Lachlan River Map
Wyangala Dam to Forbes
Canoeing, Kayaking & Tubing

April trip with Paul - Nanami - 0.75m 500ML

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Note: Major flooding in Winter 2016 has made changes along the river that are not yet reflected on maps downstream of Merriganowry Bridge – see the last date paddled at the top right of each map to see if it has been surveyed since the floods.

From the sections of the river I have travelled since the flood, some snags & blockages have been washed away, while others have been moved or added in different places. Lots of sand has been moved about, with new beaches and sandbars being created. Most beaches and sandbars are larger, while a few have eroded.

Key:
★ - distance in kilometres from Wyangala Dam Wall
B - big beach   b - small beach   H - hammock trees
G - grassy flat  🏡 - House

Road Acc: GPS Coordinates of turn off from nearest road, or entrance to reserve
River Acc: GPS Coordinates of best access point on the river.

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The Lachlan River collects water from almost as far East as Goulburn and Oberon, travelling over 1400 km across the plains to end in the Great Cumbung Swamp near Balranald, occasionally entering the Murrumbidgee in a big flood event.

This canoe/kayak guide deals with the section of the Lachlan downstream of Wyangala Dam for 220 km, through Darbys Falls, Cowra and Gooloogong to Forbes. The river has been fully mapped between Darbys Falls and Paytens Bridge, with each section being paddled at least twice, some others much more. The section from Wyangala to Clearview Road and from Paytens Bridge to Forbes are sketch maps only - they have not been surveyed on the water so lack important details shown on the other maps. I have travelled Wyangala to Clearview Road many times but over ten years ago, but this was before I started mapping the river. If not for putting a hole in the bottom of my kayak in January 2016 I would have been able to fully map the sections between Paytens Bridge and Forbes!

The flat sections of river from Darbys Falls to Forbes have a good water flow most summers as water is released for irrigation, making for reliable paddling. The exceptions are after wet winters when little water is needed. The river downstream from Merriganowry to Forbes has lots more snags so needs more water for pleasurable paddling.

The river from Wyangala to Paytens Bridge can be considered in three sections:

**Wyangala to Clearview Road (Darbys Falls):** small rapids, lots of islands, plenty of snags, rocks etc. A very scenic but potentially dangerous section of river - great fun for the prepared. I used to do this section with a mate and sometimes others at least four times each year, but a few close calls when others came with us really opened my eyes. This section will be mapped in greater detail sometime down the track, but it is best avoided unless everyone in the party is extremely capable in inland fast flowing rivers.

**Clearview Road (Darbys Falls) to Merriganowry:** flat water, varying between sections full of willows to more natural river red gum/casuarina lined banks. Generally flows at about 4 km/h, although slightly faster closer to Darbys Falls. Lots of sandy beaches and relatively few snags.

**Merriganowry to Forbes:** The river reaches the plains, meandering more and slowing, with river red gums lining the often dusty banks. Lots of red gum snags makes for better fishing but also more obstacles on some reaches. There are few beaches, so landings are generally on muddy banks, although with care old snags on the banks make clean stops. The speed of the river is generally about 3 km/h, although on some of the deeper wider reaches it can slow to 2 km/h, so any headwind can send you back upstream. Due to the large number of red gum snags from Merriganowry down, those sections of river are best paddled when the release is at least 2000 ML per day to reduce portages, although 1500 ML will do but expect portages.
Map 1: Wyangala Dam to Clearview Road (10 km - 2 hour 30 mins)  
(Add 2 km and 1 hr 15 min if starting at old bridge)

**Danger: Experienced and capable paddlers only.** The river is very different in this section compared with everywhere downstream. The river varies in character - long deep pools with gentle paddling quickly change to braided channels through islands (from 100 m to 1km in length), with small fast rapids, and live or dead trees in or overhanging the water. Paddlers need to be able to make quick decisions on direction and be able to change direction quickly and accurately, and get themselves out of fast flowing water without help. Your kayak may get damaged or stuck in debris and you will then have to walk out. You can expect to fall in, possibly being caught underwater. There is no mobile reception. There are two specific dangers - the large rapid near the spillway and the low farm bridge - but any of the rapids or islands can be dangerous - there have been many close calls. This makes the section from Wyangala Dam to Clearview Road beautiful and highly enjoyable, but potentially dangerous, especially for the inexperienced/underprepared. See more detailed maps on the next four pages. This section has not been mapped in recent years.

**Road Distances:**
- Wyangala Spillway to Clearview Road 12 km
- Wyangala Spillway to Darbys Falls Bridge 10 km
- Old Wooden Bridge to Clearview Road 15 km
- Old Wooden Bridge to Darbys Falls Bridge 13 km

**To Darbys Falls**

**Clearview Road Reserve (right bank) - Access: Fair**

Road Acc: -33.945671, 148.883072  
River Acc: -33.944853, 148.885354

No facilities. Look around for a quiet spot to launch into, to allow easy entry (other places you will have deep and fast water to enter into). After entry you will go straight into fast water as the river is narrowed by an island. Very scenic spot. If approaching the reserve from upstream you need to be on the western side of the island or you will miss the reserve.

**To Frogmore**

**Darbys Falls Road**

**Frogmore Road**

**Locked Gate**

**Lake Wyangala**

**Old Bridge (closed to traffic) - Access: Fair**

Road Acc: -33.968673, 148.945374  
River Acc: -33.968670, 148.945374

Putting in at the old bridge allows you to paddle the beautiful stretch of river below the dam but you will then have to portage around the large rapid at the bottom of the spillway.

**Locked Gate**

**No entry to water between water outlet from dam and old wooden bridge**

**Danger! Extremely large rapid with large boulder in its centre at the bottom of the spillway. Impassable for most paddlers. Portage to either right or left, or better yet put in downstream of here**

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Last Paddled 10 years ago!
Old Bridge to Rapid 1 (old Spillway): Flatwater for 1200m on a gentle left hand bend. A very beautiful stretch of river - sheoaks, red gums, reeds and water weed. Ends at the large round pool where the old spillway enters from the left (look for the rocky gorge) - the river exits from the right of the pool.

Rapid 1 (100m long): The river bends left around the old breakwater (there is a billabong within it). Two sets of small rapids in a narrow channel, ending into the second large round pool.

Between Rapids 1 and 2: Flatwater for 100m as the river enters the second round pool. This pool is caused by the northern branch of the new spillway. Danger: it is now time to move to the right hand bank and prepare to portage - the dangerous rapid is around the corner - you should be able to hear it.

Rapid 2 New Spillway (100m long) - PORTAGE REQUIRED: Leaving the second pool the river is again forced around a breakwater - this is the larger one for the new spillway. The river is forced through a narrow channel with a few rocks, then is squeezed further and drops about 5 feet in a short distance, with large boulders in the flow. Most paddlers will need to portage around this rapid.

Between Rapids 2 and 3: Flatwater for 800m. Entrance from the track at the bottom of the spillway is the best put in place if you wish to avoid portaging around Rapid 2.

Rapid 3 Wyangala Bridge (250m long): Lots of small rapids between rocks, with an island in the middle as the river approaches the new bridge - the left hand channel is the easier run.

Between Rapids 3 and 4: Flatwater for 400m on a right hand bend.

Rapid 4 Trout Farm (250m long): Similar to Rapid 3, but with a bit more space - easier run on the right.

Between Rapids 4 and 5: Flatwater for 1500m - a nice long reach, and time to catch your breath before the first of the long rapids to come. At the end of the reach there is a beach on the left with a cabin above it - a good spot to rest (the beach, not the cabin).

Rapid 5 Chute (950m long): After the beach the river starts into the head of a long section of rapids and narrow channel. The river jinks right over the first rapid then quickly left, then after a short pool another two small rapids lead into a long fast chute of water. Once you are through this the river continues for several hundred metres in a narrow channel with more small rapids - two-thirds of the way down you can change to the right hand channel (the left channel is easier).

Between Rapids 5 and 6: Flatwater for 400m - plenty of rocks in the river but they can be avoided easily.

Rapid 6 (350m long): An island followed closely by two side by side splits the river into two channels then three - easier run is on the right both times. There is a beach on the downstream side on the right which makes a good spot for a break if you haven’t had one by now.

Between Rapids 6 and 7: Flatwater for 200m.

Rapid 7 Riverslea (100m long): An island close to the left bank leaves a choice between a wider but rocky right hand channel, or a narrower run on the left - the right is the easier run.

Between Rapids 7 and 8: Flatwater for 250m on a gentle left hand bend - plenty of rocks but they can be avoided.

Rapid 8 Bridge (650m long): The river moves left to avoid bedrock on the right, splitting into two short channels around a small island. It then gently twists through some rocks and small islands before (DANGER) a very low farm bridge almost blocks the river - there are actually two bridges (old train chassis) leading from one bank over a flood channel to an island then across the main channel. If the water level is not too high you can squeeze under on the right hand side (watch out for the agpipe hanging on the far side of the bridge), otherwise portage on the right. The channel then bends sharply left then right after the island.

Between Rapids 8 and 9: Flatwater for 200m.

Rapid 9 (100m long): A small island in the river divides the flow into a narrow rocky channel on the left or a wider bend with a couple of small rocks on the right - the right hand run is easier.

Between Rapids 9 and 10: Flatwater for 450m.

Rapid 10 (150m long): An island splits the river into two equal flows. Either side is suitable, no rapids.

Between Rapids 10 and 11: Flatwater for 450m.

Rapid 11 Long Island (850m long): A long thin island divides the river for hundreds of metres. The left hand channel is the easier run, avoiding a small drop at the start of the right channel. There is a small zigzag through the island, dropping over a rapid, two thirds of the way along, or continue to the end of the left channel where small channels lead back into the main river through sandbars.

Between Rapids 11 and 12: Flatwater for 750m. Another long reach, ending with a beach on the left just before the left hand bend - Milburn Creek joins the river from the right bank here.

Rapid 12 Clearview Road (1300m long): The river enters a long narrow tree shaded channel as it rounds the sharp bend after Milburn Creek. There is a distinct main channel which should be followed, though in high water the flood channel on the right soon after the bend can be taken - there is a small rapid part way along, and the flood channel can be blocked by snags. Towards the end of the run the river splits around an island - if exiting at Clearview Road then you need to take the right hand channel, then look for an eddy in which to get to the bank away from the fast water. Paddlers should spread out as they approach this exit point, as it would be easy to be swept down river while the first paddlers get out of their craft.

Between Rapid 12 and Darbys Falls Reserve: Flatwater for 2200 m to the bridge over the river at Darbys Falls - an easier exit point without the worry about getting into the correct channel.

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The vehicle track leading to the bottom of the spillway is the best spot to put in - it avoids having to portage around the large rapid. 40m walk to river. Alternatively there is a steep vehicle track down to the river.
Detail Map 1B: Spillway to Chute Rapid (3 km - 45 min)

Rapid 5. Chute (900 m)  
-33.972066, 148.912902

Rapid 4. Trout Farm (150 m)  
-33.978565, 148.925847

Rapid 3. Wyangala Bridge (200 m)  
-33.982048, 148.931550

Wyangala Bridge - Access: None  
-33.981405, 148.929322  
No Access to river - the bridge approaches were designed to prevent access - there is no safe parking and a steep weedy bank.

Rapid 2. New Spillway - Danger!  
-33.978916, 148.939747  
Extremely large rapid with large boulder in its centre at the bottom of the spillway. Impassable for most paddlers! Portage to either right or left, or better yet put in downstream of here.

To Darbys Falls & Cowra  
Darbys Falls Road  
Ex Trout Farm

Wyangala Dam Spillway Track (left bank).  
Road Acc: -33.982617, 148.936016  
River Acc: -33.980100, 148.939418  
The vehicle track leading to the bottom of the spillway is the best spot to put in - it avoids having to portage around the large rapid. 40m walk to river. Alternatively there is a steep vehicle track down to the river.
Danger! Watch out for the very low farm bridge with ag pipe under the far side. Either go to the far right and duck, or portage on the right.
Clearview Road Reserve (right bank) - Access: Poor
Road Acc: -33.945671, 148.883072
River Acc: -33.944853, 148.885354
No facilities. Look around for a quiet spot to launch into, to allow easy entry (other places you will have deep and fast water to enter into). After entry you will go straight into fast water as the river is narrowed by an island. Very scenic spot. If approaching the reserve from upstream you need to be on the western side of the island or you will miss the reserve.
Darbys Falls Reserve (right bank) - Access: Good
Road Acc: -33.945671, 148.883072
River Acc: -33.946655, 148.83846
No facilities. Weedy bank with some tracks - look around for slow water to launch into, to allow easy entry (other places you will have deep and fast water). After entry you will go straight into fast water as the river is narrowed by an island, but soon into flat water. Very scenic spot.

Clearview Road Reserve (right bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.945671, 148.883072
River Acc: -33.944853, 148.885354
No facilities. Weedy bank with some tracks - look around for slow water to launch into, to allow easy entry (other places you will have deep and fast water). After entry you will go straight into fast water as the river is narrowed by an island, but soon into flat water. Very scenic spot.

From 15.5 k to the Boorowa River junction there are lots of willows which at times almost choke the river. There are two logs across the river just before the 16 k mark which need to be portaged around (Jan 2017). There is also a standing wave 200 m before the Boorowa River junction caused by shallow bedrock, but it is just fun and can be avoided.

No mobile reception on the river until about km 22 - just after Big Whistle Waa. The first place to get out downstream is 17 km away at Cudgelo Lane (or emergency at Neila Road after 14 km).

Road Distances:
Darbys Falls to Old Road Reserve via Boorowa Road - 42 km
Darbys Falls to Old Road Reserve via Cowra - 44 km
Darbys Falls to Cudgelo Lane - 16 km
Darbys Falls to Jukes Lane - 24 km
Darbys Falls to Cowra - 26 km

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Old Dunny (right bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.886568, 148.763689
River Acc: -33.886530, 148.751786
No facilities (except an old bin that does not get emptied). Steep bank to deep water entry at the most obvious spot, but flatter entry about 30m upstream amongst willows (down a longer weedy bank). Medium difficulty to see from the river. The reserve is three quarters of the way down a 1 km long straight, which points straight at a hill with two tanks on top. The river bank along the straight is well treed but with no trees behind - look for the line of planted gum trees 20m back from river and parallel at the back of the reserve. On the downstream side look for the vehicle track down to the water and the line of deciduous trees that goes perpendicular to the river.

Cudgelo Lane (right bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.886568, 148.763689
River Acc: -33.886530, 148.751786
No facilities. Very difficult to see from the river (look for the two large granite boulders in the river just upstream) and a very long drive around by car. Only use this in an emergency (it is the first place to get close to a car downstream of Darbys Falls), with Cudgelo Lane just downstream a better option. This used to be public land and was unfenced but looks to now be part of the paddock next door. 20m carry for kayaks over fence (no barb) from vehicle with entry between willows OK.

To Cowra

Old Dunny - now private land?? (left bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.925173, 148.750738
River Acc: -33.907903, 148.754562
No facilities. Very difficult to see from the river (look for the two large granite boulders in the river just upstream) and a very long drive around by car. Only use this in an emergency (it is the first place to get close to a car downstream of Darbys Falls), with Cudgelo Lane just downstream a better option. This used to be public land and was unfenced but looks to now be part of the paddock next door. 20m carry for kayaks over fence (no barb) from vehicle with entry between willows OK.

Telstra mobile signal from here (blue tick phone) downstream for most of the river (at least from the top of the banks). No signal upstream of here due to hills.
Cudgelo Lane (right bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.836036, 148.685861
River Acc: -33.838417, 148.685267
Flush Toilet, water, rubbish bins, picnic seats, park benches, plenty of shade. Look for the vehicle track below the brick building. Beware the grate in the river covering the intake.
A very scenic park, although very busy with sport on weekend mornings. Much quieter than getting out at the Low Level Bridge, with better access to the main street. Coles (Supermarket), Jamiesons Building Centre (Hardware) and All Service Motors (Boating all within 1.5 blocks).

No facilities. A little known reserve divided into two paddocks - it often has horses in it so is mistaken for a paddock. A nice but small grassy flat on the river makes good camping, though the adjoining Boorowa Road can be noisy. The railway bridge passes through the downstream section.

Second Sands (left bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.860678, 148.674784
River Acc: -33.861461, 148.675013
No facilities. Steep bank to deep water entry. Medium difficulty to see from the river - look for the line of poplars in a line perpendicular to the river.

To Darbys Falls - 16 km
Cudgelo Lane to Darbys Falls - 9 km
Cudgelo Lane to Jukes Lane - 12 km
Jukes Lane to Darbys Falls - 24 km
Jukes Lane to Cowra - 26 km
Second Sands to The Mill TSR - 1 km
The Mill TSR to Cowra - 2 km

To Boorowa

Road Distances:
Cudgelo Lane to Darbys Falls - 16 km
Cudgelo Lane to Jukes Lane - 9 km
Cudgelo Lane to Cowra - 12 km
Jukes Lane to Darbys Falls - 24 km
Jukes Lane to Cowra - 26 km
Second Sands to The Mill TSR - 1 km
The Mill TSR to Cowra - 2 km

No facilities (except an old bin that does not get emptied). Steep bank to deep water entry at the most obvious spot, but flatter entry about 30m upstream amongst willows (down a longer bank though). Medium difficulty to see from the river. The reserve is three quarters of the way down a 1 km long straight, which points straight at a hill with two tanks on top. The river bank along the straight is well treed but with no trees behind - look for the line of planted gum trees 20m back from river and parallel at the back of the reserve. On the downstream side look for the vehicle track down to the water and the line of deciduous trees that goes perpendicular to the river.
The floods of Winter 2016 have temporarily cleared most of the tangle, but at the downstream end there is a fallen willow across the whole river which you can push through with care. Stick to the left where you can for the easiest run (Jan 2017), then decide if you will push through the willow or portage on the left. Nettley Flat is 2.5 km / 30 minutes downstream from Lowes Lane - look for the house ‘Calleen’ (topo maps show it as ‘Mulyan’) back from a bluff on the right hand side of the river - the tangle is at the end of the 600m long straight that starts there.
This section of river often has lots of snags. (-33.781806, 148.610335)

PHILLIPS CROSSING (right bank) - Access: Good
Road Acc: -33.761932, 148.606763
River Acc: -33.769248, 148.601345
3 picnic shelters, rubbish bin, no toilet, no water. A good long beach with grassy banks, which is a popular swimming and picnic spot. Lovely big River Red Gums. Long steep bank to get from beach to picnic area and cars.

Farleighs Beach (left bank) - Access: Good
Road Acc: -33.818784, 148.611475
River Acc: -33.813799, 148.621278
Pit Toilet (no toilet paper), 3 picnic shelters, rubbish bins, no water. A good long beach with grassy banks, which is a popular swimming and picnic spot, and often has travellers camping - 4WD access to beach or a 20 m carry. There is currently (Jan 2017) a snag blocking the river at Farleighs Beach, but it only affects you if you are paddling past, rather than starting or ending your trip there.

Map 6: Farleighs Beach to Phillips Crossing (8.5 km - 2.5 hours)

Road Distances:
- Farleighs Beach to Kennedy's TSR - 10 km
- Farleighs Beach to 14 Mile TSR - 15 km
- Cowra (Low Level) to Farleighs Beach - 9 km
- Farleighs Beach to Lowes Lane - 12 km
- Kennedy's to Phillips Crossing via Merriganowry - 24 km
- Farleighs Beach to Phillips Crossing via Cowra - 22 km
- Cowra (Low Level) to Phillips Crossing - 13 km
14 MILE TSR (left bank) - Access: Poor
Road Acc: -33.712330, 148.554031
River Acc: -33.713305, 148.557800
No facilities. Dry weather access only. Steep weedy bank with shallow water entry - a beach when the river level is lower. Hard to see from river - best to count the bends in the river just beforehand.

KENNEDYS TSR (left bank) - Access: Poor
Road Acc: -33.746480, 148.578421
River Acc: -33.745221, 148.578811
No facilities. Steep weedy bank with deep water entry. Hard to see from river - look for the line of poplars approaching the river from an acute angle on the upstream side of the TSR.

Road Distances:
- Farleighs Beach to Kennedys TSR: 10 km
- Farleighs Beach to 14 Mile TSR: 15 km
- Phillips Crossing to Merriganowry: 18 km
- Kennedys to Phillips Crossing via Merriganowry: 24 km
- Kennedys to Phillips Crossing via Cowra: 30 km
- Cowra (Low Level) to Phillips Crossing: 13 km
- Kennedys TSR to 14 Mile TSR: 5 km

Phillips Crossing to Kennedys TSR (4 km - 1 hour)
Kennedys TSR to 14 Mile TSR (6.7 km - 1hr 45 min)

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Map 8: 14 Mile TSR to Merriganowry (8 km - 2 hours)
Merriganowry to Males TSR (5.5 km - 1hr 30 min)

Males TSR (left bank) - Access: Poor
Road Acc: -33.666876, 148.521664
River Acc: -33.653768, 148.527778
At the down river end of the reserve there is a long but feasible track down to the river. The rest of the reserve is 30 metre high steep banks and cliffs. Old graves in reserve.

14 Mile TSR (left bank) - Access: Poor
Road Acc: -33.712330, 148.554031
River Acc: -33.713305, 148.557800
No facilities. Dry weather access only. Steep weedy bank with shallow water entry - a beach when the river level is lower. Hard to see from river - best to count the bends in the river just beforehand.

Stockyard Creek

Willow Islands and snag blocking the river - at high water you can go to the far right and paddle through the willows. (-33.699374, 148.572716)

Stoney Hill Road

To Cowra

To Billimari

Merriganowry Bridge - Access: Good
Road Acc: -33.674710, 148.554042, -33.675088, 148.551752
River Acc: -33.674485, 148.553920 -33.673674, 148.552253
Easy car access and launching on right bank downstream from bridge. Also good access from the reserve on left bank on downstream side of bridge - access track is 100 m back from the bridge, with beach entry.

To Gooloogong

Road Distances:
Farleighs Beach to 14 Mile TSR - 15 km
14 Mile TSR to Philips Crossing via Merriganowry - 20 km
14 Mile TSR to Philips Crossing via Cowra - 34 km
Kennedys TSR to 14 Mile TSR - 4 km
14 Mile TSR to Merriganowry - 7 km
14 Mile TSR to Gooloogong Road TSR - 8 km
Merriganowry to 14 Mile TSR - 6 km

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At the downstream end of the reserve there is a long but feasible track down to the river (30 metres north of the graves). The rest of the reserve is 30 metre high steep banks.

See Gooloogong Detail Map

Road Distances:
Gooloogong Bridge to Males TSR - 14 km
Gooloogong Bridge to Cowra - 39 km
Gooloogong Bridge to Merriganowry - 16 km
Grey Street Reserve - Access: Good
(Best Access near Gooloogong)
Road Acc: -33.610104, 148.418979
River Acc: -33.607803, 148.418973
Easiest Access to River. Drive between houses through camping area to waters edge. Slight bank, with shallow water entry between snags.

Stock Route - Access: None
Road Acc: -33.604556, 148.411771
River Acc: -33.604472, 148.413218
No facilities. Very steep bank (cliff-like) with only one track to the water about half way along the river frontage, with a rope needed to be feasible. Deepwater entry. Use Grey Street as it is much better.

Gooloogong Bridge - Access: Fair (south) or Poor (north)
Road Acc: -33.610645, 148.434142
River Acc: -33.606358, 148.431823
New bridge just completed. Best access is on the left (south) bank on the downstream side of the bridge - it is easy to drive close, but then a steep gravel bank to deep water entry. From the right (north) bank there is a 20 m steep weedy bank to fast deep water entry. Not recommended. 900m walk to Gooloogong & facilities.

Gooloogong TSR (left bank) - Access: Fair
(2nd best access near Gooloogong)
Road Acc: -33.610991, 148.434555
River Acc: -33.607312, 148.435182
Steep weedy bank to access the river from vehicle track, to shallow water entry. No facilities. 800m walk to Gooloogong & facilities. Best river access if stopping for supplies in Gooloogong.

Gooloogong Caravan Park
Water, flush toilets, rubbish bins, free camping & kitchen. Pub and general store.
Gooloogong Bridge - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.610991, 148.435182
River Acc: -33.607312, 148.435182
Steep access from vehicle track, shallow water entry. No facilities. 800m walk to Gooloogong & facilities. Best river access for Gooloogong.

Grey Street Reserve - Access: Good
(Best Access near Gooloogong)
Road Acc: -33.610104, 148.418979
River Acc: -33.607803, 148.418973
Easiest Access to River. Drive between houses through camping area to waters edge. Slight bank, with shallow water entry between snags.

Road Distances:
Gooloogong Bridge to Males TSR - 14 km
Gooloogong Bridge to Stock Route - 3 km
Gooloogong Bridge to Gooloogong Rocks TSR - 2.5 km
Gooloogong Bridge to Katies Corner TSR - 7 km
Gooloogong Bridge to Bloomfields TSR - 7 km
Gooloogong Bridge to Merriganowry - 16 km

Gooloogong Rocks TSR (right bank) - Access: Good
Road Acc: -33.593691, 148.417328
River Acc: -33.595848, 148.416416
I have renamed this to avoid confusion, as it is also called Gooloogong TSR.
No facilities. Easy access to shallow bedrock entry. Very scenic reserve.

Katies Corner TSR (left bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.577017, 148.384369
River Acc: -33.577714, 148.388603
No facilities. Very steep banks, but on the downstream end there is a steep vehicle track used for launching tinnies. Deepwater entry.

New bridge just completed. Looks like best access will be on left bank on downstream side of bridge. 900m walk to Gooloogong & facilities.

Shallow and wide rapid

Narrow blind bend and shallow rapid

Water, flush toilets, rubbish bins, free camping & kitchen, pub, general store and club.

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Map 10: Gooloogong to Bloomfields TSR (14 km - 3hr 30 min)
PAYTENS BRIDGE TSR - Access: Good
Road Acc: -33.498807, 148.307728
River Acc: -33.496550, 148.309019
No facilities. From Lachlan Valley Way drive through the gate on the right hand (upstream) side of the road just before the bridge, then drive under the bridge and then 350 m downstream through TSR for easy beach entry. The TSR can also be accessed from two gates on the left of the road before the bridge. The TSR is divided into two thin paddocks stretching from the road to the far bend opposite the 142 mark. Access from directly under the bridge is also possible but with very steep access to fast water with deepwater entry - a rope is recommended to move kayaks up or down the banks safely.

Road Distances:
Gooloogong Bridge to Paytens Bridge - 20 km
Paytens Bridge to Bloomfields TSR via Paytens Road - 22 km
Paytens Bridge to Bloomfields TSR via Gooloogong - 29 km
Paytens Bridge to Katies Corner TSR - 13 km

Bloomfields TSR (right bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.560106, 148.424493
River Acc: -33.559410, 148.421284
No facilities. Steep access along a foot track and deep water entry, with shallow rapid and bend soon after.

Narrow blind bend and shallow rapid

Very slow stretch of river from about 123 - 127

Old Nanami Chaff Mill

Old Right of Way - No Public Access
Road Acc: -33.535066, 148.403814
River Acc: -33.534560, 148.400426

Cauanina Drive

Paytens Bridge Road

To Euchowra

To Forbes

To Gooloogong

To Grenfell

Map 11: Bloomfields TSR to Paytens Bridge (21 km - 6 hours)
**Map 12: Paytens Bridge to Pilgrim Hill TSR (17 km - 5 hours)**

**PILGRIM HILL TSR (left bank) - Access: Good**
Road Acc: -33.471743, 148.204317
River Acc: -33.470888, 148.205655
No facilities. The best access is at the eastern end - drive down onto the rocky beach for easy entry - a very scenic spot. Other tracks through the reserve also allow access, but often involve a steep weedy bank.

**Paytens Bridge to Pilgrim Hill TSR 11 km**

**Paytens Bridge to Waugan Road Unnamed Lane via Eugowra 21km**
Waugan Road Unnamed Lane to Pilgrim Hill TSR via Eugowra 32km
Note: there is a TSR on the southern edge of Eugowra that allows you to cross Mandargery Creek on a bridge, saving 2 km from the car shuffle. The bridge is on an unnamed lane. The ends of the lane have GPS coordinates:
- Casuarina Drive end -33.435548, 148.367217
- Waugan Road end -33.436156, 148.356875

**BANDON TSR (left bank) - Access: Poor**
Road Acc: -33.476130, 148.213317
River Acc: -33.475224, 148.213282
No facilities. A small reserve opposite Bandon TSR Rd. A small pump shed and a steep weedy bank to access the river. Better to use the eastern beach at Pilgrim Hill.

**Road Distances:**
- Paytens Bridge to Pilgrim Hill TSR 11 km
- Paytens Bridge to Waugan Road Unnamed Lane via Eugowra 21km
- Waugan Road Unnamed Lane to Pilgrim Hill TSR via Eugowra 32km

**Paytens Bridge TSR - Access: Good**
Road Acc: -33.498807, 148.307728
River Acc: -33.496550, 148.268141
No facilities. From Lachlan Valley Way drive through the gate on the right hand (upstream) side of the road just before the bridge, then drive under the bridge and then 350 m downstream through TSR for easy beach entry. The TSR is divided into two thin paddocks stretching from the road to the far bend opast the 142 mark. Access from directly under the bridge is also possible but with very steep access to fast water with deepwater entry - a rope is recommended to move kayaks up or down the banks safely.

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CUMBIJOWA RESERVE (left bank) - Access: Good
Ercildoune Lane entrance - (Best access) - easiest access to the river, and easiest navigation from Lachan Valley Way through reserve.
Road Acc: -33.440504, 148.165688  River Acc: -33.435179, 148.176062
No facilities. After 200 m from Lachlan Valley Way on Ercildoune Lane North you enter the reserve - turn hard right and follow the irrigation channel for 1 km in a straight line to the river, then turn left for 70 m for a grassy park with easy access to shallow water entry to the river on a scenic bend.

CUMBIJOWA RESERVE was formerly Cumbijowa State Forest, and was transferred to Crown Lands in 2011. There is a maze of tracks through the river red gums and many billabongs.

PILGRIM HILL TSR (left bank) - Access: Good
Road Acc: -33.471743, 148.204317  River Acc: -33.470888, 148.205655
No facilities. The best access is at the eastern end - drive down onto the rocky beach for easy entry - a very scenic spot. Other tracks through the reserve also allow access, but often involve a steep weedy bank.

CUMBIJOWA RESERVE (left bank) - Access: Fair
Eastern entrance (3rd best access)
Dry Weather Access only
Road Acc: -33.450132, 148.172292  River Acc: -33.443969, 148.179763
No facilities. The track crosses a billabong, with an alternative track around it. There is a walking track for 20 metres down to the river from near the pump, with a mixture of shallow and deep water entry between snags.
12 MILE TSR (right bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.408120, 148.192284
River Acc: -33.411900, 148.187819
No facilities. Use the eastern track during wet weather. Follow the track to a pump on the river. There is a 20 m walking track down to deepwater entry.

8 MILE TSR (right bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.393617, 148.145093
River Acc: -33.401344, 148.146066
No facilities. Follow the track to a pump just back from the river, then continue for another 20 metres. There is a steep 10 m walking track down to deepwater entry.

Road Distances:
Cumbijowa SF to 12 Mile TSR via Forbes 37 km
Cumbijowa SF to 8 Mile TSR via Forbes 33 km
Cumbijowa SF to 12 Mile TSR via Eugowra 46 km
Cumbijowa SF to 8 Mile TSR via Eugowra 50 km

CUMBIJOWA RESERVE (left bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.445686, 148.169474
River Acc: -33.441892, 148.177929
Toilets and sheds for the archery club. There is a 30 m easy track to the river.
Map 15: 8 Mile TSR to Torig Park (20 km - 6 hours)

TORIG PARK (right bank) - Access: Good
Road Acc: -33.394944, 148.050095
River Acc: -33.395335, 148.050932
No facilities. 30 metre track down to the river, to a mix of shallow or deep water entry.

8 MILE TSR (right bank) - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.393617, 148.145093
River Acc: -33.401344, 148.146066
No facilities. Follow the track to a pump just back from the river, then continue for another 20 metres. There is a steep 10 m walking track down to deepwater entry.

Road Distances:
8 Mile TSR to Torig Road 11 km
FITZGERALDS BRIDGE - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.396948, 147.991402
River Acc: -33.396573, 147.990406
No facilities. 40 m 4WD track or carry to beach entry. Access on downstream right hand bank from bridge.

Cargo Ln - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.395215, 148.025639
River Acc: -33.397926, 148.025075
Alternative exit point to avoid the old weir. Two large water pipes enter the river allowing easy access.

Map 16: Torig Road to Newell Hwy (17 km - 5 hours)

DANGER: OLD FORBES WEIR (in disrepair) - upstream of IRON BRIDGE beside Apex Riverside Tourist (Caravan) Park - -33.401085, 148.018188. 40 m portage on the right - there are rocks in the whitewater below the weir - watch for metal posts under the water securing water pipes upstream of the weir beside the bank. The owners of the caravan park allow free access to the weir but ask that all visitors pop in to the office when they arrive so they know who is around. The weir is the old Forbes Swimming Pool. Very handy accommodation for paddlers. - Access: Fair

TORIG PARK (right bank) - Access: Good
Road Acc: -33.394944, 148.050095
River Acc: -33.395335, 148.050932
No facilities. 30 metre track down to the river, to a mix of shallow or deep water entry.

IRON BRIDGE - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.402361, 148.019879
River Acc: -33.402361, 148.019879
No facilities. Steep bank under the bridge on the right (west) bank allows possible access, but there is easier access below the weir.

RED BEND TSR - Access: Good
Road Acc: -33.421156, 148.026117
River Acc: -33.420361, 148.018979
No facilities. 4WD access to beach, or 20 m carry down track.

Ellison Bridge Road - Access: None
Road Acc: -33.417533, 148.000965
River Acc: -33.417079, 148.001030
No facilities. Very steep weedy bank - unfeasible to access the river. Useful in emergencies only.

FITZGERALDS BRIDGE - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.396948, 147.991402
River Acc: -33.396573, 147.990406
No facilities. 40 m 4WD track or carry to beach entry. Access on downstream right hand bank from bridge.

DANGERS: COTTONS WEIR - Access: Fair
Road Acc: -33.409785, 147.994051
River Acc: -33.410705, 147.990860
40 m portage along the right bank. The main flow is on the left and must be avoided - the right bank has still water except in flood. The portage is quite rocky and kayaks need to be lifted rather than dragged. There is a nice beach downstream on the right bank, with a 30 m walking track which makes this a good entrance point of the river. If exiting here cars can be parked within 20 metres of the top of the weir. The weir provides Forbes with drinking water.

Road Distances:
Torig Road to Iron Bridge 4 km
Torig Road to Red Bend TSR 7 km
Torig Road to Cottons Weir 7 km
Torig Road to Newell Highway 7 km