

Tips for Top Catches



Golden Perch/Yellowbelly

Considered the best of the freshwater table fish with firm white flesh and no muddy taint, they can be very aggressive and love shrimp bobbed gently up and down amongst logs. The best time for catching yellowbelly is at dawn and dusk in rising water.



Murray Cod

The Murray Cod is the largest of freshwater fish, growing to a length of 1.8m and is most commonly caught by line fishing with baits of crayfish, mussels or small live fish. They will also rise to lures and put up a good fight when caught on suitable tackle.



Eel-tailed Catfish (Jewfish)

Eel tailed catfish or jewfish are caught on bait such as shrimp or worm and are good fighters when hooked on light gear. Jewfish are often caught in shallow water off grassy banks, particularly from dusk.



Silver Perch

Silver Perch are commonly caught in the inland streams and waterholes west of the Great Dividing Range with bait such as prawns and worms. Schools accumulate at the heads of waterholes and flowing reaches, and being easily attracted to a fly or lure, they are spectacular performers.

For current information on all fishing licences, permits, size and possession limits visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/boating-fishing/rec-fishing/rules or phone 132 523.

Showgrounds AND Public Facilities



Camping is available with restrictions at the Showgrounds in Chinchilla, Jandowae, Miles, Tara and Wandoan.



Waste Dump Points

Dalby - Black Street
Jandowae - 37 Dalby Street (adj Lions Park)
Chinchilla - Wondai Road (Park Street)
Miles - Industry Lane
Meandarra - Leo Gordon Apex Park Walton Street
Tara - Tara Lagoon Parklands (off Showgrounds Road)
Wandoan - Jerrard Street (near the water treatment plant)
Condamine - Meandarra Road & Dillon Street
Glenmorgan - Sybil Street



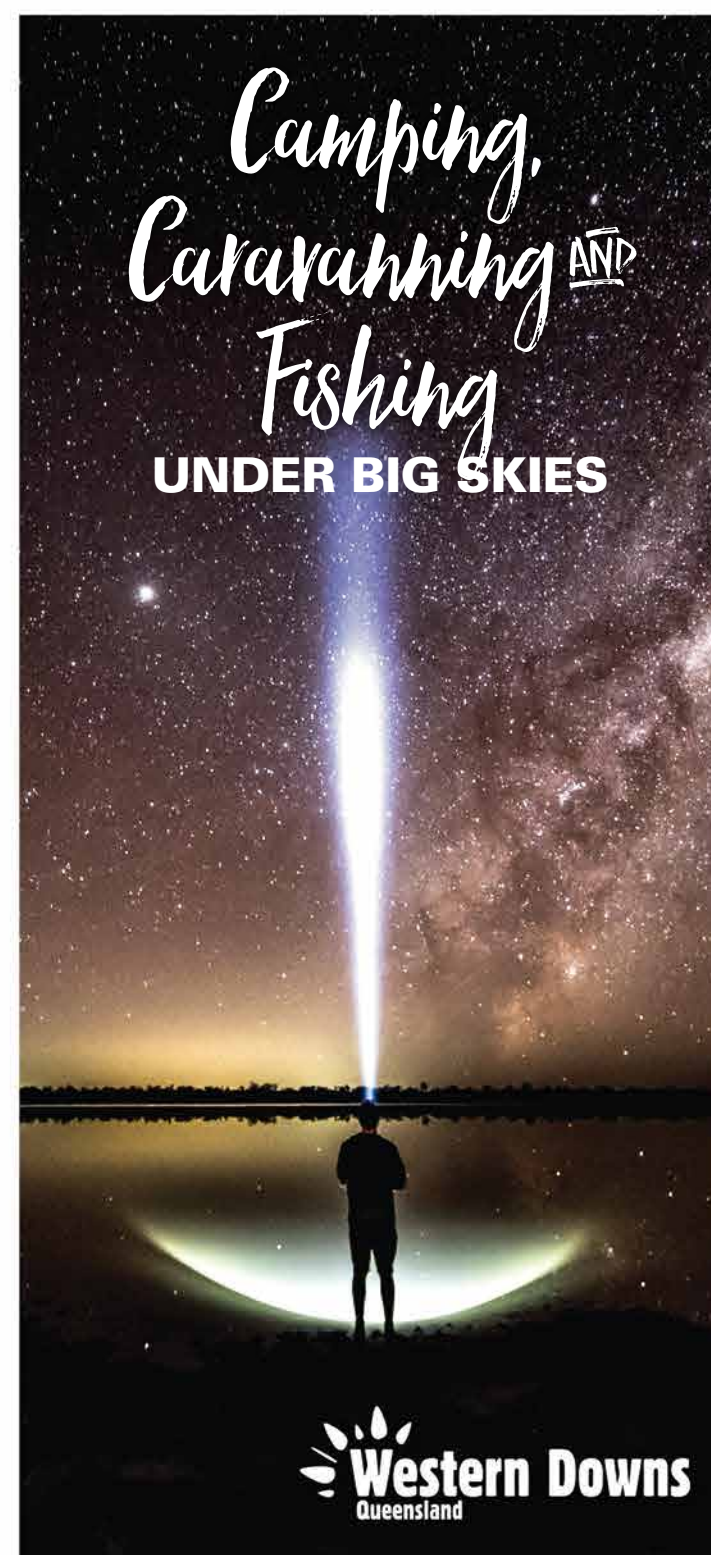
Water Access

Myall Creek Parkland, Jimbour Street Dalby
Chinchilla Visitor Information Centre, Chinchilla
Lions Park, High Street, Jandowae
Miles Visitor Information Centre, Miles



Camping in the Western Downs

Camping, Caravanning AND Fishing UNDER BIG SKIES



 **Western Downs**
Queensland

I KNOW JUST THE PLACE... *Camping, Fishing AND Big Open Skies*

1. BUNYA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Established in 1908 and named after the majestic Bunya Pine a huge tree producing pineapple shaped cones that can weigh up to 10kg the Bunya Mountains is a unique destination for the whole family to enjoy. Immerse yourself in nature as you feed the birds and wildlife, explore the walking trails, take a horse drawn tour and capture that breathtaking panoramic view from the Bunya Mountains Outlook. Begin the day with a coffee and bunya nut scone followed late in the evening by a drop of whiskey from one of the 116 varieties available at Shackleton's Whiskey Bar.

Nearest Town: Dalby 63km.

DANDABAH CAMPING AREA

Suggested Route for Caravans - Caution Steep & Winding

Access: Take the Dalby road. Five minutes from Kumbia turn left at the Bunya Mountains sign. Climb up the Mountain and follow the top of the mountain range for approx. 10kms. You will pass Burtons Well Camping Area; Cherry Plains, Westcott and Paradise Falls Car Park. Turn left signposted Dandabah. If you get to the TV towers you have missed the Dandabah turnoff which is Bunya Avenue.



2. LAKE BROADWATER CONSERVATION PARK

The only naturally occurring freshwater lake on the Darling Downs, the Lake Broadwater Conservation Park is an important refuge for water birds and other wildlife. The lake is popular for camping, picnicking, walking, birdwatching and water sports when conditions are suitable.

Nearest Town: Dalby 30km

Access: Travel 20km south west of Dalby on Moonie Highway, turn into Broadwater Road the campground is 10km on the left.



5. GIL WEIR MILES

Join the pelicans for a relaxing stay at Gil Weir. Ideal for a spot of fishing or a quick dip, this peaceful spot has room to walk the dogs to. Suitable for bush camping, small vessels and paddlecraft. Just a short five-minute drive from Miles, be sure to spend the morning exploring the Miles Historical Village Museum followed by an evening of star gazing.

Stocked with Murray Cod and Golden Perch, fishing permits are required.

Nearest Town: Miles 6km

Access: Travel 4.5km south of Miles on the Leichhardt Hwy, turn right onto Gil Weir Access Road and proceed further 1.2km to Weir.



Gil Weir Miles

8. BRIGALOW CREEK MEANDARRA

Brigalow Creek is well known for its waterlilies and fishing for Golden Perch and Jewfish. The campground is a large, flat, grassy area on the banks of the creek. A lovely spot to enjoy the region or just a morning tea stop on your journey.

Nearest Town: Meandarra 0km

Access: The site is on the corner of the Condamine-Meandarra Road where it enters the town area from the north

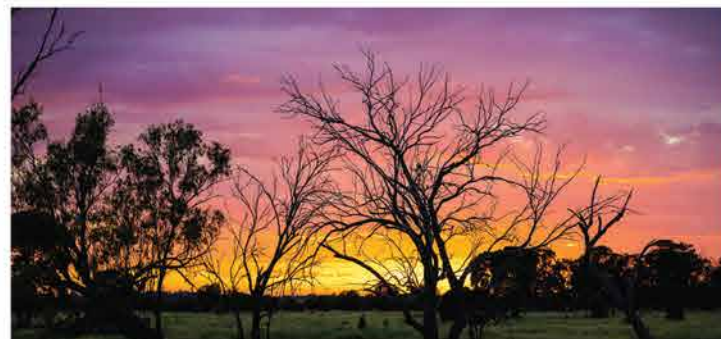


9. CALIGUEL LAGOON CONDAMINE

A bird watchers heaven, Caliguel Lagoon is perfect for swimming, fishing, kayaking and other water sports. This peaceful well-maintained free campground is a favourite amongst locals. There is plenty of room here to park a caravan, and some nice level grassed sites for tent camping. Marvel in late summer or autumn as the purple lilies put on a magnificent show. Rainwater tanks supply amenities, **please boil before drinking.**

Nearest Town: Condamine 7km

Access: From Condamine head south on the Leichardt Highway (A5) for 3.1km and turn right onto Condamine-Meandarra Road; the campground is 4.1km on the left.





Lake Broadwater

3. ARCHERS CROSSING SOUTH CHINCHILLA

A picturesque free bush camp with plenty of shade options on the banks of the Condamine River. Be sure to wet a line and try your luck. A quieter option for those self-sufficient travellers. Accessible to caravans and big rigs.

Nearest Town: Chinchilla 9.5km

Access: 9.5km east of Chinchilla on Warrego Highway, trn onto Chinchilla-Kogan Road and continue for 8.3km to Hopelands School. Turn right onto Hopelands School Road and continue for 2.3km turning right onto Archers Crossing Road (first gravel road on right). Follow gravel road to Condamine River for 4km.



4. CHINCHILLA WEIR

Set in pleasant bush surroundings the Chinchilla Weir is a free camp with some powered sites or alternatively offers self-sufficient campers the option of camping close to the water. A popular destination for water sports and fishing. A maximum stay of two nights applies and donations to help with costs of providing power can be left at the Chinchilla Visitor Information Centre. The Weir is stocked with Golden Perch, Murray Cod and Silver Perch and fishing licences are required.

Nearest Town: Chinchilla 9km

Access: Travel 9kms south of Chinchilla on the Chinchilla Tara Road



6. WATERLOO PLAINS ENVIRONMENTAL PARK WANDOAN

Waterloo Plains is an 11-hectare wetlands park in Wandoan teeming with birdlife and surrounded by native and locally occurring vegetation. The park comprises a man-made lake with a central island which has become a safe haven for many species of birdlife. Waterlilies grow profusely on the tranquil lake, and walkways and bridges allow you access to most of the environmental park. Ample parking space is available for caravans and RVs who are welcome to stop-over for a few nights.

Nearest Town: Wandoan 3km

Access: West Street, Wandoan

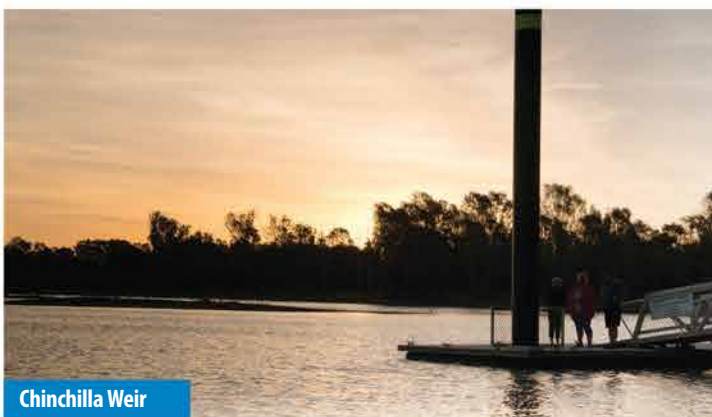


7. TARA LAGOON

Located on the edge of town, Tara Lagoon is part of Undulla Creek and host to a serene camping ground with great facilities and powered sites. A 2km pathway along the water's edge provides a tranquil walking or cycling track and ample opportunity to enjoy the impressive native parrots and birdlife that collect in the eucalypts. Yabbies, Yellowbelly and Jewfish can all be caught here, and indigenous fish species are restocked annually so your fishing endeavours are sure to reap rewards.

Nearest Town: Tara 700m

Access: In the centre of town turn north on Sara Street (BP on corner and signed Chinchilla). After 700m cross the creek and turn right into Showground Road, the campground is on the right.



Chinchilla Weir



Caliguel Lagoon

Key to Symbols

	Camping		Walking tracks
	Caravans		Hiking tracks
	Accommodation		Disabled access
	Toilets		May need assistance
	Showers		Lookout
	Picnic area/tables		Bird watching
	Pet Friendly		Horse riding
	No pets allowed		Bike riding
	Playground		Swimming area
	Firepits (conditions may apply)		No swimming
	BBQs		Fishing
	Potable water		Boat ramp
	Power		Water skiing
	Wifi		kayaking
	Phone reception		Heritage site
	Waste dump point		Fees apply

10. MYALL CREEK DALBY

The perfect spot to do some fishing or just take a short break on your travels. Enjoy a stroll along the Myall Creek Parklands Precinct before finishing with a picnic. No camping.

Nearest Town: Dalby 0km

Access: Marble Street Dalby



11. JANDOWAE DAM

A popular fishing, swimming, skiing and boating spot. Deeper water exists towards the dam wall where stocks of Silver Perch, Golden Perch and Murray Cod can be found. Areas of mudflats and vegetation around the perimeter of the dam provide a haven for birdlife. No camping.

Nearest Town: Jandowae 5km

Access: From Dalby travel approximately 50km to Jandowae. Turn right at Myall street and travel 5km to the dam.



Myall Creek Dalby

12. WARRA WEIR

Grab your rod, pack a thermos and a picnic basket and absorb the outdoors as you cast a line on the Condamine River at the Warra Weir. A great fishing spot with Golden Perch, Silver Perch and Murray Cod. No camping.

Nearest Town: Warra 6.5km

Access: Head south on Warra-Kogan Rd 4.5km to Weir Access Rd. 1.5km to weir. No swimming, dry weather access only.



13. CONDAMINE RIVER

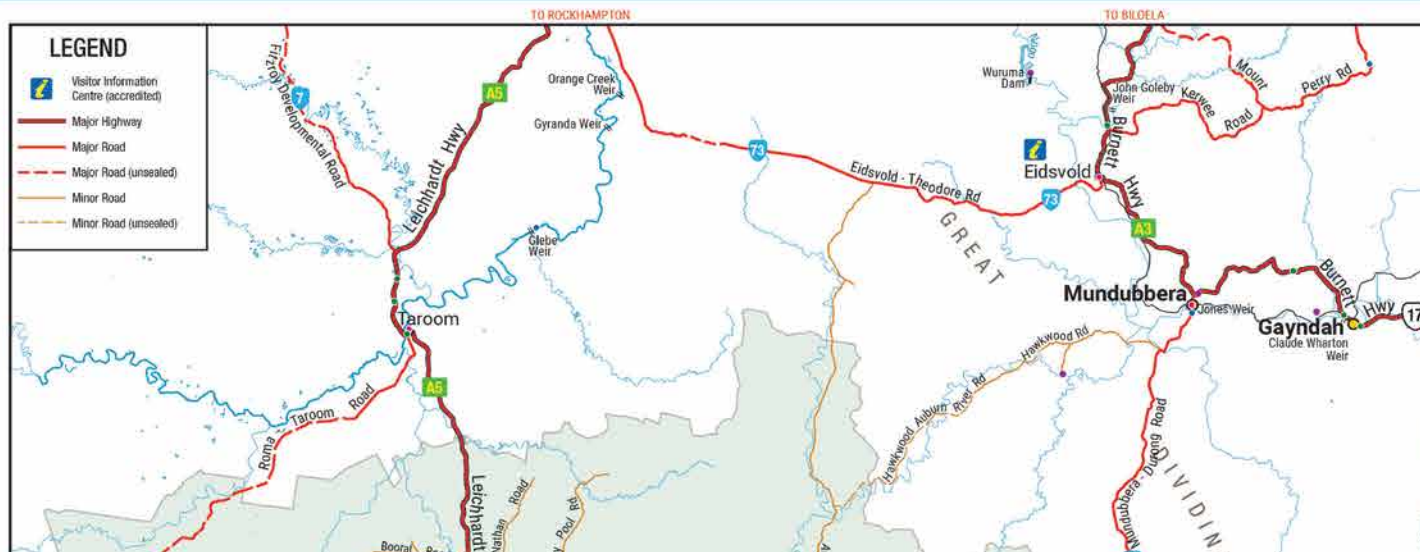
The Condamine River, part of the Balonne catchment is one of the largest catchments in the Murray-Darling Basin and harbours some of the best Murray cod and Yellowbelly fishing in Queensland. Be sure to wet a line and try your luck when descending upon the beautiful town of Condamine. No camping.

Nearest Town: Condamine 0km

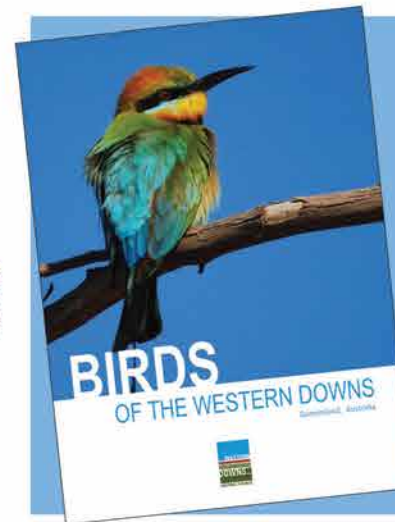
Access: Down under the bridge from the western side. Travel upstream for several km, boat ramp available for small craft.



So many places to choose from in the Western Downs!



Condamine River



Grab your
copy at your
local Visitor
Information
Centre

Always drive to conditions.

These places may have unsealed roads and may require 4WD vehicles. Roads can become boggy or flooded after rainfall. If in doubt, ask a local.

Remember: If it's flooded... forget it!

Check road conditions 13 19 40

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Farmstay Retreats

14. CUMBOOLA COUNTRY

youcamp.com/view/cumboola-country-camping
Ph: 07 4665 8293

Fishing and crayfishing are available at your door in our large natural "rockhole" lagoon. Many of our guests like to relax by wetting a line. Those with horses are also welcome with well-built stables available.

Nearest Town: Miles 29.3km, Chinchilla 49.3km

Access: Travel Warrego Hwy, turn at Ryalls Rd continue on for 13.8km. A section is all-weather gravel road.



15. CHINCHILLA COUNTRY CAMPING

youcamp.com/view/chinchilla-country-camping
Ph: 0434 666 130

Set on 30 acres this bush setting has beautiful green lawns and an amenities building with private bathrooms. Dog friendly and suitable for tents, camper trailers, caravans and motor homes.

Nearest Town: Chinchilla 2kms

Access: Travel 2km north west of Chinchilla - 200 Auburn Road Chinchilla.



Fishing in Tara

16. RUBERN LODGE

Ph: 0429 161 343

Located near the Chinchilla Showgrounds this authentic country stay, is surrounded by the natural beauty of lagoons, walking trails, and a deck to ensure you capture a perfect sunset on the water. Horse riding lessons and play equipment make this a perfect country experience for the whole family. Powered sites and bush camping available. Suitable for tents, camper trailers, caravans and motor homes.

Nearest Town: Chinchilla 3km

Access: T88 Gaske Lane Chinchilla



17. CLOVER HILL RANCH CHINCHILLA

youcamp.com/view/clover-hill-ranch-chinchilla-campsites
Ph: 0437 149 610

This unique property right on Chinchilla's doorstep is set on 35 acres on the banks of Charleys Creek and offers spacious sites amongst tranquil bush settings. Dog friendly and suitable for tents, camper trailers, caravans and motor homes.

Nearest Town: Chinchilla 1kms

Access: 1 Braithwaite Street Chinchilla.



18. POSSUM PARK

www.possumpark.com.au Ph: 07 4627 1651

This 360 acre ex RAAF site, 3CR Kowguran Sub Dept. to No 3 Central Reserve explosives store on the old Brisbane Line (WWII) boasts accommodation in the form of converted underground bunkers, troop train carriages, a TAA jet, drive through caravan sites, cabins and camping sites.

Nearest Town: Miles 20kms

Access: Travel west from Miles over Dogwood Creek, turn right onto Leichhardt Highway, approx. 20kms.



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19. MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN

www.myallparkbotanicgarden.org.au Ph: 07 4665 6705

The Myall Park Botanic Garden is listed on both the National Heritage and Queensland Heritage register and features a superb bush Art Gallery. Quiet, peaceful and historic, the Myall Park Botanic Garden is home to one of Australia's oldest collections of arid and semi-arid native plants. This natural bush garden is a perfect destination for travellers, botanists, gardeners, bird watchers, photographers, artists and bush walkers. Newly renovated shearers quarters make for a perfect escape from city life.

Nearest Town: Glenmorgan 7kms

Access: From Glenmorgan turn onto Riverglen Road, travel 3.9km then turn left on to Myall Park road travel a further 1km.



20. JUANDAH HERITAGE SITE

Wandoan Visitor Information Centre Ph: 0475 435 737

Juandah Historical Site is a truly unique slice of history. This is the original site of the Juandah Head-Station, the heart of a settlement which later became known as Wandoan. At full running capacity, Juandah Station employed up to 80 stockmen to run up to 50,000 head of cattle. Some of the original buildings from its time as a flourishing enterprise are still standing, including the old Juandah Store, built in the 1850s.

Nearest Town: Wandoan

Access: Head south west on Juandah Street towards Royd Rd, turn left onto Royd Rd, turn right onto Windeyer Rd travel a further 210m.



Tourist AND Caravan Parks

21. BELL TOURIST PARK

www.belltouristpark.com.au

Ph: 07 4663 1265

This quaint, quiet & clean park is an ideal overnight stopover for the weary traveller and a pleasant country weekend retreat for those looking to relax. Enjoy great sunsets while sipping a nice wine or absorb the Milky Way while sitting around the fire pit on a cold evening. Centrally located to historical Jimbour House and the Bunya Mountains National Park. Grassed drive through powered sites, well maintained ensuite and non ensuite cabins with all linen supplied, spotless amenities, undercover BBQ camp kitchen available.

Address: 40 Cedarvale Road, Bell QLD

22. GLASBY'S CARAVAN PARK KAIMKILLENBUN

Ph: 07 4663 4228

Located 24km from Dalby, Glasby's Caravan Park is a dog friendly camping ground which offers powered and unpowered sites, suitable for both tents and caravans. Be sure to unhook your van and take in the natural beauty of the Bunya Mountains just a short 40-minute drive away.

Address: 82 Moffatt Street, Kaimkillenbun QLD

23. DALBY TOURIST PARK

www.dalbytouristpark.com.au

Ph: 07 4662 4793

Situated on the banks of the Myall Creek, this beautiful park is just a short stroll to bars, restaurants, the Dalby Aquatic Centre, and main street. Large powered sites with drive-through access for large motorhomes, ensuite powered sites, unpowered sites and modern ensuited self-contained cabins with parking are available.

Address: 32 Myall Street, Dalby QLD

24. PIONEER CARAVAN PARK DALBY (RV friendly)

Ph: 07 4662 1811

The park offers powered and unpowered sites for caravans along with a range of cabins, both with and without ensuite amenities. They have an in-ground swimming pool and an undercover kitchen and barbecue area, available for Pioneer Village guests all year round. Pioneer management pride themselves on providing their residents and guests with immaculate accommodation, amenities and recreational facilities and is located opposite the Pioneer Park Museum one of Dalby's main tourist attractions.

Address: 28 Black Street, Dalby QLD

25. AAOK JANDOWAE CARAVAN PARK

www.jandowaeaccommodationpark.com.au

Ph: 07 4662 4793

AAOK Jandowae Accommodation Park is a quiet, friendly, spacious country caravan park with caravan sites, ensuite sites and self-contained cabins. With cooked to order breakfasts, fitness centre and adjacent to Jandowae's tennis court, pool, squash courts, local bowls club and playground everything is at your fingertips. The ideal place to stay during some of the region's most famous festivals Opera at Jimbour, Big Skies and Jandowae's biennial Timbertown Festival. A historic C17 steam train located on site is a reminder of Jandowae's past.

Address: 104 High Street, Jandowae QLD

26. CHINCHILLA TOURIST PARK

www.chinchillatouristpark.com.au

Ph: 07 4669 1465

The beautifully landscaped cabin and caravan park, situated on three acres of parkland, will provide all guests and visitors with a comfortable environment for a memorable and enjoyable stay. The caravan park guests have two camp kitchens and two amenities blocks for the use of all guests. The camp kitchens have BBQs and games areas. Laundries with coin operated machines and swimming pool on site. Visitors are welcome to bring their pets.

Address: 264 Zeller Street, Chinchilla QLD

27. MILES CROSSROADS CARAVAN PARK

www.miles-cross-roads-caravan-park.business.site

Ph: 07 4627 2165

You're right in the thick of it at this small, pet friendly community caravan park. Most sites are drive-through and large enough for a motor homes and being so close to the shops and the fabulous Miles Historic Village Museum, you won't need to unhitch for days. Be sure to hit the travellers' grape vine at five o'clock around the communal fire at Miles Crossroads Caravan Park and Cabins. A truly welcoming experience.

Address: 132 Murilla Street, Miles QLD

28. CONDAMINE RIVER CARAVAN PARK

www.condaminerivercaravanpark.com.au

Ph: 07 4627 7174

Condamine River Caravan Park is known for its serenity and peacefulness. Conveniently located just off the Leichhardt Hwy on the Condamine Rivers the perfect place to set up for a country break. The property sits on just over two grassy acres and is surrounded by tranquil bush with plenty of room to spread out. Powered and unpowered sites available, as well as onsite cabins and caravans. Be sure to have your photo taken at the monument to the Condamine Bell whilst in town.

Address: 8 Wambo Street, Condamine QLD

29. WANDOAN ACCOMMODATION PARK

www.wandoan.com.au

Ph: 07 4627 5000

The park is set within a landscaped environment of native trees and shrubs, where kangaroos and wallabies can sometimes be seen grazing at dawn and in the evening. It is also on the visiting list of many and varied bird species. Comprising cabins, powered and unpowered sites a camp kitchen, ablutions block with handicapped amenities, laundry, swimming pool and bistro.

Address: 4 Zupp Road, Wandoan QLD

30. DULACCA HOTEL

www.dulaccahotel.com

Ph: 07 4627 6101

The Dulacca Hotel, known as the pink pub on the hill, offers both powered and unpowered sites and is a relaxing and fun way to end a road trip. This country pub offers great food and good old-fashioned country hospitality with a modern twist.

Address: Lot 4 Glynne Ave, Dulacca QLD

31. MOONIE CROSSROADS

www.mooniecrossroads.com.au

Ph: 07 4665 0200

Located in the quintessential Queensland town of Moonie, the Moonie Crossroads, Motel and Caravan Park is frequented by travellers and visitors from around the world. The region is renowned for its fishing, birdwatching, yabbie races and star gazing, with Moonie providing a unique Aussie experience for the passer-by. For the caravan traveller, we have both powered and unpowered sites available. Once set up pull up a chair and unwind in the covered beer garden and say hello to their very own elephant mascot.

Address: Moonie & Liechhardt Hwys, Moonie QLD

32. TARA CARAVAN PARK

Ph: 07 4665 3979

Located in the heart of Tara and at the start of Queensland's Sunset Way Tourist drive this pet friendly park is suitable for both tents & caravans. Be sure to check out the camel and emu sculptures in the heart of town and mark the biennial Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races in your diaries.

Address: 78 Milne Street, Tara QLD



Rest Areas / Overnight Stay

BOWENVILLE RESERVE

Oakey Creek off Bowenville-Norwin Road



CHINCHILLA

Round Waterhole - 5kms along Chinchilla Wondai Rd - 24hr



DRILLHAM REST AREA

Cnr of Warrego Highway - 48hr. Next to creek



DULACCA REST AREA

Roy Henderson Park -24hr. Beside road Glynn Avenue



GLENMORGAN

End of the Line - Old Railway Station. Donations welcome.



HANNAFORD

Club Hannaford Campground C/- Post Office Hannaford



JIMBOUR REST AREA

Jimbour Tractor Park - 24hr



KOGAN REST AREA

Kogan Hall, opposite the Kogan Hotel - 24hr



MILES

Moraby Park, Dogwood Creek on the western side of Miles - 48hrs



THE GUMS

Golf and Cricket Club, 12005 Surat Developmental Road



WANDOAN

Waterloo Environmental Park turn off Leichhardt Highway, located on West St - 24hr



WARRA

Richard Best Memorial Park, next to the Warra Hotel - 48hrs



WESTMAR REST AREA

Opposite Roadhouse Moonie Highway



YAMSION REST AREA

Koehler Park - 48hr. Bunya Mountains Road



VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

DALBY

Visitor Information Centre

Thomas Jack Park
Warrego Highway
(07) 4679 4461
dalby.vic@wdrc.qld.gov.au

CHINCHILLA

Visitor Information Centre

Warrego Highway
(07) 4660 7291
chinchilla.vic@wdrc.qld.gov.au

MILES

Visitor Information Centre

Miles Historical Village Museum
Murilla Street
(07) 4627 1492
miles.vic@wdrc.qld.gov.au

TARA

Customer Service Centre

19 Fry Street
(07) 4678 7804
info@wdrc.qld.gov.au

BELL

Visitor Information Centre

Bell Bunya Community Centre
71 Maxwell Street
(07) 4663 1087
bellbunyacommunitycentre@gmail.com

JANDOWAE

Community and Cultural Centre

Corner George and High Streets
(07) 4668 4480
jandowae.ccc@wdrc.qld.gov.au

WANDOAN

Visitor Information Centre

O'Sullivan Park, Zupp Road
(07) 4627 5227
info@wdrc.qld.gov.au

MOONIE

Rural Transaction Centre

Corner Moonie and Leichhardt Highways
(07) 4665 0189
moonie.rtc@wdrc.qld.gov.au