



FACTS AND FIGURES

- The dam is one of the largest inland dams in NSW - **three times the size of Sydney Harbour!**
- The dam's surface area is equal to nearly **10,000 football fields** and its wall is taller than a **25-storey building**.
- Burrendong is an **Aboriginal word for koala**.
- The dam's capacity includes 1,188,000 ML of water storage and a potential 489,000 ML of **additional air space for flood mitigation**.
- The dam was proposed immediately after **World War II** to **improve town water supplies** and **boost agricultural production** in the Macquarie Valley.
- Construction of the dam **started in 1946**, but was not completed **until 1967** due to financial constraints.
- **Cotton** is one of the main crops to benefit from irrigation, but water from the dam also assists with the growing of **lucerne, cereals, oilseed, wheat and vegetables**.
- The dam supplies environmental water to the **Macquarie Marshes**, one of the largest remaining inland semi-permanent wetlands in south-eastern Australia and a **major waterbird breeding area**.



DID YOU KNOW?

Up-to-date dam information is available at waterNSW.com.au

Height:	78 m
Length:	1,116 m
Water depth:	57 m
Full supply level:	344 m above sea level
Storage capacity:	1,678,000 ML
Surface area:	7,200 ha
Catchment area:	13,900 km ²
Spillway capacity:	1,199,000 ML per day

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📍 Visit Burrendong Dam

Burrendong Dam is located in Central West NSW. The dam wall carpark and public lookout is open 24 hours a day, all year round. There is no public transportation to the dam and vehicle access to the BBQ area downstream of the wall is accessible from 7:30am – 4:00pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. Entry to the dam is free and visitors are encouraged to take the 6.4 km round trip walk from the dam wall to the spillway.



Driving times

Wellington: 30 minutes
Dubbo: 1 hour 30 minutes
Orange: 1 hour 30 minutes
Sydney: 5 hours

🚶 Activities

Lake Burrendong offers year-round recreation access for fishing enthusiasts, water sports, nature lovers, bushwalkers, campers and picnickers. The lake's foreshores are home to two caravan parks, an arboretum and a sport and recreation centre.



Camping



Playground



Picnic areas



Fishing



Kiosk



Shower facilities



Boat ramps



Toilets



Bushwalking



Water sports



Birdwatching



Dogs allowed on leads

📞 If you have questions about visiting Lake Burrendong, we recommend you contact Inland Waters Holiday Parks by phone on (02) 6846 7435 or email Admin@lakeburrendong.com.au.

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