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FLINDERS RANGES FIGURE 8

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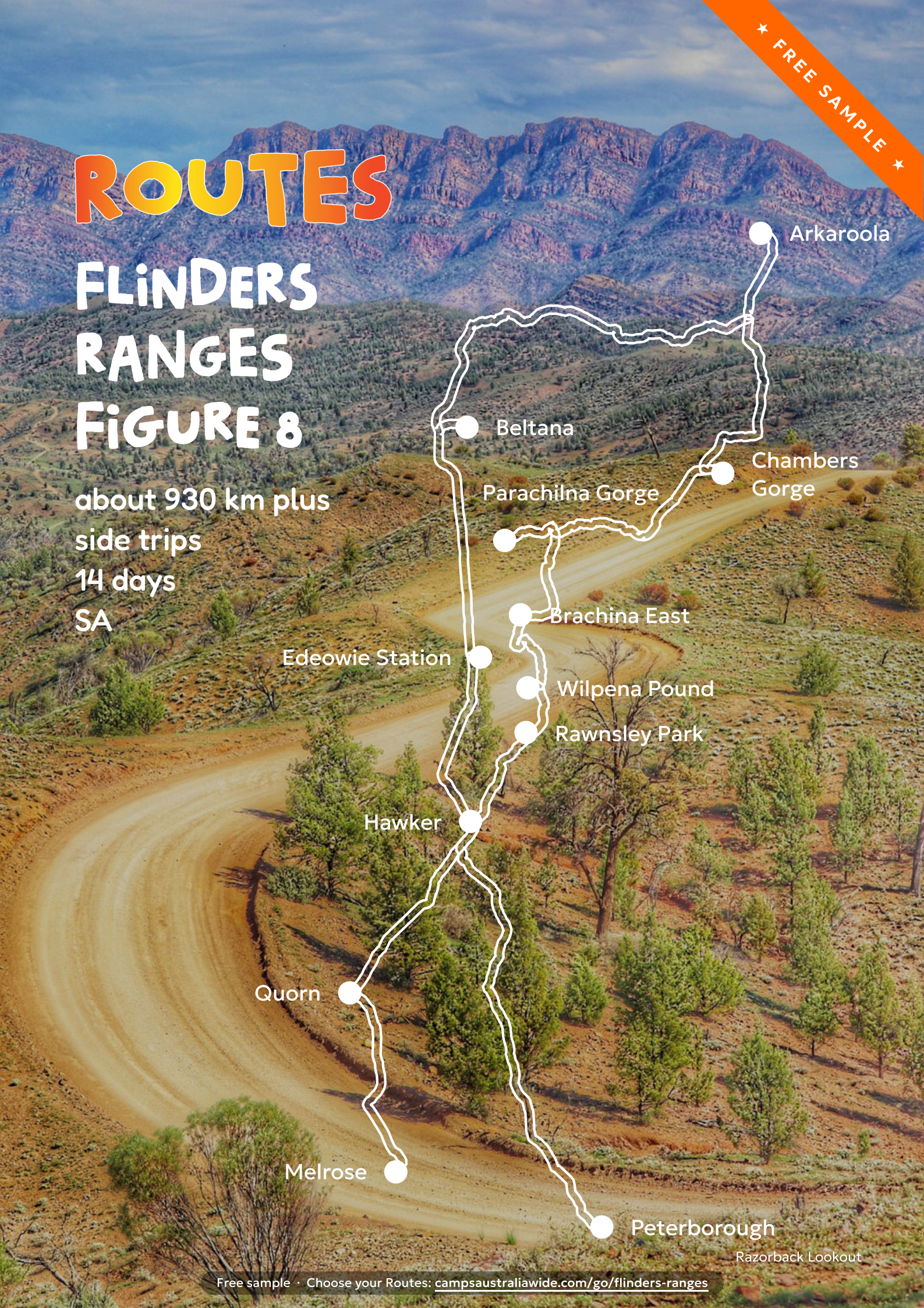
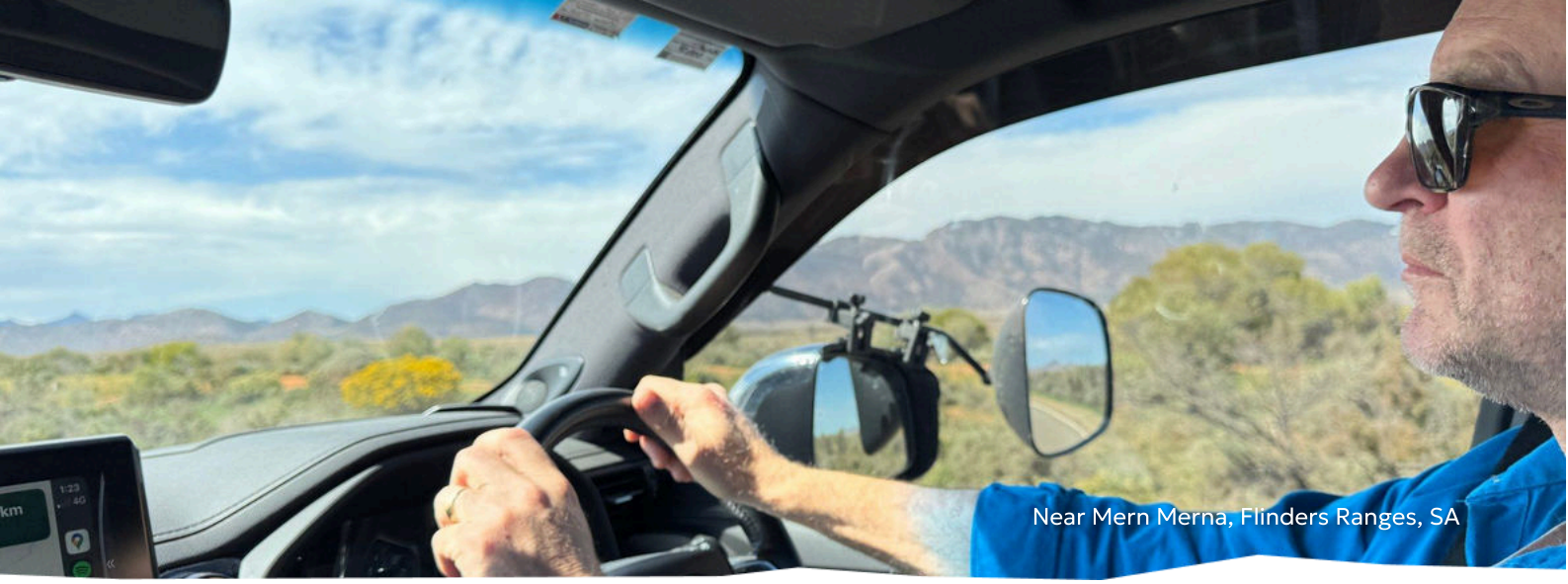
14 days
SA





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Flinders Ranges Figure 8

Peterborough, SA → Melrose, SA ★ about 930 km plus side trips ★ 14 days
★ April to October ★ Sealed and unsealed, 4WD options

Ikara-Flinders Ranges & Outback made Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2026 list, and it was the only Australian place to make it. The ranges start about 200 km north of Adelaide, run for more than 430 km and are over 540 million years old.

This route loops north from Peterborough through the best of the Flinders' sights and camps, up into the rugged Gammon Ranges in the far north, then back down south to Mount Remarkable near Quorn and Melrose. Expect red ridges, gorges lined with river red gums, yellow-footed rock-wallabies, emus and, if your timing's right, a carpet of wildflowers.

The Adnyamathanha people are the Traditional Custodians, and Ikara means 'meeting place'. That felt fitting, because this is the exact road trip we did with my mum and sister along for the ride, so it was a real meeting of the family for us.

It blew us away. It gave us my favourite lookout so far, plus a camp with views so good I was rushing out of bed to see them. No wonder it has been nominated as a World Heritage site.

Watch us talk about this route on our Blog: www.campsaustraliawide.com/why-the-flinders-ranges-is-on-the-global-hotlist-plus-our-top-camping-spots

Highlights

- ✓ Drives and camps that stop you in your tracks
- ✓ Outback pubs with stories to tell
- ✓ Wildlife at every turn
- ✓ Stations and towns full of history
- ✓ Mountains 800 million years in the making

Tips

The main four-wheel drive section is out at Mount Chambers Gorge, and the longest unsealed section is to Arkaroola. Omit legs 03 and 04 and travel from Beltana to Parachilna Gorge, if you need to bring this trip back to 7-10 days.



Prairie Hotel, Parachilna, SA


Echo Bend, near Arkaroola, SA


Wilpena Pound lookout, SA

Your trip at a glance

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		DISTANCE	SUGGESTED OVERNIGHT STOP
01	Peterborough to Edeowie Station In the full Route	200 km	Edeowie Station
02	Edeowie Station to Beltana Town In the full Route	83 km	Beltana Town Camp
08	Wilpena Pound to Rawnsley Park In this sample	23 km	Rawnsley Park

7 more legs in the full Route



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Wilpena Pound to Rawnsley Park

23 km

We saved the best for last. Rawnsley Park was a favourite of our whole year, and it lived up to every photo I'd seen. Our site was massive, the facilities were great and the views were incredible. Having a restaurant felt like a real treat, especially sundowners looking out at the bluff.

Our favourite drive loop is up Bunyeroo Valley (31 km) to the breathtaking Razorback Lookout over St Mary Peak, the highest point in Ikara. Welsh's Lookout nearby has more parking and a picnic table. Continue through Bunyeroo Gorge, more lookouts and camps. If you haven't been yet, duck up to Aroona Valley Lookout first.

Then turn west and follow the 20 km Brachina Gorge Geological Trail through 130 million years of Earth's history, watching for yellow-footed rock-wallabies in the Scree Slope. From the park entry lookout it's 12 km to the highway, so we ducked up to a Prairie Hotel lunch in Parachilna.

We returned along the Moralana Scenic Route (28 km), with Wilpena Pound to the north and the Elder Range to the south. Don't take any side roads. That's from experience!
4WD recommended.

Waking to sunrise on Rawnsley Bluff, watching it glow at sundown and sharing the campfire with family, I treasure our time here.

Must see and do

* Scenic Drives
* Rawnsley Lookout, for views across to the bluff.
* Loads more walks from easy to difficult like up Rawnsley Bluff (12.6 km)
* Birdwatching and wildlife

Side trips

* Arkaroo Rock walk (3.1 km, Grade 3)
* Bunyeroo and Wilcolo Creek hike (9.2 km, easy) or Bunyeroo Gorge (7.5 km easy)

Where to camp

Rawnsley Park
$ • pets
OUR PICK

Flinders Bush Retreats - Willow Waters Gorge
$ • pets

Worumba Station
$ • pets • toilets

Holowiliena Station
$ • pets • SCV

Hawker Caravan Park
$ • pets • big rig

Read more on our blog

Search Rawnsley Park Station

Image: Rawnsley Bluff, Flinders Ranges, South Australia by John and Sue Shipard

There’s more where that came from

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What’s in the full Route

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02	**Edeowie Station to Beltana Town**	83 km
+7	**7 more legs, each with camps, must-sees and blog links**	

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