



Approval required for entry

- Approval by way of a permit is required for entry to the WPA except for areas covered by a Standing Permission, where a permit is not required.
- Standing Permissions apply to the Tarcoola to Darwin railway, the Stuart Highway, Lake Cadibarrawirracanna Road (also known as Public Access Route 18), Olympic Dam Highway (B97), William Creek Road or to enter the Woomera Village. A permit is not required to access the above areas. Please note however that the above areas or routes may be closed for short periods during testing.
- Remember travel is permitted only on those routes approved by Defence on the permit. Travellers must not deviate from the approved route(s).
- Permit application forms are available on the Woomera Prohibited Area Coordination Office website.
- Permits must be carried at all times and be available for inspection by authorised Defence personnel (who will be in possession of photographic identification).

Defence Access Zones and Exclusion Periods

- The WPA is divided into four access zone, each with different levels of accessibility. Each access zone has exclusion periods, during which access will be prohibited. This includes all roads and tracks within the affected access zone(s). Access to the Red Zone is not permitted. For more information on access zones, exclusion periods and permits, visit the Woomera Prohibited Area Coordination Office website: <http://www.defence.gov.au/woomera>.

Other permit requirements

- Permits may also be required to access other areas within or adjoining the WPA.
- A permit is required for entry to the Tallaringa Conservation Park west of Coober Pedy, which is managed by the South Australian Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources. A separate permit is required from Maralinga Tjarutja for access to the Maralinga Tjarutja Aboriginal lands and Mamungari Conservation Park which lie west of Tallaringa.

Important numbers / websites

- Woomera Prohibited Area Coordination Office website: <http://www.defence.gov.au/woomera> or ph 1300 727 420.
- Woomera Test Range (08) 8674 3370
- Police 000
- Flying Doctor (Port Augusta) (08) 8648 9555
- South Australia Outback Roads Report 1300 361 033 or www.dpti.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads
- Maralinga Tjarutja (08) 8625 2946 or www.maralingatjarutja.com
- South Australian Department of the Environment, Water and Natural Resources Port Augusta Office (08) 8648 5300 or www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/Park_Entry_Fees/Parks_Passes



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SAFETY IN THE WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA



The Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA) is a large remote area that contains a number of potential hazards. Your attention to the following messages will help ensure your safety while in the WPA.

The Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA) is a declared area used by the Department of Defence for the testing of war materiel.

Testing continues in different parts of the WPA throughout the year so it is essential that you have permission to be within the WPA.

Remote area

- The WPA is a remote, sparsely populated area with high summer and cool winter temperatures.
- While visiting the WPA you must ensure that you:
 - Carry sufficient food, water and mechanical spares in the event of a breakdown;
 - Carry a first aid kit and know how to respond to potential emergencies, including snake bites; and
 - Carry suitable communications equipment – noting mobile phone coverage is extremely limited within the WPA, a Satellite Phone, HF Radio or other form of communications may be required.
- The WPA is home to pastoralists and a number of other users. Please show courtesy to others when driving within the WPA and leave all gates as you find them.



Road hazards

- Roads and tracks within the WPA vary in condition and may be unmaintained, sandy, corrugated or impassable after rain.
- Advice on road conditions can be obtained from the Transport South Australia Outback Roads report on telephone: 1300 361 033 or via website www.dpti.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads.
- Drivers should drive in accordance with the road conditions.
- Care should be taken when driving on dusty roads and after wet weather when wash outs may occur.
- Livestock and wildlife are present within the WPA and particular care needs to be taken when driving at dawn and dusk.
- During Defence testing certain roads may have restricted access. To ensure your safety, you must comply with the conditions specified in your access permit, or directions notified by Defence signage or Defence personnel.
- Heavy mining vehicles and machinery operate within the WPA. Please observe all road safety signs and ensure you pass other vehicles only when it is safe to do so.

Defence materiel and Unexploded Ordnance

- The WPA has been used for Defence testing since the early 1950s. You may notice test materiel and debris including, but not limited to, cylindrical rocket cases, tanks and nozzles, flat rectangular and distorted pieces of metal, housings and containers.
- Old, unstable, deteriorated and dilapidated infrastructure is also prevalent within the WPA. For your safety, do not enter these hazardous sites.
- Unexploded ordnance or unexploded ammunition - 'UXO' (unstable and sensitive explosives), associated with former testing activities may also remain within the WPA.
- Defence materiel, debris, UXO or any unusual items encountered must not be disturbed or handled and should be avoided as they may be extremely dangerous and could cause serious injury or death. Where it is safe to do so, please take note of the description and location of the item and report it to Woomera Test Range - Telephone (08) 8674 3370.
- Obey all safety signs and abide by all barriers and fences within the WPA.
- The use of lasers by aircraft is common within the WPA. To minimise the potential risk of eye damage from lasers, the use of magnifying devices (eg. Binoculars and direct viewing cameras) should not be used to view aircraft or activities within the WPA.