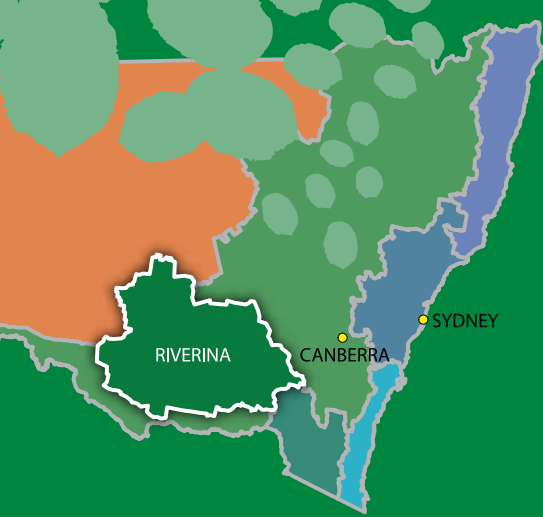


The Riverina... a playground for families



Come and enjoy the character of country hospitality with the family in the best of the Australian outdoors. Whether next to a gently flowing river, deep in the countryside or inside one of the region's classic townships, the Riverina provides a myriad of attractions and events that are fun, educational and active that whole families come to enjoy.

STEP BACK IN TIME

AVIATION MUSEUM, TEMORA

The Temora Aviation Museum is famous world-wide for its collection of working Australian ex-military aircraft. The Museum has informative displays, audio-visual presentations, but most importantly, flying days on which rare operating aircraft including the Spitfire and guest fighter jets take to the skies. For their next flying dates call (02) 6977 1088 or visit www.aviationmuseum.com.au.

SHEAR OUTBACK, HAY

Learn how Australia rode the sheep's back and the yarns that are so much a part of this iconic Australian industry. View the history of shearing, see the shearing hall of fame, and get involved in live shearing demonstrations by meeting the shearers, shearing the sheep, and barking back at the sheep dogs. For info on regular events and exhibitions call (02) 6993 4000 or visit www.shearoutback.com.au.

THE DOG ON THE TUCKERBOX, GUNDAGAI

An Australian historical monument located at Snake Gully, five miles (8 km) from Gundagai. The statue was put there in memory of the pioneers (and their dogs) that came over the mountains and settled the region. Be sure to pop back into town and view Rusconi's legendary Marble Masterpiece at the Visitor Information Centre.

THE RURAL MUSEUM, TEMORA

The museum focuses on Temora's agricultural and pastoral industry, its lifestyles, machinery and working implements. Highlights include Sir Donald Bradman's first home of hardwood slabs, the pioneer's cottage, bush school, church, flour mill, ambulance station, country dance hall and underground archive.

MUSEUM OF THE RIVERINA, WAGGA WAGGA

At the Museum of the Riverina you'll find a comprehensive collection of historical info that has been cleverly presented via "Kidzone" and "Kidtrack", a way for kids to explore, interact and discover the region's history. The Museum also features the "Wagga Wagga Sporting Hall of Fame" including inductees Mark Taylor, Peter Sterling and Paul Kelly, all of whom hail from Wagga Wagga.

UP-TO-DATE STORE, COOLAMON

The Up-To-Date store offers visitors the chance to step back in time to the 1900's with a preserved insight into retail trade. Its highlight is the Lamson Cash Railway, the only working Ball-Style Cash Railway System in the world still in its original location. Part of the store has been spectacularly transformed into the Ajanta Cafe which offers the best in coffee, country style cakes, artworks, jewellery and gifts.

PIONEER PARK MUSEUM, GRIFFITH

Pioneer Park Open Air Museum is a brilliant way to learn about the unique character of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, from prehistory through to the multicultural oasis of today. You'll peer into the lives of early pioneers with its original and restored buildings set in 11ha of natural bushland, and taste the area's cultural diversity in the newly constructed Italian Museum & Cultural Centre.

BRADMAN BIRTHPLACE & CAPTAINS WALK, COOTAMUNDRA

Cootamundra is best recognised for its connection with cricketer great Sir Donald Bradman. The Captains Walk has been constructed in his memory and features 42 bronze busts of Australian test cricket captains along with information on other significant test cricketers such as Unaarimim the leading aboriginal player in the first Australian Cricket Team to tour England in 1868.

THE ROXY THEATRE, LEETON

The recently restored Roxy Theatre is the best place to catch flicks and roll jaffas in a fully preserved two level art deco theatre. Films are screened on Friday and Saturday nights with matinees during school holidays. Tours are available on request by contacting the Roxy on (02) 6953 2074.

LONG PADDOCK TOURING ROUTE

See the famous 5 rivers (Murray, Edward, Murrumbidgee, Lachlan and Darling) on this 610km self-led touring route along the Cobb Highway between Echuca-Moama and outback western NSW. The drive offers adventures for all ages and budgets, from fishing and museums to fine dining, as well as some of the best caravan parks and camping grounds in Australia. Along the way are the ARTback sculptures and 47 interpretive panels that pass on the history of the land and its early settlers.

PEPPIN HERITAGE CENTRE, DENILIQUIN

Originally the George Street Public School, this building was renamed the Peppin Heritage Centre in honour of the Peppin Family and the influence they had on the founding of the Australian Merino Industry. The Peppin Heritage Centre incorporates a Visitor Information Centre, Exhibition Space, Museum and Cafe and is open from 9am - 4pm daily. Come and see the original classroom, ring the school bell and listen to the scary tale of the Headless Horseman in the original Wanganella Gaol.

GET BACK TO NATURE

SANDY BEACH, WANTABADGERY

Sandy Beach is one of the regions most popular riverside camping and recreational reserves. Commonly sighted are rare aquatic species such as the secretive platypus and the endangered trout cod. Facilities include modern toilets, concrete boat ramp, tables, plenty of shade, and rubbish removal facilities.

PINKERS BEACH, CARRATHOOL

Nature and the environment play an important role in the Carrathool Shire with an abundance of native flora and fauna. Close to the historic village of Carrathool, Pinker's Beach offers plenty of camping space, swimming and good shade.

WILLANDRA NATIONAL PARK, CARRATHOOL SHIRE

Formerly a large merino stud, Willandra National Park, Hillston has now been preserved as an insight into the pastoral history of the region. The restored homestead is surrounded by gardens and overlooks peaceful Willandra Creek which attracts over 170 species of bird.

ALTINA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, DARLINGTON POINT

Zoos are always a hit with the kids, so make sure you drop in to the Altina Wildlife Sanctuary for a wonderful display of both native animals and other exotic species from Africa and Asia. Personalised tours around the open air park are available in a horse drawn cart.

LAKE JERILDERIE & HORGANS WALK

Surrounded by an walking/cycling track, Lake Jerilderie is great for water skiing and attracts a variety of birdlife. Have a picnic at the lake or take in the scenery on Horgans Walk, a picturesque 20 minute walk along the banks of Billabong Creek.



LAKE CENTENARY, TEMORA

Just north of Temora is Lake Centenary, a man-made centre for aquatic enthusiasts. The lake attracts people for its power-boating, waterskiing, sailing, canoeing, fishing and swimming. It has an excellent boat ramp and landscaped picnic facilities, making it an ideal venue for a relaxing day out.

JOHN LAKE FISHERIES CENTRE, NARRANDERA

Learn about local conservation with both native and introduced fish species on display, including a large resident Murray Cod. There are also interactive elements, including live fish exhibits and an information video on John Lake who pioneered conservation efforts. Families can make the most of a trip to the station with a barbecue or picnic on the beautiful lawns and garden areas.

FIVEBOUGH SWAMP & TUCKERBIL WETLANDS, LEETON

The internationally recognised Fivebough and Tuckerbil Wetlands are home to migratory birds during warmer months attracting bird watching enthusiasts from all over the world keen to see the diversity and abundance of 83 species of waterbirds including the Glossy Ibis, Whiskered Tern and Brolga.

THE ROCK, LOCKHART SHIRE

The Rock, known as Kengal to the local Wiradjuri people or "The Lion of the Plains" to the local township, is a large rock landmark towering 250m above over the surrounding countryside. From the peak, views extend as far as Mount Kosciuszko and the Victorian Alps. There is a 6km return walking track leading to the summit, which takes the adventurous approx 3hrs. The reserve has bbq and picnic facilities if you return from the walk hungry!

MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER, HAY

Fishing, skiing, canoeing, camping: the Murrumbidgee River is a haven for activity 12 months of the year. You can enjoy a stroll around the river under the ancient red gums, view the Long Paddock's sculptures at Bushy Bend and see an abundance of bird life that focuses on the river's banks. The Murrumbidgee is an ideal place to find seclusion or get the family together for a great day – try Sandy Point Beach for plenty of open space.

ACTIVATE THE BODY & SOUL

GOGELDRIE WEIR, LEETON

Gogeldrie Weir is on the Murrumbidgee River, 15kms from Leeton. The grounds are an ideal picnic area for families with fantastic BBQ facilities, toilets, showers and fully stocked kiosk. Fishing tours are available as are overnight self guided tours, plus kayaks, fishing gear and camping equipment are available for hire.

JUNEE JUNCTION RECREATION & AQUATIC CENTRE

Junee Junction's pool is half indoors and half outdoors, with a heated children's pool, a 3m deep main pool and a 30m waterslide. Locals swear that even on a hot day the pool doesn't get overcrowded.

ART CENTRE, COOTAMUNDRA

The Cootamundra Art Centre is a relatively new attraction that offers activities in music, theatre, sculpture, painting and pottery. Regular workshops attract families of all ages. To see what's on contact the centre (02) 6942 4773 or visit www.ccacc.org.au.

MINI RAIL, JERILDERIE

Alongside Billabong Creek and adjacent to the Willows Museum and Visitor Centre, a miniature railway runs on the 2nd Sunday of each month and by appointment. Take the kids for a ride as they wind their way through tunnels and over bridges to see the beautifully assembled mini rail with stations.

OASIS REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE, WAGGA WAGGA

Open 7 days a week the Oasis Aquatic Centre features heated pools, children's pools, lap pools, a diving pool, a children's playground, Australia's first wave ball, a turbo pool and a plethora of routine leisure and fitness activities for all ages.

LAKE TALBOT, NARRANDERA

Lake Talbot is an artificial lake located 1.5km from the Narrandera town centre and is ideal for boating, canoeing, water skiing and swimming. Adjoining the lake you will find Lake Talbot Caravan Park and a swimming complex offering 3 swimming pools, 2 water slides, a kiosk, and bbq and picnic facilities on an extensive terraced lawn area.

BOTANIC GARDENS, WAGGA WAGGA

You can spend a whole day at the Botanic Gardens. Feed the animals at the mini zoo (see the kiosk for food for the animals), wander through the free flight aviary, get fit on the fitness trail and play in 'Kids Ville'. Try the new 'Crows Nest' adventure playground with a flying fox, climbing nets, table tennis and maze. Ride the miniature railway that runs throughout the gardens on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. BBQ and picnic facilities are also available.

MINERAL POOLS, BARMEDMAN

Located 25mins from West Wyalong, the village of Barmedman is the home to the Barmedman Mineral Pool. The springs were discovered during the local goldrush when the underground spring flooded the mine. Locals swear the water has health giving properties and its a fantastic swim.

BOGGY CREEK SHOWS, TUMBARUMBA

The Boggy Creek Show exhibits all the skills of horsemanship, mustering, whip cracking, working dogs and sheep tricks and does it with equal doses of humour, a naughty kelpie and a stubborn mule. Hear traditional stories, get a first hand insight into farming practices and enjoy a fair dinkum brew of billy tea. Bookings are essential (02) 6948 8273.

SAVOUR THE EXPERIENCE

CATANIA FRUIT SALAD FARM, GRIFFITH

Kids enjoy learning about farm life so why not visit Catania Fruit Salad Farm and take a guided tour. Learn about the Murrumbidgee Irrigation System and how crops are grown and harvested whilst enjoying a bus tour of this historic family owned farm.

LICORICE AND CHOCOLATE FACTORY, JUNEE

Visit the renowned Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory and enjoy its enjoy organic confectionaries, coffee and the gift shop. Do a daily organised tour of the factory so you can see how its all made. You may even develop an appetite!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE RELEVANT VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE. TO SEARCH FOR ACCOMMODATION AND FURTHER INSPIRATION GO TO WWW.VISITRIVERINA.COM.AU

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