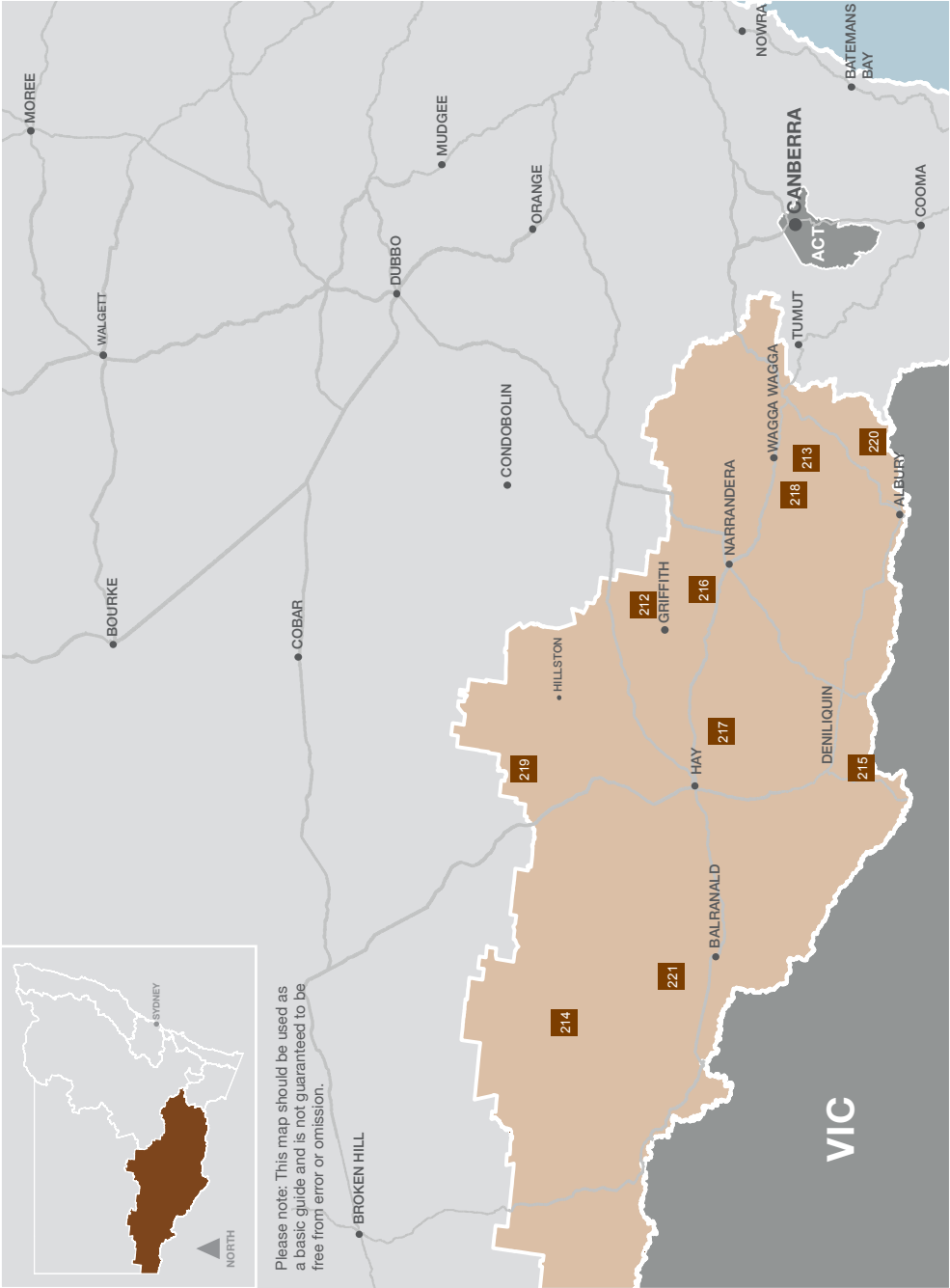


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Cocoparra National Park. Photo: J Spencer/OEH

COCOPARRA NATIONAL PARK

8,358ha



Wattles, orchids and blue-tinged cypress pines contrast against rich red rocks in one of the Riverina's rare forest remnants. Visit after heavy rain to see the creeks flow, waterfalls leap into life and the land bright with wildflowers.

This is a haven for bushwalkers, birdwatchers and nature lovers, with a landscape that's vividly alive and always changing. Wander through cypress pine woodland to Falcon Falls to see the nesting sites of peregrine falcons.

The Jacks Creek walking track has three lookouts over the gorge, home to beautiful wild orchids. Store Creek has a picnic area, and if you'd like to stay in the park for a few days, camp at Woolshed Flat campground.

Access: 10km from Yenda and 25km from Griffith. Travelling east along Burley Griffin Way from Griffith town centre, turn left onto Crossing Street. Turn right onto Wakaden Street. This becomes Rankin Springs Road, and then Beelbangera Road as you pass through Beelbangera.

At Yenda, turn left onto Myall Park Road. Turn right onto Mount Bingar Road, which will take you into the park.

LIVINGSTONE NATIONAL PARK

1,919ha



The park is a relatively undisturbed area of habitat, within an agricultural landscape. It is popular with self-sufficient campers who enjoy 4WD driving, as well as with families and walkers. The wildflowers, including gorgeous orchids, make this park a spectacular sight to behold during spring.

Wherever you travel throughout the park, you'll be struck by the diversity of the ever-changing landscape. In spring, when all the native wildflowers burst with colour, the landscape is simply spectacular. Austral indigo, kangaroo thorn and clustered everlasting are a must-see at this time of year.

Take a walk, mountain bike or enjoy a horse ride along Livingstone multi-use track. Birdwatchers will enjoy the chance to spot many woodland birds, including turquoise and swift parrots and scarlet and hooded robins. The network of trails provide opportunities for 4WDs, trail bikes, mountain bikes and horse riders. All vehicles must be registered and off trail/road driving is not permitted.

Access: 30km south of Wagga Wagga and 10km east of Mangoplah. The northern end of the park can be reached via Holbrook Wagga Road for



Mungo National Park. Photo: I Oeland/OEH

about 26km, then turn left onto O'Brien's Creek Road and travel 6km, then turn right onto Wrigley's Road and travel 3km.

To access the southern end of the park through Livingstone State Conservation Area, take Holbrook Road from Wagga Wagga for about 33km. Turn left onto Burrandana Road and travel about 10km. Then, turn left at Burrandana Hall.

MUNGO NATIONAL PARK

120,000ha



This remarkable national park is located in the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area. It's where you'll find the Walls of China - 33km of orange and white earth surrounded by sand dunes, where erosion has sculptured the sand and clay into fragile yet dramatic formations.

Remember to pack your camera to capture the stunning photo opportunities in the changing light. This area is wheelchair accessible via a boardwalk.

Willandra Lakes maintains a continuous record of human occupation stretching back well over 40,000 years. Rain and wind have uncovered ancient fireplaces and hearths, as well as calcified plant matter, stone tools and animal bones. The visitor centre is open every day and is a great place to stop and pick up some information for your trip.

A self-guided 70km driving tour provides an opportunity to explore a large area of the park with trails, walks and bike tracks. The Walls of China are only accessible with a guide.

Independent travellers will enjoy a stay at the Mungo Shearers' Quarters (bookings essential). This property has basic facilities so visitors will need to be self-sufficient and provide their own linen, food and fuel.

There is a choice of two campgrounds, Main camp or Belah camp, both of which are great places to pitch a tent for the night.

Access: 110km north-east of Mildura via Buronga along the Arumpo Road, or 147km north-west of Balranald. Travel from Broken Hill can be via Menindee on sealed and unsealed roads or via

the sealed Silver City Highway. All roads are unsealed within the park and are impassable after rain. Unsealed public roads are susceptible to road closures. Vehicle entry fees apply.

MURRAY VALLEY NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PARKS

38,632ha



Part of the largest continuous red gum forest in the world, this region hosts a unique ecosystem with over 60 threatened native animal species and 40 threatened plant species. Go walking along the tranquil dog friendly Gulpa Creek trail, fish for your dinner or paddle along the Edward River in a kayak.

Camp out overnight by the Murray River at Quicks Beach near Barooga or visit Swifts Creek, which is a delightful spot on the Murray River near Mathoura. There are two campgrounds near Mathoura and Barooga close to the Murray River where you can camp with your four-legged friends.

Dog-friendly Edward River Bridge campground is near the town of Mathoura and set on the Edward River in the Murray Valley Regional Park. This campground offers bush camping at its best, with toilets, gas barbecues and camping sites on the edge of the river. Be sure to check out Reed Beds Bird Hide near Mathoura, while keeping an eye out for the yellow rosella. Closer to Moama, Benarca offers bush camping. Motor homes can only stay overnight at Moama Five Mile. Coming over the bridge from Cobram you'll find Murray Valley Regional Park (Barooga precinct). Wattle and Paradise beaches are great bush campgrounds to holiday with your dog.

Access: Precincts of Murray Valley National and Regional Parks are found along the Murray River and Edwards Rivers between Deniliquin, Moama and Mulwala.

MURRUMBIDGEE VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

16,000ha



The ultimate bush camping experience. With limited facilities and infrastructure, choose from a number of informal camp sites developed over the years. Please use these if possible and keep all vehicles on formed trails.

Pack your bicycles and the kayak; this is a river camping experience for the whole family. The winding tracks pass between river red gum trees to the river.

Check the weather conditions before you leave; camping on the river is a dry weather holiday.

If you enjoy birdwatching, head to Turkey Flat, a lagoon created by Murrumbidgee floodwaters. Nearby Narrandera Nature Reserve is a great place to spot koalas as you wander through the red gums, or kayak along the Murrumbidgee River.

Murrumbidgee Valley Regional Park

If you would like to camp and fish with your family dog on the Murrumbidgee River check out Wooloondool (6km from Hay), Willbriggie (at Darlington Point) and Narrandera Regional Park, near Narrandera. Please remember dogs are only allowed in regional parks, not national parks.

Access: Murrumbidgee Valley National Park and Regional Park are made up of various separate parcels of land along the Murrumbidgee River. Access to the main sites are via Narrandera, Yanco, Leeton, Darlington Point and Hay.

OOLAMBEBAN NATIONAL PARK

21,851ha



Oolambeyan was once famous for its merino stud, and these days it offers an insight into the pastoral history of the region. The homestead is surrounded by gardens and overlooks the surrounding woodlands and open grassland plains. The park is home to threatened birds, such as the superb parrot and plains-wanderer, as well as many other interesting animals and plants.

Wander around the homestead and gardens, shearing shed, ram sheds and other historic buildings, and watch the woodland birds and kangaroos.

Access: 35km south of Carrathool and the Sturt Highway, off the Conargo-Carrathool Road through private property. Please note that this road is unsealed and impassable after rain.

THE ROCK NATURE RESERVE

347ha



Known as Kengal to the local Wiradjuri people, The Rock towers 250m over the surrounding countryside, and is thought to have been an important ceremonial site. The reserve is an island of natural habitat for native animals, including the turquoise parrot and glossy black cockatoo.



Wilandra National Park. Photo: I.Oeland/OEH

If you're an energetic bushwalker you'll enjoy the climb to the top of the 3km Yerong nature trail where, on a clear day, you can see Mount Kosciuszko and the Victorian Alps. The walk passes through a variety of vegetation communities, with signs guiding you through the changes and pointing out highlights. The picnic area on the lower slopes has toilets, a covered table, a gas barbecue area and a large carpark. There are no camping facilities, but accommodation is available at The Rock village, other neighbouring towns and Wagga Wagga.

Access: 30km south-west of Wagga Wagga off the Olympic Highway. A short all-weather, unsealed road connects the picnic facilities and carpark to the Lockhart Road.

WILLANDRA NATIONAL PARK

19,386ha



Willandra Station was once famous for its wool, and these days it offers an insight into the pastoral history of the region. The homestead, surrounded by gardens and overlooking peaceful Willandra Creek, has been restored to its former glory. The grasslands and black box-lined creek beds to the west of the homestead are home to kangaroos, emus and ground-nesting birds.

Wander around the homestead and gardens, shearing shed, ram shed and other historic buildings. Watch the waterbirds and kangaroos, or the sun setting over huge horizons.

Access: 73km north-west of Hillston off Mossgiel Road (unsealed and impassable after rain). Vehicle entry fees apply.

WOOMARGAMA NATIONAL PARK

23,577ha



Woomargama contains the largest remnant of box woodlands on the south-west slopes of New South Wales and provides extensive views over the Riverina.

Birdwatching, bushwalking and cycling are popular here. The Hume and Hovell walking track cuts through Woomargama, so you can pick up its trail and go hiking through the bush. Test the

capabilities of your 4WD or your mountain bike on the unsealed routes. From Norths lookout, the views are among the most spectacular in the region.

Visit the Tunnel Road picnic area at the park's main entrance and enjoy this pretty spot, with an old quarry site replanted with many native plants. There are two campgrounds, both of which offer peace and quiet away from the fast-paced world.

Access: 20km from Holbrook, 30km from Albury and 36km from Tumbarumba. From Albury travel north on Hume Highway and take the Woomargama exit. Turn right into Tunnel Road and travel about 10km to the park's boundary.

YANGA NATIONAL PARK

47,703ha



At Yanga National Park, the changing landscape provides habitat for an array of fauna, including endangered species and over 150 kinds of birds.

Discover the history of Yanga by visiting the century old Yanga Woolshed. You can also visit Yanga Homestead, including their heritage garden and the exhibition 'Yanga People-Lake-Country' housed in the Cook's Cottage adjacent to the homestead.

Yanga's bird hide at Yanga Lake is a great place to see egrets, herons and glossy ibis using the wetlands as resting and breeding grounds. You can also camp by the banks of the Murrumbidgee River like Burke and Wills once did. Pick a great spot at either Mamanga or The Willows campgrounds. Call the Yanga office on (03) 5020 1930 to book your spot.

Access: 8km south east of Balranald, turn off the Sturt Highway into the Yanga rest area and travel a further 2km to the Park Office and Homestead (open 8.30am to 4.30pm daily). The woolshed is located 5km south west of Balranald on the Windomal Road. The roads are unsealed and trafficable after light rainfall. Detailed campground information is available from the park office.

Also refer to Murrumbidgee Valley National Park.

VISITOR CENTRES

MUNGO NATIONAL PARK
Mungo Visitor Centre
Ph (03) 5021 8900

YANGA NATIONAL PARK
Yanga Visitor Centre
Ph (03) 5020 1764

CAMPING

CAMPGROUND	FACILITIES	FEE	BOOKINGS
COCOPARRA NATIONAL PARK			
Woolshed Flat		N	Bookings not required
MUNGO NATIONAL PARK			
Belah		Y	Bookings not required
Main		Y	Bookings not required
MURRAY VALLEY NATIONAL PARK			
Swifts Creek		N	Bookings not required
Quicks Beach		N	Bookings not required
Woperana		N	Bookings not required
MURRAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK			
Benarca		N	Bookings not required
Edward River Bridge		N	Bookings not required
Mulwala		N	Bookings not required
Willoughby's Beach		N	Bookings not required
MURRUMBIDGEE VALLEY NATIONAL PARK			
Wooloondool		N	Bookings not required
WILLANDRA NATIONAL PARK			
Willandra		Y	Bookings not required
YANGA NATIONAL PARK			
Mamanga		N	Bookings not required
The Willows		N	Bookings not required

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Yanga National Park. Photo: D Finnegan/OEH

GREAT PLACES TO STAY

MUNGO NATIONAL PARK

Mungo Shearers' Quarters

You can soak up Mungo's pastoral heritage by staying in the park's historic shearers' quarters, which have been recently upgraded. They are beside the Visitors Centre a short distance from Mungo Woolshed, so you can explore the park at your leisure and return to comfortable accommodation at the end of

the day. The Mungo Shearers' Quarters have five rooms that can accommodate up to 27. There is a communal kitchen/dining room that has all utensils and crockery, fridges and stove. Barbecues are also available. There are showers, a toilet block, and hot water is available. Bookings are essential.

Call **13000 PARKS (13000 72757)** or visit **nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/bookings**.



Mungo Shearers' Quarters, Mungo National Park. Photo: B Hlavica/OEH