

The Mighty Murray

The Murray River provides some of South Australia's best canoeing opportunities boasting experiences that are truly breathtaking. The Lower Murray Canoe Trail will have you floating amongst unique wildlife, birdlife and tranquil surrounds whilst exploring over 130 million years of rich history. To learn more about the incredible Murray River, keep an eye out for the trail signage along the route options.

Did you know?

The Murray River is the longest river in Australia, stretching 2,530km from New South Wales along the Victorian border and into South Australia before reaching the Murray Mouth near Goolwa and flowing into the Southern Ocean. The Murray River makes up a large part of the Murray Darling Basin, which is a geographical region of South East Australia that encapsulates many rivers. The Murray Darling Basin name comes from two major rivers, the Murray and the Darling, and interestingly most of the waterways in the Basin are connected to the Murray River in one way or another.

More info?

To find out more about the Lower Murray Canoe Trail, including detailed route information, go to: www.coorong.sa.gov.au/lowermurraycanoetrail

This project is supported by the Department for Environment and Water through funding from the joint Australian and South Australian Government's Riverine Recovery Project.



Can You Spot?

Murray Cod

(*Maccullochella peelii*)

The largest fresh water fish in Australia reaching up to 113kg and 1.8m in length. It can be identified by its cream coloured belly, green spotted body, large mouth and rounded tail.



Murray short-necked turtles

(*Emydura macquarii*)

If you're lucky, you might find one of these turtles relaxing on logs in the water, but they typically rarely come out of the water unless they are nesting.

Australian pelicans

(*Pelecanus conspicillatus*)

These are seen in abundance along the Murray River. What is most unique about this waterbird is its oversized bill which reaches between 40–50cm long, the largest of any bird.



Murray-Darling Carpet Python

(*Morelia spilota metacalfi*)

A non-venomous snake that you will typically find hidden in rocky structures, riverine vegetation and flood plains.

River Red Gums

(*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*)

An Australian native tree used by Aboriginal communities to make canoes, which we now know as canoe trees.



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Getting There?

The trail has two suggested locations to begin your journey, choose from:

Dickson Reserve is located adjacent to the Tailern Bend ferry, follow the ferry signs on Princes Highway.

Wellington East boat ramp can be accessed via George Mason Street.

Trail Grade: Easy

The trail has been divided into sections to help you plan a safe journey based on your skill and fitness level. Whilst all sections of the trail are suitable for adults and children over 12 years of age, it is recommended you have some level of experience. Please take note of the below warning.

1

Dickson Reserve to Backwaters

Approx 4.7km (1.5–2.5 hours)

Backwaters are a haven for birdlife, download the bird identification sheet for this section of the trail at:

www.coorong.sa.gov.au/lowermurraycanoetrail

2

Dickson Reserve to Fred's Landing

Approx 4km (1–1.5 hours)

Dickson Reserve is the perfect location for a lunch stopover and refreshing swim. Located next to the historic ferry landing, it boasts a swimming pontoon surrounded by lush green lawn.

Tailern Bend

Fred's Landing

3

Fred's Landing to Wellington East

Approx 8.5km (2–2.5 hours)

Fred's Landing is a handy spot to launch a canoe and an ideal location for fishing.

4

Wellington East via backwaters to Wellington

Approx 4km (1–1.5 hours)

An inlet approximately 600m upstream from the Wellington East trailhead guides you to a small wetland, where you can spend some time relaxing amongst the abundant birdlife.

Visiting Murrundi Reserve is also a must do along this section.

! WARNING

Expect strong winds particularly late afternoons, this will significantly increase the grade level and time for all sections of the trail. Check the wind speeds and weather prior to departure.



Ferry crossing

Map Key



Interpretive Sign



Trail Head

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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Murray Watch – 8531 0710 (24 Hours)
Fishwatch Hotline – 1800 065 522
Coorong District Council – 1300 785 277

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