

Kayaking locations

The forest is largely made up of flood dependent vegetation, and now is the perfect time to see a wide range of plants and animals making the most of the additional water.

Kayaking through Gunbower Forest during a large-scale water for the environment delivery is a special and unique experience. Prospective adventurers are encouraged to book in with a local tour guide and/or take a GPS with them to avoid getting lost.

There are a few special spots well worth visiting during and after a delivery of water:

Reedy Lagoon

This horseshoe lagoon has long-proven to be very resilient and contains significant habitat for a wide range of vegetation, fish, birds and other wildlife. Access to Reedy Lagoon can be made by following Plantation Road.

Yarran Creek

This creek connects the Murray River with Gunbower Creek and a range of wetlands like Green Swamp, Corduroy Swamp and Little Reedy Lagoon. Wind your way around the many bends to see a wide range of habitats and areas on the floodplain.. The best spot to launch in Yarran Creek is from nearby Shillinglaws regulator on River Track.

Cohuna Lagoon in Gunbower Creek

This section of the creek presents great boating which contains a wide range of tree hollows and branches used by a many bird species. Access to Gunbower Creek is provided at Town Beach in Apex Park, Cohuna.

Spur Island

Paddle around Spur Island during the delivery of water for the environment for a faster flowing adventure. Access to Spur Creek can be gained from Hipwell Road.



Safety

While visiting the forest it's important to be prepared.

To ensure a safe and pleasurable experience:

- Always wear a life jacket or buoyancy vest while kayaking / canoeing.
- Ensure the vessel is free of leaks and in good condition.
- Bring water and snacks.
- Carry a first aid kit.
- When launching a vessel make sure there are safe entry and exit points.
- Always check the current weather forecast and warnings before entering Gunbower Forest.
- Ensure the ability of all kayakers and canoers is at the correct level for the journey.
- Let someone know when and where you plan to begin and end your journey.
- Take a GPS and/or mobile phone (although phone reception can be patchy in parts of the forest).
- Consider taking a guided paddle with an experienced local kayaking company.



River red gums can also drop their branches without warning so be careful when canoeing and remember to leave your car parked in a safe spot.

Duck hunting may occur in this area between March and June. Contact DELWP or the Cohuna Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre for more kayaking locations.

All risks associated with canoeing and kayaking activities are assumed the individual undertaking the activity.



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Gunbower Forest

A guide to kayaking during a water for the environment event



A great place to explore

As an internationally important wetland in the north of Victoria, Gunbower Forest includes one of the most significant remaining areas of river red gum forest in Australia. It's a special place for locals, Traditional Owners and visitors and valued for its recreational, social, cultural, and environmental benefits.

Delivering water for the environment, including this year's delivery to about 23% of the forest, brings with it great opportunities to visit Gunbower Forest while under flood conditions.



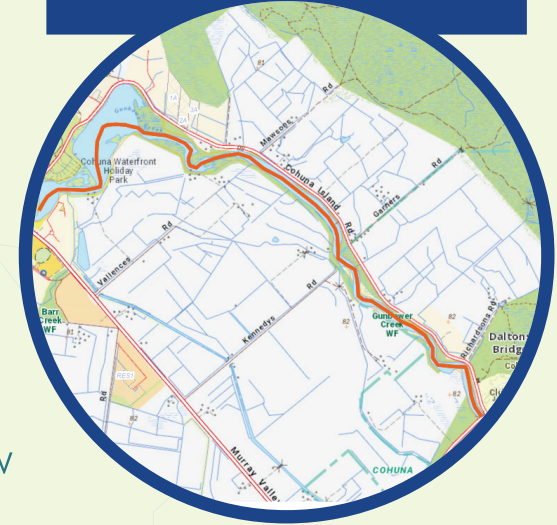
1. Reedy Lagoon

One way 4.5km 1 - 2 hours
Return 9km 2 - 4 hours



3. Cohuna to Daltons Bridge

One way 6km 1 - 2 hours
Return 12km 3 - 4 hours



2. Yarran Creek

One way 5.3km 1 - 2 hours
Return 10.6km 2 - 4 hours



4. Spur Island

Loop 5.5km 1 - 2 hours

