Alternative Routes

Route 1:

Birdsville Track ➔ Birdsville ➔ Boulia ➔ Winton ➔ Longreach ➔ Stonehenge Windorah ➔ Strzelecki Track to Innamincka

Route 2:

Coming from Mt Isa or Alice Springs ➔ Boulia ➔ Diamantina National Park ➔ Jundah ➔ Welford National Park ➔ Windorah ➔ Birdsville ➔ Simpson Desert National Park ➔ Bedourie ➔ Boulia ➔ to Mount Isa or Alice Springs

Route 3:

Coming from Longreach ➔ Stonehenge ➔ Jundah ➔ Windorah ➔ Birdsville ➔ Bedourie ➔ Boulia to Mount Isa or Alice Springs

National Parks

Diamantina National Park

Home of stunning landscape and abundant bird life including the rain bird, black faced cuckoo, lorikeets, brolgas and bustards.

- Hunters George
- Gumhole Campground
- Rangers Headquarter

Munga - Thirri National Park (formerly Simpson Desert National Park)

Spanning more than a million hectares. It is Queensland largest protected area. Every year travellers from Australia and around the world experience the thrill of crossing the Simpson Desert.

Welford National Park

Remnants of aboriginal heritage, including native water wells and stone arrangements, are found throughout the park. Characterized by wide Coolabah-lined waters and majestic river red gums line the tranquil Barcoo River, located on the southern boundary of the 124,000ha Park.

Businesses/ Services

Urandangi

Urandangi Hotel	07 4748 4988

Boulia

Caravan Park	07 4746 3320
Desert Sand Motel	07 4746 3000
Australian Hotel/Motel	07 4746 3144
Burke River Roadhouse	07 4746 3131
Min Min Store	07 4746 3158

Bedourie

Simpson Desert Oasis	07 47 46 1291
Bedourie Hotel	07 4746 1201
Caravan Park	07 4746 1046

Birdsville

Caravan Park	07 4656 3214
Birdsville Hotel	07 4656 3244
Roadhouse	07 4656 3226
Birdsville Bakery	07 4656 4697
Fuel Service Station	07 4656 3236
Desert Edge Tour	0419 364 381

Windorah

Western Start Hotel	07 4656 3166
Coopers Cabin	07 4656 3166
Caravan Park	07 4656 3063
Service Station	07 4656 3143
Outback Shop	07 4656 3145

Jundah

Hotel	07 4658 6166
General Store	07 4658 6135

Stonehenge

Hotel	07 4658 5944

Boulia Min Min Encounter & Visitor Information Centre

Herbert Street, Boulia
P: (07) 4746 3386
E: tourism@boulia.qld.gov.au
www.boulia.qld.gov.au

Bedourie Outback Visitor Center

13 Herbert Street, Bedourie
P: 1300 794 257
E: visitors@diamantina.qld.gov.au
www.thediamantina.com.au

Birdsville Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre

29 Burt Street, Birdsville
P: (07) 4656 3300
E: info@diamantina.qld.gov.au
www.facebook.com/thediamantina

Windorah Visitor Information Centre

Maryborough Street, Windorah
P: (07) 4656 3063
E: windorahinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au
www.barcoo.qld.gov.au

Stonehenge Community Centre

Statford Street, Stonehenge
P: (07) 4658 5857
E: stonehengeinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au
www.barcoo.qld.gov.au

Jundah Information Center

11 Dickson Street, Jundah
P: (07) 4658 6930
E: tourism@barcoo.qld.gov.au
www.barcoo.qld.gov.au

The Channel Country

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Birdsville Races



Boulia Camel Races



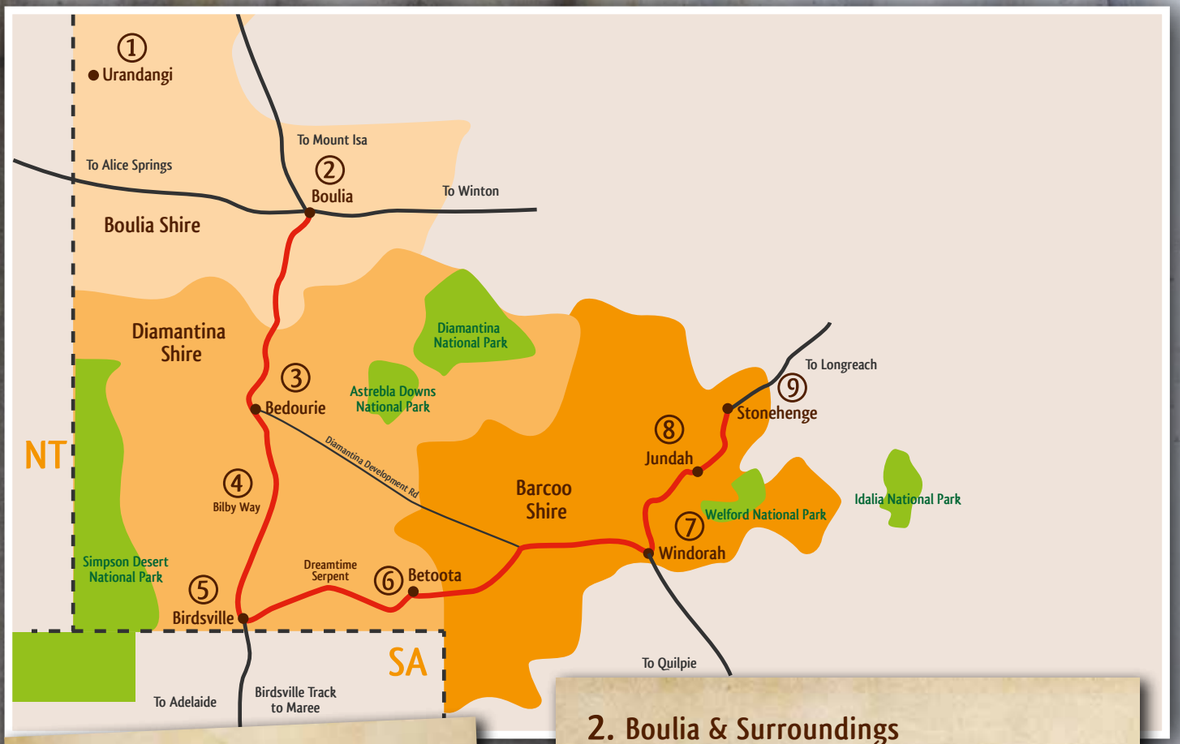
Yabby Races

This is where the adventure begins...

The Diamantina
Birdsville Bedourie Betoota
Where the Desert meets the Channel Country

BOULIA SHIRE
LAND OF THE MIN MIN LIGHT

Barcoo
SHIRE COUNCIL



1. Urandangi

- Good fishing & birdwatching spots can be found along the Georgina River.
- Pioneer Cemetery - Chinese Grave.
- Swim in a turkey nest.

2. Boulia & Surroundings

- Min Min Encounter Complex - be a part of the 45 minute show about the history & mystery surrounding the Min Min Light. But remember, don't go looking for the Min Min Light, the Min Min Light goes looking for you!
- Stonehouse & Marine Reptile Fossil Display - See historical artifacts from early settlers, including machinery saddlery & hospital instruments. The Marine Reptile Display has the best Ichthyosaur collection in Queensland.
- Sports and Aquatic Centre - The complex has a 25 meter pool, splash pool, a multipurpose court, tennis court and two squash courts.
- Min Min Hotel (100km east) & Hamilton Hotel Site (80km east) - These historic sites are located east of Boulia along the Kennedy Developmental Road. The infamous Min Min Hotel site which was destroyed in the early 1900's was where the first recorded Min Min Light sighting was said to have taken place.
- Check out the RACQ website for our great self drive tours.



3. Bedourie

- Experience the excitement of the Bedourie Camel Races.
- Visit the magnificent hot Artesian Spa & Aquatic Centre.
- Pay your respects at the outback cemetery.
- Sink a hole-in-one at the Bedourie outback golf course.
- Purchase a genuine Bedourie Camp Oven.
- Mud Hut - This stabilised earth house dates from the 1880s.
- Drop in for a refreshing drink at the Bedourie Hotel. This historical waterhole has traded continuously ever since it was opened in the 1880s.

4. The **Bilby Way between Birdsville & Bedourie** is a magnificent experience full of history, flora & fauna.

- Kings Creek Crossing - Named after King, sole survivor of the illfated Burke & Wills expedition.
- Cuttaburra Crossing - A permanent Waterhole, a birdwatchers heaven and renowned wetland on the Eyre Creek.
- Carcoory Ruins - One of the first properties Sir Sidney Kidman purchased in 1899. The remains of this homestead are classified by the National Trust.
- Waddi Tree's. Acacia peuce - These trees grow about three-four meters high, and are thought to be remnants of the last ice age. Only 3 found in 3 places in Australia.

5. Birdsville

- Birdsville Bakery - One of the only Australia's few licensed bakeries. Say Hi, to Dusty and Teresa and tuck into the famous Curried Camel Pie .
- Big Red Sand Dune - Marvel at Big Red, the 40 metre-high sand dune that marks the symbolic eastern edge of the Simpson Desert.
- Racecourse - The Birdsville Races are world renowned for the first Saturday in September, the track is located 3km east of the town.
- The Birdsville Billabong - The billabong, located on the edge of town, is a beautiful place to view the outback sunset, enjoy walking, kayaking, swimming or fishing.
- The Birdsville Hotel - Pop into the historical Pub, which was built in 1884, pull up a stool, order a cold beer and mingle with the locals.

6. Birdsville to Betoota

- Dreamtime Serpent - A work of art representing a series of pathways travelling through the Country to connect the river systems in the Channel Country of the Diamantina Shire.
- Betoota - Visit a ghost town in the Outback. In the 1880 Betoota was a pulsating little town with three hotels, post office, stores & police station. The last hotel closed in 1997.



7. Windorah

- Red Sand Dune - Watch the sunset from the crest of a magnificent red sand dune while sipping a glass of your favourite wine, then take in the panorama of the starlit sky.
- Coopers Creek - throw a line and sit back and enjoy the peaceful sound of the outback or have a yarn around the campfire.
- Whitula Gate Museum - Wander through the restored 1990ís slab hut which was built by the Rabbit Board as a boundary hut on Whitula creek, west of town.
- 12 km Nature Drive - Take in the diverse range of landscape between Windorah and Coopers Creek, with 45 plants identified and signed posted along the way.
- The J.C. Ruins - Imagine what life was like in a township of Canterbury while you explore the ruins of the J.C. and the cemetery (80 km west)

8. Jundah

- Thompson River - There are a variety of recreational activities available including fishing, yabbying kayaking, and birdwatching or lean back and enjoy the outback.
- Native Well - The native well was a valuable water source for Indigenous people. (32km north)
- Site of Magee's Shanty - This is believed to be the site of the shanty immortalised in Banjo Paterson's poem: "A Bush Christening", not far from the ruins of the Cobb and Co. Pub and the lonely grave of goldminer Richard Magoffin who perished in 1885 (90km east)
- Barcoo Shire Memorial Park - A green oasis if you are wishing to take a break.
- Settler's Nature Drive - Takes you on a flora tour along the Thompson river
- Archer Bros Pioneer Pathway - take a leisurely walk around the outskirts of town, stopping to read the relevant information on the welcome sign.

9. Stonehenge

- John Egan Pioneer Track - A 8km four wheel drive track from town features unusual rock formations, natural springs and tranquillity.
- Stone Address Book - Put the name of your town among the many others emblazoned by travellers. (2km on the Longreach side of the sealed Stonehenge turnoff on the northern side of the road)
- Swanvale Lookout - (30km south of Stonehenge) To the east, the view is of the Swanvale Fault - the epi-centre of any earthquake activity in this area. To the west, the view is of Glenariff Station, to the south you can see the afternoon sun glinting off the roofs of Stonehenge and to the north you can look over the jump-up to the horizon. The lookout has the best vista between Longreach and the South Australian border. This Area has strong Aboriginal heritage.

