

## WELCOME

The classic Australian Country towns of Corowa and Wahgunyah are situated along Australia's Greatest River, The Murray. It is a region rich in character, history and food & wine. Corowa and Wahgunyah owe their existence to the enterprise and diligence of John Foord, together with John Crisp. John Foord took up land on the southern side of the river "The Wahgunyah Run" and became storekeeper, bridge builder, flour miller, transporter and town planner.

The Mediterranean climate provides long sun-drenched days that are perfect for getting out and about. Experience gorgeous scenery that includes idyllic pastoral scenes, ancient river red gums and lush vineyards stretching the horizon. Uncover classic Australian country pubs, quirky cafes, restaurants and superb Federation style architecture that offers a glimpse of another time all blended with good old fashioned country hospitality.

Due to relatively flat terrain, Corowa & Wahgunyah are ideal places to explore on foot or bike. The trails that are noted on this guide use a network of made and earth trails, a disused railway line along with a number of sections on sealed and gravel roads that all link to the Murray to the Mountains Wahgunyah to Rutherglen Rail Trail. Although we have shown some tracks, in many areas you may wish to vary your route to explore and enjoy our wonderful surrounds.

Allow plenty of time to explore, rest and enjoy the wonderful activities, attractions and dining options available in Corowa & Wahgunyah. Both towns offer plenty of accommodation choices so why not stay another day to explore this wonderful region.

## BE PREPARED:

Before commencing your journey consider your level of fitness and that of your group and allow sufficient time to complete the return trip to your vehicle or accommodation. If necessary, divide the trails into manageable stages and don't attempt a long trip if you have not been cycling or walking regularly.

Inspect your bicycle helmet, tyre pressure and condition, brakes, chain tightness and lubrication. Dress comfortably and appropriately to suit weather conditions.

## HANDY ITEMS TO TAKE WITH YOU:

- Bicycle puncture repair kit and bicycle pump.
- Mobile phone and a list of emergency phone numbers.
- Sufficient water and food for your journey.
- Small first aid kit including sunscreen.
- Money.

## SHARING THE TRAILS:

To ensure the enjoyment and safety of all please respect the rights of other users at all times. The trails are shared pathways used by walkers and cyclists. Please keep left, and cyclists are reminded to give way to pedestrians. Cyclists are expected to obey the road rules, just like motorists. Information boards are placed around the trails to help you and others enjoy the environment and attractions in the area. Your assistance with following instructions is appreciated.

## THE ENVIRONMENT:

Get back to nature in a natural setting. The Murray is home to many species of native fauna and flora. The river and surrounding environments support many fish, birds, marsupials, reptiles, amphibians, insects and plants. You'll encounter a complete biodiversity of wonderful Australian native fauna and flora. Best time of day to enjoy the wildlife is early morning or late afternoon so just stop, rest and listen to the sounds of the bush. Do not disturb plants and animals and place rubbish in bins or take it home with you.

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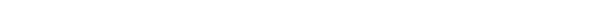
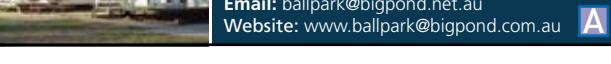
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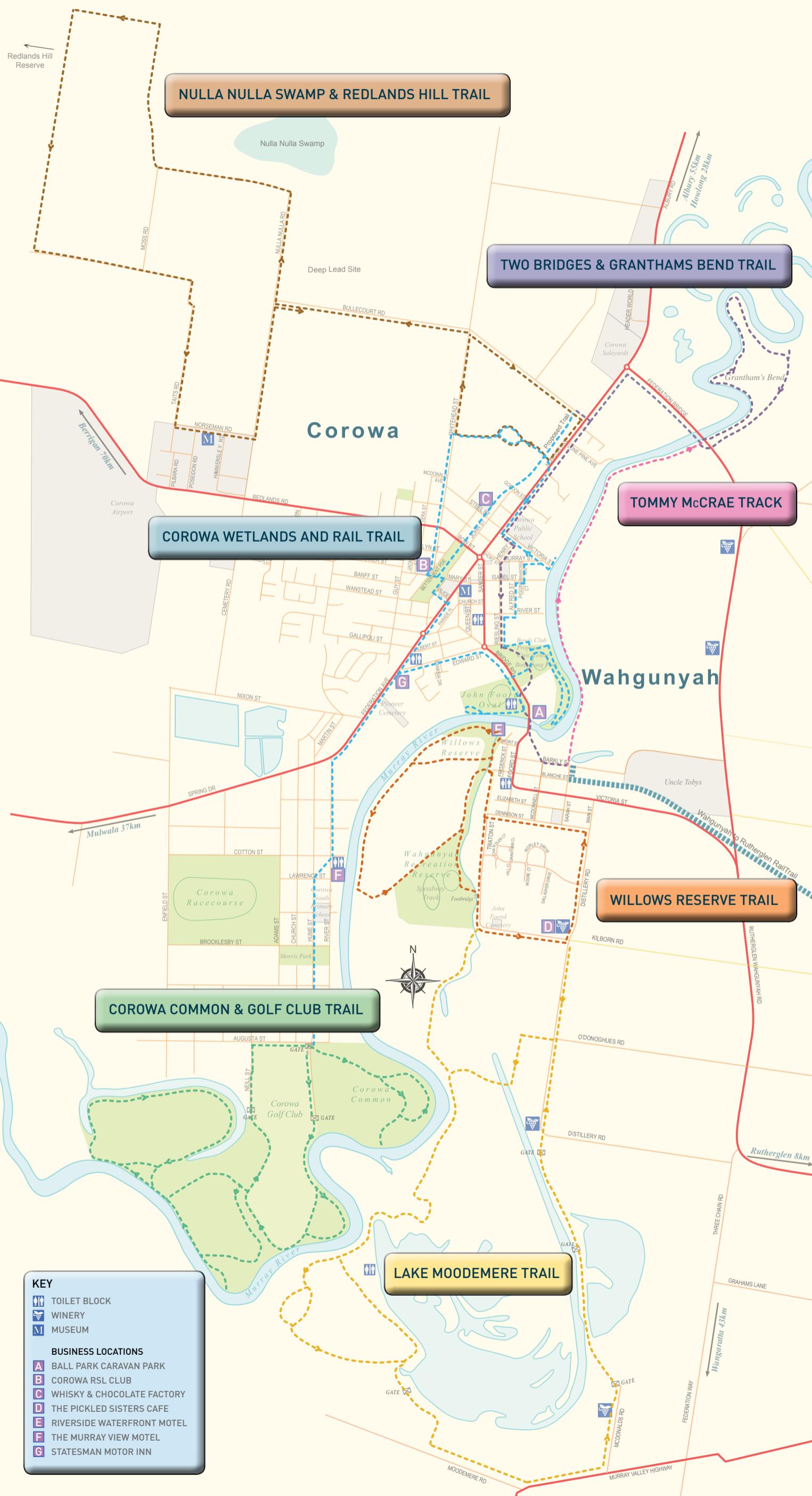
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# CYCLE & WALKING TRAILS



## COROWA WETLANDS AND RAIL TRAIL

**Distance:** 18km approximately  
**Surface:** Sealed Roads and Made Trails  
**Grade:** Easy

**Description:** Experience part of Australia's Federation History along this trail journey. Using some of the existing network of trails and roads, this is a fantastic trail for all the family. Highlights of this trail include the Corowa Wetlands area which is currently being developed. Enjoy acres of natural growth of Billy Buttons and wildlife including Brolgas which breed on the site. Experience indigenous history as you pass the Aboriginal Canoe Tree located near Baden Lodge. Take a self guided journey in and around the town, play in the parks, swim in the river and take in the warmth and hospitality of a diverse range of restaurants, cafes and classic Australian Country pubs.

## TWO BRIDGES & GRANTHAMS BEND TRAIL

**Distance:** 10km approximately  
**Surface:** Sealed Roads and Earth Trails  
**Grade:** Easy

**Description:** Discover the true beauty of the Murray River on this trail with breathtaking views from Granthams Bend. Grantham's Bend provides numerous tracks meandering through the forest and offers plenty of good fishing spots to catch the famous Murray Cod. The John Foord and Federation Bridges connect Corowa and Wahgunyah. The John Foord Bridge construction was completed 1892 and named after early pioneer John Foord. A new bridge was officially opened on 2 April 2005, known as the Federation Bridge named in recognition of the significant role Corowa played in the formation of the Nation of Australia as we know it today. A series of structural features on the Federation Bridge include the Federation Arch and the Barassi Line, a set of Australian Rules Football posts.

## TOMMY McCRAE TRACK

**Distance:** 3km approximately  
**Surface:** Made Trail  
**Grade:** Easy

**Description:** As you travel along this track take the time to read the storyboards along the way. These will tell you of the history of the area and cultural facts about the original owners of this land. It was a very fertile forest cherished by Tommy McCrae and his ancestors. As you will see, between Wahgunyah and Lake Moodemere, the Tommy McCrae Track is the basis for a network of tracks which provides you with options for experiencing the different landscapes of the area.

## NILLA NULLA SWAMP & REDLANDS HILL TRAIL

**Distance:** 19km approximately  
**Surface:** Country Earth Trails and Made Roads  
**Grade:** Moderate

**Description:** Wonder at the idyllic pastoral scenes that you will catch a glimpse of on this trail. It is a region without traffic lights, toll ways and parking meters. Travel past the remnants of the Corowa Deep Lead Gold Mine which was proclaimed at the site during 1861 with mining ceasing in early 1900's. Yuruga homestead (site of Caldwell's Corowa Vineyard closed in 1940) and the concrete gun replacement site which was established to defend Corowa Aerodrome during WW2. Nulla Nulla Swamp provides a natural drainage area to Redlands Hill.

Tom Roberts was so inspired by the shearing shed activities on the property opposite the Redlands Hill Reserve that he painted his famous "Shearing of the Rams" in 1890. The shearing shed in the painting was later destroyed by fire.

## COROWA COMMON & GOLF CLUB TRAIL

**Distance:** 15km approximately  
**Surface:** Earth & Made Trails and Sealed Roads  
**Grade:** Easy

**Description:** The Murray River is famous for its championship golf courses with 3 courses situated in Corowa Shire. This 12km trail provides a breathtaking glimpse of the Corowa Golf Club's manicured course. The golf club trail provides earth tracks, any time of the year but particularly good under the shady trees on early summer mornings. The common area provides a lovely short 3km trail particularly along the river bank amongst the gum trees. This trail can be travelled by itself or started in Corowa, or before the Golf Club trail. Weaving in and out of the beautiful landscape, the wildlife is often nearby and so too are perfect picnic spots.

## WILLOWS RESERVE TRAIL

**Distance:** 8km approximately  
**Surface:** Made and Earth Trails, Sealed and Gravel Roads  
**Grade:** Easy

**Description:** The classic Australian country town of Wahgunyah was once a bustling river port. It is in a region rich in agriculture, mining and viticulture history. On this track make use of the BBQ or sit on the jetty and watch the mighty Murray flow by. Enjoy the flora in the area while watching and listening for one of the forty seven species of birds all around you.

## LAKE MOODEMERE TRAIL

**Distance:** 13km approximately  
**Surface:** Earth Trails, Sealed & Gravel Roads  
**Grade:** Easy

**Description:** This is a delightful river red gum forest trail which is shaded in Summer. Experience the splendour of Lake Moodemere and why not stop and enjoy a picnic on its banks.