



The famous Birdsville pub is in fact as interesting as the legend makes it out to be.



Leaving Birdsville the track is through sandhills on the edge of the Simpson Desert. The road surface is clay.



The Moongarra Channel retains water that has flowed down Coopers Creek from the north Queensland Wet Season.



The track to Innamincka via Walkers Crossing has been closed for the last two years due to flood damage.



A quiet campsite at Damperanie Creek, where there is some bare clay, not stoney or tussocky, to pitch a tent.



There's about 80km of jarring ride between Blue Ute Bore and Tippipilla Creek. It improves a bit then.



The facilities at the official Tippipilla Creek campsite including a tap with bore water from a nearby tank.



There's tonight's campsite down at Mt Gasson Creek.



The 4WDers complain about dust but then again cyclists don't tailgate for hours. Most dust is gone in 30 seconds.



It's pretty barren out here at times.



The Mitta Mirra Bore delivers boiling water that smells a bit like rotten eggs.



Here's a scenic highlight: heading on up to Mugeranie Gap. Real pretty.



The scene in the Mungeranie pub is memorable and the beer is cold and not too expensive.



The Mungeranie pub camping area swimming pool is rather murky but it is about 30°C and you can warm it up.



Pay \$10 pp for camping at a patch of sand at the Mungeranie pub for a change.



Over halfway now, that's Marree only 183km away. Just leaving Mungeranie pub.



The lonely grave of 14 year old Edith Scobie who died in 1892 just up the hill at the old Mulka Store ruins.



The Natterannie Sandhills are part of the little known Tirari Desert. The road has a good clay surface.



End of the Natterannie Sandhills heading down towards Coopers Creek: elevation 4m above sea level.



One of the unofficial campsites at Coopers Creek. Water come through here when it floods.



The turnoff to the official Coopers Creek campsite is coming up. The road surface is great here.



Towards Marree there's continue road works being done in resurfacing the road with compacted clay.



Facilities at the official campsite at Clayton Wetlands: that's a warm water shower under the tank and an outdoor spa.



Massive wild horses around Lake Harry.



That's the surprisingly large Lake Harry over there.



Crossing the world's longest continuous fence, 5,614 km long: the dingo exclusion fence.



Ruins from the Lake Harry experimental date farm, there aren't any date palms left. The experiment failed.



If you need a warm shower just on the side of the road visit Lake Harry.



Those hills in the distance spell the end of the Birdsville. Not far from Marree now.



Two icons from Marree: the old pub that's seen better days and the old postal delivery vehicle, ditto.