

GARY JUNCTION ROAD

This information was put together for a trip in June 2015 and may not be accurate with passing of time. Acknowledgement is given to the wonderful planning site maintained by Motherhen: <http://www.australiasomuchtosee.com/index.html>

General information	
Type	Track
Length	852 km (529 mi)
Major junctions	
ESE end	Tanami Road
WNW end	Gary Junction
Restrictions	
Permits	2
Fuel supply	Papunya , Kintore , Kiwirrkurra , Kunawarritji
Facilities	Bore water, Jupiter well

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LINKS

Motherhen's site

<http://www.australiasomuchtosee.com/gary2a.htm>

Facebook Offroad Caravanning site

https://www.facebook.com/groups/offroadcaravan/1535086593422964/?notif_t=like

ExploreOz site

http://www.exploreoz.com/Forum/Topic/111275/Gary_Junction_RoadWA.aspx?ky=&sn=&p=%2fForum%2fDefault.aspx%3fpn%3d1

Caravaners forum site

PERMITS

Two permits required W.A. & N.T. communities, both permits can be obtained online.

W.A. permits obtained from <http://www.daa.wa.gov.au/> NT from <http://www.clc.org.au/> follow the links.

If your plans are to transit the W.A. communities within 2 days, the permit is issued immediately. W.A. transit time of 3 days or more can take several weeks to get the permit. N.T. permits issued immediately and valid for 21 days from specified date of starting travel

THE NT PERMIT IS TO BE FOUND ONLINE AT

<http://forms.clc.org.au/OnlinePermits/selfissue/applicantdetails.aspx?0=Transit>

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- **CONTACTS:**

Walungurru (Kintore) Community Council (08) 8956 8566

Roadhouse 89568575 Open Mon –Fri 9 to 12, 2-5pm, Sat 9-12, Sun 1-3pm

- Papunya (08) 8956 8658 Colin's no is (08) 89568506

- Kiwirrkurra Roadhouse (08) 8956 4935 or (08) 8956 8615 Colin's no is (08) 8956 4935
Email is kiwiroadhouse@bigpond.com

- Kunawarrtji (08) 9176 9040 or (08) 91751535

- Central Lands Council (08) 8951 6320 (08) 8951 6320

- Ngaanyatjarra Land Council (08) 9425 200 (08) 9425 200

WA Department of Indigenous Affairs (08) 9235 8000 (08) 9235 8000

<http://www.daa.wa.gov.au/en/Entry-Permits/>

- WA Permits officer Joan Groves 08 9235 8058, facsimile: +61 8 9235 8093 or email: Joan.Groves@daa.wa.gov.au or alt@dia.wa.gov.au.

Papunya Community Store
(08) 8956 8506

Kintore, NT
Lot 113/ 2 Tjintirrtjintirra St
Kintore NT 0872
(08) 8956 8566

Kiwirrkurra Roadhouse
Community Store
Phone
08 89564935
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0889568412

Kunawarritji Community
Roadhouses - Newman, WA
Well 33 Canning Stock Route (LMB18), Newman WA 6753
(08) 9176 9040

ROAD CONDITION SITE

http://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport/region.jsp?name=central_australia

FUEL SUPPLIES

FUEL/SUPPLIES: The pick of the spots for supplies and fuel en route is Kiwirrkurra, about 700km from Alice Springs. They also have quite a large store. Between those two Papunya and Kintore (Walungurru) can also help out, but ring first to check. Further west is Kunawarritji with a small store and fuel. They will also help getting spare parts sent in and (usually) give access to a DIY workshop.

Motherhen said: From West to East: Petrol and diesel are available at Kunawarritji (near Well 33 on the Canning Stock Route), and this is the most expensive. Expect a long wait as this fuel stop is half way along the Canning Stock Route and gets busy. Next fuel available is at Kiwirrkurra, then into the Northern Territory at Kintore. Both of these are a short drive away from the main road. Fuel is also available at Papunya. It pays to phone ahead of your journey to ensure supplies, as there can be delays of several days if they run out. Times they are open can also be important, particularly at Kintore, and you may have to wait in a long queue. They may not be open every day of the week either, despite signed times. It is advisable to carry sufficient cash for purchases as many of the desert communities do not take cards.

Distance between fuel outlets are:

Marble Bar to Punmu 434

Punmu to Kunawarritji 175

Kunawarritji to Kiwirrkurra 371

Kiwirrkurra to Kintore 185

Kintore to Papunya 270

Papunya to Glen Helen 380 kms

Telfer is a mining town and you need permission to enter.

Additional Notes

It is advisable to contact the communities you anticipate to use for diesel fuel, to ensure they have adequate supplies. We used the following, Punmu \$3.00/ltr - 08-91769006 John, Kunawarritji \$3.20/ltr – 08-91769040 Graham, and Kiwirrkurra \$2.80/ltr - 08-89568615 Karen or Tim. Petrol not available at most remote communities. Diesel also available from Kintore Store - shire run (no one answered the phone) and Mt Liebig, thus plenty of fuel as long they have supplies.

The [Kintore](#) Fuel opening times were

Monday to Friday 9.30 -10.30 - 11.30 ---- 2.30 - 3.30 - 4.30

Saturday 9.30 - 10.30 - 11.30

It's a little Fort Knox and they lock it securely with steel doors.

Refuelled at Well33 as well, it was normal expected hours, shutting for lunch.

From [Australia So Much to See](#): We only topped up at Marble Bar, Kunawarritji and Kintore. Kiwirrkurra was cheaper than at Kunawarritji; the latter being the dearest we paid on the whole trip.

Another traveller who travelled East to West said "We refuelled at Glen Helen, Kintore, Kiwirrkurra, Punmu, Nullagine".



Camps

Well 33 on Canning Stock Route. Three kilometres north of the intersection of the Canning Stock Route by the Wapet Road (to the West) and the Jenkins Road (to the east), near Kunawarritji. This is popular camp ground approximately half way along the Canning Stock Route is suitable to be accessed for four wheel drives and rough road camper trailers and caravans. A well and tank provide water. No amenities. Free.



Jupiter Well

Jupiter Well. A very pleasant remote camp ground in a grove of desert oaks, on the Gary Junction Road 154 kilometres east of Gary Junction and 285 kilometres west of the Northern Territory border. A well with hand pump provides fresh water. No other amenities. Free.



From [Australia So Much to See](#): **Old road works quarry** approximately 30 kilometres west of the Northern Territory border and 800 metres south of the Gary Junction Road, opposite the Dover Hills. Quiet bush camping with a pleasant outlook. Ground not level. Not an authorised rest area, but a good overnight stop for those travelling through this remote area.

We also camped at **Lake Dora**, about 30kms West of Punmu.



Lake Dora

Our final camp was at **Well 33**, which is about 3kms North of Kunawarritji and officially on the Canning Stock Route. Water was available here at the tank which is pumped into from a windmill.



Well 33

Camping at Carawine Gorge

Carawine Gorge (about 170Km from Marble Bar) is worth a few days at least. As you get to the gorge take the first dirt track to the right before reaching the gravelly area. **The co-ords for the turnoff are S21 28 58 E121 1 953** This takes you to some grassy camp sites, which if unoccupied are preferable to the loose gravelly-based areas further south:

At Carawine Gorge others advised they took offroad vans over the pebbles without too much trouble. Decide where you are going to drive, (we all walked in first), then go straight over. Near the water's edge it is no problem. Great fun was had by all, as a couple did get stopped, but drove out with lower tyre pressures and no digging. I can't think of anywhere else you could find this.



Carawine Gorge campsite

Camping at Muccan Pool

North of Marble Bar on the DeGrey River is a nice camp site. The campsite is listed in Wikicamps as DeGrey River Yarri Station. S20.621136S E120.070957E. (It seems there is some doubt about this co-ord advice but it is pretty close).



Muccan Pool

Note Muccanoo Pool is to the east of the crossing; the direction we saw them going. Maybe both sides are OK. The drive from Carawine to Nullagine on the Skull Springs road is worth doing and going North toward Broome the Bore Track road from Marble Bar across Muccan Crossing on the DeGrey River is also worth doing.