The Birdsville Developmental Road is both sealed and unsealed. Although it is well maintained, road conditions and weather sometimes present challenges due to the spray and dust generated, especially around the time of the Birdsville Races in September. Take particular care on stretches of gibber stones on the sealed road surface between Birdsville and the Cordillo Downs Road junction.

POINTS OF INTEREST
• Don’s Lookout
• Poeppel Corner (the last permanent-resident, Signor Renzoni, died in 2004, after moving and operating the Betoota Hotel since 1957)
• Dreamtime Serpent sculpture

The Birdsville “Inside Track”. Distance 148 km.

The unsealed Inside Track is 30 kilometres shorter than the main routes used (outside Birdsville) Track. The desert scenery on this route is truly spectacular and is very popular with travelling photographers.

• Mirra Mitta Bore
• Mungerannie Hotel
• Old Mulka ruins

The road out to Coongie Lakes is unsealed with a sandy base. This spectacular destination is worth a stop. Please do not venture into the lakes, rivers, creeks. The banks of the lakes are extremely popular for campers during the tourist season.

• Cadelga Ruins
• Cordillo Downs Historic Woolshed
• Dripie Creek

Walkers Crossing. Distance 384 km.

Walkers Crossing is more of a track than a road, skirting its way around the Moomba gas fields and into the dune country before meeting with the Birdsville Track. This is not an easy track. It is a dry-weather-only track and is best suited to travellers with a strong sense of adventure.

• Montecollina Bore
• Lake Blanche
• Lake Muckadilla

The Birdsville Track. Distance 520 km.

The Birdsville Track is a hard-based sealed road and runs between Marree and Birdsville in South Australia. This track has variable conditions throughout.

• Montecollina Bore
• Lake Muckadilla
• Montecollina Homestead Ruins

Strezlecki Track. Distance 480 km.

The Strezlecki Track is mainly unsealed, with few short sealed sections to allow overland vehicles to drive through the Strezlecki Desert. Take the route and you’ll be travelling in the tracks of Harry Redford, one of the first European explorers in the Simpson Desert.

• Montecollina Bore
• Lake Blanche
• Montecollina Homestead Ruins

Cordillo Downs Road. Distance 434 km.

Cordillo Downs Road is unsealed and conditions vary greatly, depending on local weather and levels of traffic. The countryside is a spectacular arid desert gibber stone landscape, but this is, surprisingly, one of Australia’s richest cattle country regions.

• Montecollina Bore
• Lake Muckadilla
• Montecollina Homestead Ruins

Arrabury Road. Distance 385 km from Innamincka to the Birdsville Developmental Road junction.

The Arrabury Road is a main sealed and unsealed road heading north-east out of Innamincka. This route is a good second option for those heading to Birdsville if the Cordillo Downs Road is impassable. You will also see some fantastic scenery along the way.

• Burke and Wills Dig Tree
• Lake Moomba
• Montecollina Homestead Ruins

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