Roads and Tracks

With the exception of the Walpeup Patchewollock Rd and the Bordertown road these are all 4x4 routes.

1. Bordertown Road turn off highway west of Pinnaroo. A trip along this road during spring time is very rewarding a large number of species of wildflowers including orchids can be found.

2. Rosy Pine Road to Scorpion Springs, Red Bluff

3. Panitya North Road to Rockhole's

4. No 6 Bore South Rd to Yellow Gums & Cactus Bore

5. Nhill Track at Murrayville, Big Billy, The Springs & Broken Bucket

6. Danyo South Road to Fire Track

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8. Sunset Road at Cowangie to Old cattle Yards, Mt Crozier, Pink Lakes.

9. Cowangie South Road to Kow Plains Homestead

10. Tutey South Road to the Big Desert State Forest, Ross's Spring, White Springs & 12 mile Patch

11. Pink Lakes Road at Langa to Pink lakes

12. Underbool Patchewollock Road to Pink Plains

13. Walpeup Patchewollock Road to Pink Plains look out for Mallee fowl along this road.

Historic Places

Lameroo – Dolly’s Golden Rain Tree Crafts & Heritage Museum

Pinnaroo - Mallee Tourist & Heritage Centre

Open 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday-Saturday or by appointment Ph. (08) 8577 8644 or (08) 8577 8115

Murrayville – Mosaic Mural Lion’s Park toilet block, Museum corner of Sharack & Gray St view by contacting (03) 5095 2045 or 03 5095 2025 Display of items from Museum in Reed Street Shops

Cowangie - Kow Plains Homestead entrance at all times through small gate on Cowangie South Road. Guided tours contact (03) 5095 6285 or 0427 956 285. Cowangie Bush Nurse Cottage & Bakers Oven

Boinka – State School now Community centre Contact (03) 5095 6281

Underbool – Pioneer and Early Settler Memorial Mallee Highway

Walpeup – Soldiers Memorial Hall houses a Tapestry Mural, World War 1 Banner & a collection of Historic photos, key available from shop.

Dry Land Garden corner Glen & Regan Street

Ouyen History Resource Centre in old Court House Oke Street, open fridays (03) 5092 1763

Restored Roxy Theatre
The Mallee Highway is the shortest route from Adelaide to Sydney, Canberra and the Snowfields. One has to stop and explore and meet the people to understand what is hidden beyond the harsh exterior, that we see as we travel. The name Mallee is from the small multi stemmed Escalops known as Mallee. A stop along the highway can reveal many treasures such as tiny flowers including orchids, fungi and tiny lizards. It never ceases to amaze how delicate nature’s wonders can be in this harsh climate. Visitors comment on the brightness of the stars and our beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

The Mallee Highway begins at Tailen Bend and passes through what once were thriving towns with a rich historic past of Sherlock, Bacchulec, Peake, Jabuk, Genewen, Parakee, Willkawnt then Lameroo which is now the main service centre for the surrounding farming area. Continuing onto Parilla where like Pinnaroo the underground water is used to grow potatoes and onions.

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