



# Introducing Lake Awoonga

Lake Awoonga is located 30km from Gladstone in Central Queensland, and boasts spectacular lake and mountain views, and picturesque waterfalls. Excellent recreation facilities are provided free to the public by the Gladstone Area Water Board, with shelter sheds, barbecues, walking paths and playgrounds. Enthusiastic anglers come to Lake Awoonga to catch the famed barramundi, of which over four million have been released into the lake. The largest caught weighed in at a hefty 36kg. In addition, Lake Awoonga is one of the few dams in Queensland to have been stocked with mangrove jack.

Alternatively, you can just sit back, relax, and enjoy the beautiful scenery and wildlife. Feathered, furry or scaled, Lake Awoonga is home to a thriving array of small animals, several of which are of conservational significance. As Lake Awoonga is a wildlife sanctuary, a 'no dogs or cats' policy is part of our conditions of entry. Aquatic vegetation maintains a wondrous array of small animals that support the fish, eels, turtles, platypus and birds. Further from the water's edge and into the bushland live other species of birds, reptiles and native fauna, including bandicoots, rufous bettongs, kangaroos, wallabies, greater gliders, yellow-bellied gliders and brush-tail possums.

Lake Awoonga hosts more than 220 species of birds (over 27% of Australia's bird species can be found in the region) and is ideal for ornithology, with highlights including the southern squatter pigeon (listed as of conservational significance), and a further twenty-two bird species 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.

How to get to Boynedale Bushcamp



Boynedale Bushcamp is a basic bush camping facility, providing composting toilets, fire rings, and some shelters. Campers are permitted to stay up to 7 days within a 30 day period. Dogs are allowed but must be controlled. Basic boat access is provided.

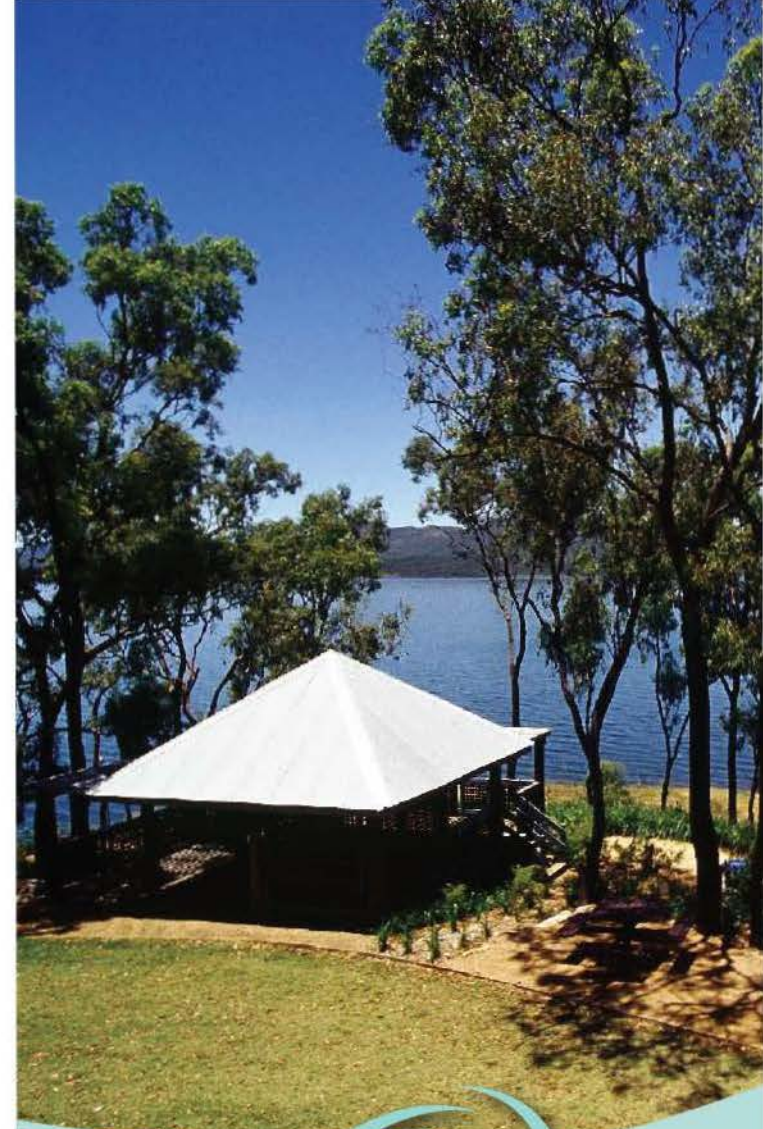
**Note:** No running water is provided, campers must bring their own. Also note that the roads are unsealed and may become boggy in wet weather.

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## LOCATION

Lake Awoonga is located 30 minutes from Gladstone in Central Queensland, and less than 10 minutes from Benaraby. Most roads are sealed and suitable for towing a boat or caravan. (Note: access road to Boynedale Bushcamp is unsealed)

**Nearest Airport:**  
Gladstone Airport – approximately 35 minutes from Lake Awoonga

## FACILITIES

- Public boat ramp
- Boat hire
- Walking trails
- Scenic lookouts
- Easy parking
- Children's playgrounds
- Picnic & barbecue facilities
- Parking and toilet for the disabled

## 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.
- Hire a boat or kayak and explore the beauty of Lake Awoonga.
- Enjoy a picnic or cook your lunch on a free barbecue.
- Stay at the Lake Awoonga caravan park/camping grounds.
- Go sailing, canoeing, or skiing.
- Photograph the wonderful wildlife or go bird-watching.
- For a rustic camping experience, stay at the Boynedale Bushcamp, located 26km 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 some facilities may be permitted following application to the Gladstone Area Water Board.*

