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# Murray–Darling fishing trail



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Queensland's stocked dams and weirs offer fantastic recreational freshwater fishing experiences – and our regional fishing trails are a great way to *explore Queensland*.

With more than 60 dams and weirs across 5 regions – **North Queensland, Central Queensland, Wide Bay-Burnett, South East Queensland and the Murray–Darling** – there are plenty of places to wet a line and catch a great feed!

The **Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme (SIPS)** provides a sustainable fishing option, with over 2 million fish stocked in Queensland dams and weirs every year. The money you pay for your SIPS permit is used by community stocking groups to maintain fish stocks so you can enjoy your fishing – now and in the future.

## Before you head off ...

- **Download the Qld Fishing 2.0 app** so you have Queensland's recreational fishing rules at your fingertips.
- **Buy your SIPS permit** via the **Qld Fishing 2.0 app** or at **fisheries.qld.gov.au**, or call **1300 575 359** (or at Queensland and selected New South Wales Australia Post outlets).
- **Check with the relevant local authorities** (e.g. local council, Seqwater, Sunwater) that the dam or weir is open and safe to use.
- Make sure your vehicle is suitable to drive on **unsealed roads** (e.g. gravel and dirt) if required, check if you need **4WD capability** and make sure your **registrations** are up to date.
- Check the **weather conditions** and make sure you have all necessary safety gear.
- **Download** the Freshwater Fishing and Stocking Association of Queensland's **Fish Monitoring App** to keep track of your catches

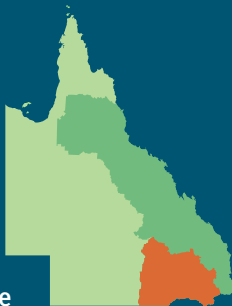
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\* All people over 18 years must have a permit to fish in stocked dams and weirs that are listed in this guide at time of printing.

# Gone fishing...

## in Murray–Darling

The Murray–Darling region spreads across four states and one territory, with 15% of the region sitting in Queensland. The mighty Murray cod is the prize up for grabs in these waters – growing to well over a metre with stunning green and gold colouration, these fish have to be seen (and caught) to be believed. With beautiful landscapes, an acclaimed wine region and of course plenty of freshwater fishing across the region, there is bound to be something for everyone.



1. Surat Weir
2. Gil Weir
3. Miles Weir
4. Chinchilla Weir
5. Cooby Dam
6. Cecil Plains Weir
7. Lemon Tree Weir
8. Yarramalong Weir
9. Talgai Weir
10. Leslie Dam
11. Connolly Dam
12. Storm King Dam
13. Glenlyon Dam
14. Bonshaw Weir
15. Cunningham Weir (Beebo Weir)
16. Glenarbon Weir
17. Ben Dor Weir
18. Whetstone Weir
19. Inglewood Town Weir
20. Coolmunda Dam
21. Goondiwindi Weir (Paul Hilton Weir)





# Stocked fish

## Murray cod

**A challenging fish to catch, requiring patience and effort!**

Target areas with fast running water, submerged structures (such as big logs and standing trees) or deep holes – usually spots where they can hide and ambush their prey. First or last light in the warmer months are the best times to catch them as they are less active from April/May. Use deep-diving lures or live yabbies – lures that realistically imitate the bait are best, so swimbaits and soft plastics are becoming the most popular choices for dams.



## Golden perch

**Spring is the best season for catching golden perch as they start becoming more active, and evening is the best time to get a bite.**

Although not as big as some other fish, they are a great sport fish and fun for any fisher to catch. Best to fish with a small lure as it mimics their diet of small insects, yabbies, fish and prawns (small soft plastics around 50–80 mm).



## Silver perch

As with golden perch, small lures and bait are the best for catching silver perch due to their small mouths.

Shrimps are the best bait as they are their primary food source.



## NOTE: Redclaw crayfish

Outside of their natural range in the Gulf of Carpentaria and Cape York Peninsula south to the Normanby River, Redclaw Crayfish are considered a non-Indigenous species and must not be used as bait or returned to the water.



# Pest fish

If you catch a pest fish, do not release it back into the water – you must dispose of it appropriately.

If caught, tilapia must be humanely destroyed immediately and disposed of as soon as practicable by burying a suitable distance from the waterway where it was caught or placing it in a rubbish bin.

If you spot a pest fish outside their known distribution, please take a photo and call **Biosecurity** on **13 25 23**.

The most common types of pest fish are **carp**, **tilapia** and **gambusia** (mosquito fish).

Common carp



Gambusia (mosquito fish)



Mozambique tilapia



Spotted tilapia





# Stocked dams and weirs

## Facilities guide



Accommodation  
within 5 km



Picnic tables



Boat hire



Camping  
within 5 km



Playground/  
kids activities



Boat ramp



Campfires



Toilets



Water sports



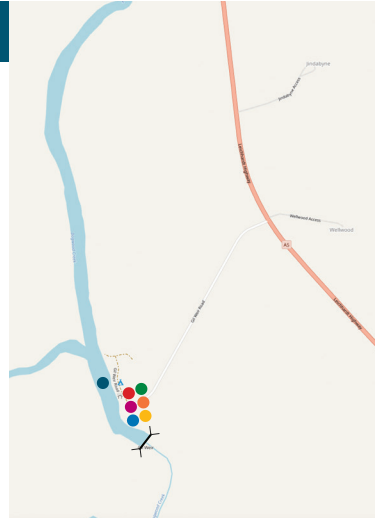
BBQs



# Stocked dams and weirs

## Gil Weir

- Located on Dogwood Creek, 5 km south of Miles on the Leichardt Highway
- Stocked with Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch
- Small jetty to fish from
- Popular for fishing and water sports
- Composting toilet and wood fuelled BBQ
- Free camping – best area is the bridge on the edge of Miles
- Walking track up and downstream for fishing
- Not far to walk into Miles for meals or supplies

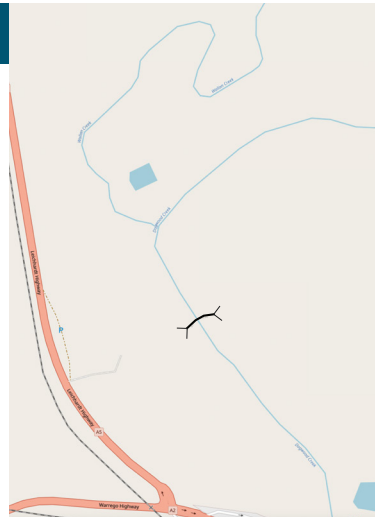


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## Miles Weir

- Located on Dogwood Creek, 5 km west of Miles
- Stocked with Murray cod and golden perch
- Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft



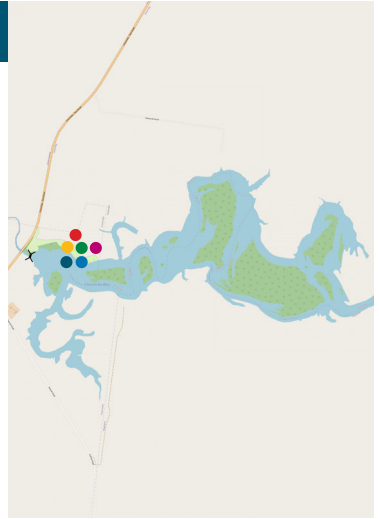
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# Stocked dams and weirs

## Chinchilla Weir

- Located on the Condamine River, 8 km south-east of Chinchilla
- Stocked with Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch
- Free campsite with powered sites and newly upgraded facilities
- Popular for fishing and water sports

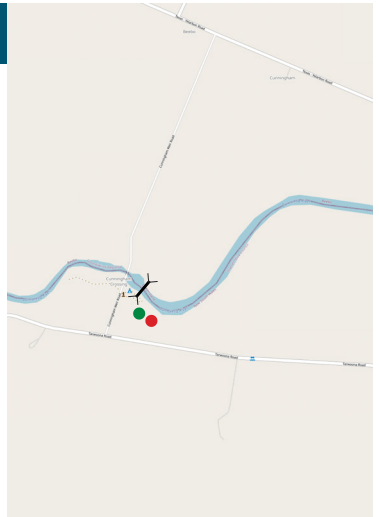


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## Cunningham Weir (Beebo Weir)

- Located on the Dumaresq River in the town of Camp Creek, 30 km east of Yelarbon and 80 km east of Goondiwindi
- Stocked with Murray cod and golden perch
- Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft
- Free camping on the New South Wales side of the river



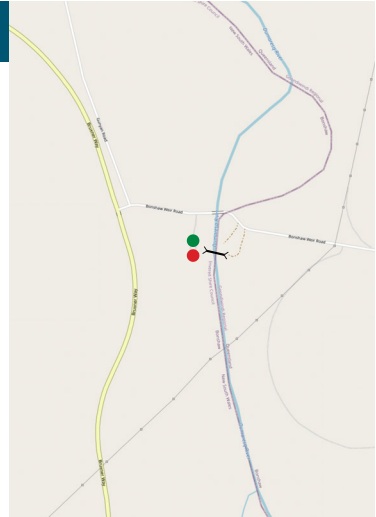
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## Bonshaw Weir

- Located on the Queensland–New South Wales border on the Dumaresq River, 10 km north of Bonshaw
- Stocked with Murray cod and golden perch
- Best for kayaks and small vessels as there is no boat ramp
- Free camping on the New South Wales side of the river



### Facilities



## Coolmunda Dam

- Located approx. 15 km east of Inglewood off the Cunningham Highway
- Stocked with golden perch, silver perch and Murray cod
- Top rated fishing spot and popular for catching golden perch
- Popular for fishing and water sports
- Fish cleaning tables at the ramp
- Tranquil area where bird watching and hiking are popular



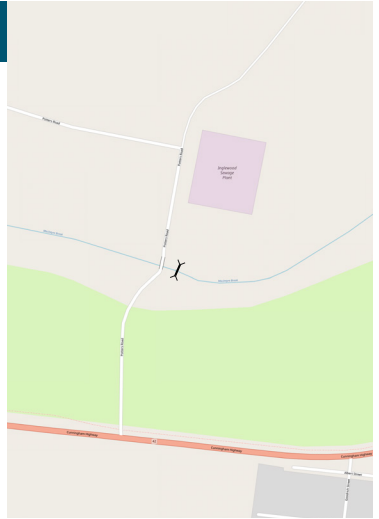
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## Stocked dams and weirs

### Inglewood Town Weir

- Located on the Macintyre Brook River on the north side of Inglewood
- Stocked with Murray cod and golden perch
- Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft
- Accommodation available in Inglewood

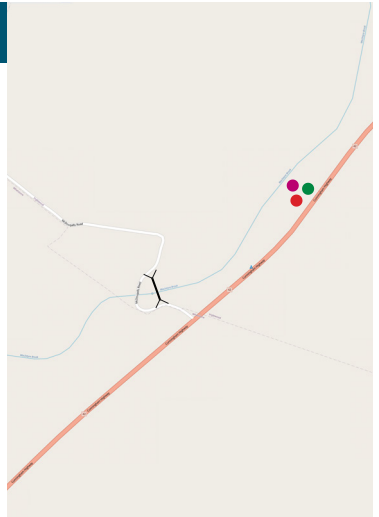


#### Facilities



### Whetstone Weir

- Located on the Macintyre Brook River, 15 km south-west of Inglewood off McDouglas Road
- Stocked with Murray cod and golden perch
- Free camping on the south side
- Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft



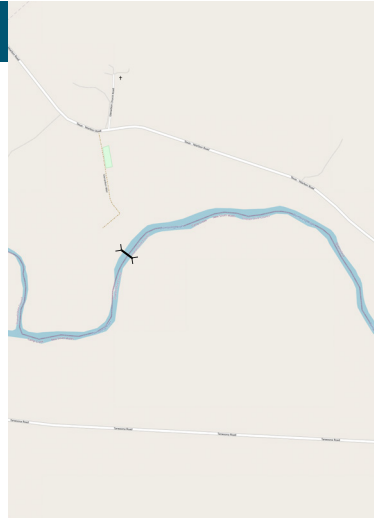
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# Stocked dams and weirs

## Glenarbon Weir

- Located 20 km east of Yelarbon on the Dumaresq River
- Stocked with Murray cod and golden perch
- Access on the Queensland side of the river through the reserve
- Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft

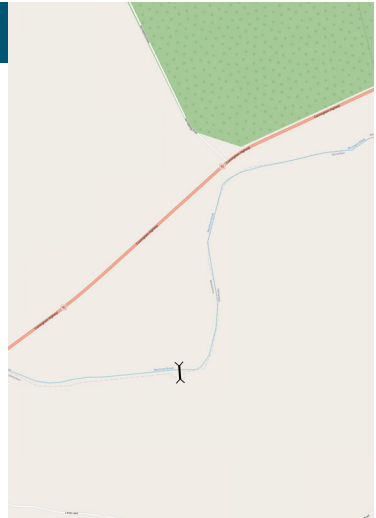


### Facilities



## Ben Dor Weir

- Located on the Macintyre Brook River, 30 km south-west of Inglewood
- Stocked with Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch
- Access opposite Springborg Road on the Cunningham Highway through the reserve
- Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft
- Accommodation in Inglewood



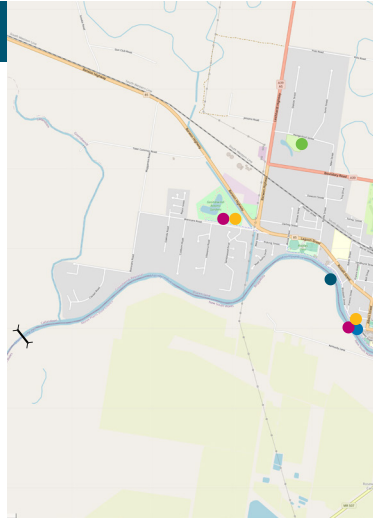
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# Stocked dams and weirs

## Goondiwindi Weir (Paul Hilton Weir)

- Located on the Macintyre River on the south side of Goondiwindi
- Stocked with Murray cod and golden perch
- Popular for fishing and water sports
- Access off Elizabeth Drive
- Accommodation in Goondiwindi



### Facilities



## Surat Weir

- Located on the Balonne River on the north side of Surat
- Stocked with Murray cod and golden perch
- Self-proclaimed 'fishers paradise'
- Popular for fishing and water sports
- Access via Fishermans Park Camp Area on the north side of the river
- Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft



### Facilities

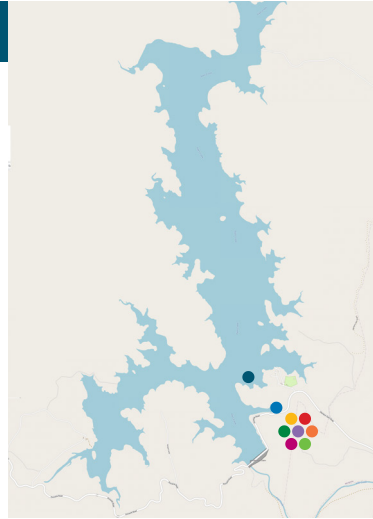




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## Glenlyon Dam

- Located 95 km drive south-west of Stanthorpe
- Stocked with Murray cod, silver perch and golden perch
- Known for catches of big Murray cod – spawning in late winter and early spring is well worth seeing
- Popular for fishing and water sports
- Onsite kiosk

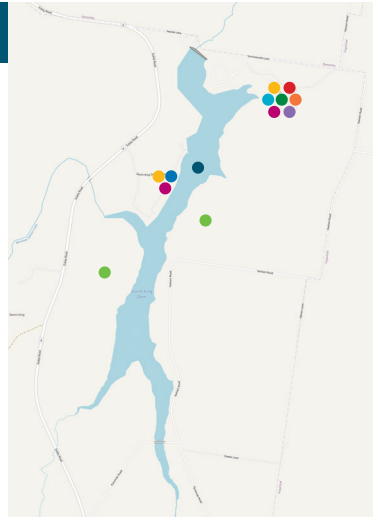


### Facilities



## Storm King Dam

- Located off the Dumaresq River, 5 km south-east of Stanthorpe
- Stocked with Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch
- Popular for fishing and water sports
- Boating permit required from Southern Downs Regional Council
- Disabled facilities are available
- Designated swimming area



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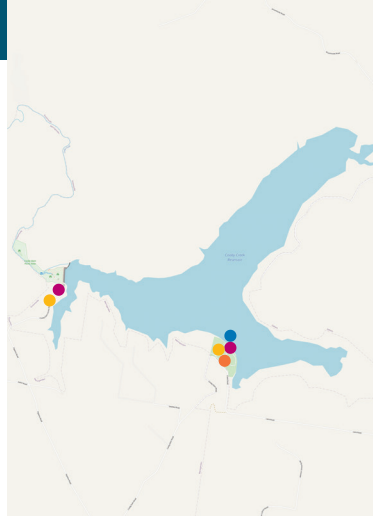


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## Cooby Dam

*NOTE: Before you go, check if fishing permitted – cyanobacteria levels monitored in the dam*

- Located 20 km north of Toowoomba
- Stocked with Murray cod, silver perch and golden perch
- Only electric powered vessels, sailboats and paddle craft allowed
- **Swimming is prohibited**

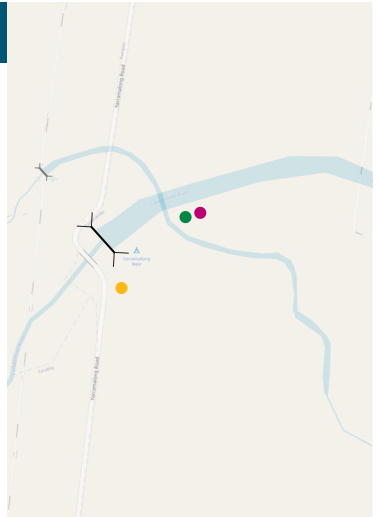


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## Yarramalong Weir

- Located on the Condamine River, 30 km east of Millmerran and 80 km southwest of Toowoomba
- Stocked with Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch
- Access via Yarramalong Road (off the Millmerran-Leyburn Road or Fysch Road, Pampas) off the Gore Highway
- Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft
- Free camping on the south side of the river



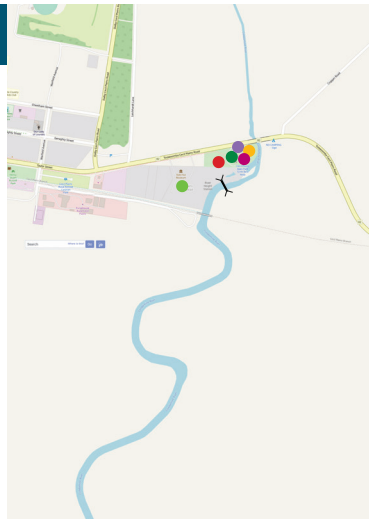
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## Cecil Plains Weir

- Located on the Condamine River, east of Cecil Plains
- Stocked with Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch
- Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft
- Free camping for self-contained campers/ caravans on the west side of the river, off Toowoomba Cecil Plains Road (max. three nights)

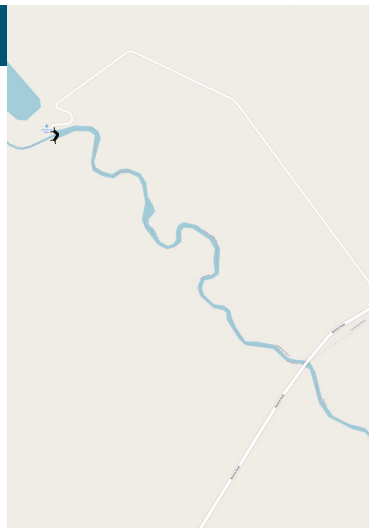


### Facilities



## Lemon Tree Weir

- Located on the Condamine River, approx. 70 km southwest of Toowoomba and 20 km north of Millmerran
- Stocked with Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch
- Access via the east side of the river beside the Bostock Road bridge
- Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft
- No camping permitted



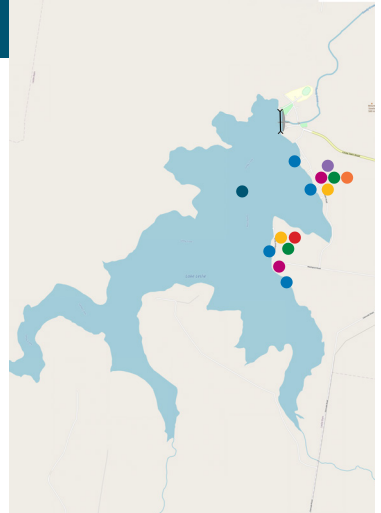
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# Stocked dams and weirs

## Leslie Dam

- Located on the Condamine River, 13 km west of Warwick
- Stocked with Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch
- There is 1288 hectares of dam to be fished
- Popular for fishing and water sports
- Two onsite caravan parks
- Six-knot zone near the dam wall with fish attracting structures installed
- Locally known as Blackboy Cove, this is also a good site for fishing and if you are using a sounder to find the fish, fish near the drop-offs which are the underwater valleys in most parts of the dam
- Golden perch are the predominant species. They are caught on saltwater yabbies, shrimps, worms and will also chase lures and blades
- Murray cod are also worthwhile chasing using lures and baits like crayfish, shrimps and worms
- Silver perch are easy to catch using worms or shrimps



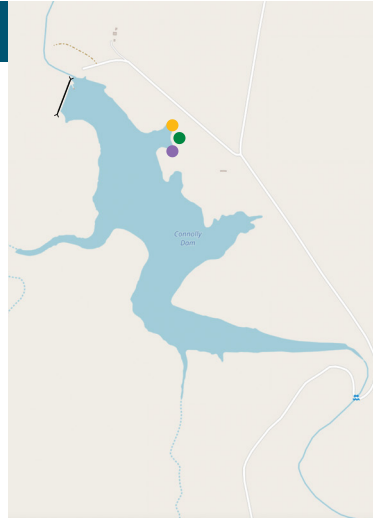
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## Connolly Dam

- Located on the Condamine River in Silverwood, 19 km south of Warwick
- Stocked with Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch
- Campground for self-contained caravans and bush campers – no pre-booking of sites needed
- This is a small dam of about 64 hectares
- Picnic Point is a very popular area for fishermen, along with Fitz's Creek, Rosenthal Creek and along the rock wall.
- Electric and oar-powered vessels permitted on the dam during daylight

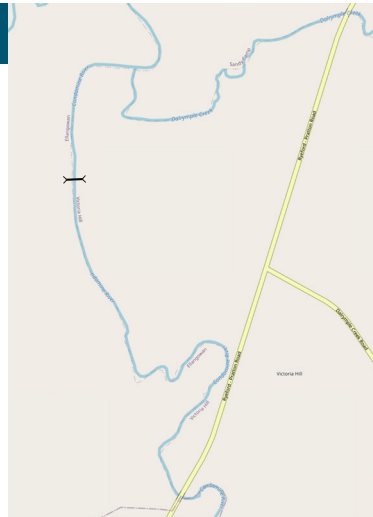


### Facilities



## Talgai Weir

- Located on the Condamine River, 30 km south of Warwick
- Stocked with Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch
- Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft



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*No facilities at this location*









