Burrinjuck Dam

FACT SHEET

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

- Burrinjuck Dam was the first major dam built for irrigation in NSW and the fourth largest dam in the world when construction began.

- Construction of the dam began in 1909, but due to delays caused by labour and material shortages during WWI, the original design was not completed until 20 years later. However, irrigation supplies from the dam began in 1912.

- The dam holds 1,026,000 ML of water, almost twice as much water as Sydney Harbour.

- Burrinjuck Dam covers an area of 5,500 ha, or more than 8,000 football fields. The catchment area is 12,953 km², which is larger than the catchment area of the whole of the snowy mountains.

- The name Burrinjuck comes from the Aboriginal words “booren ylack”, meaning precipitous mountain.

- The dam is appropriately named as it lies between the Barren Jack and Black Andrew Mountains.

- Burrinjuck Dam supplies water for towns, river flows, stock and domestic requirements, irrigated agriculture, industry, flood mitigation and environmental flows.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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

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<td>Catchment area:</td>
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**Visit Burrinjuck Dam**

Burrinjuck Dam is situated high in the mountains of the Great Dividing Range, near the headwaters of the Murrumbidgee River, 60 km from Yass. Burrinjuck Road provides glimpses of the dam wall and spillway, but there is no public access to the dam wall. Burrinjuck Waters State Park covers 75 ha and offers several vantage points with panoramic views of the lake and foreshores.

**Activities**

Lake Burrinjuck is a popular destination for water sports and fishing enthusiasts, nature lovers, bushwalkers, campers and picnickers. The lake is home to Murray cod, yellowbelly, silver perch, brown and rainbow trout, redfin and European carp. There are a variety of bushwalking tracks ranging from easy to more challenging, including the historic Hume and Hovell Walking Track that passes through Burrinjuck Waters State Park.

If you have questions about visiting Lake Burrinjuck, we recommend you contact Burrinjuck Waters State Park by phone on (02) 6227 8114 or email burrinjuckwaters@reflectionsholiday.com.au.

**Driving times**

- Canberra: 1 hour 45 minutes
- Wagga Wagga: 2 hours 20 minutes
- Albury: 3 hours
- Leeton: 3 hours 40 minutes
- Sydney: 3 hours 45 minutes

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