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# THE LOCATION

Adventuring into the Simpson Desert along the Madigan Line is a true test of endurance and exploration, taking you deep into one of Australia's most remote and untouched landscapes. The Madigan offers a raw, isolated journey across endless parallel sand dunes, vast clay pans, and sweeping spinifex plains. Each crest reveals a new horizon of red sand and blue sky, and every kilometre demands careful navigation and respect for the environment. It's an adventure that rewards with solitude, history, and the kind of rugged beauty only the Simpson can deliver.

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## Day 1: Mount Dare → Camp 1A

**Distance:** Approx 191km
**Route:** Mt Dare → Binns Track → Madigan Line
**Fuel Stop:** Last Fuel is at Mt Dare so make sure you are topped up and filled your jerrys
**Accommodation:** Camped between 1 and 1A
**Highlight:** Checking out Old Andado station and seeing how Molly lived in such isolation
**ARB Tip:** Have a bit of fun in the bull dust! It makes great photos

## Day 2: Camp 1A → Camp 5

**Distance:** 78km
**Route:** Madigan Line
**Accommodation:** Camp 5
**Highlight:** We saw a wild dingo - fun to see but keep your distance
**ARB Tip:** Keep on top of your tyre pressures, and adjust as necessary for the terrain

## Day 3: Camp 3 → Camp 11

**Distance:** 121km
**Route:** Madigan Line
**Accommodation:** East of Camp 11
**Highlight:** Seeing how the recent rains had truly made the desert flora come to life
**ARB Tip:** Recommend travelling with a good group of people. It truly makes a difference

## Day 4: Camp 11 → Camp 13

**Distance:** 102km
**Route:** Madigan Line → Hay River Track
**Accommodation:** Camp 13
**Highlight:** Seeing the terrain change so often with box gums, dry river beds and more flowers
**ARB Tip:** We saw a camel travelling at night across the track. Recommend having good spot lights to ensure you can see any challenges ahead once you lose light

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## Day 5: Camp 13 → Camp

**Distance:** 132km
**Route:** Hay River Track
**Accommodation:** -25.77683, 137.95046
**Highlight:** Getting to see Beachcomber oil well mine, the history out here is incredible
**ARB Tip:** The further East we came, the previous floods were more prevalent and we needed to detour around them. Ensure you have a good mapping system and a back up paper map

## Day 6: Camp → Camp

**Distance:** 142km
**Route:** Hay River Track → Poeppel Corner → Hay River River → QAA Line
**Accommodation:** -25.90636, 138.76334 Near Eyre Creek
**Highlight:** Standing at Poeppel Corner is such a bucket list item
**ARB Tip:** When hitting the salt pans, make sure you stick to the designated tracks to protect the environment

## Day 7: Camp → Birdsville Hotel

**Distance:** 81km
**Route:** QAA Line → Big Red → Birdsville
**Fuel Stop:** Fill up at Birdsville
**Accommodation:**Birdsville Hotel
**Highlight:** We tackled the main Eyre Creek crossing, driving up Big Red is iconic in itself and then arriving at Birdsville Hotel and having a proper meal, drink and shower!
**ARB Tip:** Ensure you get a hot shower at the Birdsville Hotel after a big week in the desert

# ENJOY THE ADVENTURE