

TWO WHEEL DRIVE

- ROAD REPORT LAVERTON - COSMO NEWBERRY MISSION - WARBURTON RANGE MISSION
- TOTAL DISTANCE 354 miles.
- PETROL SUPPLIES PETROL AVAILABLE AT WARBURTON RANGE MISSION, HOWEVER IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU ADVISE THE MISSION OF YOUR EXPECTED DATE OF ARRIVAL TO ENSURE THAT AMPLE PETROL WILL BE AVAILABLE ON YOUR ARRIVAL.
- FOOD SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT WARBURTON RANGE MISSION.
- WATER SUPPLIES LAVERTON - COSMO NEWBERRY (59 miles) - MT SHENTON outcamp (95 miles) - WARBURTON RANGE MISSION (354 miles)
- SETTLEMENTS Only at COSMO NEWBERRY, which is a sheep station controlled by the United Aborigines Mission. This station has a transceiver which has daily contact with the Flying Doctor Base at KALGOORLIE. For emergency supplies and help only.
- ROAD SURFACE Graded between LAVERTON and COSMO NEWBERRY. Part-graded between COSMO NEWBERRY and WARBURTON. In many places the road has deteriorated because of heavy trucks. The particular hazards are : corrugations, mainly between COSMO NEWBERRY and MT SHENTON; heavy sand on many stretches; rocky ridges; sharp bends; bogs in the vicinity of 50 miles east of COSMO NEWBERRY, near LAKE THROSSELL, and near the 50 mile mark WARBURTON. Some dustholes near LAKE THROSSELL and about 50 miles west of WARBURTON. In sand keep the speed up as much as possible. Only stop on hard surface. When in doubt, walk ahead to see over the top of sand-ridge or around the bend.
- TRAFFIC Mail truck(s) from LEONORA to WARBURTON about once a month, occasional more frequent, around Christmas once in 6 weeks. While oil companies are in the area approximately two trucks a week to LAVERTON from their camp site north east of LAVERTON. Between COSMO NEWBERRY and LAVERTON the traffic is about one a week, not counting the WARBURTON mail and oil crews. Other traffic is negligible, particularly during the hot months, i.e., September - May. Semi-sophisticated Aborigines occasionally walk along this track, some having old trucks/cars.
- GAME Past LAKE THROSSELL there are very few kangaroos or emus. In an emergency the big desert goanna, which can be caught easily, and is quite docile, can be used as food. (Varanus Gouldii, akin to the familiar "Racehorse goanna") Most reptiles in this area are edible.
- WATER Most waterholes are indicated on the log, but their reliability is nil. It is imperative that drivers keep a log of their mileages and the wooden pegs passed in case water has to be found.
- SCENERY No ranges are encountered on the entire route, except for a few low outcrops in the vicinity of COSMO NEWBERRY. The remaining country falls in four types :
Colourful sandstone breakaways, pocked with caves; Undulating spinifex plains with occasional trees and sandridges; Mulga flats; Saltlake country in the vicinity of LAKE THROSSELL. A few creeks are encountered in the vicinity of COSMO NEWBERRY, then no creeks of significance are crossed until one at a distance of about 230 miles east of COSMO NEWBERRY. The second creek of any size is the ELDER CREEK which is to be crossed before entering the WARBURTON RANGE MISSION.
- PERMITS A permit from the United Aborigines Mission Secretary is required for WARBURTON RANGE MISSION. A permit from the W.A. Native Welfare Dept. is also required to enter the Reserve, which commences about 350 miles north east of Laverton. INTENDING TRAVELLERS MUST PRESENT THEMSELVES WITH VEHICLE AND REPORT TO POLICEMAN AT LAVERTON AND HE DECIDES WHETHER IT IS SAFE FOR THEM TO ATTEMPT THE TRIP.
- FINAL ADVICE Announce your movements to the LAVERTON Postmaster, the COSMO NEWBERRY Mission Superintendent, as your progress will then be broadcast via the Royal Flying Doctor Network.
- APPROXIMATE LAVERTON - COSMO NEWBERRY : Approx. 40 m.p.h. average, approx. 1½ hrs.
COSMO NEWBERRY - WARBURTON: Approx. 30 m.p.h. average, approx. 10 hrs.
- MAPS TO BE USED 1:500,000 series maps available from Lands & Survey Dept. Litho Room, Cathedral Ave. Perth. Areas covered by logs are in a provisional edition (sheet names Carnegie, Rawlinson, Canning and Wells) price 50c. More detailed 1:250,000 "Laverton", "Throssell", "Westwood", "Yowalga", "Talbot", available from McDougall Pty. Ltd. Hay Street, Subiaco.

ROAD LOG FROM COSMO NEWBERRY MISSION TO WARBURTON MISSION VIA THE MAIL ROUTE

- 0.0 295 COSMO NEWBERRY MISSION (United Aborigines Mission, interdenominational). Emergency supplies only. Proceed through west gate for LAVERTON: 59 miles, graded road, windmills. Proceed through eastern gate for WARBURTON, 295 miles, graded road, rough in places and sandy, few waters, last permanent water at 33 miles east of Cosmo Newberry.
- 33 262 Avoid track south to Mt. Shenton Outcamp and water (wells), about 3 miles
LAST PERMANENT WATER TILL WARBURTON !!
- 50 245 Saline soils, can be boggy here, when wet.
- 64 230 Avoid track, old track to Laverton, coming in from south-west, 11 miles to abandoned Minnie Creek ("Yamarna") Sheep Station. From this junction the track follows the original road eastwards as surveyed by Payne and Barclay in the early 1930's. Their pointed wooden pegs, 4" x 4" and 12" - 18" high, are a good indication to the waterholes, the pegs occur at 1 mile intervals, but some are missing. The serial numbers go up one every mile, the track junction is about PB-27. Where the track has been re-aligned in recent years, look for the pegs along the old track, seldom further than a few hundred yards.
- 73 222 WATER about 400 yds north of road, at northern foot of rocky rise. Rockhole, few hundred gallons after rain, PB-41, on old road.
- 86 209 WATER on top of rocky low hills to the SE of road, about 150 yds. Peg PB-49 on top of hill, just west of the rockholes, which contain a few hundred gallons after rain. PB-49 also known as Snake Cave because of aboriginal drawings on wall of cliff.
- 88 207 Avoid track leading off to the south.
- 94 201 WATER about 2 miles on track leading off to the south-east. A few hundred gallons after rain in rockhole on rocky flat. PB-55 near water, on old road.
- 112-125/169-182 Track winds through sections of Lake Throssell. Saline soils can be boggy after rain.
- 116 179 WATER on track leading off to the north-west, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Native well, about 20 ft deep on open rocky patch. Track is signposted: "Wort - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile". PB-81.
- 117 178 WATER follow old road for about 3 miles (rough going), to soak. PB-84 Cairn of stones on track junction. (track goes north).
- 130 165 WATER a few hundred yards north-west of the road, behind the airstrip. Soakage, PB-95.
- 135 160 WATER north of the road, on eastern bank of shallow water course. Follow old road which crosses main track at right angles. A few hundred gallons after rain. PB-101. Rockhole.
- 150/290/4-144 From about the 150 mile mark (144 miles from Warburton) to the 290 miles (4 miles from Warburton) the main road is crossed at all angles by survey traverses, some only 1 mile apart. The traverses are indicated by wooden pegs with aluminium plates, giving two numbers. The main road, when in doubt, can be checked by looking at the PB-pegs which continue to the 254 mile mark (40 miles from Warburton).
- 152 143 About the HALF-WAY MARK
WATER north of and close to the road in open flat. Two rockholes, about 300 gallons after rain. PB-117
- 165 130 WATER follow old road through sandhills, about 1 mile. Three rockholes, about 700 gallons after rain. PB-131
- 177 118 WATER follow old track which heads south-east, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Two rockholes, 300 gallons after rain. PB-143.
- 187 108 WATER east of road, hundred yards. One rockhole, about 150 gallons after rain. PB-153.
- 193 102 WATER east, on slope, about 100 yards. Three rockholes, about 310 gallons after rain. PB-158
- 205 90 AIRSTRIP And turn-offs into camp site.
- 209 86 Avoid road leading off to the north-west, bear right.
- 212 83 WATER almost on the road, about 10 yards on south-east side. Rockhole with about 400 gallons after rain. PB-177.

- 193 102 WATER east, on slope, about 100 yards. Three rockholes, about 310 gallons after rain. PB-158.
- 205 90 AIRSTRIP and turn-offs into camp site.
- 209 86 Avoid road leading off to the north-west, bear right.
- 212 83 WATER almost on the road, about 10 yards on south-east side. Rockhole with about 400 gallons after rain. PB-181
- 230 65 CREEK at bottom of long downward slope, gums. Occasional water in pools after recent rains.
- 232 63 WATER north-west of road, follow wheeltracks just west of rise over breakaway. About 100 yards, rockhole, about 5,000 gallons after rain. PB-198.
- 245 50 WATER in gully, on western slope of western most breakaway. Follow wheeltracks, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Rockhole, about 900 gallons after rain, but can be silted up. Good aboriginal paintings on far wall of gully below rockhole.
- 256 39 Avoid old track leading off east. There are no more PB-pegs after this intersection as they follow the old track.
- 257 38 WATER on side of road, north-west of track. Rockhole, 150 gallons after rain.
- 262 33 AIRSTRIP and turn-offs into old camp site. View of Warburton Range to north-east.
- 269 26 FORK ROADS, CAREFUL !! Avoid road leading off to the north-west, bear north-east.
- 287 8 WATER on eastern side of rocky slope, north of track, a few chains. Rockhole, few hundred gallons after rain.
- 293 2 CREEK, Elder Creek crossing, low gear. Gums. Aboriginal Reserve, Native Welfare Department Permit required.
- 295 0.0 WARBURTON RANGE MISSION (United Aborigines Mission, interdenominational Petrol, water and emergency stores, Hospital, school, transceiver, water airstrip.

Travellers going through :

Enter Mission at south-west gate, continue in a straight line; school and teachers' quarters on right, hospital on left; then diningroom and kitchen and mission superintendents quarters (in one block) on right, store on left; continue straight on, leave through north-east gate, airstrip ahead. Fork roads. Bear left (north-west) for Giles (216 mile and Carnegie Homestead (322 miles), bear right (south-east) for Giles (245 miles) and Mt. Davies (194 miles) through Blackstone (135 miles), the latter being the next permanent water. Take mileage on north-east gate and follow roadlog as applicable.