



Services and facilities

The Backroads Trail offers old fashioned country hospitality, great products, and genuine experiences however access to some services and facilities is limited. Please remember:

- Fuel is only available in the larger communities of Barham, Mathoura, Moama or Deniliquin
- Some parts of the Trail have limited mobile phone reception and internet access.

YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW...

Driving Conditions & Backroads Etiquette

Use the following hints to ensure that your adventure is safe and enjoyable:

- Our district contains a few unsealed and 'dry weather only' roads. Check road conditions with the local Visitor Information Centre and/or call ahead to attractions listed overleaf before you leave. Observe local council advisory signs and notices concerning road closures.
- Farm equipment is often transported along public roads, please be patient and when it is safe, the driver will allow you to pass.
- Drive to conditions. Keep to, or below the speed limit and slow down on dirt and gravel roads. Dust from other vehicles, especially oncoming vehicles can obscure hazards. Drive with your headlights on.
- Look out for animals and avoid travelling at dawn, dusk and at night as native wildlife are active and stock may wander. To report injured wildlife phone WIRES on 1800 641 188.
- When you see a stock sign or stock, slow down – stock have right of way. Never use your horn.
- And remember... please always leave a gate as you find it!

Contact

For further information visit:

Barham Visitor Information Centre
25 Murray St, Barham, NSW 2732
(03) 5453 3100 / www.barhamonthemurray.com.au

Echuca Moama Visitor Information Centre
2 Heygarth Street, Echuca Vic. 3564
1800 804 446 / www.echucamoama.com

Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre
George Street, Deniliquin NSW 2710
1800 650 712 / www.denitourism.com.au

Mathoura Visitor Information Centre
Cobb Highway, Mathoura NSW 2710
03 5884 3730 / www.mathoura.com.au

For information on regional Indigenous heritage visit:

Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Cressy Street, Deniliquin, NSW.
(03) 5881 3312 / yarkuwa@bigpond.com



Pick up copies of this brochure at visitor information centres in any of the towns or from local businesses.

www.backroadstrail.com.au

TURN OFF THE HIGHWAY &
WE WILL OPEN YOUR EYES

discover

The Backroads Trail



EXPLORE

From our paddocks come some of the best of Australia's beef, lamb, wool and grain. But it's been a hard-won success. You'll learn about the search for water and the despair of watching the earth crack open in drought. The long wait for the railway to arrive and finally connect remote settlers with city markets and - most importantly - with each other. On our wide plains, parents built a school with their bare hands, bare knuckle boxers fought and mechanised shearing was invented. We even have an earthquake zone to show you.

Above all, we hope you will come to understand how people on the land care for it. From the original custodians, the Aboriginal tribes, over thousands of years, to the early pioneering families. Similarly, you will see how our modern farming communities are constantly adapting, evolving and caring for the environment in which they live and work. You will gain insights into the way your food is produced in this area, and get to meet some of the people who grow and create it. The resources behind the Backroads Trail include historians, ecologists, agricultural experts and Indigenous archaeologists, as well as many farming families who have generously donated knowledge, time and personal photographs. The lovely country towns of Moama, Mathoura, Deniliquin and Barham are the gateways to the Backroads Trail, and we recommend you mix your Trail touring with time to stay and play in these centres and in the small villages dotted along the route.



WELCOME

Welcome to our region - an area pivotal in Australia's development. The Backroads Trail, with its signposted interpretive sites, allows you to see how we have lived on and shaped this land from Dreamtime prehistory to the present day. The Backroads Trail weaves together the themes of heritage, environment, food, wine and culture in an informed and user-friendly way. You'll not only stand on the sites where history was made - you'll be delighted by small businesses all along the way offering you delicious produce, a comfy bed for the night, and extra attractions such as stunning sculptures, leafy bushland walks and relaxing river cruises. You need to get off the highway to see us - but we will open your eyes.

Your adventure starts here! Turn off the highway and open your eyes to the charms of the Backroads Trail.

TASTE

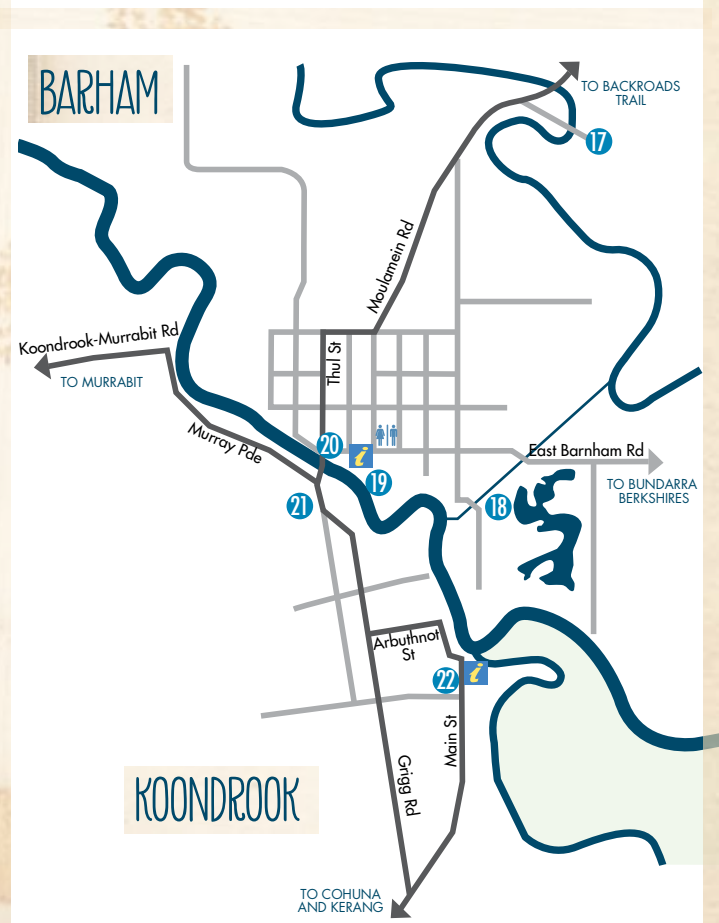
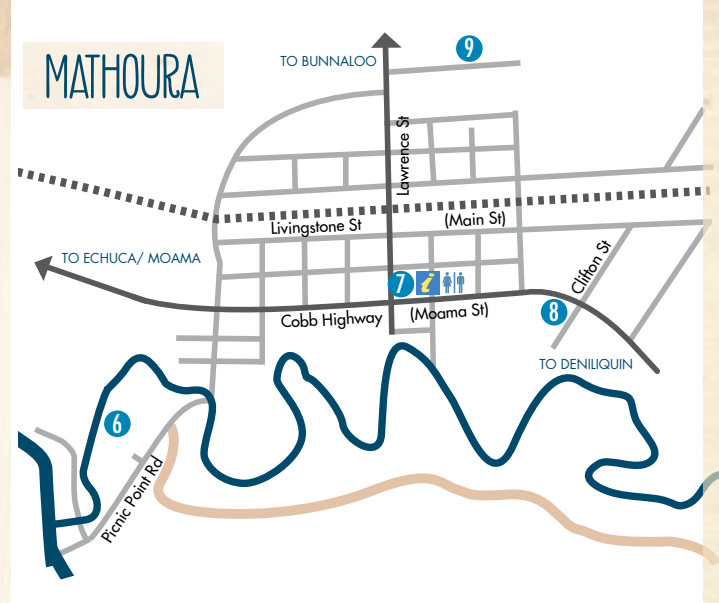
All along the Trail, you'll find very special niche businesses offering you delicious delights such as meads, avocados, wines, honey, olives and citrus fruit - and even British-style pork pies and haggis. Hand made and nurtured from paddock to plate, our beautiful local produce is available for you to sample whilst chatting with the producers - driving around the Backroads Trail is like taking part in a progressive farmers' market.



ENJOY

Visit working artists' studios, and pick up some of their works to take home. At Barham and Koondrook, associated with the redgum timber milling industry for more than a century, you'll discover unique redgum carvings done by chainsaw. The Gulpa Creek bird hide near Mathoura allows you to get up close to birds basking in their prime habitat of the extensive Gulpa Creek wetlands, or wander the wetland walking trail at Caldwell. You can kick back on a river cruise at Barham or admire the outdoor sculptures at Mathoura and Deniliquin that were especially commissioned as part of The Long Paddock Touring Route.

You can be sure of high-quality accommodation at night and a beautiful breakfast in the morning to sustain you through another day of historic Backroads Trail touring.



CELEBRATIONS

Attending one of the many festivals and special events the communities of the region hold throughout the year will truly make the Backroads experience come alive for you. Taste local produce at the monthly Koondrook - Barham Farmers Market, check out the local craft on offer at the annual Caldwell Community Market, or throw a line in at the annual Mathoura Fishing Competition. Of course, it doesn't stop here, each community hosts ongoing programs of special events, sporting and otherwise. The best way to check out what's on is to enquire at one of our participating attractions or at any of the Visitor Information Centres listed in this brochure.



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FIND IT ON THE TRAIL

Country people love having visitors and the attractions located along the Backroads Trail are no different! We'd hate to miss your visit, so call ahead or ask the Visitor Information Centre about operating hours to make sure we'll be there to receive you with that warm country hospitality that this region is renowned for.

- 1 Pacdon Park (Gourmet British Smallgoods)**
Perricoota Rd, Moama, NSW
(03) 5480 9645 / www.pacdon.com.au
- 2 Sevilco Grove (Olive Oil)**
Lot 2, Ham Road, Moama, NSW
(03) 5483 6128
- 3 Bright on the Murray B & B**
93 Goldsborough Road, Moama, NSW
(03) 5483 6264 / www.brightonthemurray.com.au
- 4 Perricoota Station (Accommodation and Functions)**
Perricoota State Forest Rd, Moama, NSW
0418 253 764 / www.perricootastation.com.au
- 5 Old School Winery and Meadery**
School Rd, Womboota, NSW
(03) 5489 3249 / www.farmhousedirect.com.au/theoldschoolwinery
- 6 Reed Beds Bird Hide**
Picnic Point Rd, Mathoura, NSW
- 7 Long Paddock ARTback Sculptures**
Cobb Hwy, Mathoura, NSW
- 8 Mathoura Mandarins**
Corner Cobb Highway / Clifton St, Mathoura, NSW
(03) 5884 3364
- 9 Mathoura Pioneer Cemetery**
Cemetery Rd, Mathoura, NSW
- 10 Graythorn Poll Dorsets (Farm Visits)**
2002 Mathoura-Bunnaloo Rd, Bunnaloo, NSW
(03) 5889 5149 / www.graythorn.com.au
- 11 J and H Bassett Apiaries (Honey Outlet)**
590 Fitzroy St, Bunnaloo, NSW
(03) 5881 8417
- 12 Restdown Wines**
'Restdown', Jungle Lane, Caldwell, NSW
(03) 5489 7221 / www.restdown.com.au
- 13 Wolesley Monument (Historic Marker)**
Yallakool Rd, Caldwell, NSW
- 14 Hill House Farmstay**
664 Thomas Rd, Barham, NSW
(03) 5453 9208 / www.farmstaycampingaustralia.com.au
- 15 Barham Avocados**
Horseshoe Bend, Barham, NSW
(03) 5453 7133 / www.barhamavocados.com.au
- 16 Bundarra Berkshires Free Range Pork**
"Bundarra" 929 East Barham Road, Barham, NSW
(03) 5453 2392 / www.bundarraberkskshires.com
- 17 Citrus Honesty Box**
Lilford Lane, Barham, NSW
(03) 5453 2177
- 18 Border Flywheelers Club Heritage Museum**
Jamieson Ave, Barham, NSW
0428 901 643 / www.borderflywheelers.com.au
- 19 Barham River Cruises**
Barham Boat Ramp, Barham, NSW
0427 531 407
- 20 Redgum Chainsaw Sculpture Trail**
Foreshore, Murray River, Barham-Koondrook
- 21 Border Packers (Citrus Packing Shed)**
156 Grigg Road, Koondrook, VIC
(03) 5453 2523
- 22 Long Paddock Foodstore**
86 Main St, Koondrook, VIC
(03) 5453 3602

