

# Fishing and Camping in Queensland's Western Downs



*Fifth Edition*

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# FISHING IN QUEENSLAND

Queensland's Western Downs is a unique pocket of Australia rich in culture, industry, agriculture and heritage. Stretching from the border town of Goondiwindi in the south to Wandoan in the north, from Dalby in the east to St George and Mitchell in the west, the Western Downs has room enough for an ideal country getaway.

The region begins less than a three hour drive west of Brisbane, and can be explored while touring some of Queensland's major arterial highways.

Grab a line and make your way along the picturesque waterways of our region, including the Maranoa Balonne River Catchment, the Murray Darling basin and the Dawson Valley systems.

Discover those hidden local fishing spots off the beaten track and see if you can hook a freshwater feast of perch, catfish, saratoga and or Murray cod.

With timbered creeks, stretching fields and waterways 'a flowin'', fishing in the Western Downs has all the makings of a great holiday. So grab your rod, pack the billy and broaden your horizons.



**AUSTRALIAN BASS**  
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# LAND'S WESTERN DOWN

## FISHING & RESTOCKING CLUBS

Contact a Fishing and Restocking club for some tips on fishing in their local areas.

Fish stocking groups are local community organisations that work in partnership with the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F). They raise funds to buy fingerlings for stocking, and help the DPI&F with netting, electrofishing, monitoring surveys and angler education programs.



**MURRAY COD** | Caliguel Lagoon, Condamine  
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### **Chinchilla and District Amateur Fishing Club Inc.**

PO Box 342 Chinchilla Qld 4413

**P** (07) 4662 7242

### **Goondiwindi RSL Fish Restocking Group**

PO Box 137 Goondiwindi Qld 4498

**P** (07) 4671 3292

### **Millmerran and Pittsworth District Fishstocking Association**

PO Box 312 Pittsworth Qld 4415

**P** 0427 270 214

### **Murilla Fish Stocking Assoc Inc.**

782 Glenaubyn Road Drillham Qld 4424

**P** (07) 4627 6243

### **St George and District Fishing and Restocking Club Inc.**

8 Elizabeth Street St George Qld 4487

**P** (07) 4625 3573

### **Surat Fishing and Restocking Association**

PO Box 27 Surat Qld 4417

**P** (07) 4626 5298

### **Tara Fish Restocking Association Inc**

9 Beardmore Street Tara Qld 4421

**P** 0427 653 668

### **Texas Fishing Club Inc**

PO Box 6 Texas Qld 4385





## FISHING EVENTS (ANNUAL)

<b>Cecil Plains Fishing Competition</b> P 07 4668 0680	OCTOBER
<b>Dirranbandi Fishing Competition</b> P 0428 977 768	EASTER WEEKEND
<b>Dirranbandi Carp Busters</b> P 0428 977 768	LAST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER
<b>St George Family Fishing Competition</b> P (07) 4625 3636	LAST WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER
<b>Surat Fishing &amp; Restocking Club Mega Competition</b> P (07) 4626 5298	MAY DAY WEEKEND
<b>Tara Fish Restocking &amp; Tara Apex ‘Win a Tinnie’ Family Fishing Competition</b> P 0427 653 668	SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
<b>Thallon Carp Busters</b> P (07) 4625 9105	MARCH



Condamine River



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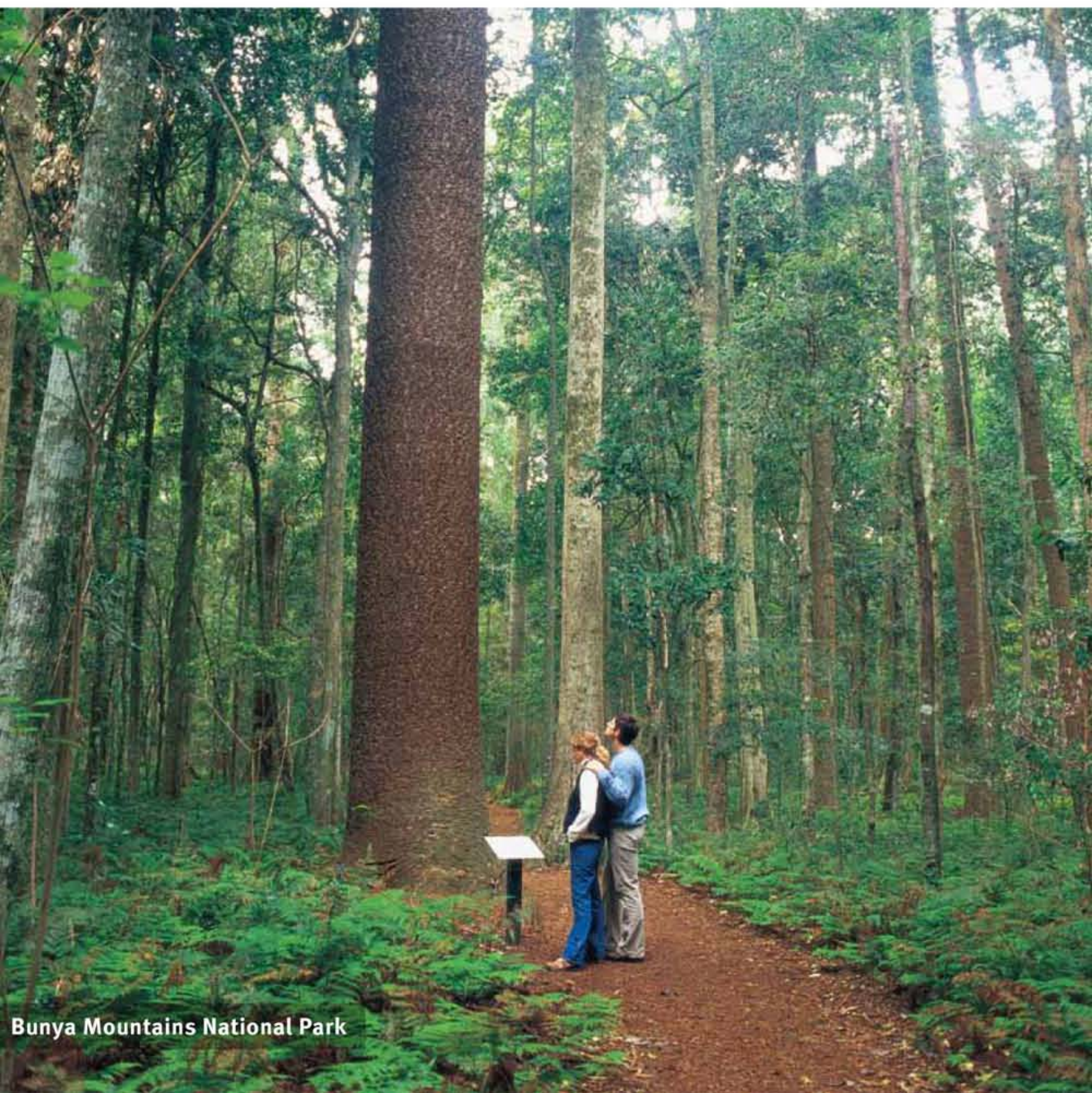


## NATIONAL PARKS

When planning your fishing holiday, be sure to include a visit to one of the many spectacular National Parks dotted throughout our beautiful region.

- \* Carnarvon Gorge National Park – nearest town Injune
- \* Mt. Moffat National Park – nearest town Injune
- \* Nuga Nuga National Park – nearest town Injune
- \* Beilba National Park – nearest town Injune
- \* Lonesome National Park – nearest town Injune
- \* Expedition National Park – nearest town Injune
- \* Thrushton National Park – nearest town Bollon
- \* Alton National Park – nearest town St George
- \* Culgoa National Park – nearest town Hebel
- \* Southwood National Park – nearest town Moonie
- \* Bunya Mountains National Park – nearest town Dalby
- \* Crows Nest National Park – nearest town Crows Nest
- \* Ravensbourne National Park – nearest town Crows Nest

For more information, visit [www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks\\_and\\_forests](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests).



Bunya Mountains National Park



## TIPS FOR TOP CATCHES



### **GOLDEN PERCH /YELLOWBELLY**

Considered the best of the freshwater table-fish, with firm white flesh and no muddy taint. They can be very aggressive and love shrimp bobbed gently up and down amongst logs. Small deep diving lures are also a popular catching method. The best time for catching yellowbelly is at dawn and at dusk in rising water.



### **MURRAY COD**

The Murray cod is the largest of freshwater fish, growing to a length of 1.8m. It is most commonly caught by line fishing with baits of crayfish, mussels or small live fish. They will also rise to lures and put up a good fight when taken on suitable tackle.



### **EEL-TAILED CATFISH**

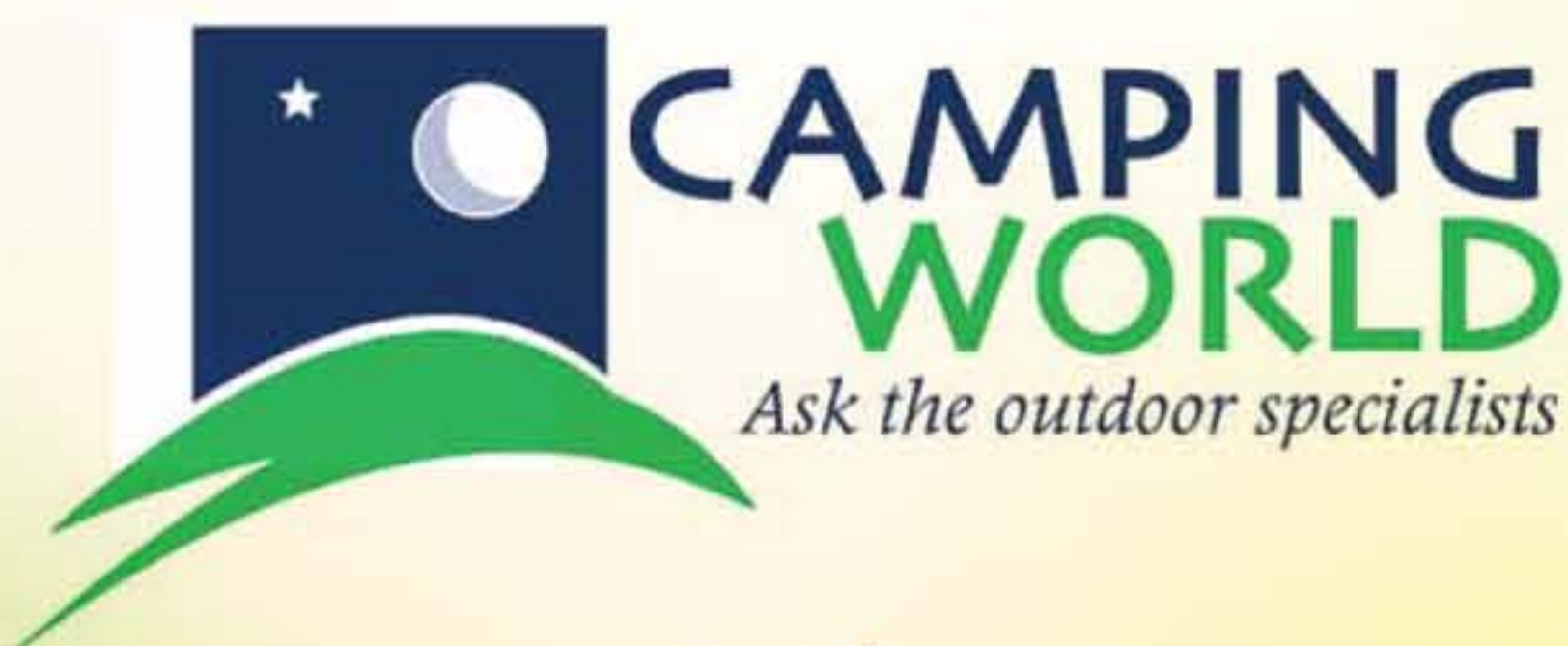
Eel-tailed catfish or jewfish are caught on bait such as shrimp or worm and are good fighters when hooked on light gear. The jewfish is often caught in shallow water off grassy banks, particularly from dusk.



### **SILVER PERCH**

Silver perch are commonly caught in the inland streams and waterholes west of the Great Dividing Range with bait such as prawns and worms. Schools accumulate at the heads of waterholes and flowing reaches, and being easily attracted to a fly or lure, they are spectacular performers.





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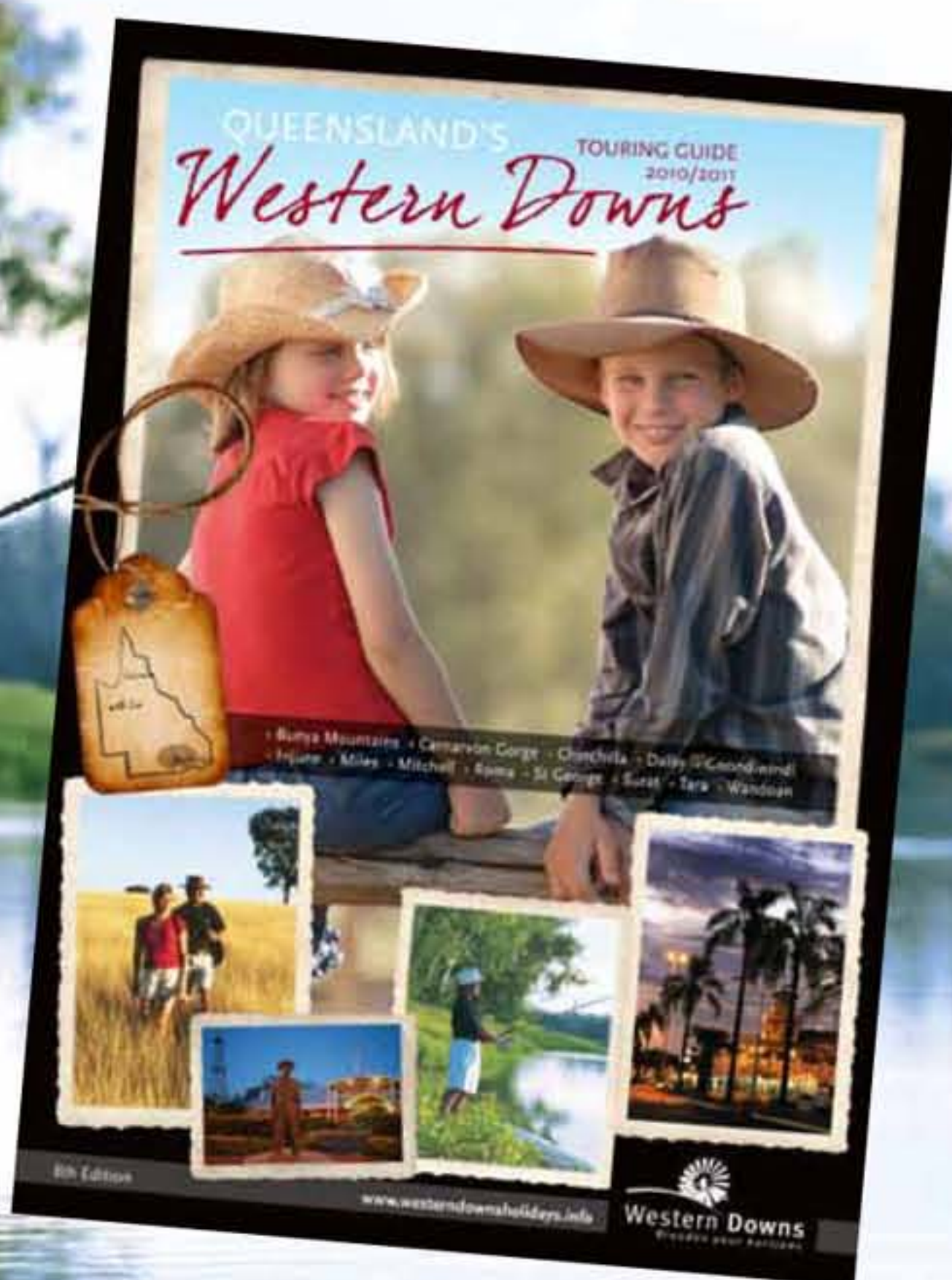
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# RULES & REGULATION

## FRESHWATER FISHING IN QUEENSLAND'S WESTERN DOWNS

Before throwing a line in, anglers should take some time to check out Queensland's fishing rules and regulations.

The recreational fishing rules and regulations put in place by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) help to protect and conserve Queensland's valuable fish stocks. Sustainable fisheries ensure that current and future generations of Queenslanders and visitors alike can fish for fun and continue to enjoy an abundance of delicious fresh fish.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

What are the types of rules and regulations you need to know about?

There are rules which relate to:

- \* The type of fishing gear you can use
- \* Size, take and possession limits
- \* Closed waters and seasons
- \* Noxious fish
- \* Tagged fish
- \* Using live bait
- \* Sale of fish
- \* Permits

We have touched on some of the important regulation below regarding fishing gear, limits, noxious fish, closed waters and permits.

You should check all rules and regulations with the DPI&F prior to setting out on your fishing trip: [www.dpi.qld.gov.au](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au) or call **13 25 23**.

## FISHING GEAR

In freshwater, fish may only be caught by using:

- \* **A FISHING LINE** – which is an apparatus consisting of a hand held line with or without a pole, reel or rod;
- \* **A TRAP** – which can be a canister trap, collapsible trap, dilly trap, funnel trap or round trap. A person must not possess or use at one time more than four of these traps in combination;
- \* **A SCOOP OR DIP NET** (cast nets and bait nets are not permitted)
- \* **A SET LINE**



## SIZE, TAKE & POSSESSION LIMITS

Some species of fish have size limits, take limits and possession limits.



### Silver perch

**Min:** 30cm      **Limit:** 5

Catch and release only in Paroo and Warrego River basins.



### Golden perch (yellowbelly)

**Min:** 30cm      **Limit:** 10



### Eel-tailed catfish (jewfish)

**Min:** 35cm      **Limit:** 5

Combined limit of 5 for all species



### Saratoga

**Min:** 50cm      **Limit:** 1



### Murray cod

**Min:** 60cm      **Max:** 110cm      **Limit:** 2

**Closed waters:** cannot be taken from the Barwon, Macintyre or Dumaresq Rivers from 1 Sept to 30 Nov



### Spangled perch

**Size:** No Limit      **Limit:** 20



### River blackfish

Not allowed to be taken





## HOW TO MEASURE A FISH

Fish are measured from the tip of the mouth to the tip of the tail. If you unintentionally take a fish that is not legal size or is prohibited species, return it to the water immediately, taking as much care as possible to avoid causing it any injury.

## NOXIOUS FISH

People must not have noxious fish in possession. Carp, tilapia and gambusia are some of the declared noxious fish. Along with other noxious and non-indigenous fish, they must not be released into Queensland waters or be used as bait, either alive or dead. All noxious fish should be destroyed when caught and must not be returned to the water.

## CLOSED WATERS

Anglers should be aware that there are a number of closed seasons and closed waters in place throughout Queensland which protects fish stocks.

**Fishing, which includes collecting, is not allowed in the following areas:**

### **Balonne River**

- \* 100m upstream to 75m downstream of Surat Weir
- \* 100m upstream to 200m downstream of the Beardmore Dam wall
- \* 100m upstream to 115m downstream of Jack Taylor Weir

### **Barwon River**

- \* From 100m upstream to 100m downstream of Mungindi Weir

### **Condamine River**

- \* 200m upstream to 200m downstream of Chinchilla Weir
- \* 400m upstream to 200m downstream of Loudoun Weir
- \* 200m upstream to 400m downstream of Lemon Tree Weir
- \* Yarramalong Weir to 200m downstream of the weir
- \* 150m upstream to 150m downstream of Cecil Plains Weir
- \* From approximately 14km upstream of Reilly's Weir to 150m downstream of Reilly's Weir

### **Dawson River**

- \* 100m upstream to 150m downstream of the Glebe Weir

### **Dogwood Creek**

- \* From 90m upstream to 100m downstream of Gil Weir (Miles)





## Macintyre Brook

- \* From 100m upstream to 50m downstream of Whetstone Weir
- \* From 100m upstream to 100m downstream of Coolmunda Dam spillway wall
- \* 100m upstream to 50m downstream of Bendor Weir

## Macintyre River

- \* From 150m upstream to 150m downstream of Goondiwindi Weir

## PERMITS

Recreational anglers only need a permit in Queensland if they are aged over 18 and fishing in one of the 33 dams listed under the Stocked Impoundments Permit (SIP) Scheme.

For the fishing locations in this brochure you will only need a permit to fish in the Cressbrook, Cooby and Coolmunda Dams.

A permit costs approximately \$7 per week and in some instances exemptions or concessions apply. Funds raised go towards purchasing native fish fingerlings for stocking.

Permits can be purchased from small business outlets in the vicinity of the dams, or you can contact the DPI&F on **13 25 23**. Using a credit card you can purchase and print your own permit online at **[www.qld.gov.au/fishing](http://www.qld.gov.au/fishing)**.

It is also important to note that if you are fishing from a boat anywhere in the MacIntyre River, you must have a valid NSW permit as well. Licences are available from local sports and outdoor supplies stores in Goondiwindi.

## WHERE TO GET RULES & REGULATIONS

For the latest fishing rules and regulations, visit **[www.dpi.qld.gov.au/fishweb](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/fishweb)** or contact the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries on **13 25 23**

Information on fishing regulations is also available from Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol offices throughout the State.

**Help to protect Queensland's fisheries resources by reporting any suspected illegal fishing activities to the 24 hour tollfree FISHWATCH HOTLINE on 1800 017 116.**

**COVER PHOTOS** | From top to bottom: Fishing Monthly Club, Janet Doyle, QLD Fishing Monthly Group.



# FISHING AND CAMPING LOCATIONS IN QUEENSLAND

## 1 Lake Nuga Nuga

**Nearest Town:** Injune 128km  
**Access:** Travel 38km from Injune on Carnarvon Highway, turn right into Arcadia Valley Road. Travel approximately another 91km to the lake.  
**Comments:** Campers must be fully self-sufficient. National Park camping fees apply. Dry weather access only.  
**Phone:** Injune VIC (07) 4626 0503  
**Web:** www.discoverinjune.com.au



## 2 Fisherman's Rest

**Nearest Town:** Mitchell 5km  
**Access:** Travel along the Warrego highway approximately 4km west of Mitchell, then turn right on to the Fisherman's Rest dirt track and travel a further 500 metres towards the Maranoa River.  
**Comments:** Campers must be self-sufficient. Eco friendly toilet on site, no other amenities.



## 3 Neil Turner Weir

**Nearest Town:** Mitchell 1km  
**Access:** Take the second right hand turn after the Great Artesian Spa Complex as you enter Mitchell, and follow Alice Street the entire way down to the Neil Turner Weir and Rotary Park.  
**Comments:** Campers must be self-sufficient. Toilet on site, no other amenities available. Camping in designated areas only (no camping on lawn at Rotary Park).



## 4 Old Yuleba Town

**Nearest Town:** Yuleba 12m  
**Access:** From Yuleba, travel Warrego Highway for 2km, turn right onto Forestry Road. Turn right onto Mongool Road. Turn right after fourth grid.  
**Phone:** (07) 4623 5155



## 5 Judd's Lagoon

**Nearest Town:** Yuleba 3km  
**Access:** 3km East of Yuleba on the Mongool Road.  
**Phone:** (07) 4623 5155



## 6 Beldene Waterhole

**Nearest Town:** Surat 60km  
**Access:** Travel 1km north from Surat on Carnarvon Hwy, turn left onto Maranoa Rd, travel 40km to Pembroke Station, turn right onto Hartwood Rd, travel 17km then turn onto Roma/Southern Rd, proceed 2km to Major Mitchell Historical Site and Beldene Waterhole. (This waterhole has the first solar powered stock route watering facility in Queensland).



## 7 Balonne Bridge

**Nearest Town:** Surat okm  
**Access:** the bridge is on the northern outskirts of Surat on the Highway.  
**Comments:** Situated on Balonne River which is stocked with fingerlings by Surat Fishing & Restocking Club. Free BBQ in park on northern side of bridge. Concrete boat ramp on northwestern side of bridge.



## 8 The Cow Paddocks

**Nearest Town:** Surat 2km  
**Access:** Travel east from Surat on Sawmill Road. Subject to flooding.  
**Comments:** Caravan Park, motel and hotel accommodation available in Surat.  
**Phone:** (07) 4626 5298 or (07) 4626 5264



## 9 Bingi Crossing

**Nearest Town:** Surat 46km  
**Access:** Travel 1km south from Surat on Carnarvon Highway, turn left onto the Surat-Tara Road and travel further 10km. Turn onto the river diversion road to the river.



## 10 Green Timbers

**Nearest Town:** Surat 18km  
**Access:** Travel 18km south from Surat on Carnarvon Highway, turn right to Weribone Creek. Road is hard to find and is not signposted. Road access is black soil and crosses numerous overflows so avoid when wet.  
**Comment:** No public facilities



## 11 Waroo Bridge

**Nearest Town:** St George 60km  
**Access:** Travel north from St George along the Carnarvon highway 51km to the Waroo school/Waroo bridge turnoff. Turn left, proceed 9km to bridge.  
**Comments:** Do not cross boundary fence.



## 12 EJ Beardmore Dam

**Nearest Town:** St George 22km  
**Access:** From St George travel 14km along the Carnarvon Highway to turnoff. Turn left and proceed 8km to dam.  
**Comments:** Fishing boundaries above and below dam wall and catch cards for monitoring fish numbers available from St George Fishing Club.



## 13 EJ Beardmore Dam Turnoff

**Nearest Town:** St George 14km  
**Access:** From St George travel 14km along St George/Surat Road to EJ Beardmore Dam turnoff. Turn left just before the first grid, access on left heading to dam. Not advisable in wet weather.



## 14 Jack Taylor Weir

**Nearest Town:** St George okm  
**Access:** On town reaches of the Balonne River. Fishing boundaries designated above and below the weir.



## 15 Wyenbah Bridge

**Nearest Town:** St George 50km  
**Access:** Turn left after the Andrew Nixon Bridge and follow Whyenbah Road 50km to Whyenbah Bridge. (Whyenbah Rd is a dirt road following the Balonne River to Dirranbandi on the western side). Camping and fishing on the eastern side of the bridge. Dry weather road only.



## 16 Wallam Creek

**Nearest Town:** Bollon okm  
**Access:** Camping and fishing on the banks of Wallam Creek along the town reaches.  
**Comments:** Also a koala habitat



## 17 Balonne Minor Bridge

**Nearest Town:** Dirranbandi 3km  
**Access:** Travel 3km west along Bollon/Dirranbandi Road.



## 18 The Narran River

**Nearest Town:** Dirranbandi 37km  
**Access:** Travel 37km along the Hebel/Dirranbandi Road.



## 19 Culgoa Flood Plains

**Nearest Town:** Dirranbandi 130km  
**Access:** On the QLD/NSW border 130km south of Dirranbandi.  
**Comments:** Cray-fishing on bore drains. Camping permit required. 4WD recommended.  
**Phone:** (07) 4625 8168



## 20 Hebel

**Nearest Town:** Hebel okm  
**Access:** Cray-fishing and camping on the Bokhara River just outside Hebel



## 21 The Barwon River

**Nearest Town:** Mungindi okm  
**Access:** Northern river bank. Fish beside the Border Bridge.



## 22 Barney's Beach

**Nearest Town:** Thallon 3km  
**Access:** Travel west from Thallon on the Thallon Dirranbandi Road to the Moonie River.



## 23 Moonie River

**Nearest Town:** Nindigully okm  
**Access:** Travel 3km east of Goondiwindi Road and Carnarvon Highway intersection.  
**Comments:** Fishing & camping on the Moonie river. Walking distance to Nindigully Pub. Boat Access from bank. Facilities at Pub.  
**Phone:** Nindigully Pub (07) 4625 9637



## 24 Bungunya Reserve

**Nearest Town:** Bungunya 4km  
**Access:** Travel east from Bungunya turn off on Barwon Highway, turn left into Westmar Road, 4km from turnoff – just before the Weir River at the 'Joe Beach' plaque turn right. Dry weather access only.  
**Comment:** Maximum 24 hour stay.



## 25 Lalaguli Reserve

**Nearest Town:** Talwood 8km  
**Access:** Travel 8km east from Talwood on Barwon Highway to sign on fence saying 'Camping & Water Reserve' (just east and opposite 'Lalaguli entrance') – turn left through gate and follow fence to river (through two gates). Dry weather access only.  
**Comments:** Maximum 24 hour stay



## 26 Talwood Reserve

**Nearest Town:** Talwood 2km  
**Access:** At Talwood take the Boomi Road exit. Just over the first bridge turn left through gate – river on left side along reserve. Dry weather access only.  
**Comments:** Maximum 24 hour stay.



## 27 Boonanga Reserve

**Nearest Town:** Talwood 15km  
**Access:** From Talwood travel 15km on Talwood – Boomi Road to Barwon River.  
**Comments:** Situated on Barwon River



## 28 Botanic Gardens and Western Woodlands

**Nearest Town:** Goondiwindi 3.5km  
**Access:** From the Goondiwindi Post Office travel north on Mclean Street to the first intersection – turn left into Callandoon Street, travel through two roundabouts, heading west veer onto Brennans Road, follow signs to Botanic Gardens.  
**Comments:** No powered boats permitted  
**Phone:** Goondiwindi Regional Council (business hours) (07) 4671 7400



## 29 Goondiwindi Boat Ramp

**Nearest Town:** Goondiwindi okm  
**Access:** Located right in Goondiwindi. Fish between two Weirs – approximately 16km.  
**Comments:** Caravan Parks, motels, and hotel accommodation available in Goondiwindi.



## 30 Natural Heritage Water Park

**Nearest Town:** Goondiwindi 3km  
**Access:** From the Goondiwindi Post Office, travel east on Marshall St to the large roundabout. Take the Border Rivers Tourist Drive (3) Exit, then take the first turn left into Johnson Road which leads into the Water Park.  
**Comments:** Skiing and boating permit fees apply.  
**Phone:** Goondiwindi Regional Council (business hours) (07) 4671 7400



## 31 Rainbow Reserve

**Nearest Town:** Goondiwindi 17km  
**Access:** From the Goondiwindi Post Office, travel east on Marshall St to the large roundabout. Take the Border Rivers Tourist Drive (3) Exit. 17km from the roundabout the road nears to within 50m of the river, at this point just before the turnoff onto Eukabilla Road (to the left/north) is a dirt boat ramp that easily handles most tinnies.



## 32 Yellowbank Reserve

**Nearest Town:** Goondiwindi 26km  
**Access:** From the Goondiwindi Post Office, travel east on Marshall St to the large roundabout. Take the Border Rivers Tourist Drive (3) Exit. Then travel 25km. Dry weather access only. Bush track to river.  
**Comments:** Situated on Dumaresq River.



## 33 Lees Reserve

**Nearest Town:** Goondiwindi 30km  
**Access:** From the Goondiwindi Post Office, travel east on Marshall St to the large roundabout. Take the Border Rivers Tourist Drive (3) Exit. Then travel 29km. Dry weather access only. Narrow access to river.  
**Comments:** Situated on Dumaresq River.



## 34 Bengalla Reserve

**Nearest Town:** Goondiwindi 34km  
**Access:** From the Goondiwindi Post Office, travel east on Marshall St to the large roundabout. Take the Border Rivers Tourist Drive (3) Exit. Then travel 33km to gateway at reserve sign. Bush track to river. Dry weather access only.



## 35 Goondiwindi Town Common

**Nearest Town:** Goondiwindi 2km  
**Access:** Travel 1km from Goondiwindi on the Barwon Highway. Town Common Road on the left.  
**Comments:** Strictly no camping  
**Phone:** Goondiwindi Regional Council (business hours) (07) 4671 7400



## 36 Keetah Border Crossing

**Nearest Town:** Yelarbon 8km  
**Access:** From the Goondiwindi Post Office, travel east on Marshall St to the large roundabout. Take the Border Rivers Tourist Drive (3) Exit. Then 52km from Goondiwindi you will come to the 'Y' intersection, to the left is 8km to Yelarbon, to the right travel approximately 1.6km to the Keetah Border Crossing Bridge.  
**Comments:** Camping on NSW side of bridge.



## 37 Flinton

**Nearest Town:** Westmar 20km  
**Access:** Travel on the Moonie Highway from Westmar. Turn right at Flinton sign and follow bitumen.  
**Comments:** No camping allowed on the racecourse. Situated on the Moonie River, subject to flooding.  
**Phone:** (07) 4669 5127



## 38 Moonie River Westmar

**Nearest Town:** Westmar 12km  
**Access:** Westmar township intersection - turn right into Meandarra/Talwood Road, travel 12 km's turn right before bridge for waterhole.  
**Comments:** Subject to flooding.



## 39 Bendee Road Reserve

**Nearest Town:** Westmar 12km  
**Access:** From Moonie, travel along Moonie/St George Highway and turn right at the Meandarra/Goondiwindi turnoff (Bendee Rd) travel 16.2km to river. 50m before the river, turn right.  
**Comments:** Dry weather access only



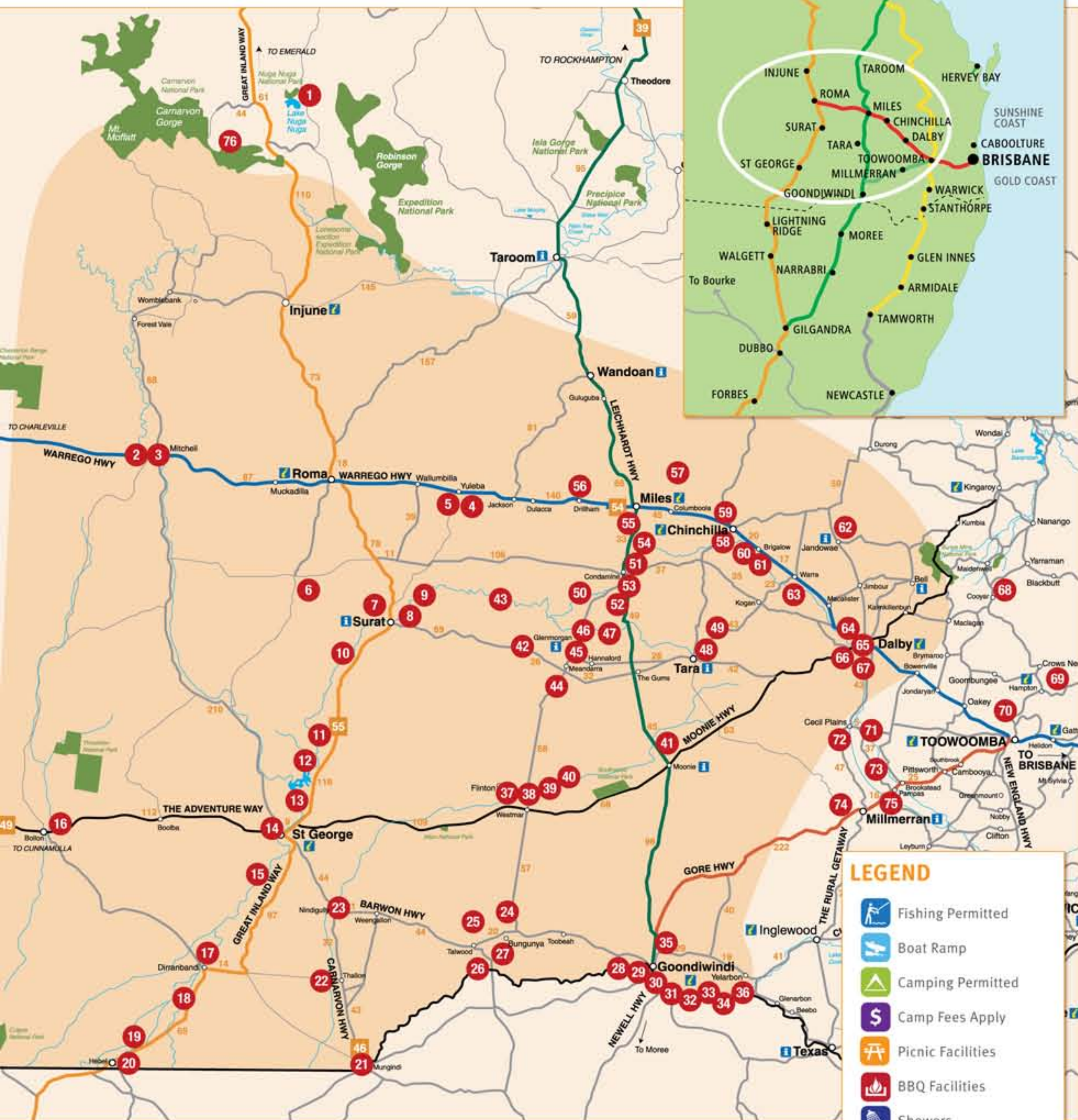
## 40 Southwood

**Nearest Town:** Moonie 32 km  
**Access:** Head west on the Moonie Hwy, past Southwood National Park, immediately turn right into Apelts Rd, travel 15km's northwest, turn right over grid to waterhole.  
**Comments:** Subject to flooding.






# QUEENSLAND'S WESTERN DOWNS





This map is for use as an indication of fishing locations only and may not contain all the information necessary for access. For detailed directions please contact the nearest Visitor Information Centre (refer list over page).



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

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

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
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
**DAY 1**  
Begin your Western Downs fishing adventure at the Cecil Plains Weir . After a few hours in the fresh air take your appetite to Millmerran for a bit to eat and stock up on supplies. After lunch travel to Yarralong Weir  for an afternoon of relaxed fishing. Stay the night at the Weir or make you way back to Millmerran and enjoy our famous Western hospitality.

**DAY 2**  
Get an early start and leave Millmerran for Goondiwindi Town Common  which is good for bank fishing. Spend the morning fishing then catch lunch in Goondiwindi. Head for the Goondiwindi Boat Ramp  and unwind. Spend the night in the Goondiwindi enjoying the local scene and chatting with colourful country characters.

**DAY 3**  
Leave Goondiwindi for Lalguli Reserve  near Talwood for your morning fishing fix. Make you way to Nindigully, have a bite to eat at the famous pub and spend the afternoon fishing the banks of the Moonie River . Spend the night at the Nindigully Pub or camp on the banks of the river.

**DAY 4**  
From Nindigully travel towards St George, take the turnoff to Dirranbandi and head to the Balonne Minor Bridge . From here make your way to Wallam Creek  at Bollon, where you can spend the afternoon fishing and camp for the night under a starry sky.



**DAY 5**  
Travel to the Jack Taylor Weir  at St George for a spot of early morning fishing. Head into town for lunch and then onto the EJ Beardmore Dam . Spend the night in St George and indulge in some authentic country tucker.

**DAY 6**  
Say farewell to St George and make your way to Bingi Crossing  just past Surat. Have lunch in town and then on to Beldene Waterhole . Travel back to your accommodation in Surat for the night.


**DAY 7**  
Leave Surat and head for Brigalow Creek  at picturesque Meandarra. After lunch it's on to Tara Lagoon  for an afternoon of fishing. Overnight in Tara before heading home or on to your next adventure.


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
**DAY 1**  
The day begins at Lake Cooby . Stop at Highfields for lunch and then drive out to Dalby for an afternoon of fishing at Loudoun Bridge . Camp here or head back to Dalby for a night on the town embracing Western hospitality at its best.



**DAY 2**  
Off to the Jandowae Dam  and then on to Archers Crossing  just outside Chinchilla. Have a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon fishing before making your way to accommodation in Chinchilla.

**DAY 3**  
See the sunrise at the Chinchilla Weir  and fish until hunger gets the better of you. Have a pub lunch in downtown Chinchilla before making your way to Caliguel Lagoon  at Condamine. Spend the night at the Lagoon or enjoy a local farmstay experience.

**DAY 4**  
Leave Condamine and make your way to Gil Weir  at Miles. Have lunch in Miles and then travel on to Injune. Stay the night and make sure to pick up some supplies for tomorrow.

**DAY 5**  
Leave for Lake Nuga Nuga  and spend the morning fishing. Have a picnic lunch and then travel to Roma. Stay in Roma for the night and experience the Big Rig night show or meet locals in one of the numerous pubs

**DAY 6**  
Travel a bit further west to Mitchell, and visit the Great Artesian Spa. Pick up some more supplies, and continue your relaxing day with some fishing at Neil Turner Weir  before camping the night.

**DAY 7**  
Say farewell to Mitchell and travel to Old Yuleba Town . Have a picnic lunch in Yuleba and spend the afternoon fishing at Judd's Lagoon . Stay the night at the Lagoon or make your way to Miles for some country style hospitality.



#### 41 Rocky Water Hole

**Nearest Town:** Moonie 14km

**Access:** From Moonie travel 14km north along Leichhardt Highway over Moonie Bridge, then right at Old Moonie Road to the river.

**Comments:** Subject to water level. Suitable for small rowboats.



#### 42 Glenmorgan Water Facility

**Nearest Town:** Glenmorgan okm

**Access:** Head west through Glenmorgan, past first crossroads, immediately turn left before crossing bridge.

**Comments:** Camping facilities at the End of the Line, Glenmorgan.



#### 43 Pialaway Reserve

**Nearest Town:** Glenmorgan 37km

**Access:** Travel 66km from Surat on Surat/Condamine Road to 'Warkon' mailbox. Turn right and proceed 12km to 'Warkon' Station. Following the signs to Glenmorgan, continue a further 3km to bridge, then another 3km to fishing reserve (on left before grid). Subject to flooding.



#### 44 Brigalow Creek

**Nearest Town:** Meandarra okm

**Access:** Situated on the north western side of the Meandarra township.

**Comments:** Well known for its water lilies. Fish for golden perch and freshwater jewfish. Camping permitted along the creek. Leo Gordon Apex Park is adjacent to the creek.



#### 45 Undulla

**Nearest Town:** Meandarra 35km

**Access:** Travel 18km along Meandarra/Condamine Rd. Turn left onto Undulla Rd, proceed 13km to site on Undulla Creek (at Murtlock Road turnoff). Subject to flooding.



#### 46 Camp Station Reserve

**Nearest Town:** Meandarra 17km

**Access:** Travel 17km's northwest along Meandarra/Condamine Rd to site.

**Comments:** Subject to flooding.



#### 47 Reis' Undulla Creek

**Nearest Town:** Tara 44km

**Access:** Travel 5km west of Tara on the Surat Developmental Road and veer right at the Western Road. Proceed 31km to the Hannaford turnoff. Turn right, travel 7km to Undulla Creek.

**Comments:** Suitable for small rowboats, subject to flooding.



#### 48 Tara Lagoon

**Nearest Town:** Tara okm

**Access:** Enquire at Western Downs Regional Council (Tara Office) 07 4665 3133 or [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au)

**Comments:** Admire the birds whilst walking along the lagoon or throw in a line and catch a yellowbelly, jewfish or silver perch. BBQ available.



#### 49 26 Mile

**Nearest Town:** Tara 28km

**Access:** Along Kogan Road, turn left onto Weitzel's Road.

**Comments:** Dry weather access only, suitable for small row boats. Subject to flooding.



#### 50 Yullabilla Crossing

**Nearest Town:** Condamine 59km

**Access:** Travel 24km on Condamine/Roma Road. Turn left onto Glenmorgan Road. Travel 35km to river.

**Comments:** Dry weather access only. Suitable for small punts or similar craft.

**Phone:** (07) 4627 1250



#### 51 Condamine River (1)

**Nearest Town:** Condamine okm

**Access:** Down under the bridge from the western side. Travel upstream for several km. Boat ramp available for small craft.

**Phone:** (07) 4627 2150



#### 52 Condamine River (2)

**Nearest Town:** Condamine 20km

**Access:** Travel 20km along Meandarra Road. Turn right at the bush track and follow for 100m.

**Phone:** (07) 4627 2150



#### 53 Caliguel Lagoon

**Nearest Town:** Condamine 7km

**Access:** Travel 7km from Condamine on Meandarra Rd. Lagoon is situated on the left.

**Phone:** (07) 4627 2150



#### 54 Westcourt

**Nearest Town:** Miles 27km

**Condamine** 16km

**Access:** Travel from Condamine towards Miles for 15km. Turn left onto bush track at the electricity station, to creek. Dry weather access only. Subject to water levels.

**Phone:** (07) 4627 2150



#### 55 Gil Weir

**Nearest Town:** Miles 6km

**Access:** Travel 4.5km south of Miles on Condamine Road, turn right onto Gil Weir Access Road and proceed a further 1.2km to Weir.

**Comments:** Powered craft less than 10 hp only.



#### 56 Drillham Creek

**Nearest Town:** Drillham okm

**Access:** Travel 21km east of Miles on Warrego Highway.

**Phone:** (07) 46 27 2150



#### 57 Dogwood Creek Camp

**Nearest Town:** Chinchilla 60km

**Access:** Access via Barakula turnoff at Chinchilla. Directions are available from the Qld Forest Service at Barakula or from the Chinchilla Information Centre.

**Comments:** Dry weather access only not suitable for boating. Permits required to enter forest from Qld Forest Service. Camping permit required.

**Phone:** (07) 4662 8366



#### 58 Chinchilla Weir

**Nearest Town:** Chinchilla 9km

**Access:** Travel 9km south from Chinchilla on Tara Road.

**Comments:** No fishing within 200m of Weir Wall (above or below). Situated on Condamine river. Suitable for boating. Free camping in designated areas for 2 nights only.

**Phone:** VIC (07) 4668 9564



#### 59 Rocky Creek

**Nearest Town:** Chinchilla

**Access:** Travel West along the Warrego Hwy for approximately 4km until you cross the "Rocky Creek" bridge. Approximately 100m past the bridge, turn right onto a dirt track.

**Comments:** Suitable only for dry weather.



#### 60 Archers Crossing North

**Nearest Town:** Chinchilla 11km

**Access:** Travel 7km east of Chinchilla, turn right onto No Through Road Archers Crossing, approximately 4km further to river. Dry weather conditions only. (North side of river).

**Comments:** Situated on Condamine River. Bush camping, no facilities.

**Phone:** VIC (07) 4668 9564



#### 61 Archers Crossing South

**Nearest Town:** Chinchilla 24km

**Access:** Travel 10km east from Chinchilla, take Hopelands/Kogan (Condamine River) turnoff, proceed 9km to Hopeland School then turn right, continue 2.2km to Archers Crossing Rd (first gravel road on right), follow 4km to river.

**Comments:** Situated on Condamine River. Suitable for boating. Bush camping.

**Phone:** VIC (07) 4668 9564



#### 62 Jandowae Dam

**Nearest Town:** Jandowae 5km, Dalby 50km

**Access:** From Dalby travel approximately 50km to Jandowae. Turn right at Myall Street and travel 5 km to Dam.

**Comments:** Council fishing permits (free) are required.

**Phone:** (07) 4668 5014



#### 63 Warra Weir

**Access:** From Dalby travel 47km on Warrego Hwy to Warra. Head south on Warra-Kogan Rd 4.5km to Weir Access Rd. 1.5km to Warra Weir. No swimming.

**Comments:** Do not cross boundary fence.



#### 64 Rangers Bridge

**Nearest Town:** Dalby 18km

**Access:** Travel west along the Warrego Highway from Dalby 5km. After 12km, turn left towards Kogan & Condamine. Turn left after 1km. The reserve is on the right over Rangers Bridge.

**Comments:** Dry weather tracks on reserve. Small craft—no powered craft. Do not cross boundary fence.



#### 65 Myall Creek

**Nearest Town:** Dalby okm

**Access:** Creek runs through town.

**Comments:** Suitable for small craft only — no powered craft. Do not cross boundary fence.



#### 66 Loudoun Bridge

**Nearest Town:** Dalby 11km

**Access:** Take Moonie Highway southwest for 11km. First bridge is Myall Creek and second bridge is Condamine River.

**Comments:** Small craft — no powered craft. Do not cross boundary fence.



#### 67 Tipton Bridge

**Nearest Town:** Dalby 23km

**Access:** Take Cecil Plains Road south 21km. Turn right at Grass-dale turnoff. Travel 2km to the river, the reserve is located on the left across the bridge.

**Comments:** Do not cross boundary fence.



#### 68 Swing Bridge Park

**Nearest Town:** Cooyar okm

**Comments:** Fish from the suspension bridge or along Cooyar Creek between New England Hwy (behind Fire Bridge Shed) and the suspension bridge.

**Phone:** (07) 4692 6150



#### 69 Lake Cressbrook

**Nearest Town:** Toowoomba 50km

**Access:** Travel along New England Highway to Pechey 30 mins north of Toowoomba, turn right at Lake Cressbrook sign. Follow road past Lake Perseverance & continue to water tank on the left. Turn left and proceed down the hill to the lake. Campground at lake.

**Comments:** Petrol motors allowed. Entry fees apply.



#### 70 Lake Cooby

**Nearest Town:** Toowoomba 20km

**Access:** Travel 15 mins north of Toowoomba to Highfields, turn left at Highfields Rd and follow signs to Lake Cooby.

**Comments:** Electric motored boats only. No camping.



#### 71 Cecil Plains Weir

**Nearest Town:** Cecil Plain 1km

**Access:** On the Cecil Plains/Toowoomba Road at the eastern entrance to Cecil Plains Apex Park.

**Comments:** Subject to water levels. Suitable for boating. Camping maximum 3 nights. Situated on the Condamine River. Re-stocked annually.



#### 72 Cecil Plains Homestead

**Nearest Town:** Cecil Plains okm

**Access:** Head east out of Cecil Plains along Taylor St. Turn right to the homestead before crossing the Condamine River.

**Comments:** This is a private property and permission should be sought before entering. Subject to water levels. Suitable for boating. Re-stocked annually. Road reserve.

**Phone:** Glennis 07 4668 0098



#### 73 Lemon Tree Weir

**Nearest Town:** Millmerran 20km

**Access:** Travelling west from Pampas on the Gore Highway, turn right onto Lemontree Road and then after 6.5km turn right onto Bostock Road and travel 2.5km to its crossing of the Condamine River.

**Comments:** Subject to water levels. Suitable for boating. Re-stocked annually. Road Reserve.



#### 74 Back Creek Millmerran

**Nearest Town:** Millmerran okm

**Access:** Adjacent to town water supply reservoir on Gore Highway.

**Comments:** Mowed parkland. No camping. Re-stocked annually.

**Phone:** (07) 4695 1399



#### 75 Yarralong Weir

**Nearest Town:** Millmerran 20km

**Access:** On the Gore Highway at Pampas turn left onto Fysh Road, travel 5km and turn off onto Yarralong Road and travel 2km to its crossing of the Condamine River. Alternate directions: On the Millmerran/Leyburn Road, take turnoff onto Yarralong Road. Follow Weir.

**Comment:** Subject to water levels. Re-stocked annually. Suitable for boating. Road reserve.



#### 76 Carnarvon Gorge Day-Use Area

**Nearest Town:** Injune 160km

**Access:** Travel 110km north from Injune on the Carnarvon Highway. Turn at the Carnarvon Gorge turnoff and continue for 45km (please note that the last 20km are unsealed road).

**Comment:** Camping is only permitted in the Carnarvon Gorge visitor area during the Easter, winter and spring Queensland school holidays. Not suitable for caravans or motorhomes. Bookings required.

**Phone:** 1300 130 372

**Web:** [www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/carnarvon-gorge](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/carnarvon-gorge)





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62 Burrowes Street, Surat

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## **TARA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

Council Service Centre  
19 Fry St, Tara

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