

Driver Information – Yankaninna Station

Arrival: Beginning of Exercise – Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday

- Yankaninna is approx. 650 km from Adelaide via the Arkaroola Road from Copley (Leigh Creek). The Arkaroola Road is a well-maintained dirt road but can still be hazardous, particularly on bends and creek crossings so keep your speed down. Consider your tyre pressures for dirt road use.
- Teams are to arrive at Yankaninna by 1pm. Please do your best to adhere to these timings (while maintaining safe and legal speed).
- **The Support staff member is to contact the Operations Room (08 8648 4719) at Yankaninna on arrival at Leigh Creek or Copley.** Do not leave Copley until contact has been made with Ops Room as additional instructions may be required. *There is no mobile phone coverage after Copley.*
- There will be an Operation Flinders vehicle waiting at 'Meet & Greet' at the Mt. Searle/Yankaninna turnoff on the Arkaroola Road approximately 43km from Copley (there are 2 turnoffs but the correct one is closest to Copley). If you go over the Frome Creek or go past Angapena Station you have gone too far - retrace your route about 2 km.
- Operation Flinders personnel at the 'Meet & Greet' will confirm team numbers and direct you to your team's arrival point at Yankaninna and notify base camp of your estimated time of arrival.
- Your team's arrival point will be marked on the track by a number on a star picket corresponding to the Teams number. There will also be a pile of backpacks on a tarp. The Team Leaders should also be there.
- Ensure that participant's personal gear is left at the arrival point. Do not take anyone's gear back to your school/town. Operation Flinders will store this safely for the duration of the program.
- The track from the 'Meet & Greet' point onto Yankaninna is an infrequently maintained public road and the condition is generally rough however buses have little difficulty using it so long as the speed is low.
- Driver (if not the Support Staff) then travel back to Copley for overnight accommodation.

Drivers Map

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Departure: End of Exercise – Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday

- Note road conditions as per Arrival instructions.
- **Driver to phone the Yankaninna Ops Room (08 8648 4719) to confirm your arrival at Copley the afternoon/night before your team's pick up.**
- Arrive at Yankaninna base camp to pick up your team between 0700 and 0730hrs on the morning of departure.
- There is likely to be more than 1 bus and driver staying at Copley. In the interest of safety, it is suggested that the drivers team up and travel in convoy from Copley. The caravan park operators will direct you to other drivers.
- Travelling time to Yankaninna is about 75-90 minutes depending on road conditions.
- The route is the same as for Arrival except there will be no Op Flinders vehicle at the 'Meet & Greet' at the Mt Serle/Yankaninna turnoff. Continue along the Yankaninna track and ignore any teams that you may come across on the side of the track. Do not stop until you arrive at Base Camp.
- You will eventually arrive at a point where the Base Camp is clearly visible. There will be a sign saying, 'Private Road' - ignore it and enter the base camp where you will be met, and further instructions given.
- Coffee and tea will be available, but we cannot provide breakfast.
- Food and drinks for the team's return journey will be provided. The team's personal property will also be loaded onto the bus.
- Departure time is dependent on the team's morning activities, but the turnaround time is generally short. You will be directed to the departure point when the team is ready to go.

Accommodation for drivers

- To ensure the comfort of the bus drivers and to mitigate driver fatigue, accommodation is provided at the Copley Caravan Park - Operation Flinders covers the accommodation cost.
- Operation Flinders will book accommodation after consultation with your school or agency. If the driver/s doesn't use the accommodation, the school/agency will be charged.

Operation Flinders Drivers/Support Staff Guide:

- Please ensure that all care is taken to manage the group of participants. As you can appreciate, the group members are all keen to get back home and can be restless and disruptive. We do not want disruptive behaviour to spill into shops and other public arenas, particularly whilst they are all wearing an Operation Flinders t-shirt.
- Operation Flinders will provide a cut lunch consisting of a sandwich, a piece of fruit and a bottle of water for the return trip.

Designated Rest Areas

Below is a list of designated resting areas that can be used, other than towns, for stops.

NORTHBOUND (Approx. location)	SOUTHBOUND (Approx. location)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6km south of Pt. Germein • 16km North of Redhill • 3km North of Pt. Wakefield • In Pt. Wakefield township (Northern end) • 15km South of Pt. Wakefield 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6km South of Pt. Germein • 4km North of Snowtown • Just North of Lochiel • 4km South of Lochiel • 11km South of Pt. Wakefield • Between Windsor and Dublin

Public Toilets:

- Hawker: Located at northern side of Wilpena Road and Elder Terrace T junction. First turn on your left when entering Hawker from the Hawker - Stirling North Road.
- Quorn: Located on left-hand side when travelling towards Hawker on the main Hawker - Stirling North Road near the junction of Quorn Wilmington Road.
- Orroroo: Heading south on Wilmington – Ucolta road located on left-hand side of the town's main street.
- Clare: Heading south on Main North Road, located halfway down the town's main street on your left.

Please try and avoid using main street toilets, as participants in the past have deliberately disrupted local communities.