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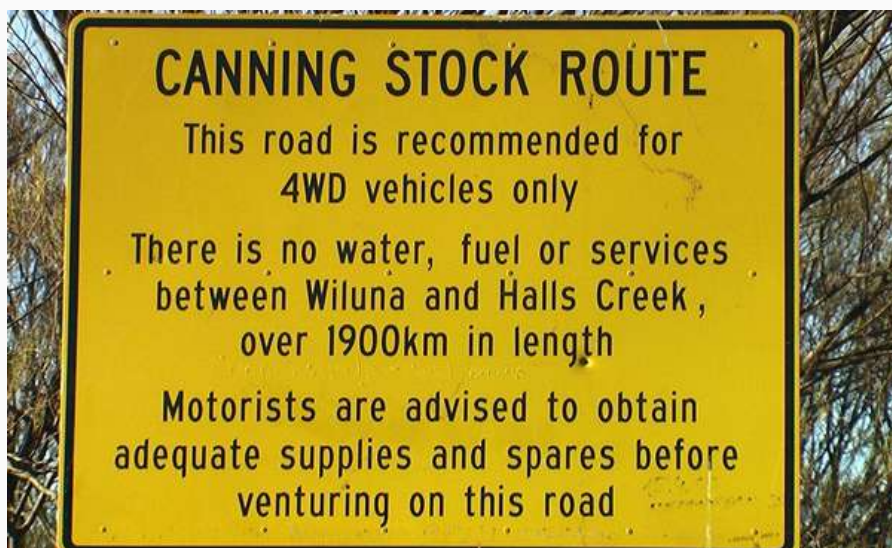
Our Canning Stock Route Expedition travels the original Canning Stock Route created by Albert Canning in 1908 for Kimberley cattlemen to take their stock to the southern markets.

The original route includes 51 wells and stretches 2,013 kilometres from Halls Creek to Wiluna.

The Canning Stock Route now forms one of the most remote and challenging four wheel drive tracks in the world.

Want to know more about the Canning Stock Route and it's history?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canning_Stock_Route



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The Canning Stock Route now forms one of the most remote and challenging four wheel drive tracks in the world.

Our route takes us via awesome desert landscapes as we travel via the Great Sandy Desert, Tanami and Gibson Deserts through gibbers, sandhills, ancient ranges and salt lakes.



Join us Departing on this 15 -18 day tour departing from Alice Springs or Broome to Newman WA (to fly to Perth) or return to Broome via Marble Bar (16 days) or Alice Springs



"It was hard not to find something to do in a 10,000-hectare backyard.

All that vastness under a big blue sky. All that unbridled freedom and glorious solitude.

It was addictive and remains so."

NICOLE ALEXANDER





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Our journey includes the following stop-offs:

1. Fitzroy Crossing



2. Halls Creek



"Fair Australia, Oh what a
dump.

All you get to eat is
crocodile's rump,
Bandicoot's brains and
catfish pie.

Let me go home again
before I die."

OLD BUSH BALLAD





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3. Billilluna Aboriginal Community



Billiluna Station is a pastoral lease that operates as a cattle station in Western Australia.

It is located approximately 70 kilometres (43 mi) north of Balgo and 150 km (93 mi) south of Halls Creek in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.



"I stress the uniqueness of the Australian landscape and its metaphysical and mythic content."

ARTHUR BOYD





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4. Lake Gregory (bird watchers paradise)



Lake Gregory, or Paraku in the Walmajarri language, is a permanent freshwater lake located in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, situated between the Great Sandy Desert and the Tanami Desert. It is usually fresh water, but can become saline after a number of dry years.



"But the bush hath
moods and changes,
as the seasons rise
and fall,

And the men who
know the bush-land

- they are loyal
through it all."

IN DEFENCE OF THE
BUSH





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5. Paruku Indigenous Protected Area



Paruku Indigenous Protected Area was declared in September 2001. It covers around 430,000 hectares on the borders of the Great Sandy Desert and Tanami bioregions, south of the township of Halls Creek.

Paruku's spectacular wetlands are an internationally renowned haven for hundreds of thousands of birds. The IPA covers a collection of aquatic habitats known as Lake Gregory, including Mulan Lake (the largest waterbody), Lera Waterhole, and Salt Pan and Djaluwon Creeks.

Paruku is the Walmajarri name for Lake Gregory.



"A queer country,
so old that as you
walk on and on,

there's a feeling
comes over you
that you are gone
back to Genesis."

BUSHMAN





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6. Wardabunni Rockhole



Well 38 was built next to the Wardabunni Rock Hole.

The nearby creek bed is sandstone and has been worn and eroded into fantastic patterns.

Deep holes disappear down over 2 metres forming small wells in their own right. One has aboriginal etchings of straight lines in its lower reaches.

The twisted ghost gums lining the creek made for a picturesque campsite although it can be very windswept being located at the top of the rocky rise.



"I am lucky to live in an incredible place of deserts and ancient culture."

Rugged country, at times harsh and unforgiving, but this facade crumbles every now and again to reveal the true delicacy of life in Desert Country..."

PETER CARROLL





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7. Durba Springs



Durba Springs (Jurrpa) is a popular camping area on the Canning Stock Route.

It has ample room, stretching out alongside the creek on grassy banks beneath the red rock walls.



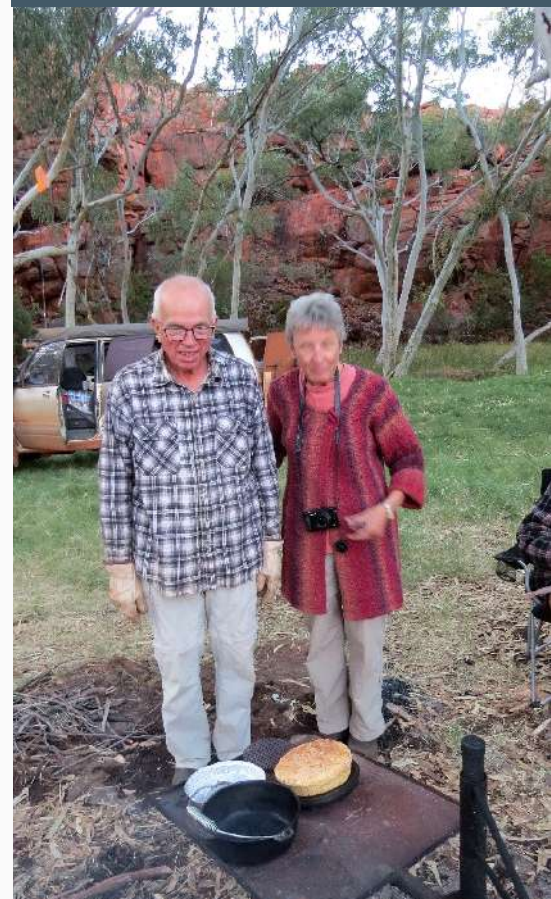
"It's the colours, the light,
the space.

It's really very deep in my
soul...

In the Australian bush
and inland deserts,

there is a sense of being
the first person in a
place."

SUZANNE CORY





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8. Diebel Spring



20km (40 minutes) from Durba is the turnoff to Diebel Hills (marked with just a white tin lid). At Diebel Hills there is a spring near the summit of one of the peaks.

It is a very scenic drive with a couple of fun dunes to cross along the way. Most folks do not know where to find Diebel Spring, lucky you'll be with someone who, after 20+ years, knows exactly where it is.



"Neath the gumtrees by
the roadway,

As the sun goes down
outback
I lay at rest in peaceful
reverie,

Then I thought of all the
songs I'd sung
About the outback track,

And that is how this
vision came to me."

SLIM DUSTY



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9. Lake Disappointment



Lake Disappointment is an Endorheic salt lake and was named by the explorer Frank Hann in 1897. It is located in the Little Sandy Desert.

Hann was in the area exploring the east Pilbara, around Rudall River. He noticed creeks in the area flowed inland, and followed them, expecting to find a large fresh water lake.

The lake was typically dry and so was named Lake Disappointment.



"There's time
enough for
everything in
the Never-
Never."

JEANNIE AENEAS GUNN





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Other Stops On Our Expedition Include:

Helen Hill



Wilpena Pound



Slate Range (Right >)

"The bush can be cruel at
times, and yet,

although she may leave
us alone with our beloved
dead,

her very cruelty brings
with it a fierce,

consoling pain; for out
bush our dead are all our
own."

JEANNIE AENEAS GUNN





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Other Stops On Our Expedition Continued:

Ural Native Title Well

Glen Ayle Station

Gold rush areas around Wiluna and Newman

BHP Mt Whaleback Mine tour option (Below - which is strangely beautiful)



"Great Southern Land,
in the sleeping sun
you walk alone with the
ghost of time
they burned you black,
black against the ground
and they make it work
with rocks and sand"

IVA DAVIES





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LAST REMAINING SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR OUR AUGUST EXPEDITION!

We have several spots still remaining in August which we're offering at \$900 off the normal price to our loyal subscribers, so enquire now!

I am currently on the road so if you are keen to book this tour, it's best to follow the link below and fill in your details and I will be in touch in the next few days.

Richard O'Neill

<https://bit.ly/canning-stock-route-expedition-2019>

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"We're all
members of the
outback club

We don't back
down and we don't
give up

We're all living in a
land we love"

LEE KERNAGHAN

