

WAKOOL MURRAY TRAIL

MOULAMEIN ...  TOOLEYBUC  KORALEIGH  MURRAY DOWNS

Beginning in the Riverina's oldest town, Moulamein, this trail follows the Edward River west to Kyalite before winding south through Tooleybuc and Koraleigh, and then following the Murray River to Murray Downs outside Swan Hill.

Suggested time: Full day

Distance: 147km

Driving time: 1:50

MORNING IN MOULAMEIN

Start your adventure with coffee and cake at the Moulamein Art Gallery, which is open Thursdays and Fridays, or by appointment. There's always something interesting in the gallery, which features art and craft from local artists. From there, it's just a minute's stroll to the old Moulamein Wharf and nearby restored courthouse, where you can see and read about Moulamein's vital role in the establishment of river trade across the entire Riverina region.

KYALITE - TWO HUGE DRAWCARDS

Head west on the Kyalite Road for about 40 minutes, and you're in the small town of Kyalite, where the Edward River meets the Wakool River, just a couple of kilometres from the Murray. Kyalite, known as Wakool Crossing until 1927, has been a popular draw card for years due to two things: the pub and the fish. The Kyalite pub is a local watering hole, community centre, general store and museum. Stop by for supplies and enjoy a chat with the locals. If you left your fishing gear at home, supplies are available for purchase here too. Which leads us to fishing. Many people will declare, hand on heart, that the very best fishing anywhere in Murray Country is right here. Renowned for its rich red soils Kyalite is also the heart of Australia's pistachio growing region. Kyalite Pistachios are available to purchase at the pub.

TOOLEYBUC AND THE TIMBER TRUSS

Head south on Yanga Way and you'll be in Tooleybuc in 15 minutes. Pop by the Tooleybuc Sports Club to see the Giant Mallee Root (the biggest stump in NSW and second largest in the world according to the Guinness World Records) and learn all about the rare and endangered Dinosaur Ant. The Tooleybuc Bridge that crosses the Murray River to Victoria is also worth a visit. It's a timber truss and steel lift-span bridge of technical significance for its sophisticated design and construction. It is still in operation.

Now it's decision time. Three fabulous lunch options: The classic pub-style menu at the Tooleybuc Sports Club, a self-catered picnic at Mensforth Park, just next to the historic bridge, or hold out for another 15 minutes for a burger you'll never forget...

KORALEIGH LUNCH BREAK

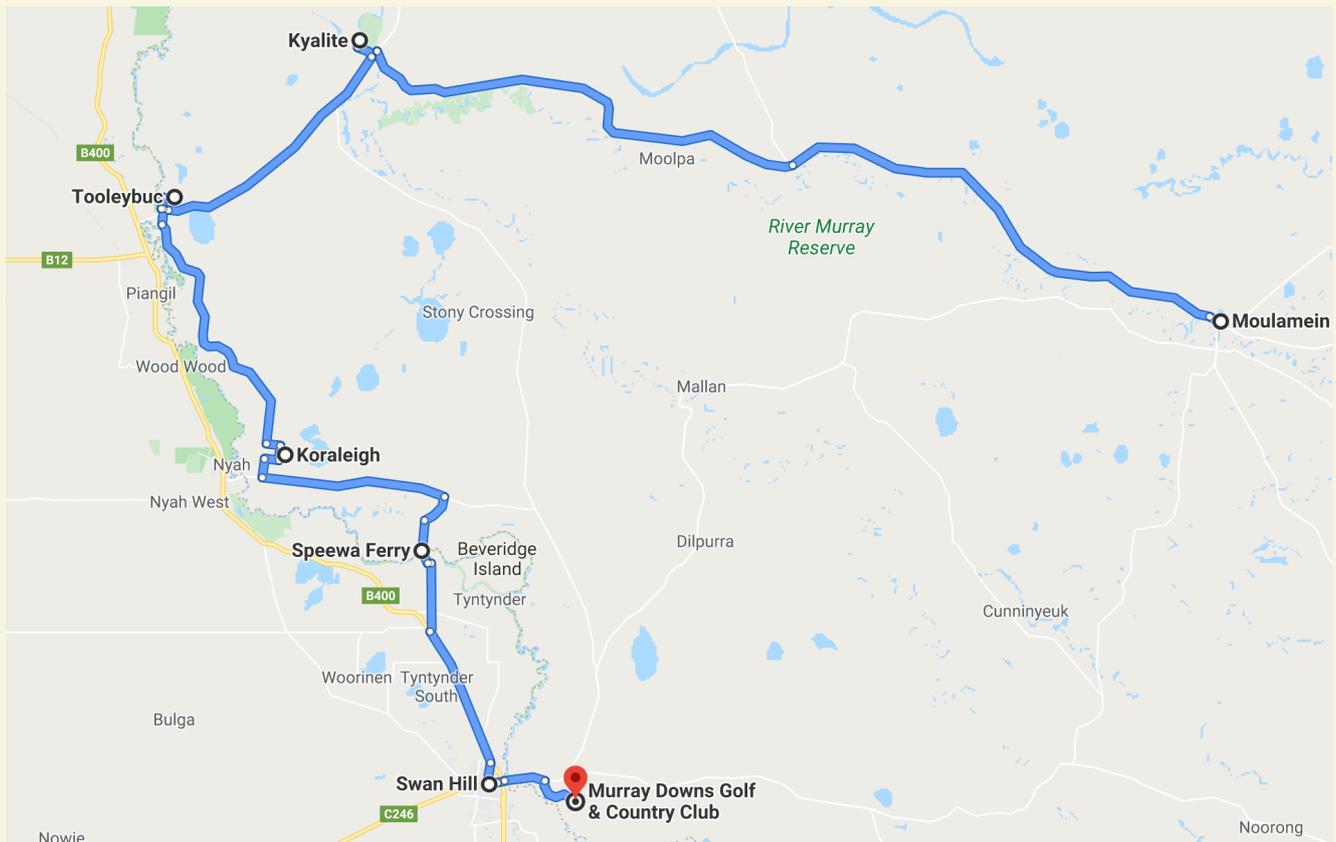
It's under 20 minutes to Koraleigh, following the Murray south towards Nyah. About half-way there, look out for a sign to the Koraleigh Ring Tree on the right-hand side of the road. Part of the ancient customs of the Wadi Wadi people of the area, rings are formed by binding and training branches to grow in a ring shape over time.



Ring trees marked boundaries and other important sites. This rare example is a large tree standing 10 metres from the road. In Koraleigh, stop off at the General Store for a massive, unforgettable burger. People travel many miles for a Koraleigh burger, with a rotating menu of specials including parma burgers, Cubanos, pizza burgers and more. You may never eat again.....

MURRAY DOWNS GOLF

Work off some of those carbed-up kilojoules with a round of golf at one of Australia's most spectacular courses. The Murray Downs Golf and Country Club is an award winning 18-hole championship golf course open every day of the year, and serving bistro and café meals every day. Tee off for a lazy nine holes or an invigorating 18, and grab a drink and light snack after your round. If golf isn't your thing, Swan Hill is just 15 minutes away, and features the impressive Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery as well as the famous Pioneer Settlement, which is a favourite for kids. The Settlement closes at 4:30pm daily, but stick around for the spectacular nightly Heartbeat Of The Murray Laser Spectacular at 8:30pm.



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