

50° OODNADATTA TRACK SECTION

UNSEALED PUBLIC ROAD

WARRINA - WILLIAM CK. - WARRINA

1 OF SIX STRIPMAP SERIES SECTIONS

TOURIST GUIDE

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OPEN FLAT GIBBER PLAINS WITH GUM & GIDGEA TREE LINED CREEKS GIVE WAY, AT DUFF CK. TO UNDULATING HILLY COUNTRY TILL THE SECTION OF NEW ROAD NORTH OF WILLIAM CREEK.

LOOK OUT FOR : * THE WARRINA 'GHAN' RAILWAY SIDING VILLAGE AREA WITH THE ELDERS MEMORIAL & CONCRETE RAIL PHONE BOOTH.

* EDWARDS CK. RAILWAY VILLAGE WITH RAILWAY & CATTLE STATION WINDMILL & BORES. DESALINATION PLANT TOWERS OVER THE MOSTLY DISMANTLED FETTLERS QUARTERS. A BIG RAILWAY BRIDGE ACROSS TO THE RAILWAY BORE & PUMP HUT. THIS IS THE HALFWAY POINT OF THE OODNADATTA TRACK.

THE DAVENPORT RANGE, THE HILLS TO THE EAST ARE OVER 400m HIGH WHICH IS TALL FOR THIS AREA NEAR THE CENTRE OF THE LAKE EYRE BASIN. ALL THE CREEKS RUN WEST BUT EVENTUALLY GO EAST. THIS AREA IS A PATCH WITHIN THE GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN WHERE ARTESIAN WATERS RISE ABOVE THE GROUND TO THE EAST & WEST IN SPRINGS & BORES BUT NOT IN THE MIDDLE. SO EDWARDS CK. BORES HAVE TO BE PUMPED UP. PLEASE DON'T CAMP NEAR THE WINDMILL.

THE LARGE AERIALS ARE PART OF THE 'DIGITAL CONCENTRATOR RADIO SYSTEM' WHICH HAS BOUGHT EFFICIENT STD. PHONES TO CATTLE STATIONS & TOWNS IN THIS AREA.

THE DAVENPORT RANGE HAS BEEN PROSPECTED FOR DIAMONDS OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS WITHOUT SUCCESS. * GRADING INTERVAL APPROX. 6 MONTHS.

WATCH OUT FOR POORLY SIGNPOSTED CREEK CROSSINGS AND BENDS

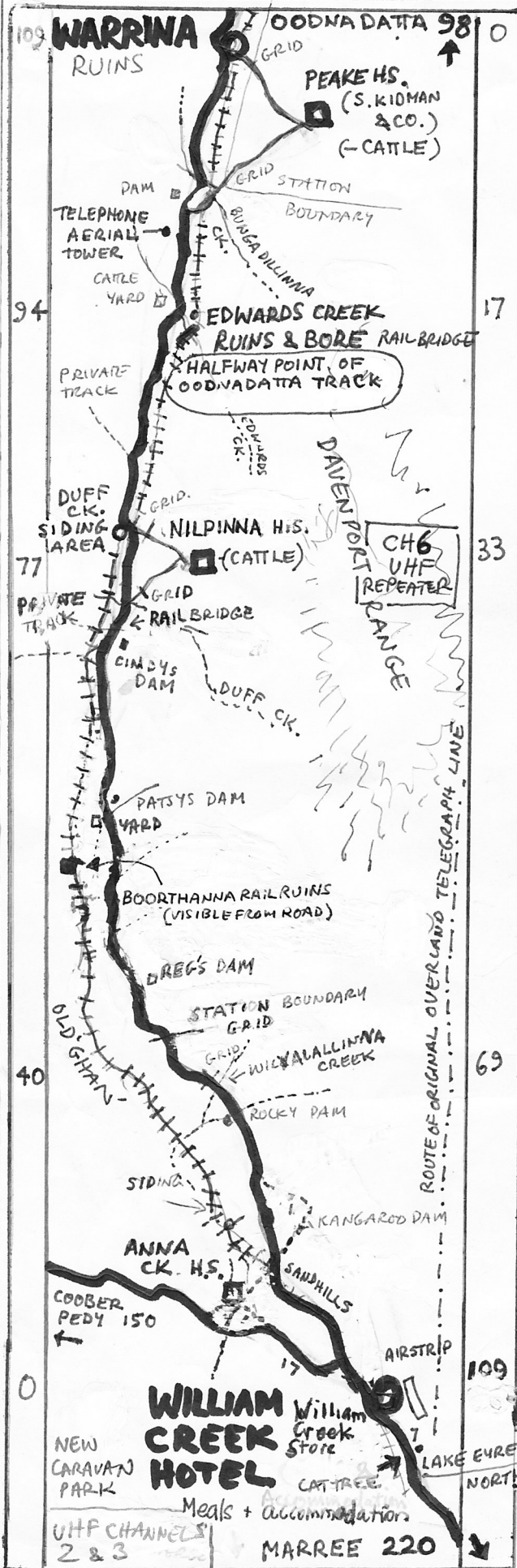
PLENTY OF GREAT CAMPING CREEKS & FIREWOOD. * WILLIAM CK. IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE WORLD'S LOWEST STD PHONE.

DRIVING NORTH :

READ ALL THE ABOVE BACKWARDS (JUST JOKING). THE ROAD NORTH OF 'WILLIAM' IS A LITTLE SLOWER, DUE TO ITS UNDULATING NATURE, THAN THE ROAD SOUTH, BUT IS THE MOST INTERESTING & COLOURFUL, ESPECIALLY (ON THE NEXT STRIPMAP SHEET) NORTH OF WARRINA.

LAKE EYRE NORTH : CHECK OUT 'WRIGHTSAIR' FLIGHTS! MAKE SURE YOU GO PREPARED; ITS A LONELY TRACK. WHEN YOU REACH THE LAKE, BACK TRACK 1KM THEN GO 8 KM OR SO NORTH TO SEE THE REAL VIEW! SEE OVER →

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