

2014 Spring Outback Discovery tours



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2014 GUIDED TOURS

Discovery tours are run by National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) during the Easter/autumn, winter and spring school holidays in New South Wales Far West Region.

The Discovery Walks, Talks and Tours program offers fantastic insights into the unexpected delights of your national parks.

Developed for all ages and led by specialist Discovery and Aboriginal Discovery Rangers, these fun and fascinating activities will introduce you to the wealth of natural, cultural and historic heritage, highlight the Aboriginal, pastoral and natural heritage of the region. These activities provide a valuable insight for you to enjoy a national park experience.

School groups and interested parties can request tours out of season by arrangement with the relevant NPWS office.

The information is provided as suggestions and/or requirements, but not limited to. All tours and times are subject to change without notice.

Please contact the relevant park for updated information or view the website.

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DISCOVERY
WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

KINCHEGA NATIONAL PARK

WILDERQUEST: TRACK DETECTIVE

Join the quest with a Ranger to look for clues to discover who lives in Kinchega National Park. Look for animal tracks and make some of your own. Find out how to read what they are telling us about what the animal is doing and how it moves.

Tour dates:

September: Thursday 25th

October: Thursday 2nd

Tour times: 2pm – 4pm EST.

Meeting place: Kinchega Woolshed car park, Woolshed Drive

Cost

Children \$10.00 each
Accompanying adults are Free.

Bookings: Not required

Contact: Broken Hill office.
T: 08 8080 3200

Activity grading: Easy

What to bring: Please bring a hat, sunscreen and sturdy shoes and wear clothes that you won't mind getting dirty

OLD KINCHEGA HOMESTEAD CULTURAL WALK

Join NPWS staff in a guided walk around the Old Kinchega Homestead precinct. Be enthralled by the abundance of Aboriginal and European heritage of the area. Discover the history of the park and the significance of its cultural heritage. Accompany an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger to view and discuss a variety of Aboriginal sites. Also learn about the triumphs and tragedies of the enduring years of settlement and pastoralism.

Tour dates

September: Tuesday 23rd & Tuesday 30th

Tour times: 2pm – 4pm EST.

Meeting place: Old Kinchega Homestead car park, Homestead Bend.

Cost

Adult	\$10
Child (5-16yrs)	\$5
Concession	\$5
Family	\$25 (2A/2C)

Bookings: Not required

Contact: Broken Hill office.
T: 08 8080 3200

Activity grading: Easy

What to bring: Please bring a hat, sunscreen and sturdy shoes

FLOODED FOREST

Come and explore the flooded forest. Learn about the River Red Gums and Black Box trees and other plants and animals of the forest. Be amazed by the local Aboriginal people's crafts and how they made use of the flooded forest for hunting and gathering foods.

Tour dates

September: Saturday 27th

October: Saturday 4th

Tour times: 2pm – 4pm EST.

Meeting place: Campsite 34, River Drive

Cost

Adult	\$10
Child (5-16yrs)	\$5
Concession	\$5
Family	\$25 (2A/2C)

Bookings: Not required

Contact: Broken Hill office.
T: 08 8080 3200

Activity grading: Easy

What to bring: Please bring a hat, sunscreen and sturdy shoes.

PAROO-DARLING NATIONAL PARK

PEERY LAKE TAG-ALONG TOUR

Join a Discovery Ranger in a vehicle convoy through Paroo-Darling National Park to the spectacular Peery Lake, near the township of White Cliffs. Peery Lake is home to an abundance of birds. Take a stroll around part of the lakes' edge and learn about the natural environment and the cultural history of the Park. Witness the life that the water has brought to this internationally recognized wetland.

Tour dates:

September: Tuesday 23rd; Thursday 25th & Tuesday 30th

October: Thursday 2nd

Tour times: 9.00am to 12.30pm EST

Meeting place: Paroo-Darling Visitor Centre (PDNP VC), White Cliffs.

Cost

Adult	\$10
Child (5-16yrs)	\$5
Concession	\$5
Family	\$25 (2A/2C)

Bookings: Not required

Contact: PDNP VC T: 08 8083 7900

Activity grading: Easy

What to bring: Please bring a hat, sunscreen and sturdy shoes

Note: Participating vehicles need to be high clearance

PAROO-DARLING TAG ALONG TO WILGA WOOLSHED

In your own vehicle tag along with the Ranger to the Wilga precinct on the Darling River. Wilga was a pastoral lease dating back to the mid 1800's. The tour includes a stopover at the Coach & Horses campground on the Darling River and information on the flora and fauna of the Darling Flood Plains, along with the Wilga Woolshed precinct.

This tour has been introduced by the Rangers on a trial basis. Your feedback is appreciated.

Tour dates:

September: Wednesday 24th

October: Wednesday 1st

Tour times: 10am depart Wilcannia EST.

Duration: 3.5 hours and is approx. 130km round trip.

Meeting place: Barrier Hwy next to the Bourke Oval, Wilcannia. (look for the 'driver reviver' stop during the school holiday period)

Cost:

Adult	\$10
Child (5-16yrs)	\$5
Concession	\$5

Family \$25 (2A/2C)

Bookings: Essential

Contact: Paroo Darling National Park Visitor Centre, White Cliffs T: 08 8083 7900

Activity grading: Easy.

What to bring: Please bring a hat, sunscreen and sturdy shoes. Please BYO all provisions including food, water and ensure you fuel-up prior to departure.

Note: This is a 130+km round trip from Wilcannia utilising the Darling River Drive from the Barrier Hwy towards Tilpa on the eastern side of the Darling. Once the tag-along departs the Barrier Highway the road is dirt. Outback roads are susceptible to flooding and rains, which may have cause for the cancellation of the tour. Booking for this tour is essential.

BOURKE

INFORMATION SESSION WITH DISCOVERY TRAILER

Come along and learn about National Parks and wildlife in the Bourke area and have questions answered! Rangers will be at the Bourke Wharf between 10am and 3pm for an educational, informative and interactive talk.

Tour dates:

September: Friday 26th

Times: Rangers will be at the Wharf between 9am to 12pm EST.

Meeting place: Bourke Wharf, Bourke

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required

Contact: Bourke Office T: 02 6830 0200

Activity Grading: Easy

CULGOA NATIONAL PARK

FLOODPLAIN TAG ALONG TOUR

Join up with a Culgoa ranger for an informative tour of the Culgoa Floodplain. A tour of the former pastoral properties, the river and a drive through the diverse vegetation communities will enhance your experience of the Bourke area.

Tour dates:

September: Saturday 27th

Times: 8am EST.

Duration: 9 hours and is approx. a 240km.

Meeting Place: Bourke Area Office, 51-53 Oxley Street, Bourke. Travel to Culgoa from Bourke for a day trip.

Cost

Adult	\$10
Child	\$5 (5-16yrs)
Concession	\$5.
Family	\$25 (2A/2C).

Bookings: Essential

Contact: Bourke Office
T: 02 6830 0200

Activity Grading: Medium

What to bring: Wear sturdy shoes. No sandals. Fuel up and BYO food, water and everything required for a full day.

Note: 4WD only.

GUNDABOOKA NATIONAL PARK

MULAREENYA CREEK WALK

Enjoy a guided walk following Mulareenya Creek as it winds its way up Mt. Gunderbooka through sand hills, cypress pine and rocky gorges. Gundabooka National Park is 60 kilometres from Bourke.

Tour dates:

September: Saturday 20th

Times: 9am EST.

Duration: 4 hours

Meeting Place: Yapa (Mulgowan) Art site car park, Gundabooka National Park

Cost

Adult	\$10
Child	\$5 (5-16yrs)
Concession	\$5.
Family	\$25 (2A/2C).

Bookings: Essential

Contact: Bourke Office T: 02 6830 0200

Activity Grading: Easy

LEDKNAPPER NATURE RESERVE

SPINIFEX TAG ALONG TOUR

Join a Discovery Ranger and Traditional owner to learn about archaeology, landforms, indigenous culture, pastoralist history, and park and water management. The tour will provide an insight into traditional culture, stories and significance of what Ledknapper Nature Reserve and 'Country' means to the Murrawarri people. If you wish to gain an insight into the Reserve, its history, function and future, this tour is for you. The Tag-Along tour visits areas of Ledknapper Nature Reserve that are normally restricted to the public. Ledknapper is in the Bourke area.

Tour dates:

September: Saturday 20th

Times: 9am EST.

Duration: 7.5 hours and approx. 300km round trip.

Meeting place: Back O'Bourke Exhibition Centre.

Cost

Adult	\$10
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Child	\$5 (5-16yrs)
Concession	\$5.
Family	\$25 (2A/2C).

Bookings: Essential by 2pm Friday 19th September

Contact: Ranger Shayne. M: 0448 201 507

Activity Grading: Medium

What to bring: Fold up chair. UHF is useful. Wear sturdy shoes. No sandals. Fuel up and BYO food, water everything required for a full day.

Note: 4WD only.

TOORALE NATIONAL PARK

SHARED HISTORY TAG-ALONG TOUR

Join the Kurnu Baakandji Discovery tour and be one of the first to gain a rare insight into the shared history of Toorale National Park. Tag along with national parks rangers, hear the stories that surround this Australian icon and enjoy a light morning tea on the banks of the Warrego River. Tours are subject to weather and road conditions.

Tour dates

September: Wednesday 17th;
Wednesday 24th; Tuesday 30th

October: Thursday 2nd & Wednesday 8th

Times: 8am to 1pm EST.

Duration: 4hrs

Meeting Place: Kidman Camp, Bourke

Cost

Adult	\$10.
Child	\$5 (5-16yrs)
Concession	\$5.
Family	\$25 (2A/2C).

Bookings: Essential

Contact: Bourke Area Office T: 02 6830 0200

Activity Grading: easy

What to Bring: ensure you fuel up and bring everything required for a good half-day outing.

Images:

Paroo-Darling National Park.
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MUNGO NATIONAL PARK

Refer to a separate Discovery flier for Mungo National Park Aboriginal Discovery tours or visit What's On at www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

TIME ZONES

Please ensure that you meet at the designated location at the Time Zone for that area. Example: Bourke is on Eastern Standard Time (EST). Broken Hill is on Central Standard Time (CST).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Many NSW Parks are remote and rugged places, weather can change quickly and conditions in the bush or on the water may be unpredictable.

Cancellations: It is our aim to conduct all activities as scheduled. However, if an activity is cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures, road closures or insufficient numbers, refunds will be given at the discretion of the relevant National Park.

Tours listed: Please view the websites stated and/or contact the relevant phone numbers for changed circumstances.

Graded Activities: refer to the website.

What to bring: please ensure you have a full tank of fuel, BYO everything required for all half-day and full-day tours, including plenty of water and food and ample fuel.

CONTACTS

NPWS offices are open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm and are located at the following cities and townships in western NSW.

Broken Hill office for Kinchega, Mutawintji (NP & HS), Sturt: 183 Argent Street, Broken Hill. NSW. 2880. T: 08 8080 3200.

E: npws.westdarling@environment.nsw.gov.au

Bourke Area Office for Gundabooka, Culgoa, Toorale National Parks and Ledknapper Nature Reserve: 51-53 Oxley Street, Bourke, NSW, 2840. T: 02 6830 0200.

Buronga Area Office for Mungo National Park: Cnr Sturt Highway & Melaleuca Street, Buronga. NSW 2739. T: 03 5021 8900

Tibooburra NPWS Office for Sturt National Park: 51 Briscoe Street, Tibooburra. NSW 2880. T: 08 8091 3308.

Paroo-Darling National Park Visitor Centre & Office: Keraro Road, White Cliffs. NSW 2879. T: 08 8083 7900.

