

# What Can I Catch?

## Golden Perch (Yellowbelly)



A medium to large fish with a deep, laterally compressed body. The body colour being generally olive-green with a yellow or cream belly. The mouth is large with the lower jaw protruding slightly. The tail is rounded.

**Distribution:** Prefers warm slow moving turbid sections of streams but also found in flooded backwaters and stocked impoundments.

**Size:** Common length - 40cm, maximum length - 75cm. Up to 23kg.

**Tips** The species is an opportunistic carnivore. The natural diet of an adult fish consists mainly of shrimp, yabbies, small fish and benthic aquatic insect larvae. Juvenile fish consume more of the smaller items such as aquatic larvae and micro crustaceans. They seem to like shrimp bait bobbed gently up and down amongst logs. Small deep diving lures are also a popular catching method. They are most active at dawn or dusk in rising water. Highly attracted to slow moving spinnerbaits.

## Murray Cod



The largest Australian freshwater fish. Easily identified by its large mouth, cream to white belly and green mottled pattern on the body and head. Adults have a broad head with a concave profile and the spine front portion of the long, single dorsal fin is longer than the softer rear portion. The tail is rounded.

**Distribution:** Likes areas of low flow, resides around undercut banks and fallen timber.

**Size:** Common length - 65cm, maximum length - 180cm. Up to 113.6kg.

**Tips** Generally associated with deep holes in rivers, the Murray Cod prefers habitats with instream cover such as rocks, stumps, fallen trees or undercut banks. A 'sit and wait' predator, its natural diet consistent of fish, crayfish and frogs. Baits of crayfish, mussels or small live fish are popular. Murray Cod will also rise to lures.

## Silver Perch



A medium to large fish with a body that becomes deeper and more laterally compressed with age. The single dorsal fin has a higher, spinous anterior section and a lower, rayed section at the rear. The body colour is grey to grey-brown with a lighter belly. The scales are much smaller than those on Golden or Macquarie perch, and the head and mouth are small. The tail is weakly forked.

**Distribution:** Prefer lowland, turbid and slow-flowing rivers.

**Size:** Common length - 30cm, maximum length - 50cm. Up to 8kg.

**Tips** The Silver Perch is omnivorous. Their natural diet consists of aquatic plants, snails, shrimps and aquatic insect larvae. Bait of prawn and worms are common. Schools do accumulate at the heads of waterholes and flowing reaches, and they can be easily attracted to a fly or lure.

## Freshwater Catfish (Eel-tailed Catfish, Jewfish)



A medium sized species with a laterally compressed rear portion of the body. The head is large and four pairs of barbels surround the mouth, with its thick fleshy lips. The skin is smooth with no scales. The back of adults is usually olive-green to brown, and the belly whitish. Juveniles tend to be grey-brown, mottled with darker blotches.

**Distribution:** Often found on sand or gravel bottoms in slow moving streams, or in impoundments.

**Size:** Common length - 40cm, maximum length - 90cm. Up to 6.8kg.

**Tips** Many anglers use shrimp or worm. They are often caught in shallow water off grassy banks particularly from dusk.

## Spangled Perch



A small to medium sized, laterally compressed fish with a relatively slender body for a grunter. The single dorsal fin has a moderately sized notch between the spinous and soft-rayed portions. The pelvic fins are inserted behind the origin of the pectoral fins. The anal and pelvic fins are white.

The back is generally brown to steely-blue and the sides silvery-grey with numerous bronze to rusty-brown spots. The tail is slightly forked, the eye is small to moderate, and the mouth is of moderate size with equal jaws.

**Distribution:** Prefer areas of rapid flow

**Size:** Common length - 15cm, maximum length - 33cm

**Tips** The Spangled Perch feeds mainly during daylight hours and is primarily a carnivore, although it consumes some plant material. Aquatic insects, shrimps, prawns, micro crustaceans and fish are important components of their natural diet. This perch can be very abundant, especially after flooding.

## Make it Legal

Remember to abide with the regulations regarding licensing, weight and bag limits and restricted seasons, and restricted locations for fishing in both Queensland and New South Wales when in our region.

Please also be aware that rules can differ between Queensland and New South Wales, for information visit:

### Queensland

Ph: 13 25 23  
[daf.qld.gov.au/fisheries/recreational](http://daf.qld.gov.au/fisheries/recreational)

Qld fishing licenses are available from the Goondiwindi, Inglewood and Texas Post Office's, or online via Qld Government website.

### New South Wales

Ph: 1300 550 474  
[dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational](http://dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational)

NSW fishing licenses are available from Gundy Sports Centre, Gundy Guns and Outdoor Supplies and Texas News agency.

### As a Courtesy

Please leave all gates as you find them. Please take all rubbish with you if bins are not provided.

# Goondiwindi Region Fishing Guide





## Fishing

The Goondiwindi region is a fishing haven, with a wide variety of fishing for you to enjoy. From the clear, rocky upper reaches of the Dumaresq River, to the muddy waters of the lower Macintyre River, creeks, lagoons and Coolmunda Dam, you will have plenty of options to weigh up. Picturesque public and private areas for camping abound, so come for a weekend or come for a week, you won't be disappointed.

## Where can't I fish?

### Closed Waters

The following areas do not permit fishing:

- Dumaresq River:** from Bonshaw Weir to 100m downstream of Bonshaw Weir
- Macintyre Brook:** from 100m upstream to 200m downstream of Coolmunda Dam spillway wall, Whetstone Weir and Ben Dor Weir
- Macintyre River:** from 150m upstream to 150m downstream of Goondiwindi Weir

## Where can I put the boat in?

### Boat Ramps

All with toilets, drinking water, adjacent picnic areas, and rubbish bins

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| <b>Goondiwindi</b><br>Marshall Street, Macintyre River<br>-28.54632, 150.29936 | <b>Coolmunda Dam</b><br>13km east of Inglewood<br>-28.42404, 151.21734 |
| <b>Goondiwindi Water Park</b><br>-28.54747, 150.32898                          | <b>Glenlyon Dam</b><br>-28.96179, 151.46923                            |

There are also spots at Goondiwindi Town Common, Rainbow Reserve, Yellowbank Reserve, Less Reserve, Bengalla Reserve and Keetah Border Crossing where a boat can be launched from the Rivers edge.

## Where to Stock Up?

### Bait and fishing equipment

Numerous Service Stations across the region stock ice, and from time to time bait. Just drop in and ask.

- Goondiwindi**  
Gundy Sports Centre: bait and fishing equipment  
Gundy Guns and Outdoor Supplies: bait and fishing equipment

- Inglewood**  
Shell (Service Station): bait and ice  
Roadhouse (Service Station): bait and ice  
Wilshire & Co (local hardware store): fishing equipment

- Texas**  
Ford's Family Store: bait  
Metro Service Station: bait  
Hong Yuens: fishing equipment  
Glenlyon Dam Tourist Park: bait and fishing equipment

**Note:** most locations are considered dry weather access only

LOCATION	Latitude, Longitude Nearest Town, River System	LOCATION	Latitude, Longitude Nearest Town, River System	LOCATION	Latitude, Longitude Nearest Town, River System
1 Talwood Reserve Talwood Boonanga Road	-28.495631, 149.490636 Talwood, Weir River	8 Yellowbank Reserve Kildonan Rd	-28.655282, 150.529409 Goondiwindi, Dumaresq River	15 Lovells Crossing Rd Lovells Crossing Rd	-28.410143, 151.077917 Inglewood, Macintyre Brook
2 Boonganga Reserve Talwood Boonanga Road	-28.574671, 149.561001 Talwood, Barwon River	9 Lees Reserve Kildonan Rd	-28.660438, 150.560711 Goondiwindi, Dumaresq River	16 Coolmunda Dam Coolmunda Access Rd	-28.420765, 151.217349 Inglewood, Macintyre Brook
3 Bungunya Reserve Bungunya Westmar Rd	-28.383010, 149.691383 Bungunya, Weir River	10 Bengalla Reserve Kildonan Rd	-28.663946, 150.598663 Yelarbon, Dumaresq River	17 Gibraltar Reserve Texas Yelarbon Rd	-28.836455, 151.093369 Texas, Dumaresq River
4 Tarewinnabar Reserve Kondar Rd	-28.156576, 150.116502 Goondiwindi, Weir River	11 Keetah Border Crossing Yelarbon Keetah Rd	-28.642481, 150.720271 Yelarbon, Dumaresq River	18 Texas Dumaresq River Rest Area Dumaresq Crossing Rd	-28.870500, 151.163980 Texas, Dumaresq River
5 Goondiwindi Town Common Town Common Rd	-28.523562, 150.259047 Goondiwindi, Macintyre River	12 Keetah Reserve Yelarbon Keetah Rd	-28.634194, 150.730249 Yelarbon, Dumaresq River	19 Glenlyon Dam Glenlyon Dam Rd	-28.961799, 151.469230 Texas
6 Botanical Gardens & Western Woodlands, Brennans Rd	-28.532561, 150.278754 Goondiwindi	13 Whetstone Pocket Cunningham Highway	-28.465727, 150.958786 Yelarbon, Macintyre Brook		
7 Rainbow Reserve Kildonan Rd	-28.642425, 150.454971 Goondiwindi, Macintyre River	14 Cunningham Weir Texas Yelarbon Rd	-28.737247, 150.961000 Yelarbon, Dumaresq River		