. Contact details are provided so that travellers can book direct. Or you may wish to contact local Visitor Centres, open during business hours, who can provide advice about your particular needs. Addresses and phone numbers are shown on the back cover.

With some locations, meals outside normal hours may need to be booked in advance. When making your accommodation bookings, please ask at that time about times restaurants will be open during your visit. Please remember, this is Australia's Real Outback which is very friendly and welcoming but sometimes local arrangements may differ from standard practice elsewhere.



Outback near Agnew

SANDSTONE

Outback Accommodation

Centrally located in tranquil gardens, walking distance to all local amenities motel-style accommodation with 4 double rooms all with ensuites. Also two budget rooms with shared facilities. Communal kitchen, swimming pool and BBQ area. Wildlife to pet.

400 Thaduna St, Sandstone WA 6639

Phone: +61 (8) 9963 5869 • **Fax:** (08) 9963 5869

Email: outbackaccom@bigpond.com

SANDSTONE

Alice Atkinson Caravan Park

Centrally located with 39 powered sites, laundry, BBQ area and tables, toilet and shower blocks, disabled facilities, camp kitchen, EFTPOS available, dogs on leash welcome.

Irvine St, Sandstone WA 6639

Phone: +61 (8) 9963 5859 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9963 5852

SANDSTONE

National Hotel

Historic hotel c. 1907 located in the main street.

With 6 air-conditioned Old Style Hotel Rooms, 14 air conditioned 'Donga' style accommodation units, dining room and courtyard, counter meals in bar, laundry facilities, general store. Free shower and continental breakfast for truck drivers.

Cnr Oroya & Payne St, Sandstone WA 6639

Phone: +61 (8) 9963 5801 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9963 5855

Email: sandstonepub@gmail.com



Laverton Day annual event

WILUNA

Gunbarrel Lager Travellers Rest

Standard units with air-conditioning. Sites for caravans and 4WD travellers. Modern communal kitchen, dining room, television lounge, internet access, central ablution block and coin operated washing machines. Continental breakfast available by prior arrangement.

Wongawol Rd, Wiluna WA 6646

Phone: +61 (8) 9981 7161 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9981 7162

Mobile: 0428 817 161 • **Web:** www.riverblueholdings.com.au

Email: gunbarrel.laager@riverblueholdings.com.au

WILUNA

Club Hotel and Caravan Park

This famous landmark offers a choice of standard hotel rooms in the hotel with shared facilities, self-contained motel units and powered sites for caravans. Dining room service and counter meals in the bar. Centrally located in town.

Wotton St, Wiluna WA 6646

Phone: +61 (8) 9981 7720 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9981 7045

Web: www.clubhotelwiluna.com



Road train leaving Sandstone



Breakaways

Niagara Dam

LAVERTON

Desert Inn Hotel/Motel

Historic Hotel in the centre of town with 26 air-conditioned motel rooms (including single, double and twin share rooms) and tea/ coffee making facilities. The Hotel is open 7 days a week and offers Restaurant & Counter Meals as well as takeaway food, TAB, beer garden and drive through bottle shop.

Phone: +61 (8) 9031 1188 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9031 1806
Email: desertinn@bigpond.com
Mail: PO Box 83, Laverton WA 6440

LAVERTON

Chalet Motel

Apartment style air-conditioned self-contained 2 and 3 bedroom units, TV, cooking facilities and laundry. Spacious, clean, friendly and secure. Walking distance to hotel and shops.

29 Augusta St (Main St) Laverton WA 6440
Phone: +61 (8) 9031 1130 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9031 1130
Email: samtomarchio1@bigpond.com

LAVERTON

Laverton Caravan Park

Located within walking distance to all town amenities offering self-contained chalets, single quarters, onsite vans, ensuite sites, powered sites, grassed camp sites with a large campers kitchen with BBQ area. Breakfast and lunches are available on request for accommodation guests.

Weld Dr, Laverton
Phone: +61 (8) 9031 1072 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9031 2673
Email: lavertoncp@opl.net.au • **Mail:** PO Box 173, Laverton WA 6440

LAVERTON

Accommodation Laverton Boomers Village

Located a short walk from the main street, the Village boasts a large number of comfortable single and double en suite rooms. Guests can enjoy the use of a number of facilities, including a gym, TV room, outdoor entertainment area, recreation room and laundries. Buffet meals are available daily, however bookings are recommended.

6 Spence St, Laverton **Phone:** +61 (8) 9031 1135
Email: manager.boomersvillage@gmail.com

LAVERTON

Oasis Serviced Apartments

Find serenity in the Outback with our beautifully furnished, modern, air-conditioned 3 bedroom self-contained apartments. Spacious units, including cooking facilities with dishwasher, laundry and off-street parking. Ideal for short or long term stays.

44 Augusta St, Laverton **Phone:** +61 (8) 0488 613 830
Email: oasis servicedapartments@gmail.com
Web: www.oasis servicedapartments.com.au

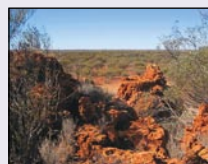
TJUKAYIRLA

Roadhouse and Accommodation

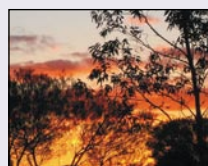
Accommodation includes Ensuite, Kitchenette and twin backpacker style rooms. Also large camping area with powered and unpowered sites, camp kitchen, gas stove and BBQ facilities as well as a comfortable, air conditioned common TV room for campers. Ask about our evening room menu when booking.

Outback Way (Great Central Road) Tjukayirla
Phone: +61 (8) 9037 1108 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 9037 1110
Email: tjukayirlaroadhouse@nglands.org.au

**Stay another day at Tjukayirla
 Enjoy the early Outback history**



In the 19th century, explorer David Carnegie nearly died of thirst. His party was saved by an Aborigine who took them to a waterhole, later named by the explorer as **Empress Springs**.



Outback legend **Len Beadell** played a big part in opening up the Outback. Visit **Brendan's Bluff** with its old airstrip and also learn of Len Beadell's work in the area.

Who knows when the **Aboriginal paintings in the hidden caves** near Tjukayirla were painted? It is fascinating to admire such magnificent art painted so long ago.

Superb links with the past – only on the Outback Way
 Tjukayirla Road House (08) 9037 1108 (61 8 9037 1108)
 Email tjukayirlaroadhouse@nglands.org.au

WARBURTON

Roadhouse and Accommodation

Located on Outback Way in town. Offers a variety of budget rooms, single & twin rooms, twin rooms with en suite, double rooms and units plus campsites. Dinner and breakfast by prior arrangement. Can accommodate coach groups up to 36. Also campsites with camp kitchen with fridge, stove and dining area, BBQ and laundry facilities. Late Arrivals (after 5.00 pm) and evening meals by prior arrangement.

Phone: +61 (8) 8956 7656 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 8956 7645
Email: roadhouse.warbo@bigpond.com
Mail: PMB 71 Warburton Ranges via Alice Springs NT 0872

WARAKURNA

**Roadhouse and Accommodation
 Giles Metrological Station**

Between Warburton and the Northern Territory border on a detour from the Outback Way is the Giles Metrological Station at Warakurna. The Warakurna Roadhouse offers 14 self-contained motel units sleeping 2-4, 8 backpacker style rooms and some powered campsites. Takeaway food available.

Warakurna operates on Central Australia time, not WA time.
Phone: +61 (8) 8956 7344 • **Fax:** +61 (8) 8956 2850
Email: warakurnaroadhouse@bigpond.com



It's always fun to join "the locals" for that real Australian outback experience. An exciting range of outback events is staged in the Northern Goldfields throughout the year and visitors are very welcome to participate.

April/May: Laverton Heritage Festival. A heritage themed week of exhibitions and events celebrating Laverton's history & culture. The festival ends with a family friendly community day, including market stalls, entertainment and a range of exciting kids and adult games. Contact the Great Beyond Visitor Centre for details, (08) 9031 1361.

June long weekend: Goldfields Cyclclassic: Cycle race Kalgoorlie to Menzies and Menzies to Leonora. A long-running traditional bush event attracting large crowds. For details: www.egcc.com.au

June long weekend: Leonora Golden Gift Athletic Carnival. An athletic event for all ages with good prize money to be won.

The day includes horse races and lots of entertainment. This is a great family event. For details, call (08) 9037 6044 or visit: www.leonoragoldengift.com

Usually August/September: Wiluna Moonlight Ball. With a limit of 150 people, this event is a real hoot and includes a meal and live entertainment, and bar facilities. Bookings are essential. Call (08) 9981 8000 for details.

September: Sandstone Open. All the region's best golfers come to play and have a tonne of fun at the same time. Open to all registered golfers, this is a great Aussie outback day on the green. Call (08) 9963 5831 for details.

Late September: Leonora Country Race Meeting. Great fun for visitors, this is a real Aussie country race meeting. Here you can meet the locals and join in the fun with good prize money to be won. This is a major social event for the region. For details call 0417 173 286.

Early October: Laverton Race Day. A highlight on the Laverton social calendar, the Laverton Race Day is a fun day out for the whole family. A six event Race Meet, Bookmaker and TAB facilities, bar facilities, fashions on the field and kids entertainment during the day, followed by entertainment at the Laverton Sports Club. For details call 0417 951 153.

Dining In and Out

In Australia's Real Outback, with its vast distances and remote towns, travellers are catered for with a variety of eating choices from snack food on the run to wonderful dinners set in the timeless dining rooms of historic old hotels. When planning itineraries, the following dining options are available throughout the region.



Town	Food Service	Services Available
Menzies	Achievable Outback Café Menzies Hotel	Take away Coffee, Cake and Pastries Dining room, counter meals
Leonora	Leonora Roadhouse Central Hotel Hoover House, Gwalia White House Hotel The Food Van Café	Snacks, takeaway, cooked breakfasts Dining room, counter meals Coffee and cake Dining room, counter meals Takeaway, coffee
Sandstone	National Hotel	Dining room, counter meals, takeaway
Wiluna	Wiluna Club Hotel	Dining room, counter meals
Kookynie	Kookynie Grand Hotel	Dining room, counter meals, breakfast by request
Laverton	Laverton Desert Inn Horizons Cafe Fred's Takeaway Deli Boomers Village	Dining room, counter meals Coffee and cake Snacks, takeaway food Dining Room, buffet meals
Tjukayirla	Tjukayirla Roadhouse	Snacks, meals, takeaway
Warburton	Warburton Roadhouse	Snacks, meals, takeaway
Warakurna	Warakurna Roadhouse	Snacks, meals, takeaway

Travelling Safely

For a safe and enjoyable journey, travellers are encouraged to take note of the following information.

Travelling around the Northern Goldfields can be exciting, enjoyable and an adventure to remember. The views, native animals and birds, and sheer pleasure of being in such wide open spaces combine to create an inspiring experience like no other. However travelling through the region is unlike metropolitan driving. Distances are long, the roads can be quiet and animals such as kangaroos often create dangerous obstacles on the road. If careful consideration is given to the information below, most journeys can be undertaken in comfort, safety and without incident.

Night travel is not recommended. Mobile phone coverage is limited; where available Telstra service only.

Distance

The Northern Goldfields has long stretches of road and wide-open spaces, which can lead to unintentional speeding and fatigue.

Driving for sustained periods of time can cause slow movements, decreased tolerance for other road users, poor lane tracking and loss of awareness.

It is recommended that drivers take frequent breaks and stop regularly for food and drinks.

Come well prepared

Before setting out, make sure you've checked the following:

- Pack 4 to 5 litres of water per person per day (in at least two containers)
- Pack a detailed road map
- Ensure your vehicle is in good running order and that you have a collection of spare parts and tools
- Make sure your tyres are suitable for unsealed roads and that you have at least two spares
- Check road conditions with local Shire offices or Main Roads WA, especially after heavy rainfall
- Always notify someone of your travel plans and of any changes you make to your itinerary
- If your vehicle breaks down or becomes bogged, stay with it – a car is easier to spot than a person in the event of a search

Road conditions

The condition of unsealed roads can change quickly and without warning. Dust can obscure other vehicles from view, so slowing down on dirt roads is the safest option.

If floodwater covers the road, then only attempt the crossing if you absolutely must, and only after you have first checked that it is safe to do so. If it is necessary to check water depth and speed, ensure you use a safety line.

Outback pedestrians

Nearly 50% of vehicle crashes on outback roads are caused by animal crossings. Be wary of the road and the area around it.

Kangaroos are prevalent, especially in early evenings, at night and in the early mornings. Emus are unpredictable and often have a mate following close behind. Cattle like to camp on roads at night and are often hard to see.

Wedge-tailed eagles are prevalent in the region and they like to scavenge from road kill. They are relatively slow moving birds and are often taken by surprise by fast moving vehicles.

Bulldust and washouts

Bulldust is fine, talc-like clay that covers the surfaces of many roads in the outback, making them look deceptively smooth, and hiding washouts and large holes. When driving through bulldust patches reduce speed to avoid tyre and vehicle damage. Driving with headlights on is advisable in these conditions, as is using flags on the antenna of your vehicle (flags are especially useful when driving through sand dunes).

Water crossings

The rule for crossing water is to walk through the crossing first. Test the depth and strength of the current, and try to detect any underwater obstacles by using your feet or a stick. Once you have tested the waters, engage 4x4 low and drive through in second or third gear, keeping your momentum up.

The neighbours

Unless you have permission, stay on gazetted roads. Leave gates as you find them, avoid lighting fires, always have dogs on a lead and remember that no dogs are allowed in National Parks. Be aware poison baits are put out for wild dogs through the region.

Take all your rubbish with you and do not take natural artefacts as souvenirs. Try to leave the country as you found it.

Be safety aware

Caution should be taken when bush-walking or hiking through the region's spectacular outback areas. Stay on designated paths and heed warning signs.

Don't go on your own – always let someone know where you are going and when you'll be back. Always carry water, wear suitable clothing and select trails and walks that suit your level of fitness.

Emergencies

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) provides a high frequency network to control their aeronautical and medical traffic. Communications assistance will be given to anyone who is broken down, or involved in an accident and other emergencies. Before setting out on your journey register your radio call sign with a RFDS base.

Alice Springs (NT): (08) 8952 1033
Port Augusta (SA): (08) 8642 5555
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Fuel Locations



Unleaded petrol and diesel are available at locations as listed. Please note that opening hours are limited.

Autogas is only available at Leonora Roadhouse and Leinster BP station. Vehicle repairs are available at Leonora, Sandstone, Wiluna, Laverton and Warburton.

Town	Locations
Menzies	Fuel Only
Leonora	Eagle Service Station Shell Service Station
Leinster	Fuel Only
Sandstone	Sandstone Store
Wiluna	Gunbarrel Groceries
Kookynie	Kookynie Hotel
Laverton	BP Service Station
Tjukayirla	Roadhouse
Warburton	Roadhouse
Warakurna	Roadhouse

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View from Mt Forrest near Sandstone



Lorna Glen Station



Thorny Devil lizard

Enjoy a wonderland of Australian birdlife, animals, plants and rock formations. You can roam free on a day trip to enjoy the unique delights of nature or stay over in fabulous outback style camps or other accommodation facilities, some suitable for groups. Each park or reserve has its own character.

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Phone: +61 (8) 9080 5555

Web: <http://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park-finder>

- **Goongarrie Homestead** – 40 km south of Menzies
- **Wanjarri Nature Reserve** – 80 km north of Leinster
- **Lake Mason Homestead and Black Range** – 15–50 km north of Sandstone
- **Earaheedy and Lorna Glen** – 150–180 km NE of Wiluna
- **Yeo Lake Nature Reserve** – 300 km east of Leonora
- **Gibson Desert and Great Victoria Desert** – Nature Reserves north and south of Warburton respectively, home to some threatened species.

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Visitor Centres throughout the region are great sources of information.

Visitor Centre in Laverton is open seven days. Please contact individual Visitor Centres for other opening times.



If you'd like to know more about the region for your travel plans contact:

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