

The Murray River

Forges Beach, Yarrawonga Regional Park

The Murray River with its bends and sandy beaches provides an ideal setting for camping and day trips. Splash around at the water's edge, wander through magnificent red gum forests, or take in the natural beauty as you paddle downriver on a canoe.



Getting there

The town of Yarrawonga is located approximately 265 kilometres north-east of Melbourne. Take the Murray Valley Hwy west out of Yarrawonga. Access is via Cullens Rd, Brears Rd, Forges Pump Lane or Bruces Road.

Things to see and do

Whether you like to be on the move, or prefer to take a more relaxed approach, the Murray River will have something to make your visit worthwhile. With an abundance of animals and birdlife, beautiful forests and the vibrant river, you can enjoy the area by walking, swimming, kayaking, or setting up camp in one of the many peaceful locations.

Walking

Enjoy a 3.5km walking track along the Murray River known as The Common.

The walk starts at the downstream end of Yarrawonga Holiday Park and takes you into a typical red gum forest with its varied birdlife and trees that line the banks of the Murray River.

Camping and day visitor areas

The river bends provide an ideal setting for both campers and day trippers. No bookings are required for sites and camping

is on a first in first served basis.

Forges Bend

Forges No.1 beach is one of the most popular sandy beaches on the Murray. Grassy banks make this an enjoyable place to visit.

Forges Bend gets busy over summer and public holidays, but at other times of the year you can have the entire beach to yourself. Forges No.2 beach is popular with motorhome owners and fisherman.

Two wheel drive access is possible to Forges No. 1 beach for most of the year, however the access can become slippery after rain. Forges No. 2 beach has good access most of the year but is closed regularly during periods of high water over winter. Both sites have great sandy beaches which are well utilised over summer.

The Yarrawonga Common

The Yarrawonga Common is a great day visitor area and boat launching site. If you're lucky you might see a koala near the boat ramp. Away from the day visitor area there are numerous dispersed camping areas in the adjoining forest.

The picnicking and camping areas get extremely busy over the public holidays and during the summer period.

The Common has non flush toilets and a concrete boat ramp

suitable for launching fishing boats.

The campgrounds are located on the banks of the Murray River. The Common is accessible by two wheel drive off the unsealed Loop Track, however it can become slippery after rain.

Chinamans Bend

This camping area is located on the banks of the Murray River off the unsealed Chinamans Track via Breers Road. Two wheel drive access is possible during the drier months.

Most sites are suitable for caravans or camper trailers but all campsites are unpowered.

Bruces Bend

Bruces Bend has high banks, beautiful sandy beaches and is a popular fishing spot. Little Bruces and Sharps beaches are good sandy beaches, but have limited shade and no facilities.

There are numerous camping spots located along the Murray River. Bruces Bend is accessible by two wheel drive off Bruces Road, however river tracks can become slippery after rain and have limited access during the wetter months.

Most sites are suitable for caravans or camper trailers but all campsites are unpowered.

Facilities

Most sites have no facilities, however the Yarrowonga common and Forges No. 1 Beach have non-flush toilets. There is a concrete boat ramp suitable for two wheel drive vehicles at The Common. Most sites are suitable for caravans or camper trailers but all campsites are unpowered.

Fuel stoves are preferred for cooking. Bring your own firewood. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished with water when not required.

No drinking water is available so you need to ensure you have adequate supplies.

There is no rubbish collection at the campgrounds - please take all rubbish with you. You can dispose of your litter at the Moira Shire Transfer Station on Channel Road in Yarrowonga.

Be prepared and stay safe

Camping along the Murray can be dangerous. Please avoid camping under trees as tree limbs can fall and whole trees have been known to topple. Look for cleared areas away from trees and outside of the trees fall zone.

When swimming in the Murray be aware that strong currents and hidden underwater hazards do exist. Check the area you intend to swim and never swim alone. While the river looks peaceful never attempt to swim across the river as its currents are stronger than they appear.

Yarrowonga Regional Park is in the Northern Country Total Fire Ban District. Be aware of forecast Fire Danger Ratings for this fire district. No fires may be lit on days of Total Fire Ban.

On days of Code Red Fire Danger this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected and rangers will patrol when possible, however you may not receive a personal warning that the park is closed. Check the latest conditions by calling **13 1963** or visiting www.parks.vic.gov.au

For more information

please visit the Yarrowonga Regional Park page on: www.parks.vic.gov.au