

WENTWORTH TRAVEL ITINERARY

THIS CHARMING TOWN, WHERE THE MURRAY AND DARLING RIVERS MEET, OFFERS A PERFECT BLEND OF HISTORY, NATURE, AND MODERN ATTRACTIONS. HERE'S A TWO-DAY ITINERARY TO HELP YOU MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT, INCLUDING WHERE TO STAY, WHAT TO SEE, AND WHERE TO EAT.

Day 1 8:30am - 9:30am



Start your journey at the **Wentworth Visitor Information Centre** (open Monday to Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM). Wander through the interpretive spaces, learning about the region's rich culture and history. Try your hand at loading wool bales onto the PS Wentworth before testing your driving skills as you battle rising flood waters at the wheel of a Fergie tractor. Grab a coffee from the **Junction Café** and step through to the Library, into the Discovery Courtyard with sweeping views of the Darling River. Plan the next steps of your trip with the friendly team at the Visitor Information Centre. They stock a wide range of maps and touring guides to keep you on the right track, wherever you're heading. Make sure you pick up a copy of the Thegoa Lagoon Walk and Cemetery Tours while you're there.

Take a stroll along the **Wentworth Wharf** and imagine what life was like in the late 1880s when Wentworth was the third busiest inland port in all of NSW. During one week, a record 31 paddle steamers were docked at the wharf. Along the wharf, you'll meet Captain John Egge, a Chinese riverboat captain who was one of the largest traders along the Darling River. During his time in Wentworth, John Egge operated a bakery, butchery, floating shop, and boarding house. Head along Adelaide Street where you'll come across the **world's first monument to a tractor**, established by the people of Wentworth in honour of the TEA20 Harry Ferguson tractors' involvement in building the massive levee banks that protected the Wentworth township against the devastating 1956 floods. The cairn of stones where the monument sits is set at the height which water would have inundated the town if the levee banks had not been constructed. Continue on to Cadell Street where you'll drive past **Rendelsham (also known as the Nunnery)**, built by the first Mayor of Wentworth, William Gunn. In 1892, it became a convent for the Sisters of Mercy who established and taught at the neighbouring St Ignatius Catholic School before becoming a private residence in the 1950s. In 2002, the school was listed on the State Heritage Register by the National Trust.

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Further down Cadell Street, drive over the levee bank into the tree-filled **Junction Park**. This gorgeous park space offers the opportunity to view the confluence of Australia's mightiest rivers, the Murray and Darling, from the top of a spiral viewing platform. When both rivers are flowing well, you'll notice two different colours of water, with the Darling being clay-based riverbed and milky in appearance and the Murray being sand-based river, with clearer waters. There is a short walk (100m) at the western side of the park where you can view the water flowing into Lock 10. Continue along Cadell Street to **Lock 10 and Weir**, where you can view the weir in operation. Lock 10 is one of 13 locks and 15 weirs along the Murray River. The weir maintains the high water level for navigation and pumping and is intrinsic today as an irrigation source. Situated 830 kilometres from the Murray mouth, the lower pool level sits 28.4 metres below sea level with the upper pool sitting at 31.77 metres above sea level. The weir spans 117 meters across the Murray River.

Step back in time at the **Wentworth Pioneer Museum** and walk through the extensive pioneer and folk collection including First Nation artefacts and a megafauna display. Discover the history of the river trade and experience the triumph of the Fergie Tractor in the 1956 floods. The museum is open every day between 10 AM and 4 PM. Make the **Wentworth Military Collection** your next stop and experience the Marching Matilda tour. This is a must-see for military history buffs, servicemen and women past and present, or anyone with a connection to the Australian armed forces. The collection displays unique relics, artefacts, and militaria from all over the world, with an emphasis on Australian service to our nation. The collection is open every day between 10 AM and 4 PM.

11:00am - 1:00pm



1:00pm - 2:00pm



Enjoy lunch at one of the many eateries within the township, from **sit-down pub meals** to **cafés** and **takeaway**—there's something for everyone!

Pick up a dining guide from the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre to explore your options.

2:00pm - 3:00pm



Check in to your accommodation at the **Wanderer's Crossing River Retreat, Wentworth Grande Resort, Darling Junction Motor Inn, or Two Rivers Motel**. Each offers a comfortable retreat with modern amenities, ensuring a pleasant stay.

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3:00pm - 4:30pm



Across from the Lock and Weir is **Thegoa Lagoon**. Due to its close proximity to the river junction, Thegoa was a natural 'meeting place' for the local Barkindji people, with many culturally significant sites around the lagoon. Take in the natural beauty and learn of the archaeological sites including shell middens, scar trees, and boundary marker trees. There are also bird hides within the area and great fishing spots along the Murray River section of the lagoon.

4:30pm - 5:30pm



Keep your walking shoes on as you cross the Darling River and Tuckers Creek to head to **Junction Island Ski Reserve & Walk**.

Standing upright at the entrance to Junction Island is a tree bearing the scar of where a canoe was cut from the bark. Walk the 2-kilometre return journey to the confluence and be able to say you stood at the very point where Australia's two longest rivers meet. Captain Charles Sturt named the Murray River at this point in 1830 after days of negotiations with locals to accept his presence in the area.

6:00pm - 8:00pm



Make a booking for dinner at one of the wonderful eateries, including the **Crown Hotel, Captain Sturt Hotel & Royal Hotel** catching live music on weekends along with nightly specials and meat raffles.

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Check out of your accommodation and indulge in breakfast at one of the local cafés with local produce and great **coffee** or grab a takeaway and head on down to the riverfront and watch the sunrise over the Darling River.



Day 2

8:00am - 9:00am

9:00am - 10:30am



Take a walk through history with the **Wentworth Cemetery Walking Tour**. Maps are available at the **Wentworth Visitor Information Centre**, full of information on many of the district's pioneers who are buried within the cemetery. The occupants have not always rested easily here, as the front fence and some graves were moved to allow room for a road and the building of Lock 10. During the floods, the cemetery was impossible to access and funerals were boated in.

10:30am - 12:00pm

Wentworth is filled with gorgeous, unique shops specialising in local arts and crafts. From the **colourful and sometimes quirky artwork** of talented artists, shopping and browsing is a holiday pastime; you will be sure to find something special for someone special or just a reminder of your time in Wentworth.



12:00pm - 1:00pm

Grab a bite to eat from one of the many eateries within town, from **sit-down pub meals to cafés and takeaway**—there's an option for even the fussiest of diners.



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1:00pm - 2:30pm



Built in the late 1880s, the **Old Wentworth Gaol** has been lovingly restored by the Wentworth Rotary Club and is now a major tourist attraction. The Gaol is one of the best-preserved gaols for its age and is filled with history from both its time as a gaol and when it was used by the Department of Education in the 1960s as additional classrooms for the Wentworth Central School. The Gaol is now managed by the Wentworth Rotary Club and is open every day between 10 AM and 4 PM.

Meander back into Wentworth and visit Fotherby Park, which was a Wentworth Rotary Club project, originally developed to house the iconic **PS Ruby**. There are many items of historical value in the park including Wentworth's first courthouse, McClymonts Cottage, built in the 1860s, Paddle Steamer Ruby, built in 1907 and used to transport passengers and cargo between Echuca, Mildura, Wentworth & Goolwa, and **The Man Called Possum**, whose story you can hear via vocaphone from the box near the statue.

2:30pm - 4:00pm



5:00pm - 7:00pm



Experience sunset at the **Perry Sandhills** where it feels like you've stepped onto a different planet, with over 400 acres of rolling orange sandhills to explore. According to geologists, the Perry Sandhills originated over 40,000 years ago, after an ice age, and were formed by thousands of years of wind erosion. The sandhills were used as a bombing range during WW2 and the area has also been a backdrop for many films, TV shows, advertisements, and music videos over the years.

Reflect on the wonderful experiences and memories you've made in Wentworth as you continue your journey to your next destination.

Safe travels!