

Visit Longreach Region

LONGREACH

- 1 Captain Starlight's Lookout** -23.083690, 144.440131

Approximately 50km from Longreach. A very small hill with spectacular 360 degree views of the landscape.

- 2 Iningai Nature Reserve** -23.453342, 144.243874

2km from town on the Longreach Jundah Road. A small reserve on the edge of Longreach, has interpretation signage and walking paths.

- 3 Arrilalah Ruins** -23.680276, 143.882540

90km from Longreach on the Longreach Tocal Road. Once a small township now all that is left are bits and pieces of a long forgotten town.

- 4 Lochern National Park** -24.148874, 143.677912

102km from Longreach on the Longreach Tocal Road. With a 20km frontage to the Thomson River, 24 300ha Lochern National Park's many lagoons and waterholes provide refuge for birds and other wildlife. Wander through gidyea or mulga woodlands and drive across rolling Mitchell Grass plains.

ILFRACOMBE

- 5 Mitchell Grass Nature Drive**

20km from Ilfracombe along the Landsborough Highway to Barcardine. Take a short trip along the nature drive to see the open downs and Mitchell Grasses.

- 6 12 Mile Stone Pitching** -23.653483, 144.509613

Approximately 20km along the Isisford Ilfracombe Road. Where you can see nineteenth century bush craftsmanship at the 12 Mile Stone Pitching. Thousands upon thousands of naturally formed flagstones were carefully sorted and meticulously placed together to form a leak proof reservoir.

ISISFORD

- 7 Yuranigh's Pond** -24.299066, 144.478252

Situated 6km from Isisford along the Isisford Emmet Road. Major Mitchell once camped here and the waterhole was named after his Aboriginal friend. Today there is a plaque and shelter in their honour.

- 8 Oma Waterhole** -24.274970, 144.319122

15km along the Isisford Yaraka River Road. Oma Waterhole is a perfect spot to relax and wet a line for an afternoon or even a few days.

YARAKA

- 9 Idalia National Park** -25.751248, 144.759970

Located 20km along the Blackall Emmet Road. Home to many distinctly Australian species of flora and fauna, including wallaroos, red and grey kangaroos, swamp wallabies, black-striped wallabies, yellow-footed rock-wallabies and endangered bridled nailtail wallabies. Contained within the park are a number of Aboriginal heritage sites, including artefact scatters, stone arrangements and camp sites.

- 10 Mount Slowcombe** -24.841272, 144.062524

Located 6km from Yaraka along the Emmet Yaraka Road. While atop of the Mount Slowcombe Lookout take in the 360 degree views over the nearby Yang Yang Ranges.

LEGEND

- Sealed Road
- Unsealed Road
- Airport
- Train Station
- Food & Drink
- Fuel
- Hospital
- Airstrip
- Visitor Information Centre
- Information



- 11 Town of Welford Lagoon** -25.068708, 143.678186

40km from Yaraka along the Yaraka Retreat Road, turn off along the Wandsworth Road for 5km. Welford Lagoon is the site of a telegraph office on the Isisford and Windorah road, near the junction of Powell's Creek with the Barcoo River. An area of 640 acres, including the telegraph station, had been reserved for township.

- 12 Magee's Shanty** -25.045282, 143.663621

40km from Yaraka along the Yaraka Retreat Road, turn off along the Wandsworth Road for 5km. The historic site of the shanty immortalised in Banjo Paterson's poem "A Bush Christening", not far from the ruins of the Cobb & Co pub in the Town of Welford Lagoon.

- 13 Magoffin's Grave** -25.044993, 143.674078

40km from Yaraka along the Yaraka Retreat Road, turn off to the right along the Wandsworth Road for 5km. On the way to Magee's Shanty you will find the lonely grave of Goldminer Richard Magoffin on the claypan where he perished in 1885, just a few hundred metres from the Barcoo River.

- 14 Battle Waterhole** -25.071695, 143.700442

40km from Yaraka along the Yaraka Retreat Road, turn off along the Budgerygar Road for 1km.

- 15 Abandoned Town of Welford** -25.086389, 143.717750

40km from Yaraka along the Yaraka Retreat Road, turn off along the Budgerygar Road for 5km. The town that was never built, there are survey markers for the streets but it has never been gazetted.