

MURRAY EXPLORER

CUSTOMER DETAILED INFORMATION

This is a self-guided/supported tour. No guides accompany you however we assist you in delivery to start and pick up at finish point. Some canoe and camping experience is recommended prior to undertaking this trip. Due to the entry track requiring 4x4 we can only book 4 persons per trip.

Water levels will determine the suitability of the tour.

The tour is run on demand and inquiries are best made by phone or email in regard to canoe availability. Booking is essential although as normal canoe hire no deposit or bond is required.

Day 1

Please arrive at Dwellingup Adventures Tour Desk Waypoints Café situated in the Dwellingup Trails and Visitor Centre at 9am. Customer toilet facilities are available at the centre as are hot showers, laundromat, and locker storage.

When you arrive at Dwellingup we complete the paperwork for the canoe hire and you pay. You transfer your overnight camping gear to our vehicle. You may have your own dry containers, or you may hire a 20 litre dry barrel along with other equipment (see below). Once you are prepared you leave your vehicle in Dwellingup and we transport your party along with all your gear and canoe to Murray Campsite via Murray River Road. Please note our 4x4 vehicle (up to 4 persons) can get canoeists directly to the launch area.

The canoe distance is 22 kms. Most people usually canoe about 12kms day one and about 10kms day two. Most people camp at Yarragil (12 kms from your start point). Yarragil is a DBCA (Department Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions) camping site, there are toilets, tent sites, tables and BBQ pits. Yarragil is a pre-booked camp site with fees. If you plan to camp at Yarragil please contact <https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park-stay> and make the booking.

There are other wild sites i.e. clear bank areas with no facilities upstream from Yarragil. They are not booked and non-vehicle based travelers often use them although rangers encourage visitors to use the designated camp sites.

Day 2

The trip concludes at Baden Powell Waterspout. Baden Powell Waterspout is a severe drop that forms a grade 4 rapid in high water and exposed rocky formations in low water. The area is clearly sign posted and to go past it you would need to take the canoe out of the water carry it 300 metres around the water fall past the car park and the sign that indicates Baden Powell. We meet you there at 3pm and return your party and all equipment back to Dwellingup.

We Supply

One, two or three-person canoes are available. For a party of two we recommend the three persons as it leaves lots of room in the middle for your equipment. We supply paddles, buoyancy vests, water sports helmets and laminated river maps.

Vehicle Security

Space does not permit us to leave your vehicle in a secure yard overnight. Street parking in front of our premises is available. Dwellingup does not have a high crime rate but you park your vehicle at your own risk. Dwellingup Adventures accepts no responsibility for vehicles.

What To Bring

You will need water and food. Water is easily carried in saved milk containers. Food items that perish if wet will need to be stored in your dry barrel. Warm clothes for sleeping and dry land should also be kept dry. A tent and sleeping bags are required. Do not rely on open fires and always take a small stove with a normal utensil selection. Try to keep your gear to the minimum. Take first aid.

River Levels

The Murray River is reliant on natural rainfall patterns. Dwellingup Adventures will advise you if the water levels are unsuitable.

Maps

It is a good idea to always take a map. The river maps are clear, but should you need to walk out for any reason a ground map is handy.

- NANGA Western Australia Land Management Series 2132-3 with a scale of 1:50 000 available from DBCA offices, Dwellingup Visitor Centre and DOLA
- Canoeing Guide number 5 Driver Road to Yarragil and number 6 Yarragil to Nanga Bridge are supplied by Dwellingup Adventures at no cost.

Safety

The section from Dawn Creek Road to Yarragil can be challenging with a couple of rapids, some narrow fast sections and often debris and obstacles. North Junction Form runs alongside the river on river left (looking downstream) North Junction Form provides access to Stringers and Nanga Mill campsite, both sites will often have campers. Footprints of mobile reception are available in the reserve usually at elevated positions. Reception however will depend on your phone type and provider.

The section from Yarragil to Baden Powell or Island Pool to Baden Powell is generally suitable for novices and beginners. Two roads run parallel to the river, River Road on river right (looking downstream) and Murray Valley Road, river left (looking downstream). River Road will lead you back to your vehicle should you need to walk out.

If you are not at Baden Powell Waterspout at the designated pick-up time Dwellingup Adventures staff will travel along River Road to check your location.

If you require an emergency phone there are two land lines in the park.

Entry Ranger Station: if occupied rangers have a phone.

Nanga Bush Camp: a phone box close to the manager's residence is available for emergency and local calls only at no cost. Both locations are on your map.

In a medical emergency call 000. As best note or describe your location. Emergency services will typically try to get to you. If you can please secure all gear and canoes up from the river and note location.

Dwellingup Adventures may be able to assist emergency staff so call 95381127.

For a non-medical emergency call Dwellingup Adventures for assistance. If you have to leave the river please secure all gear and canoes up from the river and note location.

Bookings

Access is by 4x4 and limited to 4 persons per trip. Bookings can be made by phone or email. There is no deposit or bond required. Any cancellation should be made early to assist us with our other plans for the day.

Waypoints Picnic Package.

Ask about our optional Picnic Package from \$15.00 per person. Include fresh wrap or sandwich, cookie or raw slice and a freshly squeezed juice. Ask about multi meal packages.

Hire Equipment

Dwellingup Adventures has a limited range of light weight camping equipment.

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| • 2 person tents | \$28.00 per night |
| • Trangia Stove methylated spirits 2 person | \$15.00 per day |
| • Day packs, 33 litres | \$12.00 per day |
| • Self-inflating sleeping mats | \$10.00 per day |
| • Black diamond walking poles (adjust, pair) | \$8.00 per day. |
| • Dry barrels (20 litre) | \$3.00 per day. |