

ABOUT THE MARY RIVER

The Mary River is a major river system, traversing through the Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay-Burnett regions. Rich in picturesque green scenery and abundant with unique wildlife, the Mary River and its tributaries are the perfect place for canoe and kayak enthusiasts to paddle and explore.

Get up close with the rare Mary River Cod, Australian Lungfish, platypus and Mary River Turtle, or stop along the way for a picnic on one of the grassy banks in our beautiful parks. There are plenty of tributaries along the way, so beginner and intermediate paddlers can set a slower pace on their journey. Experienced kayakers may wish to set themselves a more challenging course. Gympie is perfectly positioned for nature enthusiasts and paddlers to enjoy the watercourses of this region, both from the banks and the water.

GYMPIE REGION CANOE AND KAYAK LAUNCH POINTS

Explore the Gympie region from our numerous waterways including the picturesque Mary River, one of Queensland's natural jewels. Start your journey from Gympie Regional Council's canoe and kayak launch points.



www.gympie.qld.gov.au/canoe-and-kayak



CANOE AND KAYAK WATER TRAIL



ABOUT THE LAUNCH POINTS

Enjoy the waterways of the Gympie region and paddle the Mary River and its tributaries from six launch points in Gympie, Imbil and Kandanga. Designated off-street parking areas are available at all locations.

GYMPIE LAUNCH POINTS

Launch points in Gympie can be accessed via Attie Sullivan Park (adjacent to the Normanby Bridge on Mary Valley Road) and the Gympie Weir, (near Kidd Bridge on River Terrace). This has created a great 2.2km one-way downstream beginners paddle that has something for everyone and is located on the Mary River (River to Rail Trail) right in the heart of Gympie.

THE SANDS RECREATIONAL AREA

Situated between these two points is the 'The Sands' recreational area. The Sands can be accessed via Kidgell Street, off the Bruce Highway when travelling north (to the left just before the Aldi supermarket) and provides the community with a safe area to swim in shallow waters, launch a canoe, have a picnic or just relax.

The Sands is part of the Gympie Regional Council's River to Rail Trail, which allows users to walk or ride a mountain bike along the banks of the Mary River. Recreational paddlers can easily access the water at the Sands via a rocky beach and head off in either direction from here, or enjoy a pleasant 2km paddle downstream to the purpose-built canoe and kayak launch point at the Gympie Weir, near Kidd Bridge.



MARY VALLEY LAUNCH POINTS

The Mary Valley launch points are situated in the welcoming townships of Imbil and Kandanga, with two on Yabba Creek, Imbil and one on Kandanga Creek, Kandanga. These launch points allow ease of access in and out of the water.

The Imbil launch points can be accessed at Bert Smith Memorial Park (on Lambert Hyne Drive) and upstream on Yabba Creek Road (400m west of Mathias Street). This creates an opportunity for a picturesque 2km paddle one-way or a great out and back paddle from either location.

Another stand-alone launch point is located at the Kandanga Weir (adjacent to the old Valley Rattler car park on Kandanga Creek Road), providing a picturesque 2km out and back paddle.

THINGS TO REMEMBER ON YOUR JOURNEY

Parts of the canoe and kayak trail meander through privately-owned farmland and you may encounter fencing barriers; please be considerate when travelling in privately-owned areas and stay in the waterway.

Avoid using the watercourse during periods of flood, or after heavy rainfall as the river flow can become strong and dangerous at certain times. Waterways can rise quickly during and after rain events.

Prepare well, take safety equipment and have fun!



GYMPIE WEIR
 4.5km north to Widgee Crossing
 (not a formalised launch point)
 2.2km south to Attie Sullivan Park

ATTIE SULLIVAN PARK
 2.2km north to Gympie Weir
 26.2km south to Traveston Crossing
 (not a formalised launch point)

THE SANDS
 1.8km north to Gympie Weir
 26.6km south to Traveston Crossing
 (not a formalised launch point)

KANDANGA WEIR
 2km loop upstream (west)

YABBA CREEK ROAD
 1.8km east to Bert Smith Park
 2.9km west to Yabba Creek Crossing No 1
 (not a formalised launch point)

BERT SMITH PARK
 1.8km west to Yabba Creek Road
 4.7km west to Yabba Creek Crossing No 1
 (not a formalised launch point)

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