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# Our Murray River Beaches

West of Yarrowonga are many access points to the river. Earth tracks lead from the Murray Valley Highway through state forests to picnic areas with fire places and tables and to over 50 camping beaches.

## Parks Victoria Camping Guidelines

### Fires

Visitors are encouraged to use gas stoves. However, small campfires are permitted for cooking provided that:

- It is not a day of total fire ban in the North East fire district of Victoria. Gas appliances are also prohibited in park areas on days of total fire ban including those in tents, caravans and vehicles.
- It is a properly constructed fireplace or trench 30cm deep. Trenches must be backfilled before leaving.
- All flammable materials within a distance of 3m is removed.
- The fire is not left unattended and is completely extinguished with water before leaving.
- All fires must be no larger than one square metre.

[Click here for more information from the Country Fire Authority](#)

### Firewood

- Cutting down any tree alive or dead with a chainsaw or an axe is an offence and offenders face fines. It can also cause serious or fatal injury.

### Danger

Please read the following carefully:

- Avoid camping or parking under trees as they may drop branches without warning and could cause serious or fatal injury.
- Take extreme care when swimming in fast currents. Underwater objects and holes are extremely hazardous.
- Do not venture into deep water without a life jacket.
- Do not dive or jump into the river or use any kind of swing attached to trees or other structures.

### Motorbikes

- Only licenced riders may ride registered bikes at safe speed on forest tracks.
- Helmets must be worn.
- Off-road use of any vehicle (4 wheel drive, motorbike or car) is strictly prohibited and fines apply.

### Toilets

- Satisfactory toilet facilities must be provided.
- Chemical toilets are recommended but earth pit toilets are acceptable.
- Pits must be located at least 100m from any watercourse.

## **Dogs**

- Dogs where permitted must be on a lead or under effective control at all times.
- Bushwalkers, cyclists and horse riders, etc are common in park areas and must not be subject to roaming dogs under any circumstances.

## **Rubbish**

- Please use bins where provided. Bins are provided during Christmas and Easter in some areas only.
- If there are no bins provided when you visit, please take rubbish home or to the local tip.
- Use recycle points at entrances. Recycle bags may be distributed by parks staff.
- Please limit the use of glass in parks.

For more information call Parks Victoria on **13 19 63**. Or visit their website by clicking this link. <http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/>

# **Victorian River Beaches Access Roads**

## **Cullens Road & Brears Road**

Located 3km and 4km west of the Visitor Information Centre. Both roads give you access to The Common with tracks leading to camping areas at The Rifle Butts (which has a walking track to the rear of the Yarrowonga Caravan Park and ready access to the town centre) and Chinaman's Bend.

## **Brownings Road**

No river access.

## **Forges Pump Road**

Located approximately 7km west of the Visitor Information Centre. Forges Pump Road gives you access to Forges No.1 beach, Forges No. 2 beach and Little Bruces Bend. Plenty of camping areas to choose from.

## **Bruces Road**

Located approximately 8km west of the Visitor Information Centre. Bruces Road gives you access to Zanettis Beach No.1, Zanettis Beach No. 2, Bruces Beach No. 1, Bruces Beach No. 2, and Sharps Bend.

## **Reedy Road**

No river access.

### **Nevins Road**

Located approximately 11km west of the Visitor Information Centre. Nevins Road gives you access to Trues Beach and Gravel Bend.

### **Thoms Road**

Located approximately 13km west of the Visitor Information Centre. Thoms Road gives you access to Buchanans Beach and Nevins Beach West.

### **Sharps Road**

No river access.

### **Bourkes Bend**

Located approximately 18km west of the Visitor Information Centre. Bourkes Bend gives you access to Duftys Beach No. 1, Duftys Beach No. 2, Bourkes Bend No.1, Bourkes Bend No. 2 and Bourkes Bend No. 3.

## **NSW River Beaches Access Roads**

### **Hinches Beach**

- Starting from the Yarrowonga Mulwala Visitor Information Centre, cross the main traffic bridge into Mulwala and drive through Mulwala (on Melbourne Street) until you cross the Mulwala Canal Bridge (approx. 3½km from Visitor Information Centre).
- Turn left immediately after Canal Bridge - there is a sign post on right "Industrial Estate" and sign on the left "Tocumwal, Berrigan, Savernake".
- Stay on bitumen road until come to cross-roads (1.4km) with sign post in centre of road, one points to Tocumwal to the left. Turn left.
- About 5km further you cross Mulwala Canal again and on right is the Water Ski Park. On the left is a sign "Mulwala State Forest". Turn left.
- There is an information board just beyond the entrance, which includes, "Camping permitted. Pets OK. Fires OK (restrictions December to Late March)".
- To the left is a sign "Hinches Beach 4km" - it isn't that far, more like 2.5km. The road into the beach is very rough. **Note: the road to Hinches Beach would be impassable after very heavy rain or floods, and would require a 4 wheel drive at least.**
- Beyond this sign there is a fork in the road. **Follow the green arrows marked on tree!**
- **Hinches Beach is very safe for swimming with small children with clear water. Boats can be launched from this point.**
- There are further camping sites adjacent to this beach.

### **Boomanoomana State Forest - Little Pebble Beach**

- Starting from the Yarrowonga Mulwala Visitor Information Centre, cross the main traffic bridge into Mulwala and drive through Mulwala (on Melbourne Street) until you cross the Mulwala Canal Bridge (approx. 3½km from Visitor Information Centre).
- Turn left immediately after Canal Bridge - there is a sign post on right "Industrial Estate and one on the left "Tocumwal, Berrigan, Savernake".
- Stay on bitumen road until come to cross-roads (1.4km) with sign post in centre of road, one points to Tocumwal to the left. Turn left.
- Travel about 10km along this road. You come to a cross-road. On the left is a road sign "Yarrowonga 17km" (pointing back in the direction from which you came), "Barooga 23" (pointing straight ahead), "Berrigan 36" (pointing to the right). TURN LEFT down dirt road.
- 1km down this road are gates with a sign "Boomanoomana State Forest" - this is where the "NO FIRES' sign is.
- Drive straight down until you come to a fenceline. Turn right.
- 100m further on is a shallow billabong, safe swimming for children, clear water and sand beach.

### **Boomanoomana State Forest - Sandy Beach**

- Starting from the Yarrowonga Mulwala Visitor Information Centre, cross the main traffic bridge into Mulwala and drive through Mulwala (on Melbourne Street) until you cross the Mulwala Canal Bridge (approx. 3½km from Visitor Information Centre).
- Turn left immediately after Canal Bridge - there is a sign post on right "Industrial Estate and one on the left "Tocumwal, Berrigan, Savernake".
- Stay on bitumen road until come to cross-roads (1.4km) with sign post in centre of road, one points to Tocumwal to the left. Turn left.
- Travel about 10km along this road. You come to a cross-road. On the left is a road sign "Yarrowonga 17km" (pointing back in the direction from which you came), "Barooga 23" (pointing straight ahead), "Berrigan 36" (pointing to the right). KEEP GOING STRAIGHT AHEAD for approx. 3km.
- On the left is the second entrance to the forest. Enter the gates and to the left is a sign "Sandy Beach 4.5km" and "Little Pebble Beach 4km".
- Drive straight until you reach a fork in the road. TURN LEFT AND FOLLOW THE GREEN ARROWS MARKED ON THE TREES. KEEP ALERT FROM HERE FOR FURTHER GREEN ARROWS AND FOLLOW THEM.
- Sandy Beach is just that. A broad long stretch of sand, great for camping and swimming.

### **Boomanoomana State Forest - One Tree Beach**

- Starting from the Yarrowonga Mulwala Visitor Information Centre, cross the main traffic bridge into Mulwala and drive through Mulwala (on Melbourne Street) until you cross the Mulwala Canal Bridge (approx. 3½km from Visitor Information Centre).
- Turn left immediately after Canal Bridge - there is a sign post on right "Industrial Estate and one on the left "Tocumwal, Berrigan, Savernake".
- Stay on bitumen road until come to cross-roads (1.4km) with sign post in centre of road, one points to Tocumwal to the left. Turn left.
- Travel about 10km along this road. You come to a cross-road. On the left is a road sign "Yarrowonga 17km" (pointing back in the direction from which you came), "Barooga 23" (pointing straight ahead), "Berrigan 36" (pointing to the right). KEEP GOING STRAIGHT AHEAD for approx. 5km until you get to "Ruwolts Road" on the right. TURN LEFT.
- On the left is the third entrance to the forest. Enter the gates and there is a sign "One Tree Beach 3.5km".
- Follow the green arrows on trees. "One Tree Beach" is aptly named - there is a

large "elm-like" tree in the middle of the beach!

## Kyffins Reserve

- Starting from the Yarrowonga Mulwala Visitor Information Centre, cross the main traffic bridge into Mulwala and drive through Mulwala (on Melbourne Street), cross the Mulwala Canal Bridge. This road changes its name to "Corowa Road". Continue on until you come to a road sign on the right pointing to "Rennie" to the left (on the left is Linley Park Animal Farm).
- At this "Rennie" sign turn right off the bitumen road onto an unmade road (the condition of the road is suitable for all vehicles).
- This road takes you right down to the end of the lake, which is Kyffins Reserve. **Please note:** It is not possible to travel completely around the lake, as the Murray River feeds into the lake and there is no bridge across the Murray at the point where the lake finishes.
- Kyffins Reserve finishes at Denison County Caravan Park. There is a sign in the Reserve "Public Recreation Reserve". (please observe the usual rules and regulations for such fires).
- The Reserve is subject to flooding but at other times it is a very pleasant, gum treed forest, with low grassy undergrowth, on the banks of Lake Mulwala. There is over a kilometre of shoreline at the Reserve and the camping areas are well away from the main road.