



# Meandering the Murray

Tocumwal  
to Howlong



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Embark on an unforgettable journey across the Riverina-Murray and discover the hidden gems of the Murray Valley. This sprawling area of beaches, forests and wetlands is located along the Murray River from Tocumwal to Howlong.

Stroll through the river red gums, explore the wetlands or paddle along the river's pristine waters. Along the way, you'll find great fishing spots, unbeatable birdwatching, and plenty of places to set up camp.

## Things to do

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Walk or cycle along the shared trails in and around Barooga and discover the delights of this riverside town. Relax by the water at one of the many campground beaches, or cast a line and try your luck at fishing. Explore the Murray in a canoe or bring your binoculars to spot the area's unique birdlife.

### Ski Beach picnic area

Once you've worked up an appetite, stop for a picturesque lunch at Ski Beach picnic area. After your meal, you'll be well placed to take a peaceful walk along the river. The picnic area is also the site of an historic river punt, built in 1889 to carry people and stock across the water.



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# Aboriginal cultural connections to Country

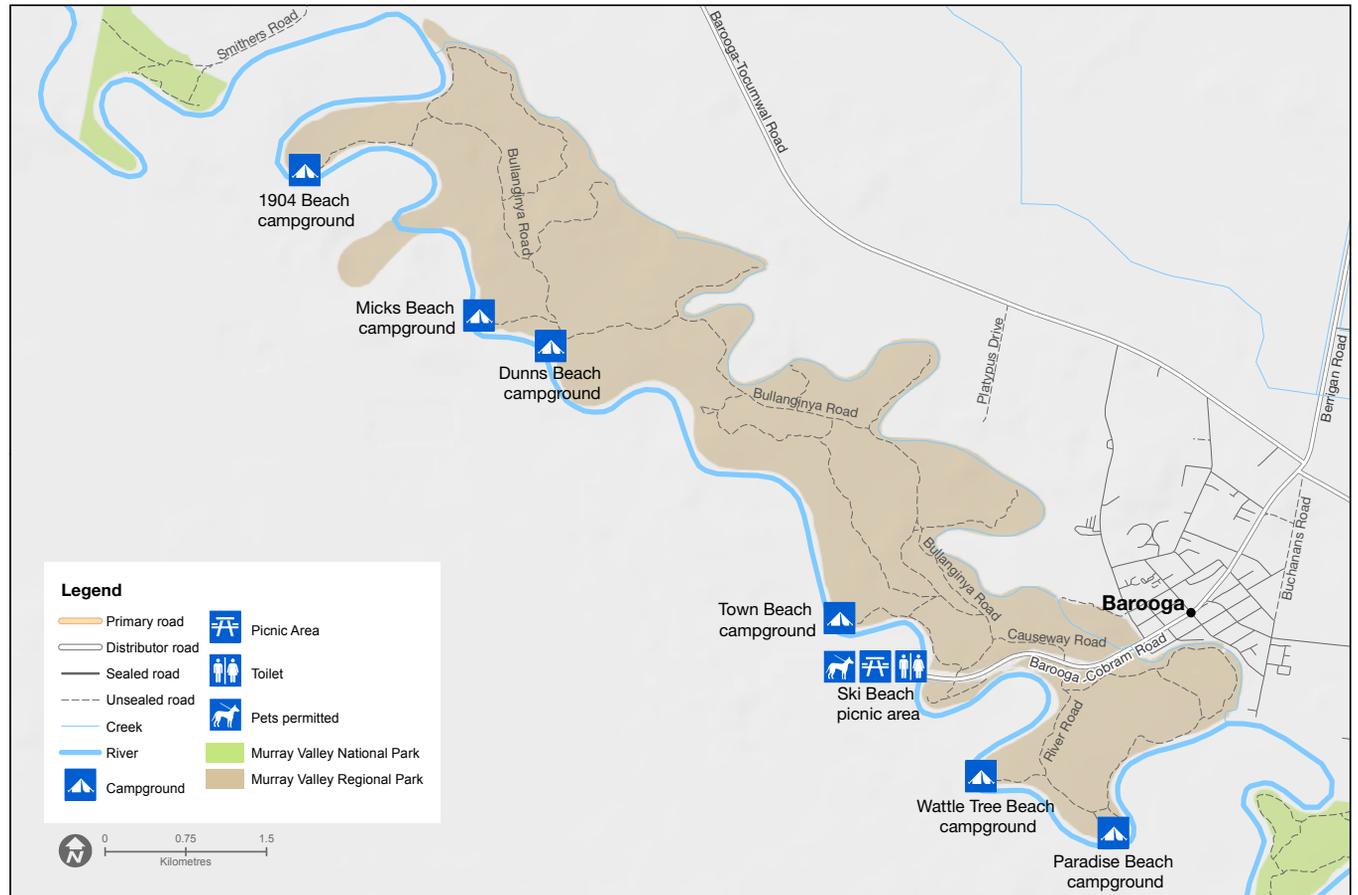
Local Aboriginal people have a strong connection to Country in Murray Valley that spans thousands of years and continues to the present day. Places of rich cultural significance can be found all along the river and this unique landscape features in Aboriginal Dreaming stories.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, whose Country we share today.



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## Barooga Campgrounds



# Wake up in the Murray Valley

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Discover the untouched beauty of the Murray and book yourself in for an authentic bush camping experience as you travel between Tocumwal and Howlong.

This is a remote place, so it's a good idea to arrive well-prepared. Please bring your own supply of drinking and cooking water. Check the weather before setting out because roads to the campgrounds are unsealed and may be impassable, even after light rain.

Only Quicks Beach campground has toilets; all other campgrounds offer a true bush getaway with no facilities or marked sites.

For more information or to book a campsite, call 1300 072 757 or visit [nswparks.info/camping](https://nswparks.info/camping).

## Camping with your RV

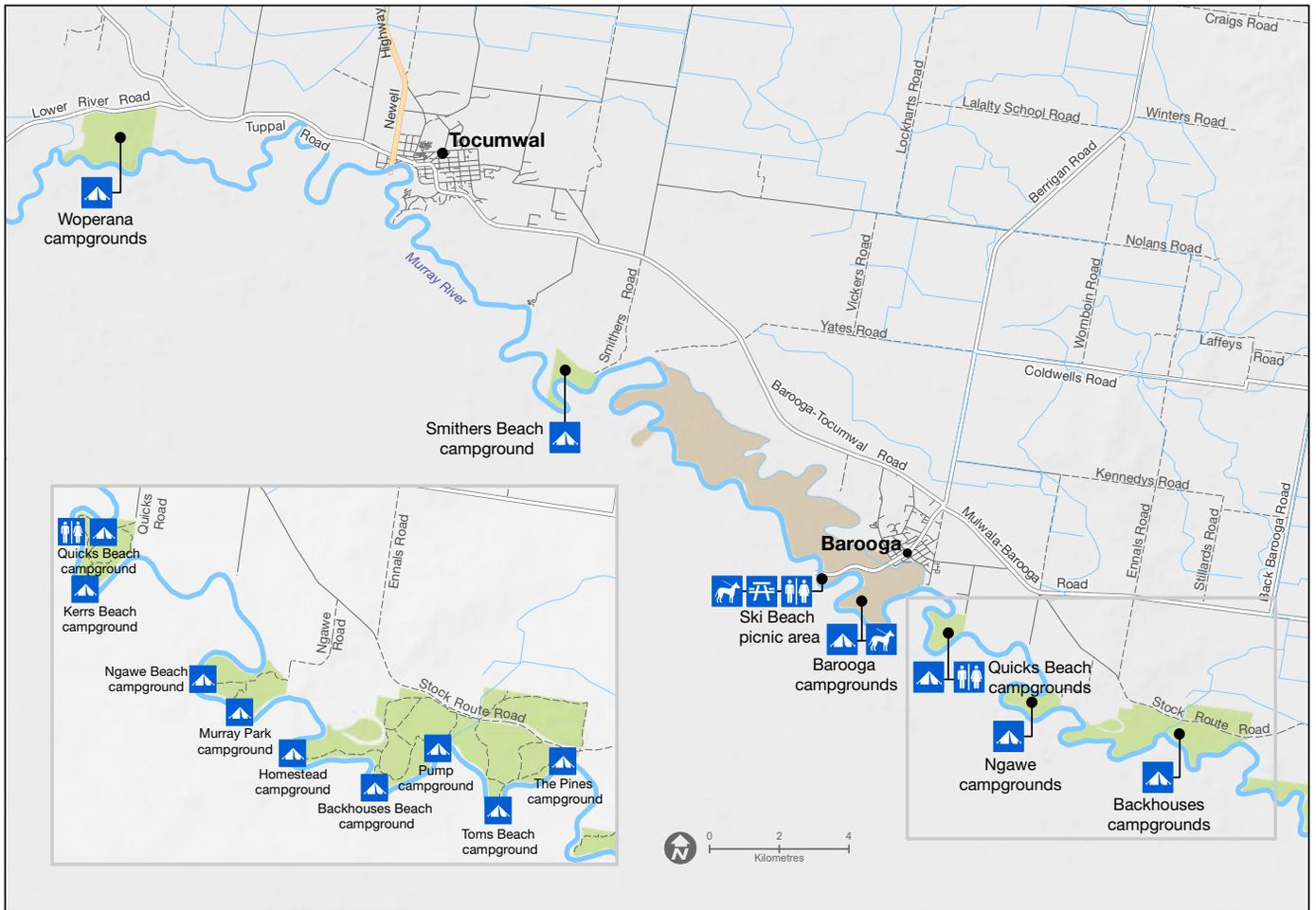
There are plenty of spots along the Murray that can accommodate an RV. Woperana, Smithers Beach, Barooga, Quicks Beach, Ngawe Beach, Backhouses Beach and Mulwala campgrounds all have space for campervans and motorhomes. Please note that you can only bring an RV during dry weather; vehicles may become bogged after rain.

## Stay near town

If you like the convenience of camping near town, pitch your tent at Barooga, Quicks Beach or Corowa campgrounds, each of which are just minutes from the nearest township.

## Dog-friendly campgrounds

Barooga, Mulwala, Collendina and Quat Quatta East campgrounds are in Murray Valley Regional Park, making them dog-friendly. Please note, dogs are not permitted at the campgrounds in neighbouring Murray Valley National Park.





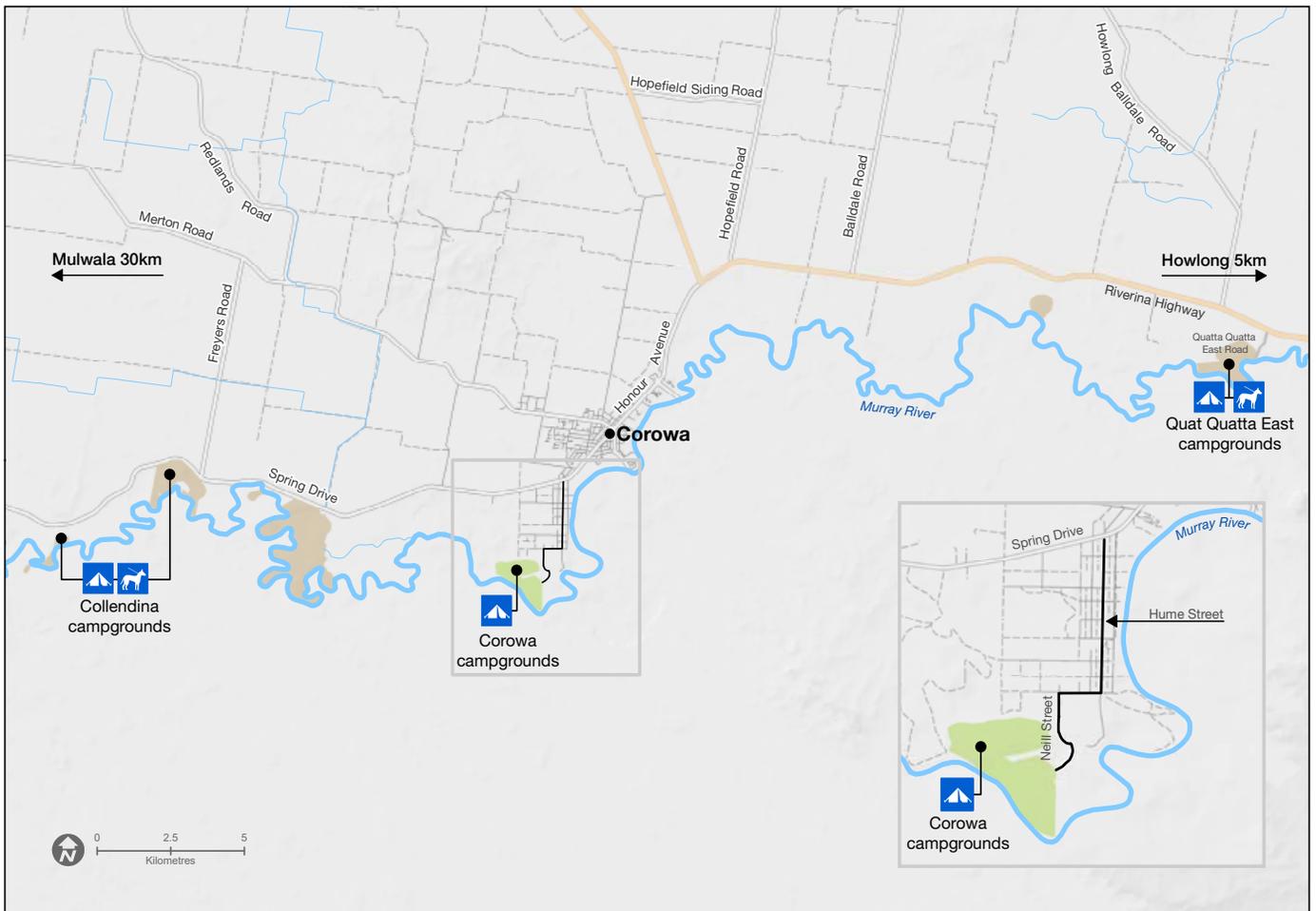




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## European and pastoral heritage

Townships along the Murray were thriving by the mid-1800s and settlers prospered from the grazing and logging trades. Look closely at the trees as you explore this area. To this day you can still see notches in red gum stumps where timber cutters placed boards to stand on so they could cut the trees above their larger buttresses.

## Getting there

The sprawling reserves of the Murray Valley span from Tocumwal to Howlong. Check the maps for the nearest main roads and towns.

All roads and trails in this area are unsealed and cannot be driven on when wet. Campgrounds and other visitor areas may be closed after heavy rain. Monitor the weather, plan your trip accordingly and be prepared to leave before wet weather arrives.

Current alerts and closures can be found at [nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/alerts](https://nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/alerts).



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## **Staying safe**

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To ensure you stay safe during your visit to the Murray Valley:

- Be ready for unpredictable weather. Make sure you are prepared for the heat of summer and the cold of winter.
- Pack extra food, water, fuel and spare tyres.
- Tell your family and friends about your travel plans before you go.
- Campgrounds on the river can flood. Always check park alerts before leaving home.
- River red gums commonly drop limbs. Avoid camping or parking under branches.
- Rivers and lakes can be unpredictable. Swimming in the river is not advised. Inland rivers have deep holes and swirling undercurrents that often cannot be seen and present a drowning risk. Beware of submerged objects and supervise children at all times.
- Dial Triple Zero (000) in an emergency. Please note there is limited mobile phone reception in this park, and you'll need mobile reception to call Triple Zero (000).
- Before you set out, download the free NPWS app and the Murray Valley National and Regional Park maps and information from the Apple store or Google Play.
- Download the Emergency+ app. It can help emergency services to locate you using your smart phone's GPS if you have reception.

For more information visit [nswparks.info/safety](https://nswparks.info/safety).

# Caring for our parks

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Protecting our natural environment depends on the cooperation of all who visit:

- Dogs and other animals are not permitted in NSW national parks. Dogs are permitted in NSW regional parks but must be kept under control at all times.
- Remember all plants and animals are protected. Please don't feed the wildlife.
- There are no bins in this area. Please take all rubbish with you when you leave.
- Aboriginal sites, artefacts and items of historic heritage are protected.
- Smoking, firearms and chainsaws are prohibited.
- Fires are permitted outside of the Fire Danger Period (usually 1 April to 30 September). Bonfires are not permitted.
- When a Total Fire Ban has been declared, fires are not permitted in the open and no gas or electric barbecues may be used in the park. Report bushfires by calling 000.

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