

### AGSHV 2023 Natural Sciences Loop Safari

Date	Day	Accommodation	Activity	Comment	Notes
		Drive to Bourke	Via Narromine 750 kms so take at least 2 days		
27/08/2023	Sun	<a href="#">Kidmans camp</a> <a href="#">3 nights</a>	Arrive and set up in caravan park, 5pm Meeting in camp kitchen	2pm Jandra Paddle Cruise (optional) leaves from CP on Sundays for a 2 hour cruise	100 powered sites and 20 cabins. Standard cabins have no ensuite. Log cabins have ensembles. Back of Bourke Centre package is \$31.50 for cruise and centre. \$21 for centre.
28/08/2023	Mon	Kidman Way North Bourke, 7km out of town	9am Back of Bourke Centre (Open 9am to 5pm), then explore Bourke - Crossley engine, historic wharf, bridge, cemetery, stockade, art galleries, lock and weir - <a href="#">Sue</a> 2:30pm leave for drive to Mt Oxley (51 kms - 1 hour - \$9pp). Toilets available. <a href="#">Brian &amp; Barb</a>	Mt Oxley is a mesa of sedimentary rock. Sturt and Hume climbed Mount Oxley in 1829 and is a source of grinding stones. 6pm Sunset	
29/08/2023	Tue	02 6872 1612	Gundabooka NP (58kms) - Yapa (Mulgowan) Aboriginal art 1.2km walk, Little Mountain Walk - 4.8km, Valley of Eagles walk (1km easy to platform, 5.7 to summit) - <a href="#">Brian &amp; Barb</a>	The Jandra Paddle Cruise leaves at 2:30pm for one hour cruise from CP	
30/08/2023	Wed	<a href="#">Cunnamulla Park</a> <a href="#">2 nights</a>	Travel to Cunnamulla - 257km taking 3 hours - set up in CP 3pm Warrego River walk 2.5km <a href="#">Sue</a> 5pm Meeting in camp kitchen	Morning tea/ early lunch at Barrington road house	Powered sites \$45 a night, cabins from \$135, reserved for our group G'Day members get a discount
31/08/2023	Thu	<b>Cunnamulla Tourist Park</b> 65 Watson St Cunnamulla QLD 4490 PH: 07 4655 1421	Visit Artesian Time Tunnel at Fella Centre, Coach Stop Mural, Alan Tannock weir, Cunnamulla bushlands walk(1.5km loop), Robber's Tree, Water tower art, Town heritage walk Sandhills walking track, Sound and Light show\$22. <a href="#">Sue</a>	Buy supplies here as no supermarkets until Quilpie	
1/09/2023	Fri	<a href="#">Eulo Queen Hotel</a> <a href="#">3 nights</a>	Drive to Eulo - 68km After setting up explore Eulo - Town walk - The Queen Arts & Opal centre and Telegraph House Gallery, WWII Shelter, Lizard Lounge, life-size Diprotodon, town waterhole statue <a href="#">Sue</a>	The ancient mud springs have evolved due to the underground pressure from the Great Artesian Basin, forcing mud through fissures in the ground.	3 cabins available - \$150 each, powered sites \$40 - reserved for us. Free camping is available at 5 mile waterhole, a good fishing spot
2/09/2023	Sat	Eulo Queen Hotel & Caravan Park, Leo Street, Eulo 07 4655 4867	8:30 am Drive 102km to Currawinya NP, visit the Granites, Lake Wyara(saline) and Lake Numalla (freshwater), optional Hungerford Hotel, Eulo mud bath(\$65+pp) <a href="#">Brian &amp; Barb</a>	Eulo has one of the densest Mega Fauna fields in Australia. See the Diprotodon statue and the fossils display in the store.	
3/09/2023	Sun		Drive to Mud Springs (9kms) then Yowah (60km) to see opals, markets, "Yowah Nut", fossicking, swim at artesian bores, and rock formations from the Bluff (4km from town). <a href="#">Brian &amp; Barb</a> 5pm Meeting in Camp kitchen	Yowah Tailgaters stall sells a range of opals, local produce,craft from noon on Sundays	

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4/09/2023	Mon	Explorers CP and Cabins 88 Dowling Street, Thargomindah ph 1800 820 890	Drive to Thargomindah - 131 km and set up. Stop at Lake Bindegolly 9.2km circuit walk (park at the free camping area) 3pm Tag-a-long guided tour to view Leahy Historic House, Hydro Power Plant, Hospital, Gaol etc \$20 Sue	Stay 1 or 2 nights here. Choose to move onto Noccundra on Tuesday or stay here for free day.	Cabins \$140 per night - sleeps 6, powered sites \$40 a night - reserved for us
5/09/2023	Tue	Noccundra Hotel 07 46 554 317	Free day - you can drive west to Noccundra (142kms) - sandstone pub built in 1882, waterhole, Hume memorial and maybe stay the night	The Dig tree is 326 km from Thargomindah so a long day driving if you want to visit it.\$20 per vehicle - it is on private property	Donga at hotel,shared bathroom, powered sites or free camping
6/09/2023	Wed	Eromanga CP and Motel ph 07 4656 3276 Webber Street Eromanga  Coopers Lodge for motel Free camp at Eromanga hall	Drive to Eromanga (280 km - 3 hours from Thargomindah or 166kms from Noccundra) - set up camp get a photo of Knot-a-saurus and Opalopolis Park, 2pm Eromanga Living History museum tour and fossil lab - 2 hours - \$85, Living History Centre- access key from Old Royal Hotel 1885- Cobb and Co stage coach stop, Opal Mining museum and monument Brian & Barb	CP is run down \$20. Coopers Lodge Motel is new - communal kitchen and laundry, tour and breakfast \$185 a night. Motel at CP is cheaper. No cabins. If you want to you can spend an extra night here and do longer tours at museum	If you don't want single night stays then drive to Quilpie today after stopping for the fossils tour at Eromanga (105kms)
7/09/2023	Thu	Windorah Caravan Park, Albert Street, Windorah or the Western Star Hotel - has motel room and cabins, free camping ph 0429277345	Drive to Windorah (215kms - 2.5 hours). Set up camp, after lunch visit Whitula Gate Museum and information centre, solar power plant, take the 12km nature drive to the Cooper Creek crossing then drive 10km west to the Red Sandhills - the reddest you will ever see! Great photo opportunities here. Sue	Free camp along Cooper Creek or a gold coin donation for a unpowered grass site at the hotel, rooms and cabins at hotel from \$150 with ensuites. Dump point just before Cecil Street, not at CP	CP is not manned, pick a site on arrival and someone will collect fee - \$30 a night for a powered site
8/09/2023	Fri		Welford NP - (120km) Panoramic views of exposed rocky outcrops, slopes and spidery networks of channel country, see historic cattle and sheep yards 4WD only. Brian & Barb	Itinerary will depend on road conditions - may do River drive and Desert drive or you could drive to Quilpie and stay an extra night	

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9/09/2023	Sat	<a href="#">Channel Country Tourist Park</a>	Drive to Quilpie(236 km - 3hours) - setup camp, 1:30pm Meeting in camp kitchen, 2pm explore around town , opal altar at St. Finbarr's Catholic Church, view murals, Stockman sculpture, town bore and cooling ponds. <a href="#">Sue</a>	Enjoy the hot spas at the CP, visit Quilpie show	Powered sites \$39 per night. Cabins from \$145. Reserved for us. Credit card required to confirm your booking.
10/09/2023	Sun	Quilpie Channel Country Tourist Park and Spas 21 Chipu St Quilpie QLD, 4480 07 4656 2087	Free day to enjoy the spas, go Opal Fossicking at area 2km town or drive to Hell hole gorge or visit Railway Museum, Military Museum, Powerhouse Museum and Mini Museum-Wool Scour at Airport, Eagle gallery – artist Lyn Barnes, Lake Houdraman – native birds and wildlife.	Hell hole gorge NP - 190 kms, 4WD required, no facilities Walk to Hell Hole waterhole from Powell Creek camping area 1.5km	
11/09/2023	Mon	Quilpie Channel Country Tourist Park and Spas	8:30am Drive to Baldy Top and Table Top lookouts(7.4km) – walk up mesas, explore caves and crevices <a href="#">Brian &amp; Barb</a> 3:30pm Bullo River walk <a href="#">Sue</a>	Quilpie Night show is Tuesday and Thursday nights only from 6:00 pm \$28 includes drink & nibbles so we will miss it	
12/09/2023	Tue	<a href="#">Bailey Bar CP 3 nights</a>	Drive to Charleville 210km and set up camp Vortex Steiger Guns and Native tree Walk at Graham Andrews parklands <a href="#">Sue</a> 5pm Meeting in camp kitchen	6pm Lamp spit roast dinner \$25pp	Powered sites \$40 a night, cabins from \$115 a night, book soon
13/09/2023	Wed	196 King Street, Charleville 1800 065 311	9:15am Weather balloon, 10am WW2 base \$28, Mulga Art Gallery, Historic House \$8, 3pm Bilby Experience tour \$22, 7:30pm Cosmos Centre tour \$30.00 per person <a href="#">Sue</a>		
14/09/2023	Thu		9am Date farm tour , 11am Warrego River walk, 2 to 4pm Coronas Hotel Stories and History Tour \$27	Safari dinner	
15/09/2023	Fri	<b>End of Safari</b>	Commence drive home via St George 1130kms or via Cunnamulla 1198km - stop at Angellala Bridge Explosion Site, the most powerful explosion in Australian transport history		Qld school holidays start Sat 16/9/23

## Notes

1. Please read this itinerary carefully before booking your accommodation as we have given you options depending on how many nights you want to stay at particular places and what activities you want to participate in. We understand that you may prefer multi night stays over single night stays and accommodation with private bathroom rather than shared so have tried to be flexible.
2. You are responsible for booking your own accommodation. Please state that you are with Sue Rogers as some sites and cabins have been reserved for us. Cabins are limited, book early as
3. All activities are optional so if you need a rest day, have one. Sue will contact you regarding the paid tours so consider which ones you want to participate in.
4. Car pooling is encouraged. This saves on costs as well as reducing convoy size. A 4WD is needed on some of the day trips.
5. This is a remote area. Please bring all the supplies you need with you. IGA stores at Bourke, Cunnamulla, Quilpie and Charleville. Fuel at each town we stay in.
7. Itinerary is subject to weather and road conditions. Barb and Brian Dunn and Sue Rogers are the leaders of this safari as shown on this itinerary.