




# The Canning Stock Route


## Wells

Site	Name	Information
Wiluna 26.36S 120.12E	<i>Healthy Lifestyle Lesson</i> 	1000 kms NE of Perth. Declined in population post WW11. Today's population about 550 (approx. 50 non indigenous).
Well 1 26.33S 120.10E		Excellent quality water. Next to a stand of mulga used by Aboriginal people for seeds and drink.
Well 1a	North Pool	Surrounded by River Red Gums. Popular swimming hole for Wiluna residents.
Well 2		First class water. Used as base for sandalwood pullers.
Well 2a	The Granites	Tank in granite rock and on a permanent soak.
Well 3		A shallow well set near gums. A tree that Canning blazed can still be seen.
Well 3a	Government Well	Very salty water.
Well 4		At the base of Mt Lockeridge. Water was good but now of low quality.
Well 4a	Windich Springs	Named after Tommy Windich, Aboriginal companion of John Forrest, while on exploration in the area. After his death Forrest remembered Windich as "the best bushman in the colony".
Well 4b		Small well of slightly salty water.
Well 5 25.22S 121.00E		Amongst mulga stand. Deepest well on route at 31.8m.
Well 6	Pierre Springs	Grass trees and gums and acacia. Named after Canning's second Aboriginal guide Tommy Pierre. Camels often seen here as well as galahs and parrots.
Well 7		Good water.
Well 8		Acacias, beefwood and mulga stands.
Well 9	Weld Springs	Country becomes open and flat. Named after the WA Governor of the day. Famous for a battle between Forrest's 1874 exploration party and a large group of Aboriginal people.


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Well 10 24.51S 121.39E	Lucky Well <i>Healthy Lifestyle Lesson</i> 	Excellent water and so named because drovers were considered lucky to have made it this far. The end of sand dune country.
Well 11	Goodwin Soak	Named after the manager of the West Australian Bank in Wiluna at the time! Water for stock only. Shallowest well at 2.6m.
Well 12		Desert oaks.
Well 13	Pulpurumal	Wells from here have Aboriginal names that enabled drovers to obtain directions easily. Lots of coolya plants (native yams) in the area.
Well 14	Djindjimal	Hidden amongst tea-trees.
Well 15	Mandjangga	Near Trainor Hills
Well 16	Lawulawa	White gum trees. Nearby site of ancient salt lake. Stock water only.
Well 17	Killagurra Springs	Registered sacred Aboriginal site. Rock paintings.
Well 18	Wanykiyu	
Well 19	Kunangurtiti <i>Healthy Lifestyle Lesson</i> 	Also known as “Lonely Well” because it is in an isolated and lonely spot on the western end of a clay pan. Nearby area currently actively mined for gold and uranium.
Well 20 23.15S 122.41E	Karanyulu	
Well 21	Tjilkabulka	Water is now putrid and smells of sulphur dioxide.
Well 22	Matirlirri	
Well 23	Kalypa	Used as main refuelling spot today. Newman is 450kms west of here.
Well 24	Kartarru or Karara Soaks	White gums, acacia, tea-tree and mulga. Was a favourite meeting place for Aboriginal people. Relics of Aboriginal occupation can still be found here.
Well 25	Warntili	Large flat plain. Laterite breakaway and claypans.
Well 26	Tiwa	Restored in 1983 in cooperation with Jigalong council. Still in first class order. Excellent clear water.

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Well 27	Rarrki	Aboriginal soak also nearby. Dingoes use this soak to drink from. They make the water rise by digging into it.
Well 28	Waranu	Nothing remains of this well.
Well 29	Mamurnarra	From late August snakes surround this well. E.g. Bandi Bandi and King Browns.
Well 30 22.30S 124.08E	Juntujuntu	Set amongst a glorious bloodwood forest. Near Muringarra cave. This whole area is honeycombed with caves some with roofs only a meter from the surface. Caves filled with small bats, King Brown and Taipan snakes which when they bite give you only minutes to live.
Well 31	Warlawarla	More snakes! Today some of these snakes use people's cars for shade. Check before you move on!
Well 32	Nyarruri	No trees at all here. Water is still good. Near by Aboriginal soak called Mallowa situated among green acacia.
Well 33	Kunawariji <i>Healthy Lifestyle Lesson</i> 	Situated on a grassy flat surrounded by tea-tree. Lots of dingoes in this area. Today the Kunawariji Community lives only 4kms away.
Well 34	Nyipily	
Well 35	Kinyu	Original Aboriginal soak near this well. To the Manyjilyjarra people this is a very sensitive and important area.
Well 36	Kirlkirl	Still good water. A very cold spot first thing in the morning.
Well 37	Lipuru or "Haunted Well"	Some drovers lost their lives near this well.
Well 38	Wajapurni	A naturally occurring rock hole was enlarged to create a well here.
Well 39	Kokabana	Much tea-tree, samphire and spinifex and desert oak.
Well 40	Nadawulu	Near Tobin Lake.
Well 41 21.33S 125.50E	Teiru	There are huge sand dunes between this well and the next. Some reach as high as 16.9m.
Well 42	Guli Tank or Kuljai	A natural spring in the Great Sandy Desert.
Well 43	Kadatjilkar	No water now.
Well 44		Canning reported this as the worst well for stock feed. Surrounded by narrow

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		leaf or desert poison.
Well 45	Tjinditjindi	Water was good, now putrid.
Well 46	Kotjowari	White gums and termite mounds abound. Excellent water,
Well 47	Kardalalapuru <i>Healthy Lifestyle Lesson</i> 	Surrounded by knolls and bluffs.
Well 48	Koningara	West of the Southesk Tablelands.
Well 49	Lambu	The most refreshing, sweet tasting water out of all functioning wells on the stock route.
Well 50 20.12S 126.57E	Tjgan	No well or water here now.
Well 51	Wirijara	The last of Canning's wells. The Sturt Creek provides most water for the remaining distance to Halls Creek. Official C.S.R. Heritage Trail stops here.
Chungla Well		
Bloodwood Well		

The above table was constructed using information taken from Ronele and Eric Gard's book:  
**Canning Stock Route – A Traveller's Guide for a Journey Through History** 1990.  
 A later edition does exist.

Grid readings for wells were found at:  
<http://4wd.sofcom.com/Places/Au/WA/CanningStockRoute.html>

