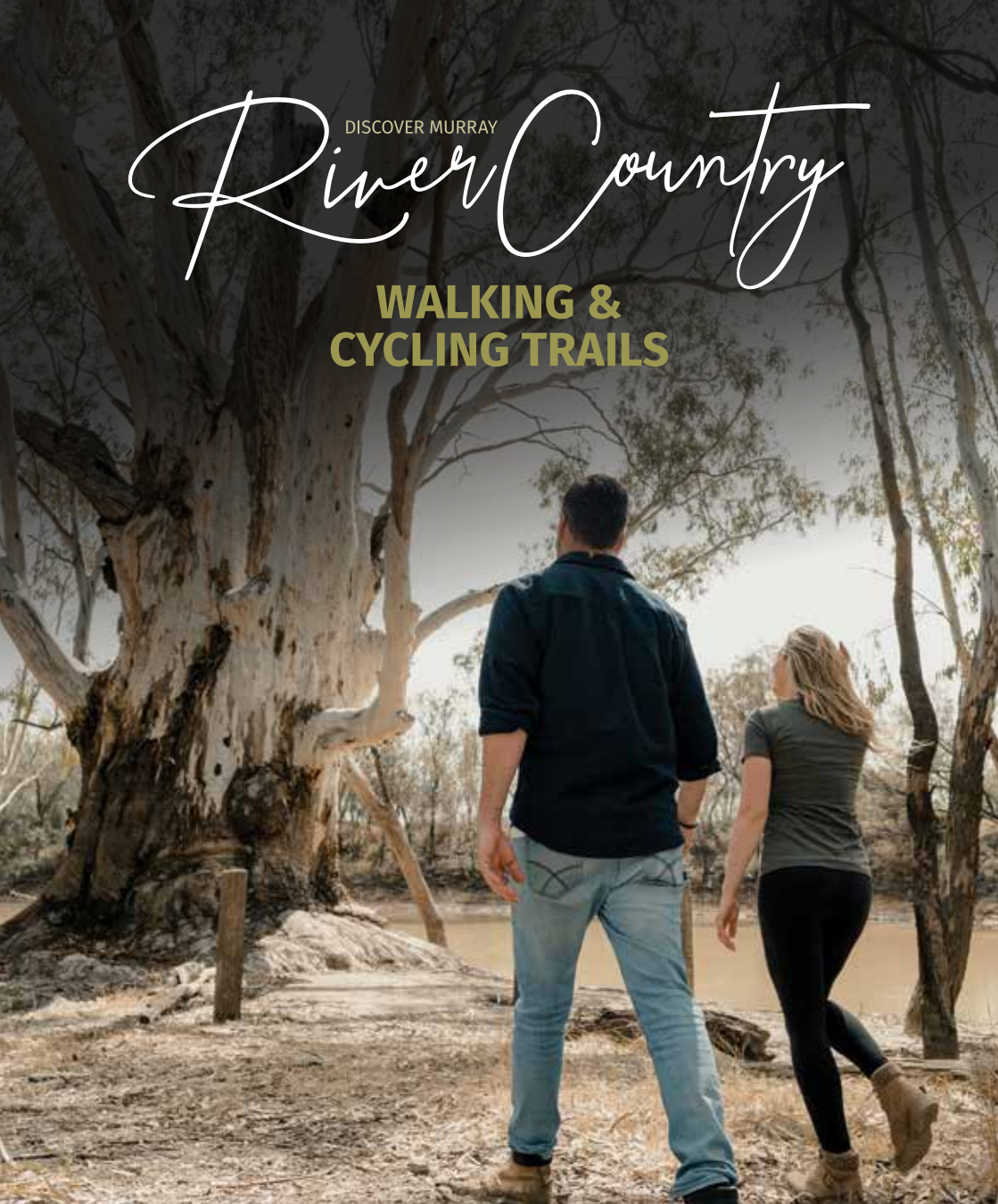




DISCOVER MURRAY *RiverCountry*

WALKING & CYCLING TRAILS

Moama | Barham | Mathoura | Moulamein | Murray Downs | Tooleybuc | Wakool
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A woman with long, wavy blonde hair is seen from the back, reaching out to touch the rough, textured bark of a large tree. The tree's trunk is thick and has a mix of light and dark brown bark. The background shows more trees and a bright, slightly overcast sky.

Welcome

Each River Country township is located in beautiful natural settings. Walking and cycling our bushland tracks, back roads and waterways is the perfect way to explore the peaceful natural environments.

With trails to suit all distances and levels of fitness, River Country is the ideal region to explore towns, nature and to spot hundreds of unique bird, animal and plant species.

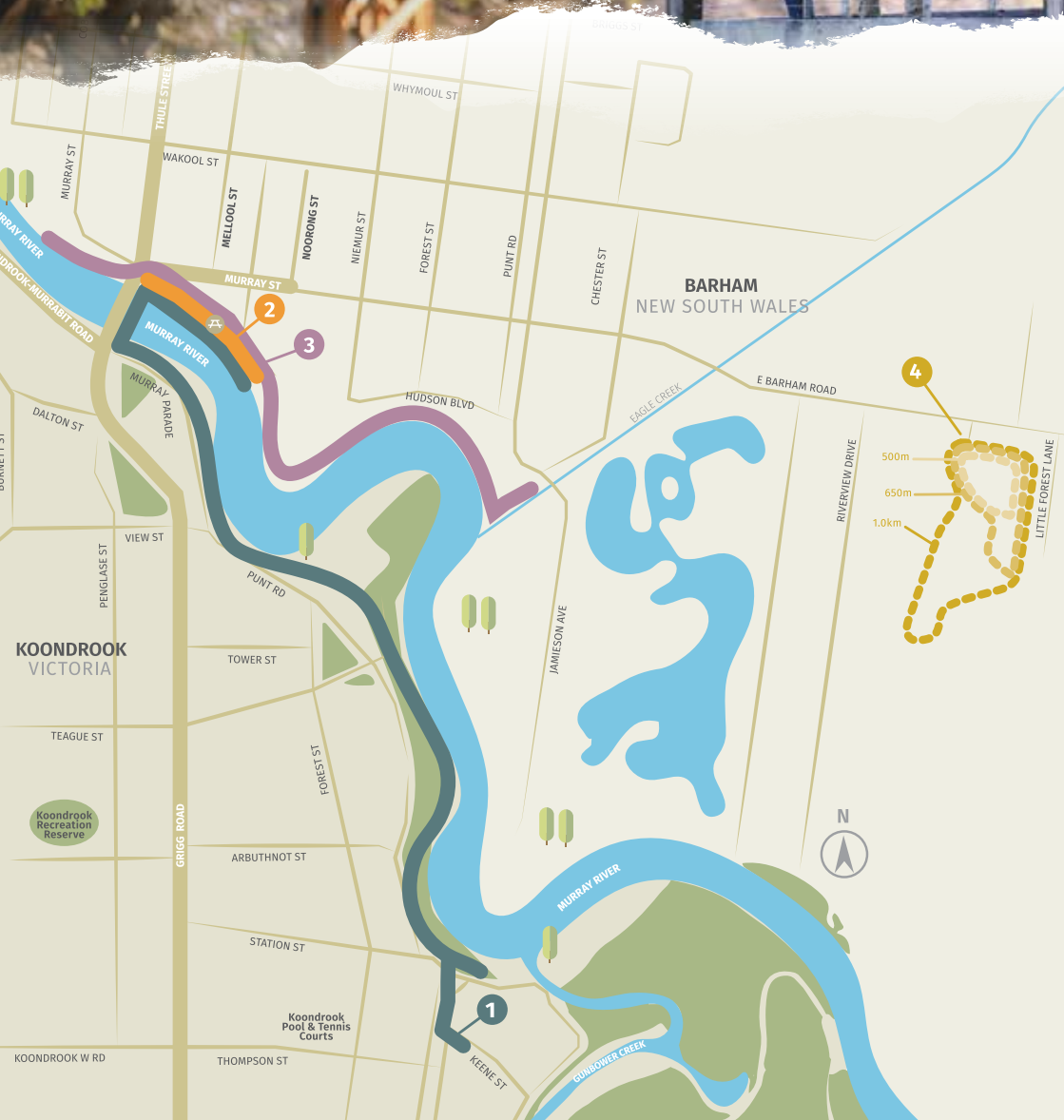
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KEY

-  Sealed footpath
-  Unsealed footpath
-  Walking
-  Cycling
-  Boardwalk
-  Dogs on Lead
-  Picnic Facilities
-  One Way
-  Return Loop

Barham Koondrook



The twin towns of Barham (NSW) and Koondrook (Vic), located on the mighty Murray River, ooze charm and character. Explore the wide range of cycling and walking trails through the bush and pretty townships, including the beautiful Barham Boardwalk.

1 Barham Koondrook Red Gum Statue Walk

Distance: 1.7km

Start: Keene Street, Koondrook

Finish: Barham Riverside Park



Take a leisurely stroll down the Redgum Statue walk as it meanders along the banks of the Murray River through the towns of Koondrook and Barham. Starting on the edge of the Gunbower Creek, admire the exceptional craftsmanship of the statues which depict the pioneer men and women of the district along with the iconic wildlife of the area. These works of art were carved out of local red gum by world renowned chainsaw carvers Kevin Guilders and Angela Polglaze.

Cross the historic lift-span bridge over the Murray for the final three statues before exploring the main streets of Barham or continuing along the Barham Boardwalk.

3 Barham River Walk

Distance: 1km

Start: Barham Riverside Park

Finish: Jamieson Avenue



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2 Barham Boardwalk

Distance: 170 meters

Start: Barham Riverside Park



Take an easy, flat stroll along the Barham Boardwalk. Built by a dedicated team of community volunteers, the project took 10 years to complete, opening to the public in 2018. Running through Riverside Park adjacent to the Murray River, the boardwalk provides a viewing area along the river and provides accessible, safe access for people to enjoy the river. The viewing platform provides fantastic views of the historic Barham Koondrook Bridge.

Riverside Park also features a playground and picnic facilities. With food outlets and cafes nearby, it's the perfect spot for a snack or lunch.

4 Barham Federation Gardens Walks

Distance: Trail 1 – 1km; trail 2 – 650m; Trail 3 – 500m

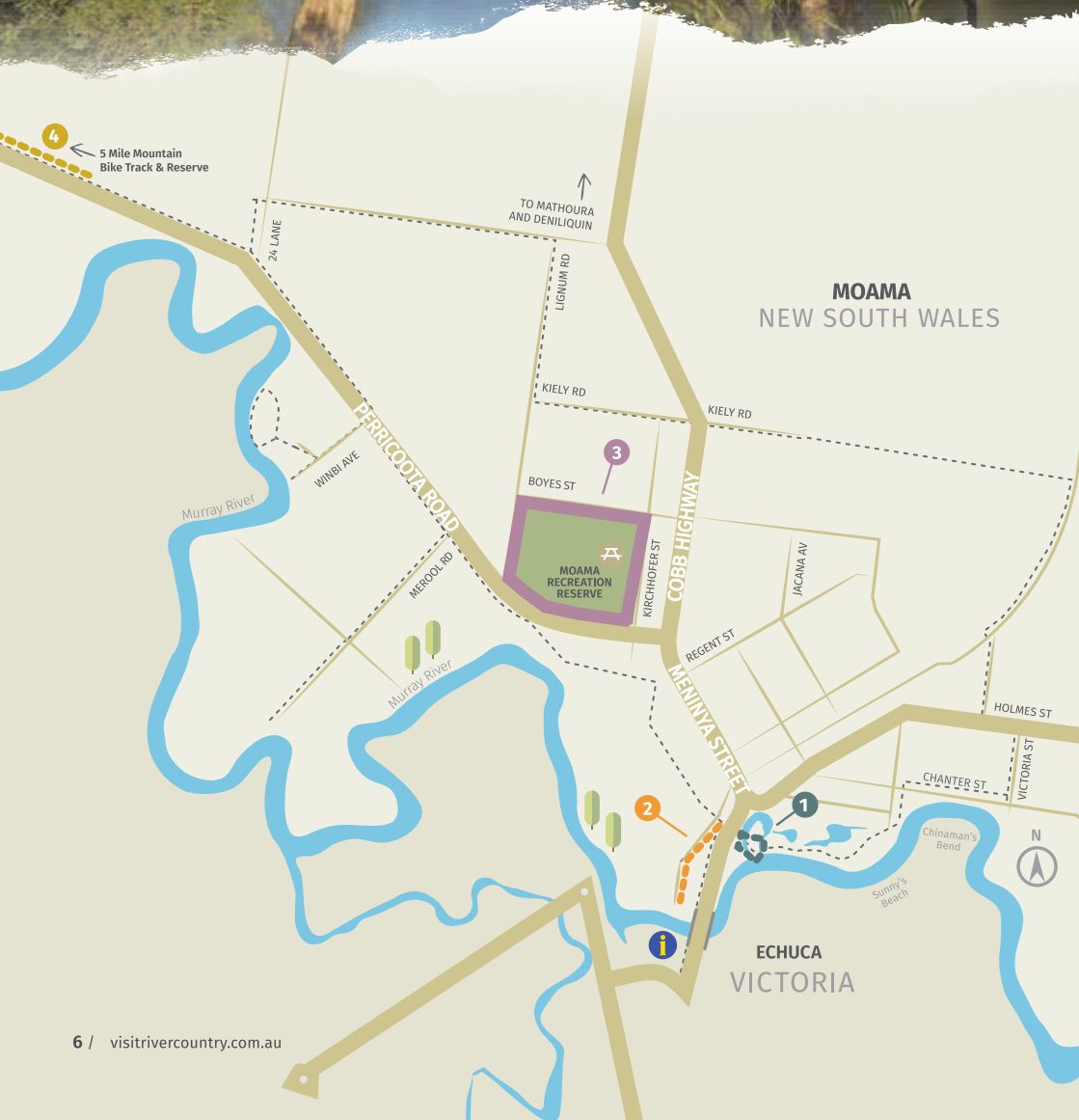
Start & Finish: Barham Federation Reserve (Botanic Gardens)



Located just 1.6km from Barham town centre along the East Barham Road, is a 10-hectare reserve managed by Barham Landcare. Explore the three walking trails on site and appreciate the natural environment and wonderful biodiversity. The reserve incorporates a diverse soil environment allowing for a range of local plant species to be represented from a variety of landscapes.

The landscape diversity provides suitable habitat to over 125 species of plants that are endemic to the local region (within a 100km radius of Barham) as well as a range of mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds.

Moama



Nestled on the banks of the Murray River and set against a backdrop of idyllic natural bushland, the border towns of Echuca Moama exude a raw, timeless and authentic beauty that is unrivalled in Australia. Echuca Moama itself offers a tale of two cities.

1 Horseshoe Lagoon

Distance: 1.5km return loop

Start & Finish: Horseshoe Lagoon, Shaw St. Moama



Horseshoe Lagoon is part of Moama's Wetland and Floodplain Reserve. The area includes a horseshoe-shaped lagoon and a billabong, which provide a home to native birds, animals, plants and fish. Wander along the boardwalks, indulge in some wildlife spotting and learn about the importance of wetlands and floodplains along the mighty Murray River.

Horseshoe Lagoon is part of the extensive floodplains along the Murray River that have great significance to Aboriginal people. Some Yorta Yorta elders describe the floodplains as 'our supermarkets' – as they provided everything required to sustain the first inhabitants of the region.

The original Moama wharf was built on the river here in 1879, however riverboats could only access the wharf during high rivers, so the wharf was abandoned. A new wharf was built in 1988, along with the boardwalk and signage

2 Moama Beach

Distance: 800m

Start & Finish: Kerrabee Soundshell car park, Blair Street, Moama



Adjacent to Blair Street, this unsealed walking path goes through the red gum forest down to the Moama beach. Along the walk, look out for wildlife – especially around dawn and dusk – and see if you can spot any of the native bird species.

Once at the beach, take advantage of the sheltered picnic and barbecue facilities, have a splash in the water and watch the paddlesteamers, houseboats and ducks glide by.

Storyboards at the beach outline the history of Moama beach, and detail the tumultuous and tragic building and opening of the historic Echuca Moama Bridge.

3 Moama Recreation Reserve

Distance: Varies

Start & Finish: Moama Recreation Reserve car park, Perricoota Road, Moama



The Moama Recreation Reserve expands over approximately 45 hectares, is located in the heart of Moama and is the sporting and recreation hub for the community and surrounds.

The reserve is home to numerous sporting fields and clubhouses, a velodrome, botanic gardens, adventure playground, cricket nets, netball courts, a school, off-leash dog park and many paths and tracks that wind throughout the reserve.

Exercise equipment is also dotted throughout, situated along the walking tracks. The cycling and walking tracks throughout the reserve are both sealed and gravel base.

4 Moama 5 Miles

Distance: 7km one way

Start & Finish: Five Mile car park, Murray Valley Regional Park Moama



Set among an iconic landscape of huge river red gums, Five Mile mountain bike trail provides 7km of purpose-built mountain bike trails to discover and enjoy. Located in Murray Valley Regional Park, it's one of the best places for mountain biking in the Riverina region, suitable for mountain bikers of all skill levels – choose your own path, from easy trails to steeper and more rugged challenges – and offers a fun packed day for the whole family.

Mathoura

Mathoura is located 40km north of Echuca Moama and is a spectacular gateway to one of the largest red gum forests in the world. It's an enchanted wonderland for lovers of the Australian bush, the river and the great outdoors.

1 Gulpa Creek Walk

Distance: 5km return

Start & Finish: Cranes Bridge, Mathoura



Gulpa Creek walk is a flat, easy 5km walk or ride among the river red gums along Gulpa Creek in Murray Valley Regional Park. Bring your dog along for a run.

Cross Crane's Bridge and turn right to follow the walking track along Gulpa Creek. After 1.1km, you can turn onto Liston Bridge to return to Mathoura or walk on along the track creek for another 2.5km. It's a lovely and serene walk, and great for birdwatching.

At the end of the track, you can cross a wooden bridge to stroll along Poley's loop for a further 1.5km. If you're leaving the track at Poley's loop, turn west along Picnic Point Road and right onto Cobb Highway to return to Mathoura.

2 Mathoura Heritage Trail

Distance: 700m

Start: Mathoura Visitor Centre, Cobb Hwy

Finish: Soldiers' Memorial Garden, cnr Livingstone and Lawrence Sts



The Mathoura Heritage Trail offers visitors the opportunity to take a journey through time on a self-guided tour that retraces the footsteps of the early pioneers. Discover the historic landmarks that make Mathoura the town that it is today. See the magnificent sculptures in the grounds of the Mathoura Visitor Centre, these are just two of the outdoor artworks you'll find along the Long Paddock Touring Route.

Pick up a brochure at the Visitor Centre and set off to discover such features as the original fire tower, the historic railway station, the original main street and the impressive Red Gum Man sculpture at A.E. Murphy Park. Download the Heritage Trail brochure from www.visitrivercountry.com.au

3 Reeds Bed Bird Hide boardwalk

Distance: 1km

Start & Finish: Picnic Point precinct, Picnic Point Road



Mathoura's Timber Heritage Walk celebrates the region's rich and colourful timber heritage. Ten information panels detailing the story of Mathoura's red gum timber industry have been mounted on red gum posts and spread throughout the grounds of the Timbercutter restaurant and Picnic Point precinct. The free heritage walk guides visitors through the fascinating story of the river red gum, the birth of the red gum forests, and the booming timber industry that followed.

4 Timber Heritage Walk

Distance: 500m

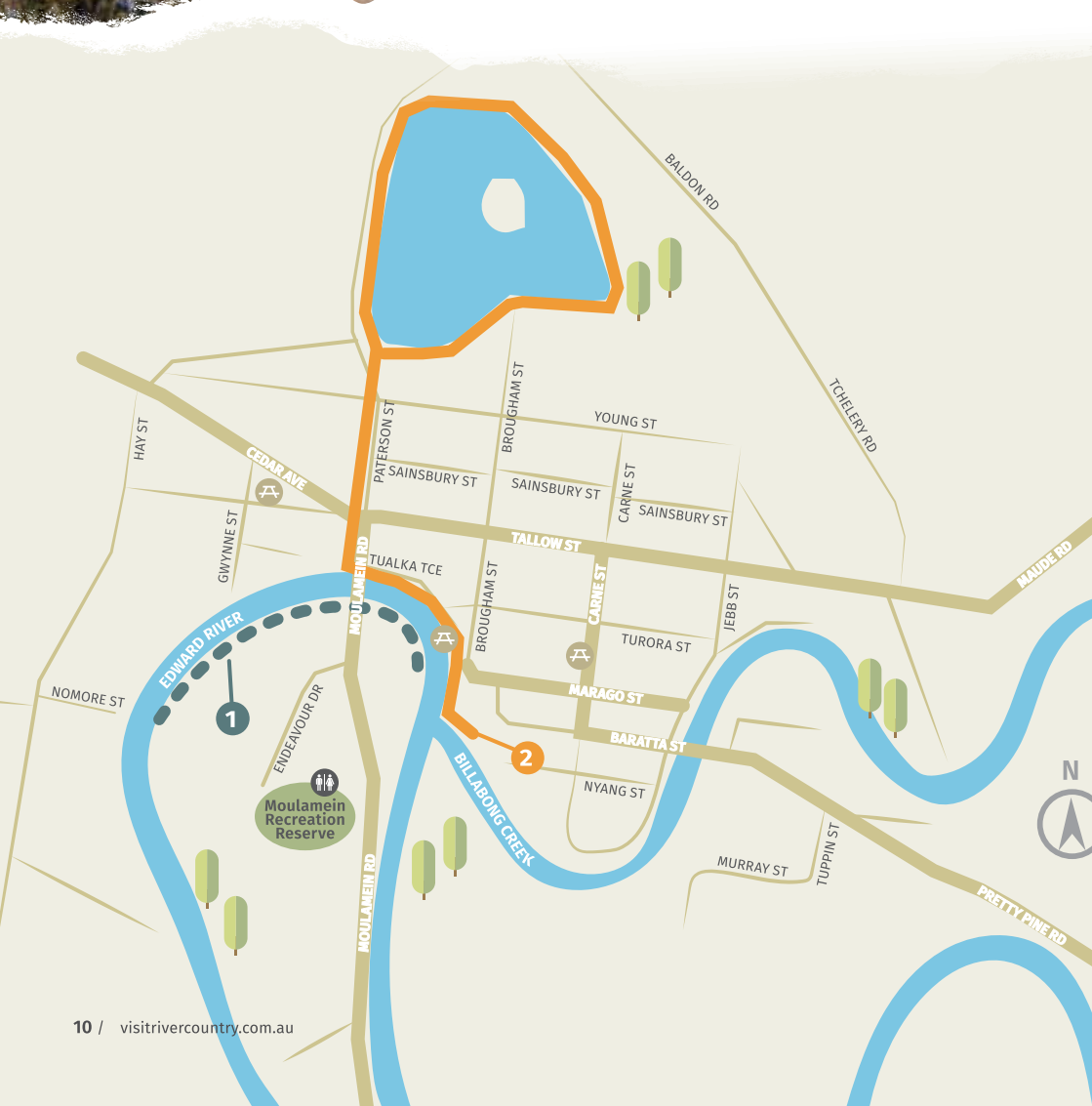
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Moulamein



Moulamein is situated on the picturesque Edward River and surrounded by a stunning stretch of towering river gums. Known as the oldest town in the Riverina, Moulamein is rich in history and tells the story of the early settlers, shearers, farmers, the meeting of the rivers and more.

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1 Moulamein River Walk

Distance: 1.4km

Start & Finish: The Big Tree car park



This peaceful walk along the Edward River takes you through river gum trees; it's a perfect location to spot native wildlife such as kangaroos, emus, goannas, bearded dragons, and kookaburras just to name a few. Follow the winding riverwalk, which features a series of storyboards depicting the region's rich history and environment.

Look out for highlights such as the Old Moulamein wharf, Ring Tree, Scar Tree, Mooloomoon Shearing Shed and the famous Big Tree.

This area has great cultural and historical significance for the local Wamba Wamba people, who have hunted, fished, cooked, camped and held ceremonial gatherings in this area for hundreds of years.

2 Moulamein Town Walk

Distance: 2.7km

Start: Old Moulamein Courthouse

Finish: Moulamein Lake



Start this delightful stroll at the old Moulamein Courthouse, perched at the end of the footbridge across Billabong Creek. The courthouse served the region from 1848 until 1968. The current structure was built in 1890.

Head back across the bridge and left along the creek until you hit the Edward River. There's a historic wharf here, with signs describing its use and talks of the old punt that used to ferry people and cargo across the river. Just across the road there's a park with picnic and barbecue facilities, in case you want to stop for a bite to eat. If you need supplies, take a quick stroll up Morago Street – you'll find whatever you need.

Back along the river for a short walk to Moulamein Road. Just one block north and you'll find the new Moulamein Heritage Village. Continue north on Patterson St and take a walk along the gravel track around the pretty Moulamein Lake. Cool off on a warm day with a swim, keep an eye out for black swans, pelicans and ducks, and relax under one of the three shelters that feature free gas barbecues. If you'd prefer to split the walk in two, start at the Moulamein Heritage Village and either head north around the lake or south along the Edward River to the Courthouse.



Tooleybuc



Popular for its riverside location, Tooleybuc is a vibrant community with plenty of attractions to explore, including the historic Tooleybuc Bridge built in 1925. Tooleybuc boasts a number of beautifully maintained parks along the river that make for fabulous lunch or rest stops with plenty of amusement on offer for the kids.

1 Tooleybuc River Walk

Distance: 1.7km

Start: Tooleybuc Bridge, Mensforth Park

Finish: Tooleybuc Sporting Club



Enjoy this peaceful walk from the Tooleybuc Bridge along the Murray River, finishing at the Tooleybuc Sporting Club. The heritage-listed Tooleybuc Bridge was the last of the timber truss bridges with lift span to be built over the Murray River.

Head north and see the Bridge Keepers Cottage on Murray St. The 1930s-era timber and tin cottage has been restored. It was home to the Bridge Keeper and his family up until 1994. Adjacent to the cottage is the original Punt Gate. Mensforth Park also features a playground and picnic area.

From here, follow the river along the sealed path and enjoy the glorious river, birdlife and fresh air. When the path nears Herbert St, turn off and head to the Tooleybuc Sporting Club, home to the enormous Mallee Root – the second-biggest ever found.



Murray Downs



Murray Downs is a destination renowned for its country and community lifestyle.

Just a short drive across the famous and historic lift bridge from Swan Hill, it has plenty of activities and nearby attractions to accommodate and entertain the whole family.

Murray Downs was formerly part of the Murray Downs Station settled in 1839, an area once the largest river frontage property along the banks of the Murray River.

1 Murray Downs River Walk

Distance: 5.5km

Start: Riverside Park, Swan Hill

Finish: Murray Downs Golf and Country Club



Best for cyclists, but still an easy and interesting walk, start your trek at the lovely Riverside Park in Swan Hill. Head up and cross the Swan Hill bridge into NSW and follow the Swan Hill Rd past the Federal Hotel and along where the road hugs the winding Murray River.

Pass by tree-lined farmland and take a right at Murray Downs Dve. Wind around through the small township of Murray Downs until you collide with the Murray Downs Golf Club. Play an easy nine holes or relax and rest up at the luxe Murray Downs Resort.



Wakool is an informal holiday village nestled amongst picturesque rivers and creeks. The Wakool area is a superb spot to head out fishing as the Edwards, Niemur and Wakool rivers are all in close proximity.

The region hosts a large collection of self-guided walking tracks and paths, as well as scenic drives. The cultural and natural heritage of this bush area has been preserved for generations so there is always plenty to discover.

1 Soldier Settlers Memorial Walk

Distance: 200m

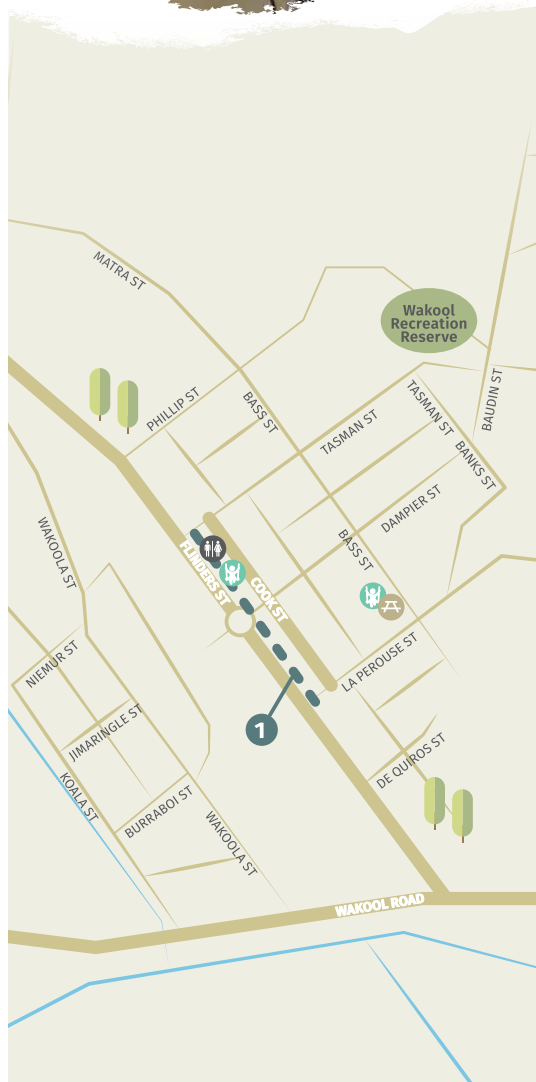
Start: H.J. Robinson Park, La Perouse St.

Finish: D.C. Thomas Park, Tasman St.



Spreading out through the two small parks running from the Wakool Cenotaph at the meeting of Flinders, Cook and Dampier Streets is this wonderful community-driven walk. The stroll commemorates the nation-building work of former service people who settled – and built industry – in local towns including Tulla, Tullakool, Merriginnie, Chowar and North Wakool and Wakool.

The signage is detailed and heartfelt, telling personal stories. There is wonderful detail along this very short walk, showcasing the community's abiding respect for these brave trailblazers.





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