

Facilities

- Walking trails.
- Scenic lookouts.
- Easy parking.
- Playgrounds for children.
- Picnic & barbecue facilities.
- Disabled parking & toilet.
- Boat ramp.



Please keep our wildlife safe - no dogs or cats are allowed into the Lake Awoonga area.



Disabled access is available into Kalinda Cafe and to some picnic shelters, and lookouts. Wheelchair access can be difficult due to the steepness of the site. Groups and individuals are encouraged to phone the GAWB Rangers on 0419 661 482 to discuss their special needs prior to arrival.



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Accommodation at Lake Awoonga:

Lake Awoonga Caravan Park (07) 4975 0155

Boat Hire: Boyne Barbie Boats 0412 047 098

General boat hire (07) 4975 0155

Houseboat hire (07) 4975 0155

Fishing Tours: Matthew Mott 0428 682 594

Lake Awoonga Guide Fishing Tours 0429 723 757

Club/Groups: Gladstone Bowhunters (07) 4978 5675

Gladstone Ski & Barefoot Club 0419 705 435

Port Curtis Scout Group (07) 4972 5300

Tourism Information: Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Ltd (07) 4972 4000

Fishing Competitions: Brats in Boats Junior Comp (January) (07) 4975 0155

No Blokes Barra Bash (March) (07) 4975 0155

Lake Awoonga Pro Am (October) (07) 4975 0155

Lions Barra Fest (October) 0439 733 302

Where is Lake Awoonga?



Lake Awoonga is located approx 30km from Gladstone in Central Queensland.



All Other Enquiries:



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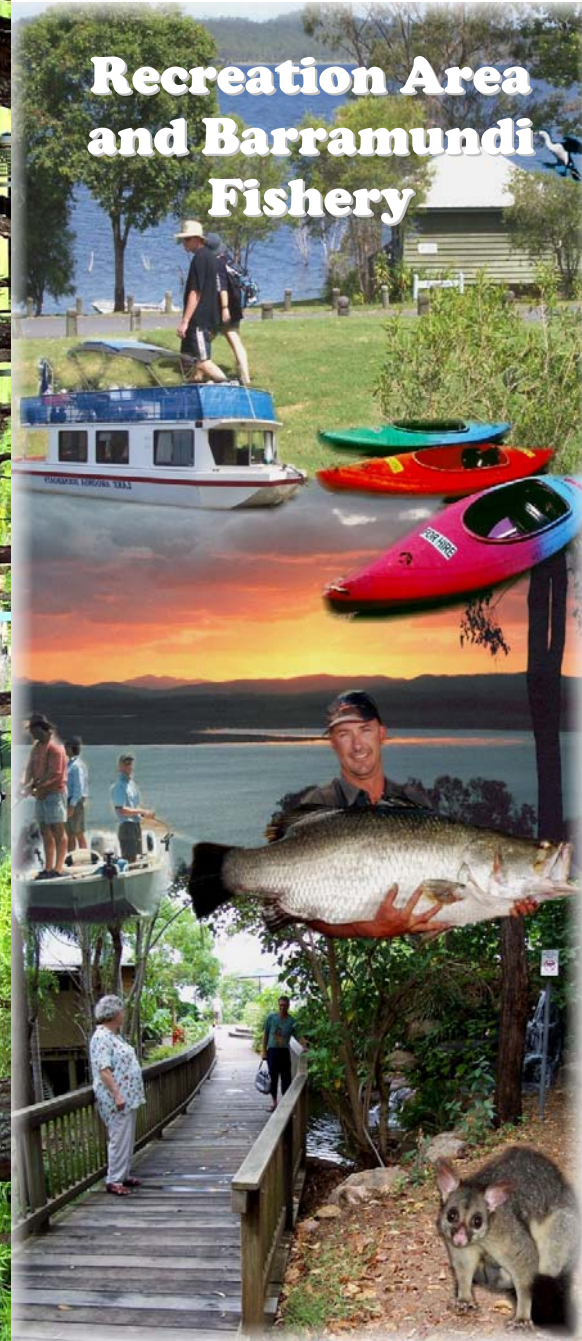


Lake Awoonga

Recreation Area and Barramundi Fishery



Information Booklet





Things to do

- Fish for barramundi (and other fish) all year round.
- Go swimming with family or friends.
- Saunter along one of the walking trails.
- Explore the beauty of Lake Awoonga by boat.
- Enjoy a picnic or barbecue.
- Drop into Kalinda Cafe for lunch on the deck and enjoy the glorious views.
- Hire a houseboat or stay at the Lake Awoonga caravan park/camping grounds.
- Participate in one of the annual fishing competitions.
- Go sailing, canoeing or skiing.
- Photograph the wonderful wildlife or go birdwatching.
- For a rustic camping experience, stay at the Boynedale Bush Camp, located 36km from Calliope on the Gladstone-Monto Road.
- Or just sit back, relax and take in the lovely landscapes and sensational scenery!
(Special events and exclusive use of the facilities may be permitted following application to the Gladstone Area Water Board.)

Fishing and Boating

The Gladstone Area Water Board operates a fish hatchery (supported by the Central Queensland Ports Authority) which breeds barramundi, mullet and mangrove jack for release into Lake Awoonga. Barramundi over 15kg are regularly caught, and the heaviest caught by the end of 2005 weighed in at a hefty 30.3kg!

There is no closed season for barramundi at Lake Awoonga, although there are some limitations:

Open Season (1 Feb – 31 Oct):	Closed Season (1 Nov – 31 Jan)
Minimum size 58cm	Minimum size 58cm
Bag limit of 5 fish per person	Bag limit of 1 fish person - that fish can be over 120cm.
Only 1 fish can be over 120cm.	No special tagging of fish is required.

Limitations on other stocked fish:

<u>Mangrove Jack</u>	Min size 35cm – no max size
<u>Sea Mullet</u>	Min size 30cm – no max size

The waters of lake Awoonga are controlled under the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act. This Act places the onus for safety on the owner and master of a vessel. The Act is enforced by Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol and Queensland Water Police.

Maps of the lake are available from Kalinda Cafe, Lake Awoonga Caravan Park kiosk or the boathouse, situated just down from Kalinda Cafe.

Local Wildlife

Lake Awoonga and the surrounding land provide habitat for a wondrous array of plants, animals and birds. Whiptail or pretty-face wallabies, can be easily found throughout the recreation area. You may also encounter skinks, frogs, turtles, platypus, possums, echidnas, butterflies, bats, koalas, geckos, and a multitude of insects and plant life.

For the bird-watching enthusiast, Lake Awoonga is a paradise, with around 200 species or approximately 25% of Australia's bird species found in the region. The Southern Squatter Pigeon is listed as vulnerable and of conservation significance, and a further fifteen species are listed on International Migratory Conservation Agreement lists.

Lake Awoonga is arguably one of the most important near-coast bird refuges on the East Coast of Australia.

Posters containing comprehensive lists of flora and fauna are on display in Kalinda Café and the Lake Awoonga Caravan Park kiosk. Posters and brochures can be downloaded from the GAWB website www.gawb.qld.gov.au, where you can also find photos, historical data and information on water supply to the region.



CAUTION: Fluctuating water levels. Submerged hazards exist.

