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Barham (NSW) Koondrook (VIC) 41 Not far from Kerang you'll find

a thriving community on the Murray River. You can catch the mood of the Murray with a leisurely stroll along the Redgum Statue River Walk, test your golf on a championship course, picnic on the banks of the Barham Lakes Park. There's also some local drives including the Koondrook Track, Gunbower Island Drive. Koondrook has some

interesting history and historic buildings you can explore including the Arbuthot Sawmills.

Echuca (VIC) Moama (NSW) 51 is the proclaimed paddle steamer

capital of Australia is an great holiday destination which offers a host of things to experience. Visit the Port of Echuca to discover the early history of the region when Echuca-Moama was a bustling riverport. Travel in a paddle steamer, go fishing,

swimming, canoeing or waterskiing. Echuca-Moama is a great base to explore nearby towns, magnificent Redgum forests, wetlands where you can take a cruise through Barmah National Park with Kingfisher Cruises. You'll be delighted with the variety of shops, restaurants, cafes and great accommodation available.

Tocumwal (NSW) 5K is the first stop on one of Australia's major inland routes, the Newell Highway. Visitors are attracted to the magnificent sandy beaches (with 24 located within 5 minutes of the town, all surrounded by impressive Redgum forests. The Murray and the tradition of free bush camping and water based activities continues

to attract generation after generation returning to enjoy the water skiing, canoeing, swimming, camping, caravanning, bush walking and the vast array of native wildlife including over 150 different bird species.

Cobram (VIC) Barooga (NSW) 5K district area is renowned for its magnificent climate and variety of available attractions and activities.

The natural environment invites unparalleled wildlife. The area includes some of the Murray River's best sandy beaches, towering 500-year old Redgums, native bushland, abundant bird life and

Australia's unique wildlife in their natural habitats. Discover the region using bikes, boats and canoes or simply stroll through the bush and drop in a fishing line or have a round on the championship golf course. The twin towns of Cobram Barooga have plenty to keep the entire family enjoying life.

Yarrawonga (VIC) Mulwala (NSW) 5K is renowned for its

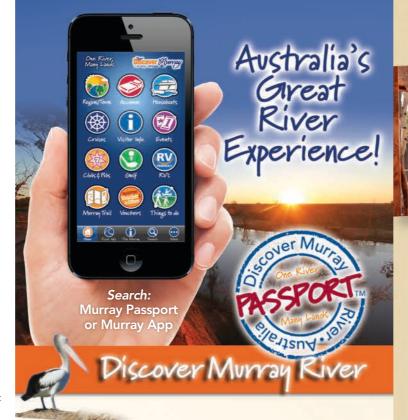
wonderful climate, this picturesque area of regional Victoria and New South Wales is an 'Inland Aquatic Paradise'. Enjoy stunning scenery, and lose yourself in serene surrounds of the forest, Lake Mulwala and the Murray. A magnificent 45 holes of golf awaits you,

explore the river beaches and walking tracks, take a trip to sample our local wines, check out our museums and so much more....why not relax for a few days, soak up our sunshine, maybe do a little shopping, and enjoy some great food at our cafes, restaurants, clubs and hotels.

Corowa (NSW) Wahgunya (VIC) 5L spends a full week each

year celebrating itself as the birthplace of Australian Federation. The claim to nationhood stems from the the 1893 conference of the Corowa Federation League; although Federation was not inaugurated until 1901. Corowa has a rich and diverse history

including gold, agriculture and vibrant river trading. Fisherfolk love to try their luck in the local river stretches in search of the fabled Murray cod.



The **Discover Murray Trail** is the only national Murray River tourism initiative developed to showcase the Murray River, it's towns and the Mallee as a wonderful self drive Australian experience. The Trail stretches from the Alps in New South Wales and Victoria to the Murray mouth and Coorong in South Australia.

This award-winning Trail has been created for you to explore the diversity of the 5 Murray landscapes with a safe and relaxing caravanning trip or you can jump in the car and self drive staying in resorts, motels or quality holiday parks with family and friends.

For a great Discover Murray adventure visit the Award-winning MurrayRiver.com.au to plan and find information on accommodation, events, attractions, food and wine, heritage, golf, houseboats, paddle steamers and more along the whole Murray.

You can also download the free Murray River apps for iphone, Android and ipad for your touring information.

orty million years ago, through the forces of water and geophysical uplifting, the valley that cradles Australia's greatest river began to take shape. The Murray is a river whose character encompasses environmental beauty, rich heritage and history, busy townships and major regional centres, with amazing tourism and recreation experiences, and a world class agriculture and wine industry.

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It creates a natural border between New South Wales and Victoria and is 2,520 kilometres long. It is fed by many tributaries including the Darling and Murrumbidgee on it's journey from the Australian Alps before flowing through South Australia to the Southern Ocean. It sits in the Murray-Darling Basin, draining most of inland Victoria, New South Wales, and southern Queensland from the western side of the Great Australian Divide.

From millennia Aboriginal people have relied on the river's abundance. The many various groups included Moorundie, Goodwarra, Paakantyi, Tongwillum and Yorta Yorta. The Ngarrindjeri people lived on and along the lands around the Murray and the Coorong and are, today, South Australia's largest Aboriginal community.

First discovered by European explorers Hamilton H. Hume and William H. Hovell in 1824, it wasn't until six years later, however that Charles Sturt navigated down the Murrumbidgee to encounter the Murray and named it after Sir George Murray, when his exploration party encountered the Darling River connection.

Paddle steamers were used to carry wool, wheat, and other goods up and down the river system including the Murray, Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers. Since settlement of the river basin was so late, the introduction of the railroad came much sooner to the river towns and had a large impact on the steamers along the Murray. Irrigation was introduced in 1887 by Canadian's George & WB Chaffey around Mildura and Renmark. This greatly accelerated