

Corner Country

OUTBACK NEW SOUTH WALES



“Wherever I go in the bush I always find my way back and always come out at the place where I want to go”.

Alfred Howitt, 1859 *



CORNER COUNTRY TRACKS AND ACCOMMODATION

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Corner Country. “Where I want to go”.

Corner Country, the area bordered by the South Australian and Queensland sections of the dingo fence, is a whole outback region just waiting to be discovered.

Our touring routes will take you to places seldom visited by travellers, and to the two most remote, iconic communities in New South Wales, Milparinka and Tibooburra.

Along the way you will be welcomed by **track mates**, people on station properties and in the communities, who have come together to make your visit special.

So, why not join us in our outback? Make **Corner Country** the place you want to go.

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Outback New South Wales



Cover quote: Howitt led the Burke and Wills' rescue expedition

Cover images: Nundooka Hills, Theldarpa view

This page: Corner Country sand dune, Milparinka view

STURT'S STEPS



Mt Arrowsmith Hills

Follow a route that approximates that taken by Captain Charles Sturt during his 1844-45 inland expedition.

The journey takes the western road from Silverton, before turning north-easterly toward Milparinka. Alternately, travel northwards along the Silver City Highway before taking one of several roads linking with the marked route. Follow Sturt's Steps to Epsilon Station, Innamincka and Birdsville.



Sturt's cairn (J Giddey)



Waterhole in the Barrier Ranges

COBB AND CO TRACKS



In the 1880s a miner's trek to the Albert Goldfields began in Wilcannia, and ended several weeks later on the goldfields of Mt Browne, Milparinka or the Granites (Tibooburra). Cobb and Co established regular runs to the goldfields, and later to Broken Hill. Shanty hotels and horse change stations were located about every 40 kilometres along the routes.

Visit Mutawintji National Park, or link up with the Darling River Run for a complete adventure in outback New South Wales.



Koonenbury Range

TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTE



Before motorized transport sheep and cattle were walked along travelling stock routes across the Corner Country. These routes included designated watering points for animals. They were also used for trade by cameleers and bullock teamsters, and extended across state borders.

Link your travels to Sturt's Steps, or the Dowling Track (Bourke-Hungerford-Thargomindah) to the east.



Each of the Corner Country tracks passes through the historic townships of Milparinka and Tibooburra. Travel the **Corner Country Loop** to visit these communities and the area's many heritage sites including Sturt's Depot Glen, Poole's Grave, Sturt's Cairn, Mt Browne Goldfields, (try some fossicking!) Fort Grey, Cameron Corner, the wild dog fence, and Sturt National Park.



OTHER GREAT THINGS TO DO

Artist and photographers

Opportunities abound for artists and photographers to capture the wonderful landscapes and colours of the Corner Country. Both Milparinka and Fowlers Gap offer “artist in residence” programs.



Bird watching

Pack the binoculars and the bird book and head out and about for an opportunity to spot our many wonderful birds. Some quite rare species have been sighted on trail mates properties.

Depot Glen

14 kms from Milparinka is the turn-off to Depot Glen, Sturt's camping site during six months of his expedition. Other locations include Poole's Grave and Sturt's Cairn on top of Mt Poole.

Milparinka

At the heart of this first town of the Corner Country is tourism award-winning Milparinka Heritage Precinct, featuring local history, mining, and pastoral industry interpretive displays. The Visitor Information Centre is located in the former police station.



Mt Browne Goldfields

Just 16 kms SW of Milparinka are the remains of the goldfields. The ruins of the old township are still visible, and there is a quite remarkable cemetery. Pack your metal detector for a spot of fossicking.

National Parks

Sturt and Mutawintji National Parks are both located within the Corner Country. Visit Sturt to appreciate the rippling sands of the Simpson-Strzelecki dune fields and jumpups, and Mutawintji for its rugged gorges and Aboriginal rock-art.

Station tours.

Take a station tour when staying with a network member for access to some of the region's rarely seen and sometimes historic locations.

Tibooburra

Tibooburra is surrounded by huge granite boulders which give the town its local Aboriginal name. Established in the 1880's at the height of a gold rush, Tibooburra has many attractions including historic buildings, mining relics, European and Aboriginal artefacts and pioneering heritage.



Tibooburra Geological Tours

Guides to the amazing geology of the Tibooburra Inlier and Dome areas are available from the Milparinka VIC and other locations.



Wild flowers

When in season, the Corner Country provides a wonderful show of colour including some seldom seen species.

LOCAL EVENTS

Milparinka Gymkhana
Milparinka Field and Game shoots
Tibooburra Gymkhana & Rodeo
Tibooburra Bikekhana

July school holidays
Every third Saturday
Labour Day weekend
New Years Eve

CORNER COUNTRY TRACK MATES

More than a place to stay.

“Track Mates” is a network of homestead and traditional accommodation places located along the touring routes. Each offers not just a place to stay, but also activities including bush walking, bird watching and exploring landscapes rarely seen by Corner Country visitors.

“Track Mates” and Corner Country touring routes are colour coded, making it easier for visitors to plan “where they want to go.”



Eldee

Award winning accommodation



56 km NW Broken Hill

Specialising in hosted accommodation and camping. Features include flora, fauna and views of Barrier Ranges. Groups welcome.

Contact Naomi on 08 80912578
Email: eldeestation@bigpond.com

Mt Gipps

Stunning ridge-top views



40 kms N Broken Hill

Accommodation includes self contained cabins, shearers' quarters and campsites. Features mining sites, gum creeks and stunning views.

Contact Kym on 08 80913537
Email: jk.cramp@bigpond.com

Pine View

Historic campsite



213 kms N Broken Hill

Self-contained homestead accommodation, shearers' quarters and campsites. Features include Sturt's Flood Creek campsite and station drives.

Contact Jenny on 08 80912513
Email: pineview1@bigpond.com

Pimpara Lake

Amazing bird-life, ephemeral lakes



130 km SW Milparinka

B and B accommodation, self-contained shearers' quarters and campsites. Nature-based tours, wildlife and outback scenes.

Contact Ruth on 08 80912524
Email: pimpara.lake@bigpond.com

Pincally

Home-grown family delights



70 km SW Milparinka

Homestead B and B in lovely bush garden setting, campsites. Features: birds, animals, landscapes, School of the Air

Contact Zanna on 08 80913571
Email: zannadoo@bigpond.com

Cameron Corner

Where three states meet



140 km W Tibooburra

Uniquely located at the junction of the three states. Cabin and camping accommodation, meals and fuel.

Contact the Store on 08 80913872

Epsilon

Working cattle station



100kms N Cameron Corner

Accommodation at the homestead, in cabins or campsites. Features includes family, wildflowers and native animals.

Contact Sharon on 07 46554324
Email: epsilon5@bigpond.com

Packsaddle

Where the outback begins



175 km N Broken Hill

Accommodation includes cabin rooms and caravan sites. Meals. Fuel. Features "woolshed" dining room.

Contact Mia on 08 80912529
Email: packsaddle3030@bigpond.com

Fowlers Gap

Artist's retreat



110 kms N Broken Hill

Accommodation in cabins, shearers' quarters. Features Ochre House artist retreat, eco-tourism trails and wild life viewing.

Contact the director on 08 80912511
Email: fowlersgap@unsw.edu.au

Mt Wood

Historic homestead on Sturt NP



27 km E Tibooburra

Accommodation in historic homestead or shearers' quarters. Features museum, bird watching and touring.

Contact Sturt NP on 08 80913508
Email: Ingrid.Witte@environment.nsw.gov.au

Granites Motel

Comfortable & affordable accommodation



Briscoe Street, Tibooburra

Accommodation includes motel, cottage and cabin accommodation, caravan and campsites. Meals and fuel available.

Contact Mavis on 08 80913477
Fax: 08 80913340

Tibooburra Hotel

Heritage two Storey hotel



Briscoe Street, Tibooburra

Accommodation and meals in historic "two-storey" hotel. Features "bar with hats". Centrally located in township.

Contact Mac and Kaz on 08 80913310
Email: mackaz@virtual.net.au

Milparinka Hotel

Oldest hotel in the Cnr Country



Loftus Street, Milparinka

Accommodation in historic hotel rooms and cabins. Meals and fuel available. Catering for groups.

Contact 08 80913863.
Email: milparinkahotel2@bigpond.com

Mt Browne

Historic goldfields



16 SW Milparinka

Camping sites on original goldfields. Historic cemetery and buildings. Fossicking available. Views and wildlife.

Contact Debbie or Ray on 08 80913588.
Email: mountbrowne@bigpond.com

Theldarpa

Rugged outback vistas, wildlife



50 km W Milparinka

Camping or self catered accommodation in shearers' quarters. Features historic sites, landscapes for art, photo's & bird watching.

Contact Ruth on 08 80912524
Email: pimpara.lake@bigpond.com

CORNER COUNTRY TRACKS AND ACCOMMODATION

In Sturt's Steps is a new and exciting route through a remarkably diverse and heritage-rich landscape. In using the name of the first of Australia's inland explorers we pay tribute to Captain Charles Sturt whose steps across the Corner Country created a pathway for the settlement of Inland Australia.

Pastoralists soon followed Sturt and Travelling Stock Routes were developed. Today station property owners are opening up their properties to modern day visitors, revealing features of the Corner Country seldom seen by travellers.



Cobb and Co Tracks were created when the infamous coach company set up routes to the goldfields, catering for the needs of Milparinka, Mount Browne, Tibooburra, and later for transportation to Broken Hill.

Discover Cameron Corner where three states meet. Explore our wonderful National Parks, Sturt and Mutawintji, as well as our historic and iconic townships, Milparinka and Tibooburra.



ROAD CONDITIONS

Always use an appropriate road map for accurate distances and directions to all locations.

Long sections of the Silver City Highway are sealed. The Wilcannia to White Cliffs Road is fully sealed.

All other roads are maintained by the RTA but are unsealed. Most are well signposted.

Check road conditions and closures on 08 8087 0660.



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For more information visit www.outbacknsw.com.au

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