

Darling River Run

Discover where the Baaka takes you!

Discover the majesty of the mighty Darling

Immerse yourself in the nature, history and culture of the NSW Outback on an unforgettable road trip along the Darling River Run.

Your adventure will take you from Brewarrina to Wentworth, following the mighty Darling for nearly 950km. As you meander along the river, you'll see incredible landscapes, encounter local wildlife and discover areas rich in Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Along the way you'll pass iconic outback towns brimming with friendly Aussie spirit and rich heritage. From Brewarrina, you'll travel to Bourke, Louth, Tilpa, Wilcannia, Menindee and Pooncarie before reaching the historic town of Wentworth where the Darling River meets the Murray River.

Be sure to call into the visitor information centre at each town to discover the best vantage points, local attractions and available tours.

OUTBACK CONTACT NUMBERS

Dial **Triple Zero (000)** in an emergency. Please note you'll need mobile reception to call Triple Zero (000).

24-hour medical assistance

Royal Flying Doctor Service (08) 8088 1188

Emergency rescue service

NSW State Emergency Service (SES) 132 500

Road information

Visit council websites or Live traffic NSW.

Wildlife rescue

RSPCA Broken Hill Vet (08) 8087 7753

Wildlife Rescue (RRANA) 0429 204 416

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Baaka** is the Aboriginal name for the Darling River.
- **Fish can climb ladders**
Fishways (or fish ladders) help increase native fish numbers by letting fish move along rivers to feed and breed.
- **The Darling River was originally called Salt River**
Charles Sturt initially called this river Salt River after he tried to water his horses in 1829 and found that the water was salty. Salty water enters the Darling River at several points from natural salty underground flows.
- **Tilpa means 'floodwaters' in the local Aboriginal Baarkindji language**
Floodplains fill when the river breaks its banks. The floodwaters here can slowly spread for tens of kilometres due to the flat nature of the western catchment. They rejuvenate plant and animal life and allow fish to breed.
- **80% of Murray cod are found within 1m of a snag**
Snags are trees or branches that have fallen into the river. Fish use them as habitats, feeding and spawning sites, and shaded rest areas. Snags that were removed during the days of the paddle steamers are now being reintroduced to restore native fish numbers.
- **471 animal species and 1351 plant species live in the western catchment**
One species is the iconic red-tailed black cockatoo, which is listed as vulnerable. They nest in the hollows of mature river red gums along the Darling.

STAY SAFE IN THE OUTBACK

Outback NSW is a place of extremes. Temperatures can reach up to 50°C in some places and nights can be cold. Before you set out, make sure you're prepared for your visit.

- Always tell someone where and when you are travelling and when you expect to arrive.
- Be prepared for limited mobile and internet reception.
- Take frequent rests every 2-3 hours to avoid driver fatigue.
- Avoid driving at sunrise and sunset. This is the time when fatigue sets in. It's also the time when many native animals will be most active.
- Approach livestock with caution when driving. They may venture onto the road and can cross when you least expect it.
- Do not leave children or animals in your vehicle.
- If you go swimming, beware of submerged hazards, river snags and strong currents. Blue-green algae may be present if river levels are low.



km distances in blue indicate the Darling River Run route for both sides of the Darling River.

DRIVING ON UNSEALED ROADS

The roads along the Darling River Run are mostly unsealed and conditions can change quickly. Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Rain or flooding can cause roads to close. Before you set out please check for any road closures. Check out the relevant council website for details, or go to a local Visitor Information Centre.
- Consider driving 10-20km below the speed limit so you can adjust to changing road conditions.
- Slow down and move to the left when you see an oncoming vehicle. This will reduce stone damage to your car and reduce dust that can impair visibility. Drive with your lights on.
- Slow down when approaching cattle grids as some may be raised or dropped. They can be hazardous if you cross them at speed.
- Don't drive on closed unsealed roads.
- If you need to stop, pull over to the side of the road.
- Take care if you venture off the main road. The side drain may look dry but could be wet underneath.
- Approach creek crossings with caution. They may be washed out and can damage your car.

Outback Beds Accommodation & Farm Stays

- A. Food & Huts by Mt Oxley
- B. Trilby Station
- C. Kallara Station
- D. Nelia Gaari Station
- E. Bindara Station
- F. Garraways Cottage

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Discover our comprehensive directory of over 150 locations for accommodation, where to eat, attractions, activities, supplies, services and more.



1. Goodooga Great Artesian Springs
2. Culgoa National Park
3. Fish Traps - Brewarrina Aboriginal Cultural Tours
4. Four Mile Camping Reserve
5. PV Jandra
6. Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre
7. Toorale National Park
8. Gundabooka National Park
9. Mary Mathews Monument
10. Peery Lake, Paroo-Darling National Park
11. Wilcannia Sandstone Architecture
12. Menindee Lakes
13. Kinchega National Park
14. Mungo National Park
15. Murray & Darling River confluence



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