

Windamere Dam

FACT SHEET



FACTS AND FIGURES

- Construction on Windamere Dam began in 1974 and was **completed in 1984** to meet **irrigation and stock and domestic** needs in the **Cudgegong Valley**.
- The dam is named after a **property called 'Windamere'**, upon which it was built.
- The dam has a **storage capacity of 368,120 ML**, which is more than half the size of **Sydney Harbour**.
- Windamere Dam has a **55 m high control tower with variable level inlets** which allows for the **control of the quality and temperature of water released from the dam**.
- The dam supplies water to the **Mid-Western Regional Council** for **town supplies, river flows, stock and domestic needs, irrigated agriculture, industry, flood mitigation and environmental flows**.
- Windamere Dam operates in conjunction with Burrendong Dam to **supply water** to the **Cudgegong and Macquarie valleys**.
- The **Cudgegong Valley** is renowned for its **agricultural production** and water from Windamere Dam is used to **irrigate grapes, fruit, vegetables, maize, honey, grains and lucerne**.



DID YOU KNOW?

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Height:	67 m
Length:	825 m
Water depth:	58 m
Full supply level:	552 m above sea level
Storage capacity:	368,120 ML
Surface area:	2,030 ha
Catchment area:	1,070 km ²
Spillway capacity:	430,000 ML per day

Visit Windamere Dam

Windamere Dam is situated on the Cudgegong River 30 km upstream from Mudgee and 19 km south-west of Rylstone on the NSW Central Tablelands. The dam is about 230 km north-west of Sydney. Entry is free and the dam grounds are open 24 hours a day, all year round. Parking is available near the dam wall on the lake's northern foreshore and is accessible by driving over the dam's spillway. Visitors are encouraged to walk across the dam wall for scenic views of the lake and Cudgegong Valley.



Driving times

Mudgee:	30 minutes
Dubbo:	2 hours
Orange:	2 hours
Sydney:	3 hours 30 minutes

Activities

Windamere Dam is a popular inland sport and recreation destination near Mudgee, offering year-round attractions for water sports and fishing enthusiasts, nature lovers, bushwalkers, campers and picnickers. The dam is stocked with silver and golden perch, trout and Murray cod. The dam foreshore offers many scenic locations for picnics, barbeques and camping.



Camping



Playground



Picnic areas



Fishing



Kiosk



Swimming



Boat ramp



Toilets



Bushwalking



Water sports



Shower facilities



Barbecues

 Cudgegong Waters Park is located 13 km south of the dam wall and offers a range of accommodation and boat ramp access to the dam. The park is pet friendly and provides views of the lake and valley. If you have questions about visiting Cudgegong Waters Park, you can contact them by phone on (02) 6358 8462 or email info@cwpc.com.au.

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