

Itineraries

Heritage

INTRO

The Long Paddock offers a wealth of history - from pastoral and social heritage through to natural history. If history is 'your thing', you'll find a museum and heritage walk in almost every town! Make sure you pick up a copy of The Long Paddock Audio CD - this will provide you with a great overview of significant historical sites and the folklore of The Long Paddock.

DAY 1

- Visit the Echuca Wharf and take a ride (and lunch!) on a paddlesteamer
- Wander through 'Old Moama', down Chanter Street then head north to Mathoura to view the display at the Visitor Information Centre

DAY 2

- Visit the Peppin Heritage Centre, then head to the Edward River to take the Long Paddock walk
- Take the town heritage walk then visit the Pioneer Steam Museum

DAY 3

- Visit the Peppin Ram Memorial at Wanganella, while you are there read about the history of the Cobb & Co
- View the Headless Horseman Sculpture at the Black Swamp and stop at the historic Boorooban Pub
- Start your tour of Hay's five museums with a visit to Shear Outback; The Australian Shearer's Hall of Fame
- Follow this with a visit to Bishop's Lodge Historic House
- Finish your afternoon by exploring the town via the Heritage Walk

DAY 4

- Visit The Hay Gaol then experience the Hay Internment & Prisoner of War Camps Interpretive Centre, housed at Hay's historic railway station
- Learn more about Hay's war time contribution at the Hay War Memorial High School Museum in Pine Street

DAY 5

- Head north to the One Tree Hotel - a former Cobb & Co Changing Station and view the giant Theodolite - a memorial to explorer and surveyor John Oxley at Booligal
- Take the Ivanhoe town heritage walk and stop and see The Long Paddock mural - 'The Pioneers', which provides a great visual depiction of the history of Ivanhoe

DAY 6

- Make your way to the Athenaeum Library (1883) now the town's Pioneer Museum while visiting the beautiful sandstone buildings in Wilcannia

Love your history and want to keep going?
Check out the amazing historical opal field at White Cliffs and the beautifully restored colonial buildings at Milparinka. Head onto Bourke to check out the 'Back of Bourke' Exhibition Centre.

Fishing

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The Long Paddock is a fisherman's paradise with the route crossing five of Australia's most significant rivers - The Murray, The Edward, The Murrumbidgee, The Lachlan and The Darling. This is great country for catching Murray Cod, Yellowbelly, Bream and Redfin.

DAY 1

- What could be better than fishing the Mighty Murray?
- If you love your fishing, the best experiences are to be had downstream towards Torrumbarry or upstream at the Barmah and Moira Forests

DAY 2

- The Murray and Edward Rivers and Gulpa Creek are all within 10km of Mathoura and are prized fishing grounds by anglers throughout Australia
- Head to Deniliquin where the Edward River is famous Australia wide for its fishing, in particular as home to the Murray Cod

DAY 3

- The Billabong Creek at Wanganella is said to be the longest 'creek' in Australia, and fishermen will delight in finding the elusive Murray Cod here
- Hay has many great spots along the river for fishing, and the best times of year to fish are the Autumn months

DAY 4

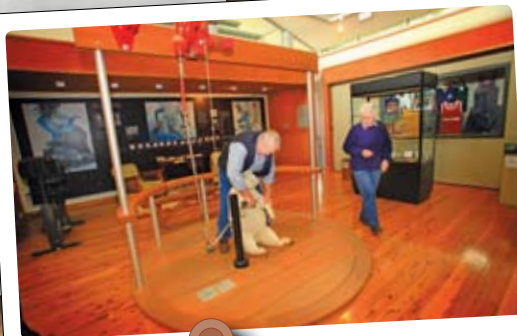
- The Lachlan River at Booligal is a popular fishing spot with large cod, perch and catfish to be had
- The Menindee Lakes is one of the finest freshwater fishing spots in NSW, with Murray cod, golden perch, silver perch, European carp, crayfish and catfish in abundant supply

DAY 5

- Fishing the Darling River around Wilcannia is welcomed and the fishing is good!
- Fisherman are advised to check with local Visitor Information Centres regarding river levels, license requirements and bag limits prior to visiting any of these sites
- All of these sites offer great camping spots nearby

Planning to continue your fishing trek?

Why not follow the Darling River Run north - check out Tilpa, Louth, Bourke & finish with the 40,000 year old Aboriginal Fish Traps in Brewarrina?



Food, Wine, Great Outback Pubs & Grub

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Discover the perfect picnic spot, bush tucker, quirky pubs and great country fare that The Long Paddock has on offer....

DAY 1

- If you're in Echuca on the 1st, 3rd or 5th Saturday of the month, make sure you drop into the Farmer's Market
- Echuca Moama has earned a solid reputation for its food and wines and you can experience its many wonders along the Food and Wine Trail
- Head north to Mathoura & visit the historic Tattersals and Pastoral Hotels

DAY 2

- The Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre invites people to taste the many local wines that are on sale within the Centre. Just down the road from the Visitor's Centre, you'll find fresh farm produce in season during the winter months at the Redgum Mandarin Stall on the Cobb Highway
- Head north to Deniliquin - no shortage of country pubs here! Deniliquin offers an array of choices when it comes to pubs, clubs and grub

DAY 3

- A great place for breakfast in Deniliquin is The Crossing Café which works in partnership with local suppliers to bring you superbly fresh produce. Drop into the Visitor Information Centre just next door to the café and choose from some of the amazing home made jams and relishes - all from local produce
- Head out to Conargo for lunch at the famous Conargo Pub before stopping in at Clancy's of Conargo Winery where visitors can enjoy cellar door tastings and winery tours
- Head north to the historic Royal Mail Hotel at Boorooban

DAY 4

- In Hay you'll find a wide variety of fruit and vegetables all locally grown, picked and packaged - drop into the Visitor Information Centre in Moppett Street to enquire about tours through the Market Garden areas of Hay
- There are an array of country hotels in Hay, all of which are located within walking distance of the main street
- Stay overnight at the Duke of Edinburgh Hotel in Booligal. Here you'll find a cold beer, friendly locals and a place to rest your head for the night
- If you're in Hay between March & November, why not book in to see Shear Strife; A Baitlayers Tale. This fun filled sound & light show offers a great evening's entertainment and includes a traditional 'shearers' supper'

DAY 5

- Visit Wilcannia and be sure to stop in at the Ivanhoe Pub on your way through town
- At White Cliffs dine underground for a truly unique experience

Still Hungry... fancy a drink?

If you feel like continuing your food, wine & outback grub tour there are plenty of other gastronomic delights waiting for you further down the track! Travelling further north? Why not follow the Darling River Run and catch your own dinner at Trilby Station near Louth, where you can fish for cod or yabbies for your own outback BBQ. Head to Tilpa for a cold one in the famous Royal Hotel.

Arts & Culture

INTRO

You will be delighted at the rich and diverse arts and cultural heritage of this region. Explore the ARTback Sculptures and discover local artisans, open studio programs and indigenous arts - you'll find your fill of arts along The Long Paddock!

DAY 1

- Pick up a local Arts & Culture Tour Itinerary from the Echuca Moama Visitor Information Centre. On your way out of Moama, visit the hand carved sculpture of James Maiden at the Moama Adventure Playpark
- Admire original Redgum craft in the Mathoura Visitor Information Centre and view the Long Paddock Sculpture, 'The Drover and Horse' by Corey Thomas
- In Deni check out Transmute the mosaic ute and see The Long Paddock Sculpture - 'Shod' by Jonathan Leahey
- Visit the Peppin Heritage Centre Gallery Space, where a variety of temporary exhibitions are on display throughout the year

DAY 2

- Head to 'East Tolans' to view the amazing sculpture garden (check with Visitor Information Centre staff first)
- Visit the Peppin Ram memorial at Wanganella
- Head north and you'll see the amazing Long Paddock 'Headless Horseman' sculptural installation by Geoff Hocking

DAY 3

- In Hay start the day by seeing if you can 'get lost' in the 'Round-Up Maze' at Shear Outback!
- Drop into the Visiting Exhibitions Gallery while you are here
- Explore the sculptural trail by artist John Wooller (located at the southern end of town). While you are here, take a look at the Warakirri Murals under the bridge
- Visit the Chris McClelland gallery and view his internationally award winning art

DAY 4

- Head to Ivanhoe to see 'The Pioneers', a spectacular three dimensional mural by Wayne Strickland that documents the history of the Ivanhoe district
- In Wilcannia you'll find an amazing treasure trove of traditional indigenous craftspeople - it's well worth exploring this area and a great way to finish your arts tour of The Long Paddock!

Want more?

To continue your arts exploration, we recommend you travel westwards to Broken Hill... known for its outstanding Outback artists, rich indigenous culture and amazing Sculpture Symposium or Bourke which has a rich artist community.

