

Department for Infrastructure and Transport

NORTHERN & WESTERN SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK ROADS TEMPORARY CLOSURES, RESTRICTIONS AND WARNINGS REPORT

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A new report will be issued when any road conditions change.

This report is also available by calling 1300 361 033 or by visiting the Outback Road Warnings website at www.dit.sa.gov.au

Before travel in the outback check weather reports and forecasts for rainfall and flood warnings by visiting the Bureau of Meteorology at www.bom.gov.au

To report Road Hazards and Incidents please call 1800 018 313

Roads Temporarily Closed	
ROAD SECTION	COMMENTS
Birdsville Inside Track	Due to flooding.
Cooper Creek Ferry Crossing Road	Due to flood damage until further notice.
Merty Merty - Cameron Corner	Due to extensive damage to road.
Mt Barry to San Marino	Due to ponded water over road, very soft sections and deep wheel rutting.
Mungeranie - Kalamurina	Road impassable due to extensive road damage and water over the road.

4WD Only (under 3 tonne / no towing)

ROAD SECTION	COMMENTS
Arrabury Road	Caution at soft sections, wheel rutting and corrugation. Drive to conditions.
Cordillo Downs Road - Arrabury turn off to SA/QLD Border	Caution at soft sections, wheel rutting and corrugation. Drive to conditions.
Cordillo Downs Road - Innamincka to Arrabury turn off	Caution at soft sections, wheel rutting and corrugation. Drive to conditions.
Farina to Mulgaria via Witchelina	Suitable for high clearance vehicles only.

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ROAD SECTION	COMMENTS	
Birdsville Track - Mungeranie to Marree	Extreme caution at flagged hazards, gutters, scours, at wheel rutting and at creek crossings. Ponded water is trafficable due to hard road base. Do not detour around water as edges very soft.	
Birdsville Track - SA Border to Mungeranie	Extreme caution at flagged hazards, severe gutters, scours, at wheel rutting and at sand bars in creek crossings and low areas. Ponded water is trafficable due to hard road base. Do not detour around water as edges very soft. Daylight travel only.	
Hideaway to Curnamona via Martins Well	Caution at creek crossings, bulldust holes and ponded water.	
Moralana Scenic Drive	Caution at creek crossings, scours & corrugations.	
Mt Barry to Arkaringa	Caution at wheel rutted areas, creek crossings and ponded water areas.	
Mt Hopeless - Balcanoona (via Moolawatana)	Caution at wheel rutting and ponded water sections.	
Painted Desert Road	Caution at ponded water in creek crossings and other areas along road.	

Roads Open with Warnings	
ROAD SECTION	COMMENTS
Brachina Gorge Road	Suitable for high clearance vehicles only due to rocky creek sections. Drive to conditions.
Bunyeroo Gorge Road	Caution at stony section through Bunyeroo Creek (approx. 50m)
Coober Pedy - William Creek	Caution wheel rutting, bulldust holes and corrugations.
Hamilton - Oodnadatta	Caution at bulldust section approx. 20km north of Oodnadatta turn off. Drive to conditions
Innamincka - Nappa Merrie	Caution at sections where seal has been damaged.
Iron Knob to Hiltaba	Caution at creek crossings & scours in Nonning to Siam station areas.
Lyndhurst - Marree	Caution due to damaged seal. Be aware of speed restrictions at various locations.
Marree - Muloorina	Caution at road scours and gutters. Drive to conditions.
Mintabie Road	Caution at wheel rutting and road scours.
Mt Dare - Hamilton	Caution at soft sections and creek crossings. Drive to conditions.
Oodnadatta Track - Marla to Oodnadatta	Caution at scours and wash outs first 20km north of Oodnadatta, soft sections and roadworks approximately 80kms from Marla. Speed restrictions are in place, follow direction from road crews when driving through the site.
Oodnadatta Track - Oodnadatta to William Creek	Caution at creek crossings, road scours and ponded water areas.
Oodnadatta Track - William Creek to Marree	Caution at creek crossings and wheel rutted sections. Caution at heavy corrugations in the Coward Springs area.
Rawnsley Park - Martins Well	Caution at signed hazard - bulldust hole.
Roxby Downs to Bopeechee (Borefield Road)	Caution at corrugated sections and ponded water drive to conditions
Strzelecki Track - Innamincka to Merty Merty	Caution heavy corrugations and bulldust sections from Art Baker to Innamincka.
Strzelecki Track - Merty Merty to Mt Hopeless	Caution heavy corrugations and bulldust sections from Art Baker to Innamincka.
Strzelecki Track - Mt Hopeless to Lyndhurst	Caution heavy corrugations and bulldust sections from Art Baker to Innamincka.
Tarcoola - Glendambo	Caution at bulldust holes and soft sections.
Tea Tree - Yunta	Caution at wheel rutted sections and creek crossings. Drive to Conditions. Caution also at roadworks from Yunta for 10km. Speed restrictions are in place; follow direction from road crews when driving through the site.
The Knob - Mt Fitton Mine	Caution at creek crossings.
Thurlga Station to Kimba	Caution at washouts and wheel ruts.
Yardea Station to Minnipa	Caution at corrugated sections.

Special Notices

SPECIAL EVENTS AND NOTICES

Public Access Routes

Public Access Routes (PARs) are established under the Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act 1989 (PLMC Act) to provide public access over pastoral land without the need for travellers to ask permission from the lessee. Any travel other than that on a public road or PAR requires prior approval from the lessee of the respective pastoral lease.

Pursuant to section 45 (7) of the PLMC Act, the Pastoral Board may temporarily close a PAR for the purposes of the safety of the public, the management of stock or the carrying out of rehabilitative work on the land adjacent to the route.

PARs are not roads or part of the formal road network. They are unimproved and unsurfaced dirt tracks intended to provide four-wheel drive access in dry conditions only. Conditions such as washouts and corrugations maybe present. Drive to track conditions with caution. All PARs are currently OPEN unless listed below.

Temporary PAR Closures Until Further Notice:

PAR Number 2 Level Post Bay

PAR Number 9 Warraweena

PAR Number 15 K1 Warburton - due to flooding

PAR Number 16 Walkers Crossing- due to flooding

For further information, refer to www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/landscape-sa/pastoral-leases-in-south-australia/camping-and-travelling-across-a-pastoral-lease

For latest information on South Australian Desert Parks please call the Desert Parks Hotline on (08) 8648 5328 or access the 'South Australian Desert Parks Bulletin link on www.environment.sa.gov.au