



The OUTBACK Way

FACT SHEET - AT A GLANCE

DISTANCES: Perth to Cairns 4615km, Winton to Laverton 2720km. Cairns to Winton 941km, Winton to Ayers Rock / Yulara 1622km, Winton to Alice Springs 1179km, Perth to Laverton 954km, Laverton to Ayers Rock / Yulara 1098km, Laverton to Alice Springs 1541km.

FUEL: Unleaded Petrol or unleaded substitute (OPAL) and diesel is available at roadhouses and towns approximately 250-350km apart. LPG is only available at Yulara & Alice Springs. It is recommended vehicles carry sufficient fuel to travel 500-600km.

ACCOMMODATION: Motel rooms and cabins, some with ensuite, and campgrounds suitable for caravans and tents / trailers are at most roadhouses. Winton, Boulia and Laverton have motel, hotel and caravan park facilities. Yulara and Alice Springs have a variety of accommodation facilities.

TRAVEL TIMES: 35 hours Winton to Laverton (stopping for fuel only). 42 hours Winton to Laverton (stopping for fuel & *icon* sites). 21hrs Winton to Yulara (stopping for fuel only). 24hours Winton to Yulara (stopping for fuel & *icon* sites). 14 hours Laverton to Yulara (stopping for fuel only). 18hours Laverton to Yulara (stopping for fuel & *icon* sites). 80km/h is a safe travel speed on unsealed sections.

ROAD CONDITIONS: Unsealed roads Laverton to Yulara and Gemtree to Boulia, mostly dual lane limestone / sandy / gravelly surfaces with occasional corrugated, rutted and bulldust sections (some sections worse than others). Road-surface conditions change regularly due to local flooding, creek crossings, road maintenance and vehicle traffic. Travellers should inquire at roadhouses before proceeding. Driving at night is not recommended due to wildlife, stock and road conditions.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS: Unsealed sections are traversable in 2WD vehicles at slower speeds. Unsealed sections are ideally suited to soft / off road vehicles, high ground clearance an advantage. Suitable for offroad caravans and trailers but not recommended for low-clearance caravans and trailers. Vehicle repair services are very limited, often not available. Tyre repair services are limited.

MEALS, FOOD & PROVISIONS: Roadhouses stock snacks, drinks and essential food items. Community-based stores at Warburton, Warakurna, Docker River and Atitjere stock a range of fresh produce and frozen foods. Laverton, Boulia and Winton have general stores and/or supermarkets with a variety of groceries, fresh produce and essential foods. Yulara and Alice Springs have a wide selection of stores offering meals, provisions and food items.

ACTIVITIES: Bird watching (i.e. at waterholes, wells, billabongs), nature walks (i.e. along/around ridges & breakaways, through mulga scrub, oak forest), wildlife spotting, geocaching (searching for caches hidden every 70-80km), viewing interpretive panels (located every 80-90km), viewing indigenous art galleries / workshops at select communities, 4WD side trips to known sites of interest, bush camping, picnic at roadside rest bays & river crossings, viewing panoramic landscapes from roadside crests, fossicking at gem fields and fishing in billabongs / waterholes (QLD).

PERMITS: Transit permits required to travel Laverton to WA Border from Department of Indigenous Affairs (Ph. 08 9235 8000); from Yulara to WA Border from Central Land Council (Ph. 08 8951 6320). Special permit to venture off the Outback Way from Ngaanyatjarra Land Council (Ph. 08 8950 1711).

TRAVEL INFORMATION: Available from visitor centres at Laverton, Alice Springs, Boulia and Winton; Outback Way Atlas and Guidebook available from visitor centres, online and wherever HEMA maps are sold; Outback Way brochure available online and from select visitor centres.