



Canning Stock Route

Dates

This will be a five week trip in mid 2012, probably June & July, exact dates to be confirmed mid 2011.

If five weeks is too long, discuss how you can shorten your participation in the trip with the Trip Leader by not doing the Anne Beadell Hwy or going to Halls Creek and the Bungle Bungles.

Description

The Canning Stock Route (CSR) is a 2,000 km trek; starting at Wiluna in central Western Australia and finishing at Halls Creek in The Kimberley.

The route to Wiluna will be along the Anne Beadell Highway, from Coober Pedy SA to Laverton WA through the Woomera Prohibited Area and past the 1950's British Atomic Bomb testing sites.

In The Kimberley we will visit the Bungle Bungles and then return via Halls Creek and the Tanami Track to Alice Springs on our way home.

The CSR is one of the most remote 4WD tracks in the world and requires the best preparation possible.

You can not over prepare for this trip.

Meeting Place and Time

7.00 am. Date to be decided.

Melton McDonald's, corner Coburns and Barries Roads, Melton. Melway 336 H10.

Distance

9,000 km round trip from Melbourne.

Fuel Requirement

Extra fuel needs to be carried for this trip.

The Anne Beadell Hwy is 1,330 kms (avg speed 55 km/h) with one refueling point; Ilkurlka Roadhouse (diesel & unleaded) located 780 kms from Coober Pedy.

The CSR is 2000 kms (avg speed 40 km/h); the longest distance between refuel stops is 965 kms from Wiluna and Parnngurr Community. The CSR has three refueling locations; Parnngurr Community (diesel, unleaded only available by special order) is 82 kms off the trk, Kunawarritji Community (diesel & unleaded) is a further 405 kms away. The third, Bililuna (Mindibunga) Community (diesel & unleaded) is at the end of the CRS where it joins the Tanami Track, 685 kms from Kunawarritji and 325 kms from Halls Creek. (The fuel drop at Well 23 was discontinued at the end of 2010 due to the amount of theft occurring).

The Tanami Track is 1,120 kms (avg speed 75 km/h) and has a refueling location 325 kms from Halls Creek at Bililuna (Mindibunga) Community (diesel & unleaded), the next fuel is at Yuenduma Roadhouse (diesel & unleaded) 775 kms away. (Rabbit Flat Roadhouse closed on 31/12/10).

Permits

Several special permits are required for this trip; participants will be briefed on which permits they have to apply for individually.

Convoy Limit

There is no limit on the convoy size but the ideal size for this trip is about 6 trucks.

Trip Standard

Medium Trip Rating. This is remote desert driving with many sand dunes, rocky sections and creek crossing (usually dry) being encountered. If it rains

	during the trip; driving conditions will be difficult. Members who have completed the Proficiency Course will be quite capable of driving this trip.
Recovery Equipment	Front and rear recovery points (rated), basic recovery gear (snatch strap, 2 rated shackles and gloves) and a long handle shovel.
Camping	Most of the trip will involve bush camping, however we will stay at some caravan parks along the way. Bush toilet and shower facilities will be set up at all camps as required. Fires are permitted; fire wood should be carried by all trucks.
Vehicle	It is your responsibility to ensure your vehicle is roadworthy and appropriately set up for the trip. Particular attention needs to be given to your suspension; replace all shock absorbers and steering dampener and take the old ones along as spares. Briefings will be held to ensure all participants prepare their vehicles adequately.
Tyres	All terrain tyres at the minimum. Road tyres are not suitable due to the 1000 sand dunes that have to be crossed on the CSR.
Provisions	BYO food and water. The CSR has plenty of water for washing up but limited suitable drinking water so you need to carry at least 20 ltrs of drinking water per person. Limited supplies can be purchased along the way at the various towns and communities visited.
Equipment	Each truck has to have a 'Sand Dune Safety Flag'. You need to carry all your own camping equipment. The club's air jack, port-a-winch, toilet/shower tent, air compressor and first aid kit will be taken.
Communication	UHF fitted radio required; a hand held radio alone is not sufficient. Channel 10 to be utilized unless advised otherwise. The club satellite phone will be taken.
Pets	Not allowed.
Registration closing date	You need to decide early for this trip so that you have plenty of time to properly prepare your truck. Registration will close in early 2012. If you are interested in the trip but don't know if you will be able to commit to it until a later date, let the Trip Leader know that you are interested as there will be early information and briefings provided.
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Trip Rating

Medium – low range may be needed with a snatch strap recovery possible. All terrain tyres preferred. Front and rear recovery points (rated), basic recovery gear (snatch strap, 2 rated shackles and gloves), and appropriate driver training.

Expected track classification to be encountered – Green and Blue.