



Caliguel Lagoon camping



Condamine Hotel

Exploring the Western Downs and camping at one of our campsites dotted throughout the region is a great way to connect with nature and gaze into the night sky.



Caliguel Lagoon fishing

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Experience Western Downs

It's the people that make it.



Condamine Bell TRAIL

Condamine Bell Road Trail



Miles Streetscape

Take a road trip to visit Condamine and view the giant Condamine Bell.

Where to begin would be to visit Miles Historical Village Museum and read about the history of the Condamine Bell, then head south to Condamine along the Leichhardt Highway.

On the edge of Miles pull into the parking area on the right hand side to photograph the rare pink waterlilies in Chinaman's Lagoon.



Chinamans Lagoon Lilies

The famous pink waterlilies can be found in only a few select waterholes within Australia. These water lilies were relocated from Myall Park Botanic Garden by David Gordan when the area was in drought.

Approximately 6km out of town on the right hand side you will find Gil Weir, a great place to camp, fish, kayak or relax by Dogwood Creek.



Fishing and Kayaking

Heading south towards Condamine you will drive past the Miles Airport and paddocks of crops. Depending on the season you could see cotton, wheat or oats to name a few.



Sorghum

As you turn left over the bridge spanning the famous Condamine River you will see Progress Park. Stop to stretch your legs, wander around and see the memorial flood boat and flood markings dating back to 1942. The memorial boat was erected in memory of those who lost their lives in the Condamine River.



Progress Park

After checking out Progress Park head over to the Condamine Hotel for a locally grown steak and beer. Talk to a local to get the lowdown on Condamine and maybe a secret fishing hole. The Condamine River is famous for freshwater fish including Murray Cod. Killarney is the head of the Condamine River and is part of the Balonne catchment that is part of the Murray-Darling Basin and is approximately 500 kilometers long.

Head east along the Leichhardt Highway to the Condamine Bell Park where you will see the very large replica of the bell. Wander around the park and read the historical information about the bell.

Head south along Leichhardt Highway for 3km to the Condamine - Meandarra road and travel for another 4km to Caliguel Lagoon. This is a great place to stay awhile to enjoy fishing, camping, skiing or just relaxing.

Condamine Bell Park



The Condamine Bell

During the early pioneering days, when vast areas of land were unfenced, the bullock team was the only means of heavy transport to the newly settled areas.

Bullock bells were therefore a necessity in those times to enable the teamster to find his team when they had strayed from camp or the homestead, after having been unyoked overnight. The greater the sound carry of the bell, the better it was.

The most successful and popular bell was first made in Condamine by Samuel William Jones, who had a smithy by the Condamine River from early 1866 to late 1878. The "Bull-frog" or "Jones" bell, as it was first known, became famous under its better known title of the "Condamine Bell". The sounds of this bell had great carrying power and claims that it had been heard six and even seven miles away were common in those days.

The first bells were made out of pit-saw or cross-cut saw blades, which were formed, riveted and brazed. This bell tapered into a mouth instead of a normal bell shape which flares outward at the rim.