



Have a holiday "This ~~~~~ Big"!

Bundaberg is widely regarded as one of the best fishing locations anywhere in the world, offering the full range of angling pursuits from freshwater to deep sea and reef.

The Burnett River runs right through Bundaberg City and nurtures Whiting, Bream, Barramundi and Threadfin Salmon throughout the year. The winter months produce Bream, Tailor, Blue Threadfin Salmon and Diver Whiting. The warmer weather brings out Barramundi, Mangrove Jack and King Threadfin Salmon, Summer Whiting, Dusky Whitehead and Javelin Fish. Some of the river's hotspots include the North Wall, Skyringville, Strathdee's Rocks, Kirby's Wall, the Town Reach and Splitter's Creek.

The Elliott River is just 20kms southeast of Bundaberg and produces Bream, Whiting and Flathead. Giant Trevally are also found here along with Barramundi in the warmer months and areas like the **Black Bank** and **Shark's Nest** produce some fine fish especially around autumn.



The Kolan River is a short 30min drive north from Bundaberg and the visiting angler can catch Bream, Whiting, Flathead, Trevally, Queenfish and Trumpeter throughout the year. In winter, Tailor and Mackerel can be found, while in summer, Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, King Threadfin and Blue threadfin abound. The warmer months also promise plenty of crabs and prawns.

Baffle Creek is just 58kms north of Bundaberg and has a tidal reach of 35 kms and teems with over 70 fish and crustacean species. The total range of estuary species can be found here, but it has become well known for its **Mangrove Jack** fishing. The sandy sections produce Bream, Whiting and Flathead, while deeper holes and rock ledges promise Grunter, Cod, Barramundi and Mangrove Jack.



For the more adventurous, **offshore and reef fishing** will reward you with members of the Emperor family and Spanish Mackerel. Most of the reefs offer a range of species like Emperor, Coral Trout, Squire, Cod Snapper, Sweetlip and Trevally, as well as Mackerel, Cobia and Tuna.

Some of the closer reefs include **The Four Mile, Cochrane Artificial, Woodgate Artificial** and **The Two Mile**, found only a few nautical miles from shore. Those further afield include **The Fifteen Mile, 25 Fathom, The Five Degree** and **Thirty Degree** patches, **Southern Gutter, Northern Gutter** and **Kolan Patch**. Most of these are well over 10 nautical miles from shore and require boats that are equipped to handle ocean travel.

Lake Cania lies approximately two and a half hours drive north of Bundaberg and is part of the **Cania Gorge National Park**. Over 300,000 Australian Bass and Gold and Silver Perch and 240 adult Saratoga were released here between 1993 and 1997.





Lake Cania and Lake Wuruma (just west of Eidsvold) are part of the famous **Bass to Barra Trail**, which links the best fishing spots over multiple regions and attracts anglers from all over Australia.

Lake Monduran is the third biggest dam in Queensland, just 73 kms northeast of Bundaberg off the Bruce Highway. Species found here include Sooty Grunter, Sleepy Cod, Golden and Silver Perch, Saratoga and Barramundi, Fork-Tailed Catfish, Bass and Garfish.

Boat Ramps :

Burrum River: Buxton Boat Ramp, Wharf St Buxton, concrete construction, dual lane. Walkers Point Boat Ramp, Esplanade, Walkers Point, concrete construction, dual lane.

Woodgate Beach: First Ave Boat Ramp - Esplanade, single lane timber construction. Open sea ramp, rough weather can make usage difficult.

Theodolite Creek, Woodgate (slats and chains laid on sand) but with tidal limitations for usage.

Boat ramps can be also found at **Baffle Creek** at **Colonial Cove** and **Winfield**, **Kolan River** at **Miara** and **Booyan**, **Burnett River** at **Sandy Hook**, **Elliott River** at **Riverview**. There is an ocean ramp at **Innes Park**, and beach access ramps are located at **Bargara** and **Elliott Heads**. All the boat ramps around **Burnett Heads** are controlled by the Port Authority.



Open Ocean Fishing



Bargara Beach



Baffle Creek

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