

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 make oregology station, try fossicking in gem fields, visit Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) & 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 Olgas), 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, Harb Range Bush Sports & Ball, Alice Springs Henley-on-Todd Regatta, Winton Outback Festival or the Birdville 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, Anna 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 - Rinder 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 - Rinder 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 to find out more about how to enjoy the Outback Way - Rinder 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 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 Kulljara
Day 4 - Yarla Kulljara 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 Kalkulajjara campground
Day 5 - Kalkulajjara to Paradise Camp (bush camp)
Day 6 - Paradise Camp 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 (Kakakajjara Campground)
Day 4 - Docker River to Desert Breakaway (bush camp)
Day 5 - Desert Breakaway 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 Townville, 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.

More travel tips and advice can be sourced from www.outbackway.org.au or from the Outback Way Atlas & Guide available from wherever Hema Maps are sold.

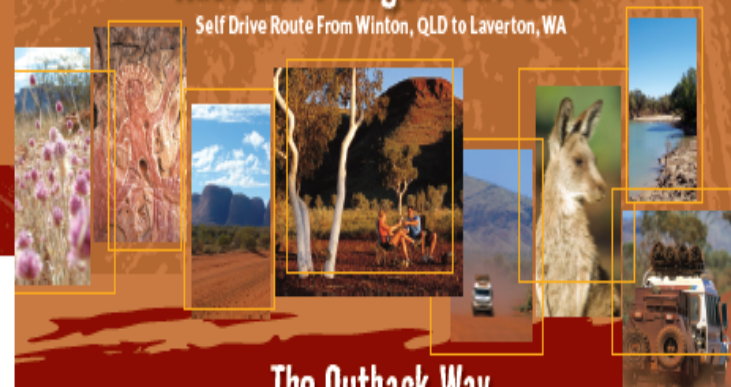
Cairns to Perth via Central Australia on

The OUTBACK Way



Australia's Longest Shortcut

Self Drive Route From Winton, QLD to Laverton, WA



The Outback Way The Reef, The Rock & The West

Experience Central Australian ranges, indigenous art, wildlife, wildflowers, gem fossicking, bird watching, 4WD'ing, nature walks, camping.

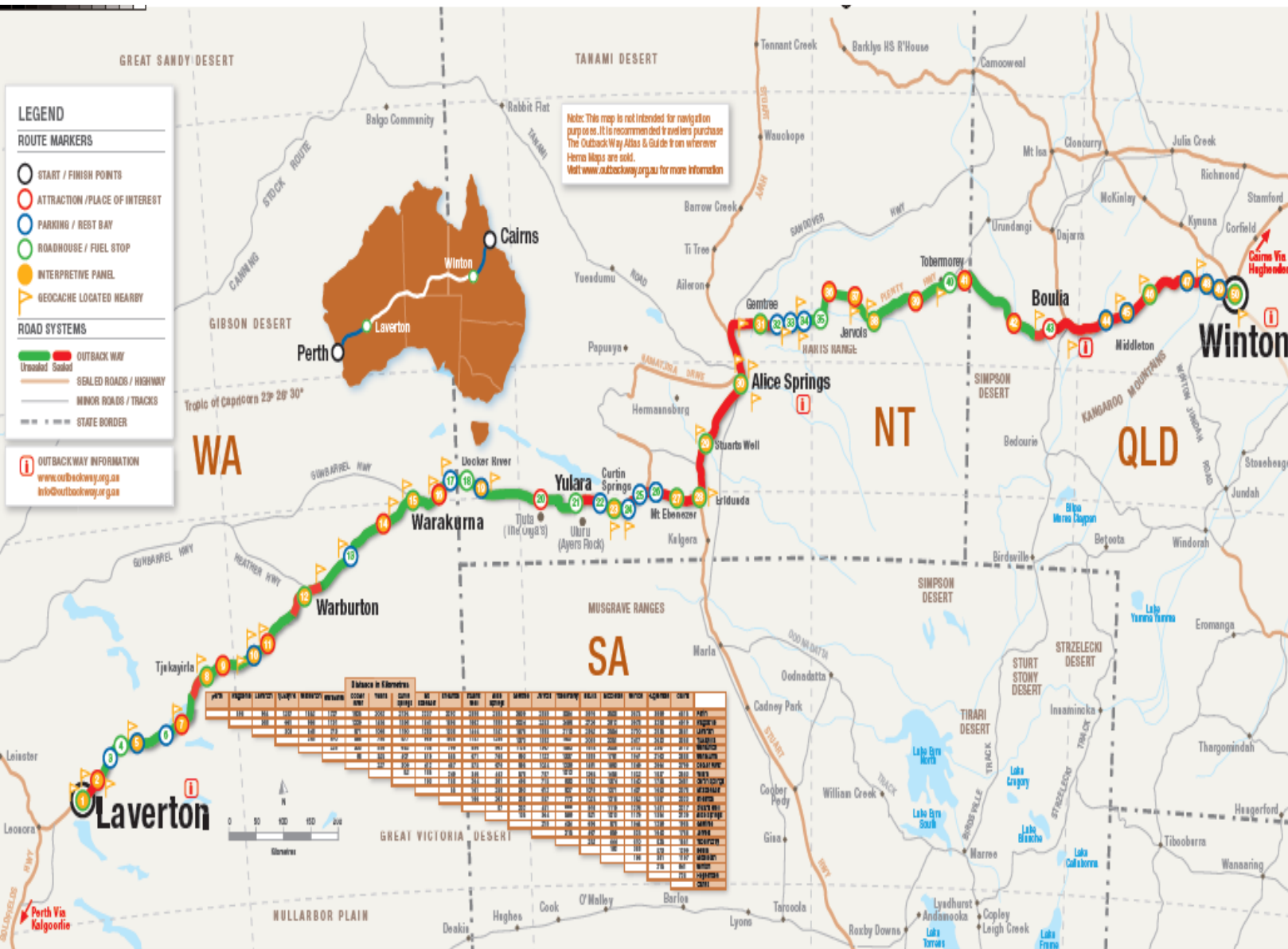
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LEGEND

ROUTE MARKERS

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- STATE BORDER

OUTBACK WAY INFORMATION

www.outbackway.org.au
info@outbackway.org.au

Note: This map is not intended for navigation purposes. It is recommended that travellers purchase The Outback Way Atlas & Guide from wherever Herma Maps are sold. Visit www.outbackway.org.au for more information.

Distance in Kilometres		Distance in Miles	
From	To	From	To
Laverton	Tjukayirra	86	53
Laverton	Warburton	172	107
Laverton	Warakurna / Giles	258	160
Laverton	Docker River	344	213
Laverton	Yulara	430	267
Laverton	Curtin Springs	516	321
Laverton	Mt Ebenezer	602	374
Laverton	Erdulunda	688	427
Laverton	Stuarts Well	774	481
Laverton	Alice Springs	860	534
Laverton	Gantree	946	588
Laverton	Jervois	1032	641
Laverton	Boulija	1118	695
Laverton	Middleton	1204	749
Laverton	Winton	1290	802

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Distance (km)		393	245	215	98	27	82	209	55	106	97	135	219	467	192	166
Time (hrs)		3.8	3.0	3.0	1.2	3.0	1.0	1.2	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.5	6.0	2.5	2.0

POLICE	POLICE	ROADPORTS	PERMITS FOR WA & NT	VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES	VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES	SHIRE OFFICES	SHIRE OFFICES	SHIRE OFFICES
Laverton (08) 9 088 277	Harts Range (08) 9 564 972	WA: 138 138 / 08 9080 1400 NT: 1800 246 199 QLD: 07 4746 3100	WA: Department of Indigenous Affairs (08) 9 35 8100 www.dia.wa.gov.au NT: Central Land Council (08) 9 53 6111 www.clc.org.au	Laverton (08) 931 1341 laverton@ntic.com.au Boulija (07) 47 46 3386 tourism@boulija.qld.gov.au	Alice Springs: 1300 645 199 laverton@ntic.com.au Winton: (07) 457 1611 winton@ntic.com.au	Laverton: (08) 933 1500 lav@out.nt.gov.au Boulija: (07) 47 46 3300 info@boulija.qld.gov.au	Alice Springs: 08 950 0500 alic@out.nt.gov.au Winton: (07) 457 1666 info@winton.qld.gov.au	Nganyintjirra (08) 956 7964 nai@nganyintjirra.wa.gov.au

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- Laverton INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
Unloaded petrol, diesel, rooms & camping, general store, discovery centre, gallery, post office, police, mechanical repairs. Bookings 08 939 126. Ask about local tours! Open M-F 9am-5pm S-S 9am-5pm.
 - Docker River General Store**
Unloaded petrol, diesel, basic provisions, Crookham 08 95 07 975. Ask about local tours! Open M-F 9am-5pm S-S 9am-5pm.
 - Doba Gnamma hole INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
3km from Laverton, North side of the rock in the Adam Bargees.
 - Parking Bay**
5km east of Laverton, south side of road, shaded.
 - Cosmo Newberry**
Unloaded petrol, diesel & diesel M-F 9am-5pm Sat 10am-5pm. Ask about local tours!
 - Parking Bay - The Pines INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Laverton. Large shaded area, south of road, no signs, no facilities, no bins.
 - Parking Bay**
1.5km east of Laverton. South side of road, 23 shaded sites. No facilities, no bins.
 - White Cross INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
Prominent marker, south of road, as flag. Gnamma holes adjacent.
 - Tjukayirra Roadhouse INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
Unloaded petrol, diesel, basic provisions, rooms & camping, 9755. Ask about local tours! Open M-F 9am-5pm S-S 9am-5pm. Public toilets - 9am-10pm. Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day. (Ask about local tours, book reviewed)
 - Kurralong Sertini INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Tjukayirra / 1.5km west of Warburton. Distinctive tree on south side of road.
 - Desert Breakaway & Gnamma Hole INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Tjukayirra / 1.5km west of Warburton. South side of road.
 - Warburton Roadhouse**
Unloaded petrol, diesel, basic provisions, rooms & camping. Bookings 08 956 796. Watermark Gallery & Ask about local tours! Open M-F 9am-5pm S-S 9am-5pm. Public toilets 9am-10pm.
 - Yarta Rutjara Campground**
6km east of Warburton / 1.5km west of Warburton.
 - Tjukayirra Rock Hole**
1.5km east of Warburton / 1.5km west of Warburton.
 - Warakurna Roadhouse**
Unloaded petrol, diesel, basic provisions, mechanical repairs, rooms & camping. Bookings 08 956 796. Ask about local tours! Open M-F 9am-5pm S-S 9am-5pm.
 - Yarta Rutjara Campground**
6km east of Warburton / 1.5km west of Warburton.
 - Gantree**
Unloaded petrol, diesel, basic provisions, rooms & camping. Bookings 08 956 796.
 - Jervois**
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 - Boulija**
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 - Middleton**
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 - Winton**
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 - Harts Range Police Station INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Gantree / 1.5km west of Jervois. Maintenance to Police Station.
 - Attlers Community**
Unloaded petrol, diesel, basic provisions, rooms & camping. M-F 9am-5pm S-S 9am-5pm.
 - Lassell's Cairn INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
4km east of Docker River. Shade, shelter & cave.
 - Views to Kala Tjuta**
(from creek, waterpound, 200m east of Docker River. No designated parking bay. Sealed road by sign if not bound. Unsealed road begins if not bound. 1.5km east of Docker River / 4km west of Tjura.
 - Yulara**
220m east of Docker River / 1km from Curtin Springs. Resort, hotel, caravan park, unloaded petrol, diesel, mechanical, post office, police, medical, post, tours, guided walks, visitor centre, air-raid shelter.
 - Curtin Springs INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Curtin Springs / 1.5km from Laverton. Unloaded petrol, diesel, meals, pub, rooms, caravan sites, BQ, 10am, Bookings 08 956 796.
 - Mt Connor Lookout**
1.5km east of Curtin Springs / 1.5km west of Mt Ebenezer. Shade, shelter, picnic table, bench, parking.
 - Parking Bay**
1.5km east of Curtin Springs / 1.5km west of Mt Ebenezer. Shade, picnic benches, water, bins, no overnight camping.
 - Kurralong Sertini INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Curtin Springs / 1.5km west of Mt Ebenezer. Shade, picnic benches, water, bins, no overnight camping.
 - Mt Ebenezer INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Curtin Springs / 1.5km west of Erdulunda. Unloaded petrol, diesel, rooms, caravan camping sites, meals, air gallery. 10am-5pm. Bookings 08 956 796.
 - Erdulunda**
Unloaded petrol, diesel, basic provisions, rooms & camping. Bookings 08 956 796.
 - Stuarts Well INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Curtin Springs / 1.5km south of Alice Springs. Unloaded petrol, diesel, meals, rooms, caravan camping sites, food and provisions, bar, restaurant & tours. Bookings 08 956 796.
 - Alice Springs INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Curtin Springs / 1.5km from Winton. Visitor Centre Australia, tourist information, mechanical, electrical, caravan, bikes, local walks, bus & airparks. Bookings 1300 645 199 or info@winton.qld.gov.au
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 - Winton**
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 - Woodstock Station INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Middleton / 1.5km west of Winton.
 - Diamantina Causeway INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Middleton / 1.5km west of Winton.
 - Shibolay-by / east end INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Middleton / 1.5km west of Winton. The camp is located 100m south of the road and adjacent to the railway ruins.
 - Giles Weather Station**
1.5km east of Gantree. Travel 10km south through gate & turn right to weather station.
 - Am I Mad? Tony Griffiths & Campground (P.O. Box 100) INTERPRETIVE PANEL**
1.5km east of Gantree. Travel 10km south through gate & turn right to campsite.
 - Lon Roadkill Plaque**
1.5km east of Winton. 1.5km west of Docker River. Plaque in the tall grass on the road side.
 - 33 Gungahlin**
1.5km east of Gantree. 1.5km west of Gantree. 1.5km west of Gantree. 1.5km west of Gantree.

Details and operating hours on www.outbackway.org.au. Central Standard Time