

Bush Walking on Arkaroola

There are five main walking trails that exist on Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, each covering a different type of terrain and in some cases, different vegetation. It is possible to see the wildlife of the region on all of the walks. Three of the walks commence from the Arkaroola Village, while the other two begin only a short drive away. More detailed brochures on four of the walks have been produced by the Royal Geographical Society and show relevant distances, check-points and points of interest and can be obtained at reception.

PLEASE NOTE

It is advisable to wear good stout walking boots on these trails and take along a hat and sunscreen on sunny days. Drinking water is a must and it is also advisable to let Arkaroola Information Centre staff have details of your walk and the time you expect to be back.



Acacia Ridge Trail

The ACACIA RIDGE TRAIL is probably the most spectacular of the walks and is a good introduction to the Arkaroola country which is much different from the southern and central Flinders Ranges. It commences at the Arkaroola Village and is 5.8 kilometres long. 3½ hours one-way should be allowed for this walk. *For a gold coin donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, there is a drop-off service provided so that you can walk one-way back to the Village. Drop-offs are at 9:00am and 1:00pm daily, enquire at Reception.*

Mawson – Spriggina Bushwalk

The MAWSON – SPRIGGINA BUSHWALK commences from the Arkaroola Village and is an 8 kilometre loop which you should allow 2½ hours to complete. This is a nice easy walk which has a diversity of plant life along the way and good views of the country.

Oppaminda – Nudlamatana Trail

The OPPAMINDA – NUDLAMATANA TRAIL is a 15.2 kilometre walk which covers a diverse range of country on Arkaroola. On Mt. Warren-Hastings you'll get spectacular views of the Arkaroola country to the north and the gentler Gammon Ranges to the south. This again commences at the Arkaroola Village and 7½ hours should be allowed to complete it.

Bararranna Bush Walk

The BARARRANNA BUSH WALK is one way of seeing the mighty Bararranna Gorge (200 metres deep and 10 metres wide at its base) and the beautiful waterhole there. This walk commences in Welcome Pound about 10 kilometres from the Arkaroola Village but is accessible by two-wheel drive vehicle. The walk is a 6.8 kilometre loop and will take approximately 3½ hours to complete.

Kingsmill Gorge

The last trail is the KINGSMILL GORGE CREEKBED walk and starts about 7 kilometres from the Arkaroola Village but is easily reached by two-wheel drive vehicle. It follows the Kingsmill Creek as far as Kingsmill Gorge and for those who want to go further, the beautiful Tillite Gorge can be reached further along the creek. There is no self-guide pamphlet on this walk. It is just a matter of following the creek up and back. Distance is 4 kilometres and allow approximately 1½ hours.

YOU ARE ENTERING ISOLATED DESERT COUNTRY

- **Please remember**, this is isolated desert country...**BE PREPARED!**
 - Wear suitable clothing and shoes (boots needed for most walks).
 - Always wear a hat and use sunscreen – even in winter.
 - In summer never hike during the hottest part of the day.
 - Take plenty of water – there is **no drinking water** available on any of the walks.
- **Please don't remove** any objects from historical sites.
- **Please don't disturb** vegetation or wildlife.
- **Please don't disturb** the water in any waterhole.
 - Throwing rocks into, or swimming in waterholes is **strictly forbidden** because **native animals** rely on a thin layer of fresh water floating on the top of the saline water below. They **cannot survive if water holes are disturbed**.

Walks Commencing From Arkaroola Village

Several Lovely walks commence from and finish at the Arkaroola Village.

- ❖ Mawson Valley Trail
- ❖ Spriggina Lookout
- ❖ Arkaroola Waterhole
- ❖ Surveyors Cairn
- ❖ Oppaminda Trail – Through the campground to Mt. Warren-Hastings.

Walks Commencing a Short Drive Away

These walks start from various spots around Arkaroola. Take a short drive, and then wander along a creek bed to some beautiful gorges and waterholes.

- ❖ Echo Camp Waterhole
- ❖ Bararranna Gorge
- ❖ Stubb's Waterhole
- ❖ Tillite Gorge
- ❖ Bolla Bollana Springs
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- ❖ Oppaminda Trail – Nudlamutana Hut to Mt. Warren-Hastings.

Arkaroola Walking Brochures are available from Reception for a 50c donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service