



SUN COUNTRY ON THE
MURRAY
NATURE ESCAPE





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Acknowledgement of Country

**"GULPA GAKA ANGANYA YORTA YORTA WOKA"
WELCOME FRIENDS TO YORTA YORTA COUNTRY**

Dhungala, the mighty river known today as the Murray River winds its way through our Yorta Yorta Traditional Country. Since the beginning of Dreamtime the Yorta Yorta people's cultural practices, stories and presence have provided a continuity and obligation to care for our Country (Woka) and Waters (Walla) for hundreds of thousands of years.

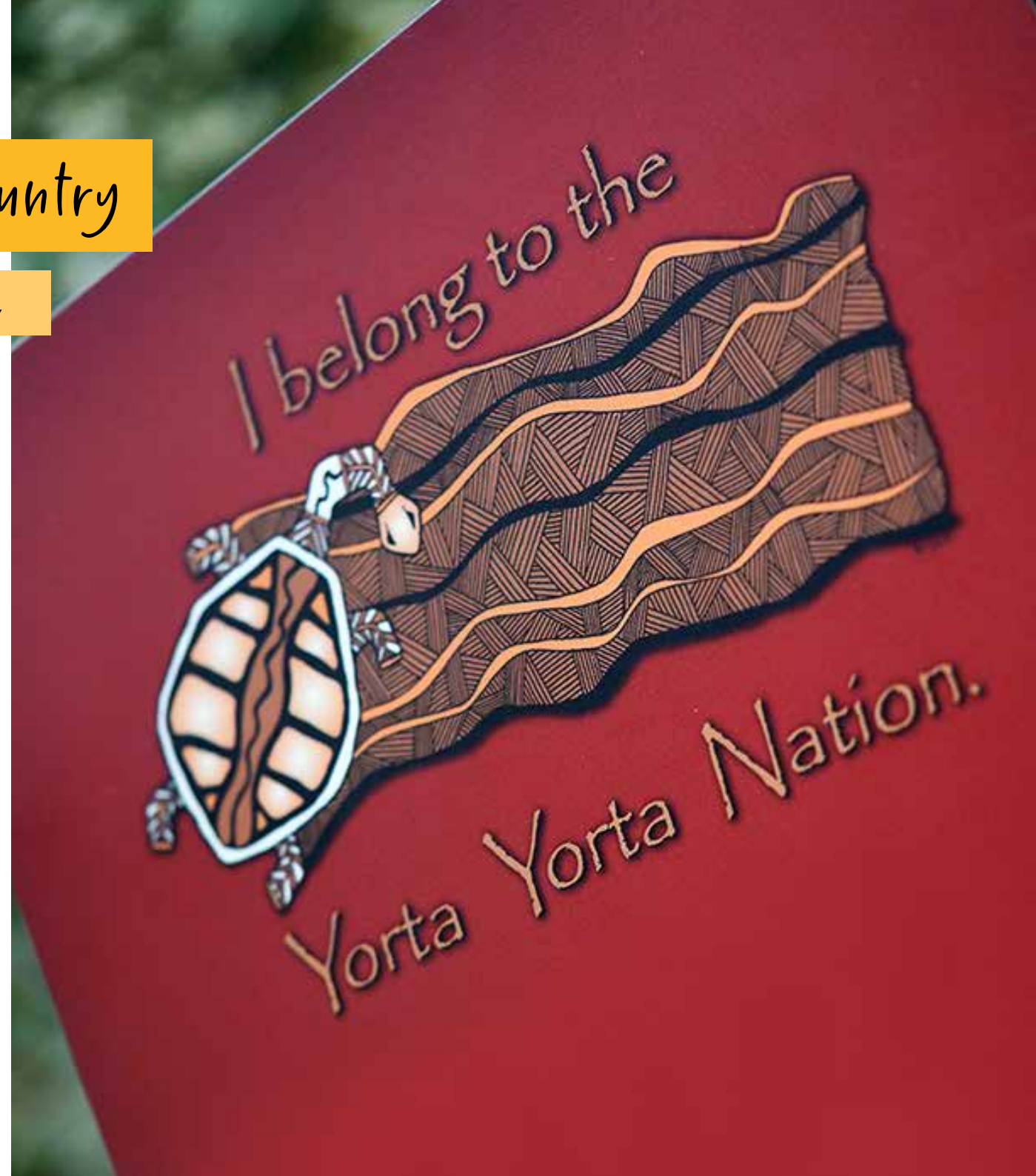
Today our peoples of the Yorta Yorta Nation are comprised of 16 family clan groups, descendant from our Apical Ancestors, practising our lores and customs as passed down through the generations. The Yorta Yorta language is unique to our Country and remains important as spoken by our Yorta Yorta Elders and members.

Yorta Yorta people have a close affinity with the whole of Yorta Yorta Country and to the rivers and landscapes of this unique ancient environment. With the Barmah/Millewa Red Gum forests and Moira Lakes system seen by Yorta Yorta peoples as our heartlands.

The Dhungala is important to Yorta Yorta as our creation story, evidenced by important cultural markers. The presence of canoes, shields and coolamons are found on many scarred trees including shell middens, cooking mounds, marker trees, ceremonial and burial grounds created by our Yorta Yorta Ancestors. These are all obvious reminders of a long connection and occupation of our Woka and remain important to Yorta Yorta peoples of today.

We welcome all visitors to our Woka within this Murray region and encourage you to respect the environment and biodiversity, share in its heritage, appreciate its values and take the time to connect with the cultural knowledge and experiences of Yorta Yorta people living and working on country today.

Visit www.yynac.com.au to learn more about Yorta Yorta people and connection to country.



Welcome

TO YOUR SUN COUNTRY ON THE MURRAY ESCAPE

A warm welcome awaits no matter the season in Sun Country on the Murray.

Stunning inland beaches, majestic river red gums, wetlands, secret fishing spots, kilometres of off road tracks and trails and the world famous Mighty Murray (Dhungala) as your backdrop. A place to escape back to nature, relax and unwind, reconnect with family and friends or to challenge yourself to take on the great outdoors.

A landscape shaped by a dry and a green season, Sun Country on the Murray is the ideal place to experience the great outdoors with a range of walking and bike riding tracks and trails, fishing spots, riverside stays including camping and self contained accommodation and boat launching facilities.

Sun Country on the Murray, is located approximately 2.5 hours drive from Melbourne. The region is renowned for its climate, iconic inland beaches, Lake Mulwala, the Barmah National Park and for our connection to the mighty Murray – one of the world's great rivers. Make your way to any of our Sun Country on the Murray towns and you'll find yourself on the doorsteps of the great outdoors with access to waterways and forests suitable for walking, cycling, fishing, boating and four wheel driving.

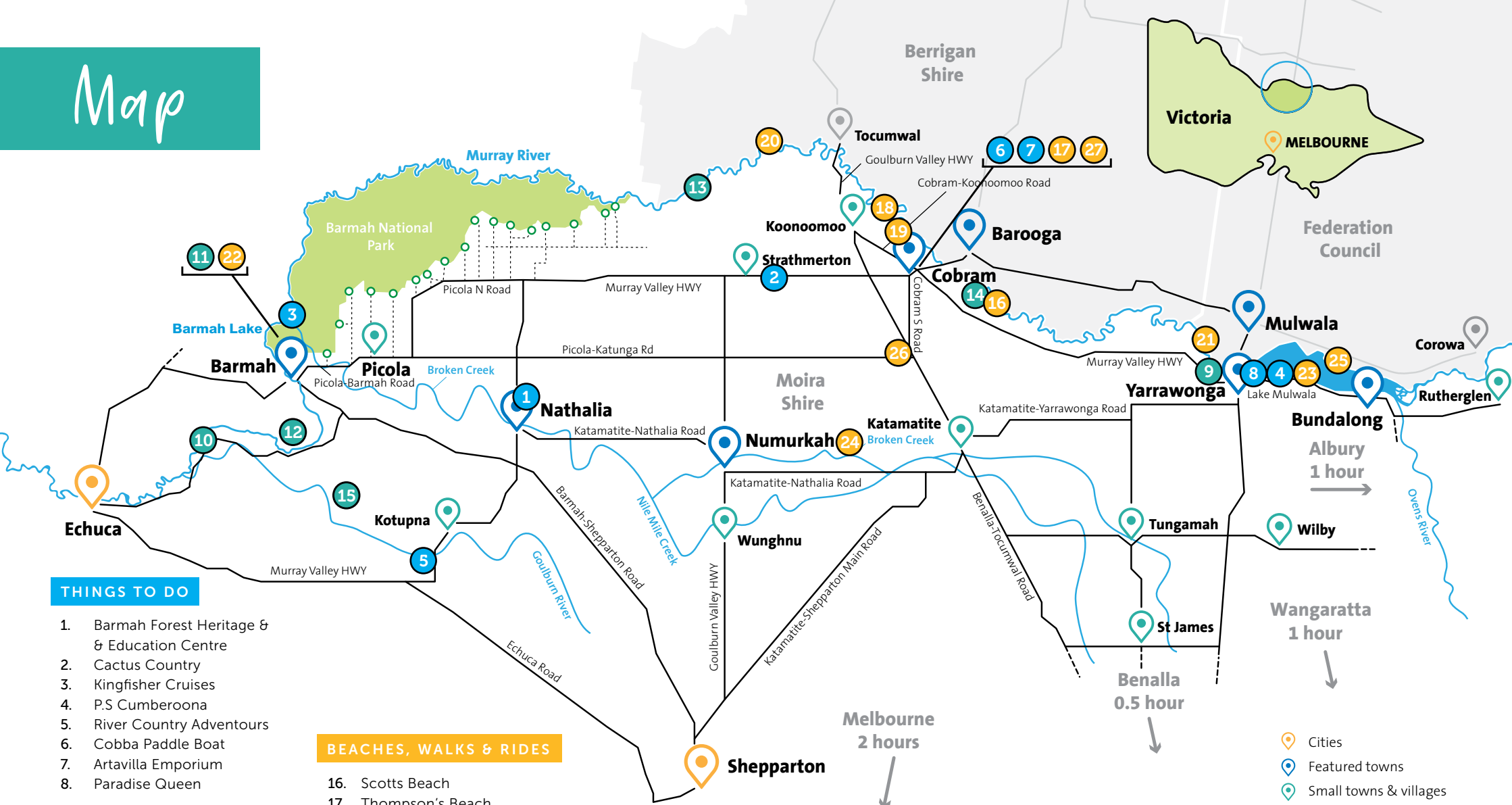
Want to get the low down from a local? Contact our friendly and knowledgeable visitor services team by phoning 1800 607 607 or visiting our dedicated Visitor Information Centres in Nathalia and Yarrowonga (see back page for full contact details). You can also look out for our Mobile Visitor Information Centre and Visitor Information points around the region.

Find your own perfect place for a while, a weekend or just a day. Come discover for yourself why Sun Country on the Murray is Fun Country.



Image by @brent1250

Map



THINGS TO DO

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2. Cactus Country
3. Kingfisher Cruises
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6. Cobba Paddle Boat
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8. Paradise Queen

PLACES TO STAY

9. Airtree Golf Resort
10. Cape Horn Vineyard Villa Accommodation
11. Moira Gums Homestead
12. Morning Glory River Resort
13. Murray River Hideaway
14. Tokemata Retreat
15. Wakiti Creek Resort

BEACHES, WALKS & RIDES

16. Scotts Beach
17. Thompson's Beach
18. Dead River Beach
19. Big Toms Beach
20. Ulupna Island - Carters Beach
21. Forges Bends No.1 & No.2
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23. Chinaman's Island
24. Kinnaird's Wetlands
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For visitor information call 1800 607 607

DISCLAIMER: This map is used as a guide only. Visit our visitor centres for more detailed information.



A Place for all Seasons

Offering more sunshine hours than Queensland*, Sun Country on the Murray enjoys distinct seasons and offers visitors a changing landscape shaped by the dry and the wet.

WINTER



Mild weather and just a handful of rainy days means winter is an amazing time to spend outdoors in Sun Country. Explore walks, cycling paths and four wheel drive tracks. Enjoy one of our river or lake cruises, soaking up the bright sunshine on a quiet afternoon, or try your luck fishing for the prized Murray crayfish.

The Murray River and our other waterways, including the Ovens River, Goulburn River, Lake Mulwala, Barmah Lakes and the Broken Creek, save their best for winter, especially if you like to cast a baited line from a quiet riverbank or tinny. Winter's also the only time it's permitted to fish for the famed Murray spiny freshwater crayfish, the second largest freshwater cray in the world.

Average temperature: High 15 / Low 4 / Rainfall 6 days

*based on average daylight hours as published by the Bureau of Meteorology

SPRING



As days lengthen and nights warm up spring is a perfect time to explore at your own pace. Expanses of National Park and forests are awash with colour as native flora comes into bloom. Complemented by plantations of fruit trees in bud and canola crops in blossom.

Water levels rise much to the delight of hundreds of bird species, boosting the region's amazing wetlands and supporting recreational boating. Fishing is off the agenda in Sun Country during spring: due to breeding cycles. Mild days are perfect for being on the water, and sunny days later in spring are warm enough for a swim.

Average temperature: High 23 / Low 9 / Rainfall 5 days

SUMMER



Stunning beaches can be found at every turn along the river, with more than 100 river beaches. From secluded bush settings offering kangaroo and koala spotting to the popular action of Thompson's Beach at Cobram. Campgrounds and caravan parks have a buzzing life of their own and our long stretches of riverside forest mean nature is never far from view.

After the spring fishing restrictions, it's open season for prize catches like the Murray Cod. Cast a line from a bridge, out of a tinny or from a peaceful riverbank. For a faster pace, hit the waterski runs along the river or on Lake Mulwala.

Average temperature: High 31 / Low 15 / Rainfall 3 days

AUTUMN



With summer holidaymakers returning to their daily rhythm, autumn is a wonderful time to enjoy the Sun Country on the Murray. Surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of nature, you'll be reinvigorated by our pristine waterways, river beaches and tranquil bushlands.

With plenty of sunshine to warm your back, an autumn visit is a return to the simple life. Witness the spectacular changing colours. Have a picnic in the autumn sun, take a cruise on the Murray, Lake Mulwala or through the Barmah National Park drifting through tens of thousands of years of local history.

Average temperature: High 23 / Low 10 / Rainfall 3 days



On Land (Waka)

Famous for our stretches of pristine sandy Murray River beaches and said to be Australia's largest inland beach, sun lovers and beach goers can swap the sea air for the sounds of the Australian bush.

The Murray's beaches are accessible by bush tracks from the Murray Valley Highway, Goulburn Valley Highway and Tocumwal-Barooga Road through forests to picnic and camping areas. Fun for all the family, you can even bring your dog to most beaches to enjoy the soft sand, river and sunshine. Visit during the weekends and public holidays to experience the buzz of summer by the beach. Or for a quieter escape outside key holiday periods you may find you have the entire beach to yourself.

With over 100 to choose from and access points from Yarrowonga, Cobram, Koonoomoo, Tocumwal, Strathmerton and Barmah, you are sure to discover your own favourite spot. Contact our friendly Visitor Information Centre on 1800 607 607 to learn what to pack, access detailed park maps and to plan your own unique escape.



Iconic Beaches

Here are our top picks to get you started:

REF. 19 **BIG TOMS BEACH**

The perfect place to launch a canoe or rubber dingy with low entry to the waters edge. The campground is a easily accessible from the Cobram town centre.

REF. 18 **DEAD RIVER BEACH**

Backed by a grassed level river bank and shaded by trees, you will also find non flush toilets and picnic areas to the north at Big Tom's and Little Tom's Beaches (access via Wondah Street).

REF. 21 **FORGES BENDS NO. 1 & 2**

Halfway between Cobram and Yarrowonga you will find the access to Forges No. 1 and No. 2. Forges No. 1 beach is one of the most popular sandy beaches on the Murray. Grassy banks makes it the perfect spot for camping, fishing and picnics. In the dry season Forges No. 1 beach is accessible via most two-wheel drive vehicles. However check conditions as the tracks can become slippery after rain. Forges No. 2 beach is popular with motorhome owners and those who enjoy a spot of fishing. With good access most of the year. Closures occur during periods of high water over winter.

REF. 16 **SCOTTS BEACH**

Accessed via River Road, you'll find the large and popular camping and day visitor's area. Twitchers and nature lovers should look out for the Quinn Island wetlands. Accessed by footbridge it is the nesting area for many of the region's native waterbirds.

REF. 17 **THOMPSON'S BEACH**

Australia's largest inland beach and only a few minutes' drive from the centre of Cobram township. Enjoy the free electric BBQ's, playground area for children, swimming, walking, beach cricket, volleyball, canoeing and fishing. You'll also find a café and local cruises aboard Cobba Paddle Boat departing regularly from the beachside jetty.

REF. 20 **ULUPNA ISLAND - CARTERS BEACH**

Part of the Murray River Reserve and situated only 15 minutes drive from Strathmerton, this area is known for its huge sandy beach, scenic drive loop and as the home of a large population of koalas. A popular camping spot with shady trees and basic toilet facilities.

Barmah National Park



Barmah National Park together with the adjoining Millewa Forest in New South Wales forms the largest River Red Gum forest in the world and is recognised as being the home to the Yorta Yorta people for more than 40,000 years.

The National Park's unique flooding pattern including high and low water has resulted in a diverse natural habitat for a variety of wildlife including eastern grey kangaroos, koalas and more than 220 species of birds. The Park's tracks are excellent for both walking and cycling, while the sandy beaches and waters of nearby Ulupna Island are suitable for canoeing and fishing.

Access can be gained from the Murray Valley Highway and Picola North Road, leaving the Murray Valley Highway at Yielima. Almost all roads north lead to river access tracks between Strathmerton in the East and Barmah in the West. The National Park has a series of graded tracks suitable for access via foot, bicycle or motor vehicle.

Pick up a copy of the River Red Gum Drive map for detailed track and trail information from the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre in Nathalia.

Close to 25,000 years ago seismic activity created the Cadel Fault and changed the course of the Murray, Edwards, Wakool, Goulburn and Campaspe Rivers creating the unique landscape we see today. Classified as a wetland of international importance in 1982, the Barmah Forest Ramsar Site is one of Australia's largest water bird breeding areas.



TALL TIMBERS

River Red Gums, some which reach 45 metres in height and are 500 years old, line the Murray River for most of its length.

The River Red gums require periods of flooding and can survive water inundation for months. Their seeds are washed onto higher ground during a flood and germinate and grow before the next flood reaches them.

Barmah is home to significant, rare and threatened plant species including Fresh Saltbush, Winged Peppergrass and Yellow and Black box trees. For more information on native vegetation visit www.gbcma.vic.gov.au

Walks + Rides

Feel at one with nature by exploring the pristine surrounds of Sun Country on the Murray by foot or bicycle. Follow the vast network of tracks and trails, as they navigate the region. See River Red Gums stand tall along the banks, discover native flora and fauna and unwind as the water gently flows past.

Here is a sample of some of the walks and rides to discover and explore during your Sun Country on the Murray Nature Escape.



REF. 22 BARMAH LAKES LOOP TRACK - BARMAH

The scenic walk through this huge forest begins and ends at the Dharnya Centre, established with the help of the local Aboriginal community to teach visitors about the region's ecology, culture and history. Follow the trail as it passes Aboriginal sacred sites including ancient kitchen middens, oven mounds and canoe trees, and then on through huge river red gums that supplied bark for Aboriginal canoes.

REF. 23 CHINAMAN'S ISLAND - YARRAWONGA

The headland formation and high point of Lake Mulwala, Chinaman's Island offers a two kilometre return walk or bike ride from the Yarrowonga Yacht Club car park. Featuring an abundance of birdlife and plenty of spots to sit and enjoy your surrounds it makes the perfect spot for some quiet reflection and even a picnic. Interpretive signage can be found at the entrance to the island providing information on local birdlife to look out for. Species include cockatoos, pelicans, galahs, ibis and more. Closed to motor vehicles, the track is accessible for walkers and cyclists in all conditions and is an easy walk for all ages.



REF. 24 KINNAIRD'S WETLAND - NUMURKAH

Near Numurkah you'll discover a beautiful natural wetland suitable for walking and cycling. Covering an area of nearly 100 hectares, explore via a range of constructed trails, boardwalks, bird hides and picnic areas. With close to 145 bird species recorded to date, visitors may see birds such as the beautiful Scarlet Robin and larger birds of prey including Wedge-tailed Eagle, Whistling Kite and Peregrine Falcon. More common birds to look out for include, Spoonbills, Ducks, Ibis, Herons and Cormorants.

REF. 25 KYFFINS RESERVE - MULWALA

Kyffins Reserve offers over one kilometre of shoreline and bush camping and walking tracks, on the banks of Lake Mulwala. Located approximately 12km north of the Yarrowonga Mulwala Visitor Information Centre, access is via Corowa Road, through Mulwala. There is also a 3 km walking track, beginning from Owen Bridge Reserve, hugging Lake Mulwala. Kyffins Reserve is a popular spot for fishing. There are no facilities available, but camping is free.

REF. 26 PETER KENNEDY RESERVE - MUCKATAH

Part of the Muckatah depression – an important floodplain and wetland area connected to the Broken Creek, the reserve has been established to protect habitat for native birds and native vegetation species. Featuring the Turtle all abilities walking track and interpretive information providing the history of the reserve and the plants/animals it contains.

REF. 27 QUINN ISLAND WETLANDS' SANCTUARY - COBRAM

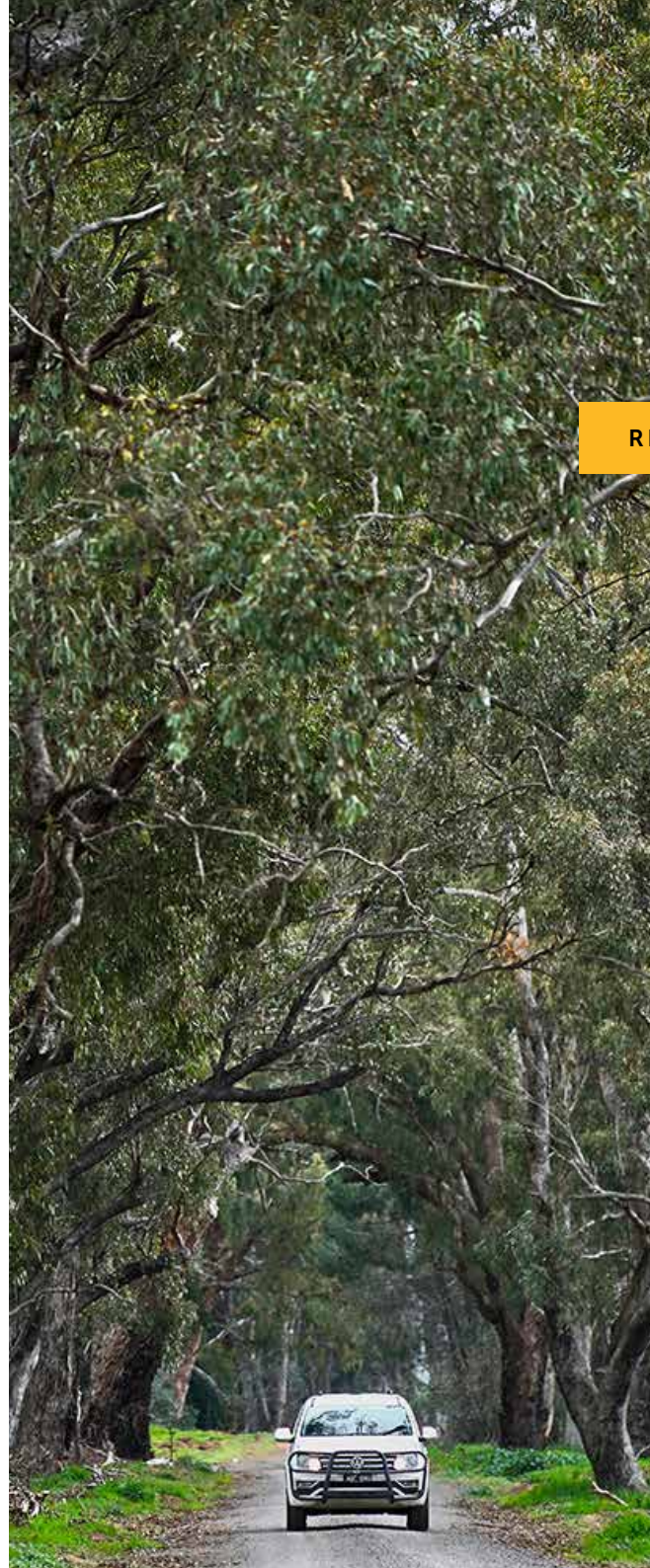
Close to the centre of the township of Cobram you'll find the Quinn Island wetlands. A waterbird haven popular for spotting Kingfishers, Egrets and other water species. Walk through River Red Gum forests exploring the lagoons and billabongs of this nature sanctuary. The island includes a 1.6 km walking track and bird hides.

River Red Gum Drive



Experience the world's largest River Red Gum landscape on one of Victoria's iconic four wheel drives. Stretching 354 kilometres, take two to three days to fully appreciate the natural and cultural heritage, and enjoy the interwoven stories of the Aboriginal people, timber loggers and river men.

Accessible during both dry and wet seasons, the drive is classified as Easy difficulty in dry conditions, under Victoria's 4WD Recreational Track Classification System. Due to the nature of the tracks, drivers may need to reconsider the trip if tracks are wet or during extreme weather conditions.



RIVER RED GUM DRIVE

Download a copy of the track notes and route map by visiting www.4wdvictoria.org.au/ionic4wd or contact the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre where you can also find details of local conditions.

START: Torrumbarry Weir

DISTANCE: 354km

TRACK: Clay

GRADE: Easy
(dry weather only)

Always check the current road and weather conditions, as roads may become inaccessible due to high water levels or rain. Contact the friendly and knowledgeable visitor information team on 1800 607 607 to speak to a local for the latest on weather conditions, track access, water levels and where the fish are biting.



On Water (Walla)

MURRAY RIVER

The Murray River (Yorta Yorta: Dhungala) is Australia's longest river, and the third longest navigable river in the world. Rising in the Australian Alps, it then makes its way across Australia's inland plains, forming the border between the states of New South Wales and Victoria before flowing to the northwest into South Australia. Sun Country enjoys some of the River's most spectacular sections with envious stretches of inland beaches, towering river red gums and an internationally significant National Park.

The mighty Murray is the life blood of the region supplying agriculture production and recreation pursuits, connecting communities and linking Sun Country on the Murray's waterways including Lake Mulwala, the Barmah Lakes, Broken Creek and Goulburn River.

LAKE MULWALA

Lake Mulwala is an unforgettable sight with its majestic and ghostly river red gums. Both sides of the lake have attractive foreshores that provide a year-round recreation including picnic and barbecue facilities, walking tracks, waterslides, playgrounds, a skate park, swimming pools and a splash park.

For an onwater experience take a dining tour aboard the traditional steam driven paddle boat P.S.Cumberoona, red gum fired with the smells and sounds of years gone by. Enjoy the thrill of boomnetting aboard the M.V. Paradise Queen, where you can relax in the water in a 3x5 metre frame that supports a webbed net hanging just into the water, enjoy the water gushing beneath you as the boat meanders around the lake.

BARMAH LAKES

Experience the timeless, natural beauty of the internationally recognised Barmah Wetlands. Sail through the beautiful Barmah forest on the Kingfisher Cruise. See the amazing flora and fauna that call the forest home, including 236 bird species, 50 mammals, and more than 500 plant species. Learn about the indigenous history of the area.

For more detailed information on free camping spots along the Murray and flat water canoeing visit www.suncountryonthemurray.com.au or phone 1800 607 607.



Fishing



The Sun Country on the Murray region is home to a vital network of waterways with the iconic Murray River at its heart. Anglers of all ages and experience levels can try a hand at bait fishing, lure casting or fly-fishing from, either the riverbank, riverbed, lakeside or a boat. Species in the region include Australia's largest freshwater fish, the Murray Cod along with Golden Perch, Redfin, Murray Trout, Catfish and Freshwater Cray.

DID YOU KNOW?

Capable of growing to over 100kgs in weight, the legendary Murray Cod is territorial by nature, taking shelter in logs at the base of the river, they fiercely guard their patch from rivals. The females can swim hundreds of kilometres away to lay their eggs, returning to the safety of their watery home year after year.



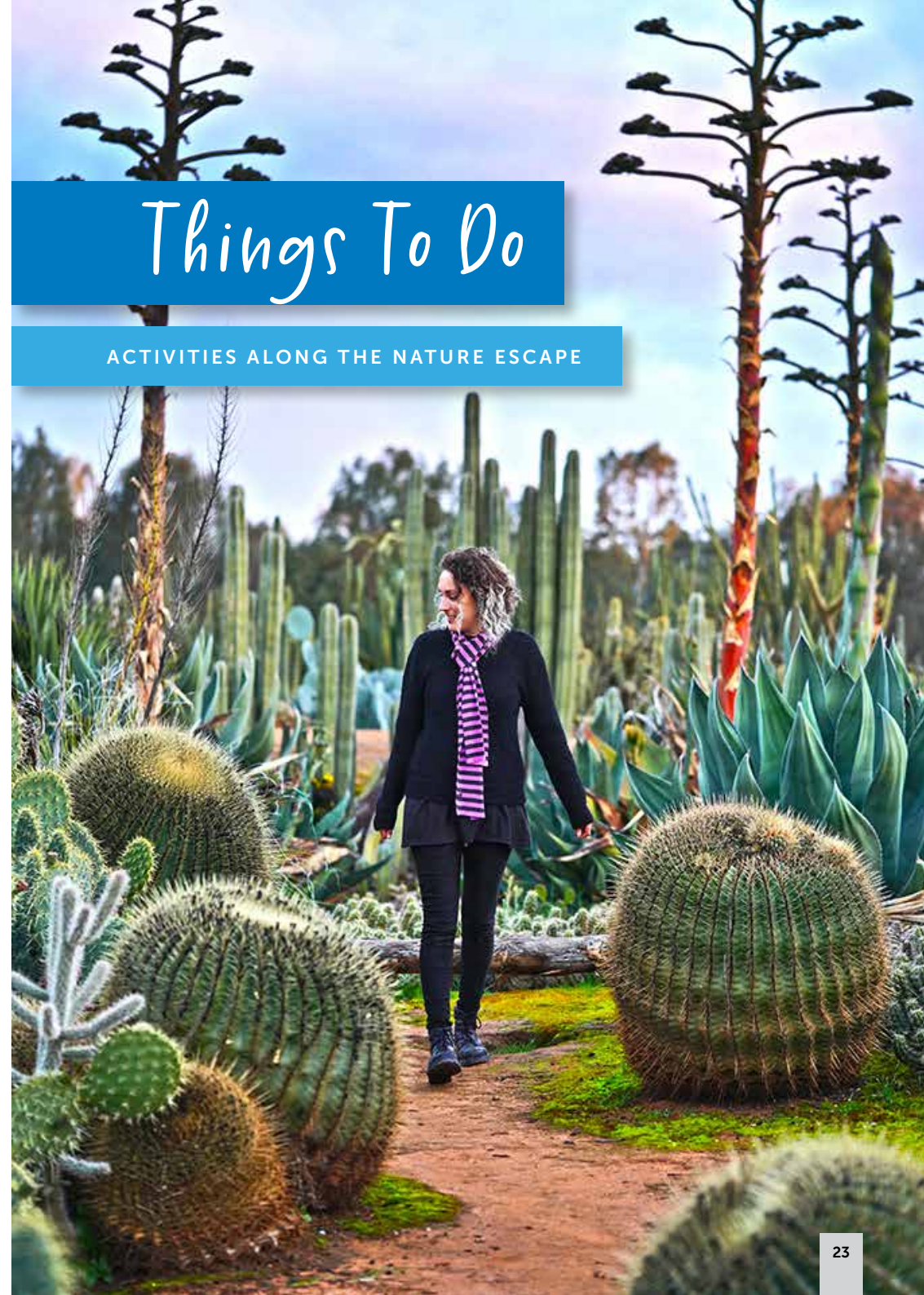
REMEMBER

The Murray River is regarded as being in NSW, so you will need a NSW fishing license even if the angler is standing on the Victorian bank. A Victorian Recreational Fishing Licence is not valid for angling in the Murray River. You'll find licences, available for purchase at local stores and service stations.

For our top picks for casting a line along with catch and release guidelines pick up a copy of our Fishing Country – Fishing Locations Guide on our website or by visiting a Sun Country on the Murray Visitor Information Centre.

Things To Do

ACTIVITIES ALONG THE NATURE ESCAPE





REF. 1

BARMAH FOREST HERITAGE AND EDUCATION CENTRE

Situated in the township of Nathalia on the outskirts of the Barmah National Park you'll find the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre. Showcasing stories of the individuals, families and industries that have long been supported by the forest. Learn of the importance of the Barmah Forest, river red gums, wetlands and Cadel Tilt in shaping the landscape, and national history.

A unique resource for schools, social groups and visitors throughout the year, the Centre features permanent displays of indigenous history, timber cutting, river boats, cattlemen and the rich history and wildlife of the Barmah Forest.

A highlight is the stunning 3-D floor painting featuring water, fish, lizards, snakes and birds from the area. When viewed through the lense of a phone or camera, the creatures come to life, rising up to greet visitors.

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www.visitthemurray.com.au



REF. 2

CACTUS COUNTRY

Experience something out of this world. Cactus Country is an Australian desert landscape like no other. Drawing visitors from around the globe to explore the gardens and marvel at the blooms, shapes and sizes of these spiky sensations. Look out for the local creators of this gardening masterpiece - Jim, Julie and John Hall and discover more than 4,000 species of cacti and succulents.

Sandy walking trails weave their way through the 12 acres of garden making for an unforgettable trip. There are eight paths to explore and plenty to see and do for all ages, even the four-legged variety.

When it comes time to refuel the mind, body and soul, Cactus Country offers a range of refreshments including nachos, coffee, cactus cake, icecream, honey and even cactus cider. The onsite nursery has a range of varieties for purchase so you can start your own cactus garden at home.

Pack your walking shoes and camera and uncover this little piece of South America in Strathmerton.

4986 Murray Valley Highway
Strathmerton VICTORIA 3641
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Email: info@cactuscountry.com.au
www.cactuscountry.com.au
OPEN: 9am - 5pm daily





REF. 3

KINGFISHER CRUISES

Experience timeless natural beauty and peace as you glide through the World Heritage listed Barmah Wetlands. Accompanied by qualified eco tourism guides, learn about the hundreds of species of water birds, animals and native fish that call this special place in the world home. Hear of the myths and legends of the world's largest River Red Gum Forest.

Eco tourism at its best aboard the MV Kingfisher II, a specially designed vessel to travel the narrowest section of the Murray River, aptly named the 'Narrows' or the Barmah Choke.

Your Captain, Benita Cox is one of Australia's first eco-certified guide. Passionate about the environment and sharing this unique landscape with visitors, Benita has a double degree in Applied Science, Parks, Recreation and Heritage and Ecotourism from Charles Sturt University.

Bookings essential. Minimum numbers apply, groups by arrangement. Departs Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from the Day Visitors Area, Barmah Lake, Barmah National Park.

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Barmah National Park
VICTORIA 3639
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Email: info@kingfishercruises.com.au
www.kingfishercruises.com.au



REF. 4

P.S CUMBEROONA

Experience water travel from another era aboard the PS Cumberland - Yarrowonga's only Paddlesteamer. Cumberland is an Aboriginal word that means "Crooked River." The original paddle steamer Cumberland launched at Echuca in 1866, was named after the Cumberland Station on the Upper Murray in the days when the river was the major link to the trading world.

Today the P.S.Cumberland (opened in 1988 by Queen Elizabeth II) offers visitors to Yarrowonga the opportunity to take in the stunning panoramic views of Lake Mulwala across two large decks with sightseeing, lunch and sunset cruises featuring regional food and wine.

Family owned and operated and committed to supporting local suppliers, guests can enjoy the sights of Lake Mulwala and the Murray river, learn about the waterway's history and enjoy the calming sounds of the paddle wheels in motion.

Main Departures from Yarrowonga Foreshore on Hunt St, Yarrowonga and the Mulwala Water Ski Club on Melbourne St. Mulwala.

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www.cumberland.com.au



Image Neil McCarthy



REF. 5

RIVER COUNTRY ADVENTOURS

River Country Adventours specialise in a wide range of tours and adventures including outback flights, canoe safaris on the Murray and Goulburn rivers, and eco-tourism and heritage tours throughout Victoria.



Rob and Joan Asplin established River Country Adventours in 1993 providing visitors the choice of how they wish to adventure with canoe hire, full day and half day tours suitable for all ages and overnight camp and paddle getaways.



Offering tours for groups large and small, visitors will experience the on-water beauty of the Goulburn and Murray rivers delving into the colourful history and heritage of the Sun Country region and the unique environment where these two iconic rivers meet.

The perfect escape with friends and family. Schools and corporate bookings are also welcome. Open and available any day except Christmas Day. Contact Rob and the team to design your River Escape.

13 Mackie Street
Kyabram VICTORIA 3620
Tel: 0428 585 227
Email: info@adventours.com.au
www.adventours.com.au



REF. 7 ARTAVILLA EMPORIUM

Artavilla Emporium is home to Artavilla Bikes. Stocking a full range of bikes suitable for all ages, disciplines and abilities. Travis and his team can provide the low down on the best bike riding, onroad and off in the Murray region. They are also your first stop for bike hire, repairs and spare parts.

5-11 Station Street, Cobram VICTORIA 3644
Tel: 03 5872 1726
Email: artavilla.emporium@gmail.com



REF. 6 COBBA PADDLE BOAT

Departing from Australia's largest inland beach, experience the natural beauty of the iconic Murray River as you meander through a Red gum forest thriving with native wildlife. Enjoy a light lunch, coffee, or a glass of local wine while you take in the sights and sounds accompanied by the Captain's commentary and hypnotic paddle wheels. Phone or check the website for cruise times.

Thompsons Beach Rockarama Rd, Cobram VICTORIA 3644
Tel: 0457 033 217
Email: info@cobba.net.au
www.cobba.net.au



REF. 8 PARADISE QUEEN

What better way to experience the twin towns of Yarrowonga / Mulwala than from the lakeside with the Paradise Queen. Catering for up to 75 passengers the Paradise Queen runs daily cruises pushing off from the Yarrowonga foreshore and Mulwala Ski Club daily. Enjoy a selection of the region's best wines and ciders from their fully licenced bar, while the captain shares his knowledge of the local area. Kids and adults alike enjoy the thrill of boomnetting over the warmer months.

1 Bank Street, Yarrowonga VICTORIA 3730
Tel: 0418 508 616 Email: paradise_queen@bigpond.com
www.paradisqueen.com.au

Where To Stay

ACCOMMODATION ALONG THE NATURE ESCAPE



REF. 9

AIRTREE GOLFERS RESORT

In operation for 35 years, Airtree Golfers Resort initially started as a place for golfers to come together for a golfing holiday, improve their game and enjoy the range of courses on offer in the Sun Country on the Murray region.

Whilst still very much catering to golfers; hosts Shayne and Julie now welcome groups of families and friends to reconnect providing the perfect place to relax, unwind and enjoy the great outdoors offering wide open green spaces, an outdoor adventure playground, in-ground swimming pool, golf driving range, Murray River kayak tours, farm animals, and bike riding adventures.

Situated only 8 kilometres from Yarrawonga, and only minutes from the Murray River Forest and iconic inland river beaches of Forges Bend and Little Bruce's the Resort is well connected and benefits from the sporting club courtesy bus service.

The Resort caters for private groups from 18 to 30 or individual holiday bookings with a range of two bedroom and studio rooms to choose from along with a small boutique camp ground.

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REF. 10

CAPE HORN VINEYARD VILLA ACCOMMODATION

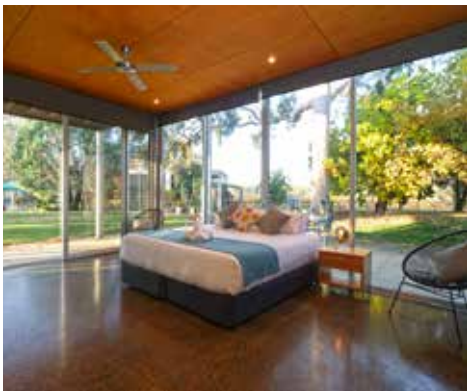
Established in the late 1800s to service the thriving River Boat trade, Cape Horn Vineyard is located on a sand hill between the Murray and Goulburn Rivers halfway between Echuca and Barmah. Once the perfect stopping point for boats to restock supplies and day trip picnics.

Today the Cape Horn Vineyard and Riverside Bar is proudly owned by the Gilmour and Buckley families, both with a long connection with the Murray River and the Echuca-Moama region.

An escape for the entire family, kids will enjoy the playground and giant chess board, or playing ball games on the extensive lawn area. Pets of all shapes and sizes are welcome, with the entry to the Vineyard often seen with tethered horses comfortably grazing whilst their riders enjoy a wine with a wood fired pizza.

The contemporary and spacious five bedroom Cape Horn Villa is also available for guests to escape to the tranquil surrounds of river side grape vines.

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REF. 11

MOIRA GUMS HOMESTEAD

Only a stone's throw from the stunning Moira Lakes in the Barmah National Park, rests Moira Gums Homestead. Originally built in 1858 the homestead now welcomes guests to enjoy the majestic surrounds of the Lakes and towering ancient River Red Gums of the Barmah National Park.

Set only a short stroll from the settlement of Barmah, you will feel a world away. Teaming with wildlife, the Lakes form part of the narrows and Barmah Choke formed approximately 25,000 years ago due to the shifting of the Cadell Fault.

Your hosts Kerry and Maureen welcome you to enjoy the Homestead offering guests fully self-contained accommodation featuring a cosy fireplace for the cooler months and air-conditioning or the summer.

Capable of sleeping seven comfortably, the guest house includes; Three fully furnished bedrooms, private bathroom and a fully equipped kitchen to cater for all your needs.

Pet friendly, bring your horse or your dog and have a great family holiday. Direct bookings by phone preferred. Technology hasn't intruded on this little piece of paradise and that's just how you'll like it too.

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REF. 12

MORNING GLORY RIVER RESORT

Owned and operated by brothers Greg and Tony Gilmour and their wives Meighan and Suzanne, the resort and working farm offers the complete getaway. Located just 25 minutes from the historic Echuca – Moama region and 15 minutes from the Barmah National Park and wetlands, Morning Glory River Resort enjoys three kilometres of absolute Murray River frontage including a private beach, boat ramp and jetty.

Offering a range of camping and caravan options and self-contained accommodation, the Resort is family and pet friendly and ideal for gatherings with family and friends. Features include solar heated swimming pool, tennis court, playground, mini golf and onsite kiosk.

With plenty of room to sit back, relax and take in the peaceful Murray River environment, guests can build a campfire, toast marshmallows, cast a line for a spot of fishing or explore the walking tracks visiting the farm.

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REF. 13

MURRAY RIVER HIDEAWAY

A patch of paradise, nestled right on the edge of the Barmah National Park and only a stone's throw away from the ever so beautiful Murray River you'd discover the Murray River Hideaway.

Nature, wildlife, peace and tranquillity right at your doorstep, with a variety of good sized, grassy powered or unpowered camp sites to choose from or one of our two self-contained deluxe cabins. Fun for all the family including the four-legged variety.

The onsite shop and licensed bottle shop has a variety of escape essentials such as bread, milk, ice and toiletries, along with camping, fishing and boating supplies, petrol and LP Gas swap and go. Fish & Chips are cooked on long weekends.

Recreational facilities include two playgrounds, tennis court, half court basketball, undercover BBQ area, table tennis table, solar heated in ground pool and toddler pool. Courtesy Fire Pit provided for all camp sites.

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REF. 14

TOKEMATA RETREAT

Situated amongst 50 acres just outside Cobram on the banks of the Murray River you'll discover Tokemata Retreat. A little "peace" of country, surrounded by immaculately landscaped gardens featuring golf driving range, the tennis court, solar heated swimming pool and children's playground. With four fully self-contained cottages the Retreat is capable of accommodating singles, couples, families or larger groups.

All accommodation packages include free wifi, fresh linen, hearty breakfast provisions as well as full use of all onsite facilities. There is an abundance of native wildlife with many species of birds making their home in the surrounding trees. You can see kangaroos visiting and sometimes a koala or two.

The Murray River is a short walk away through the magnificent red gum forest bordering the Retreat. Bring your bike and make use of the extensive bush tracks. Tokemata's bend of the Murray River is very popular for fishing and water skiing.

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REF. 15

WAKITI CREEK RESORT

A truly unique holiday experience, Wakiti Creek Resort offers guests a range of accommodation options from bring your own caravan to fully self contained cabins through to a stay in an Indian style teepee tent large enough to sleep six.

Situated only 30 minutes from Echuca and 25 minutes from Nathalia, Wakiti Creek is central to Barmah, Kyabram, Cobram and Shepparton.

The Resort is set on over 60 acres of beautiful natural bush land on the banks of the Wakiti Creek and is perfect for the whole family with dogs and horses both welcome. Guests can enjoy the full range of activities offered at the resort including archery, basketball, volleyball, tennis, swimming, canoeing, bush walking, bike riding and even a spot of fishing or yabbing in the creek and dam.

Pet friendly cabins offer fenced courtyards and there is plenty of space for some off leash walks and swimming in the creek.

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Need To Know

Please remember to always check the current travel advisories including health, road and weather conditions. Look after our environment, especially when travelling with dogs or pets.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Please take note of the following guidelines for your safety:

- Avoid camping or parking under large trees, as they may drop branches without warning.
- Be aware of river hazards including strong currents, deep water, submerged objects and rope.
- Do not dive or jump into the river, use swings attached to trees or other structures.

REGULATIONS IN VICTORIA

- **Fires:** Permitted on all days which are not Total Fire Bans. Fires must be consistent with the specified fire regulations.
- **Dogs:** Not permitted in National Parks. Permitted in Regional Parks and Murray River Parklands. Must be on a lead or under effective control at all times.
- **Motorbikes:** Permitted on formed roads only. Registered and licensed riders only.
- **Rubbish:** Take in, take out.
- **Toilets:** Chemical toilets are recommended but earth pit toilets are acceptable. Pits must be located at least 100m from any watercourse.
- **Snakes:** Snakes play an important role in our ecosystem and are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975. It is illegal to capture, harm, or kill them. Eastern brown, tiger snake or red bellied black snake may be found around wetlands, creeks and rivers. Visitors are reminded that these species are highly venomous, but it is rare for them to bite people. When left alone, snakes present little or no danger to people. If you see a snake, keep calm and move yourself and anyone with you (including pets) away from the area.
- **Bushfires:** Tune into 97.7 ABC Radio for latest updates, or visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/home for fire and weather warnings.
- **Floods:** Visit www.bom.gov.au/vic/flood for flood warnings.

REMINDER

It is important to be aware of the rules and regulations applying to recreational fishing. Rules and regulations may include: Size limits, Bag limits, Closed seasons, Possession limits, For further information on fishing rules for Victorian waters visit www.vic.gov.au/fisheries for information on fishing rules and practices or download the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide app for smart phones. For further information on fishing rules for New South Wales waters visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational



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Look out for our Mobile Visitor Information Centre and Visitor Information
Points around the region.



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