

Launching at Sturt Reserve just by the Murray Bridge Rowing Club, paddle upstream past Captain Proud, this is where rail meets the river at the Murray Bridge Wharf, The rich history of Murray Bridge is waiting to be explored.

**Beginners Trail** - Sturt Reserve around the Twin Bridges, along the Historical Wharf and back to pull up on the grassy banks to wander up and have a steaming hot chocolate or latte on the balcony of Riverscape. An easy 2ks approx in a round trip.

Paddle around the pylons of the twin bridges see the 1956 flood levels markers towering above your head, Around and under the huge pylons of the twin bridges. Travelling under you will hear the vibrations of a train, and or the cars going over the top.

**Intermediate Trail** - Sturt Reserve to Thiele Reserve Keep paddling along the historic mooring area of Moritz Slipway, Murray Bridge Railway & Wharf Heritage Area many other parts of history awaiting restoration.

➤ Paddle past the Ski beach, where many a intrepid skier launched themselves from for the first time. And which has seen the likes of many an Australian Champion practising, either speed boat or skiing (Chris Marriott inboard Australian Ski champion can recall days gone by from this stretch of the River) keep on paddling up stream.

➤ Thiele Reserve approx 4ks on your Right. Toilets, BBQ (coin operated facilities) accessible by car. Stop, bring a group of friends, enjoy BBQ lunch on the lawned area. Arrange for Breeze Hire to come and spend an afternoon with you with canoes, or ski lessons.

➤ After lunch jump into canoes and paddle upstream. Around and past the huge pumping station to the Left. Hear the noise of the rushing water being sucked out of the Murray.

➤ Between Hume Reserve and Thiele Reserve you may see the wreck of the Yalata. Keep an eye open. Another Option. Stay at Avoca Dell for the weekend enjoy....bbq areas, mini golf etc., and again, let Breeze Hire bring the canoes down and you can launch from Avoca Dell for a hour or so paddling, then return for your bbq lunch on the grass areas.

➤ **Want to find out more? Take time to visit our Visitor Information Centre on Second St.**

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### Just before you go....

Caring for the River Murray and the Lower lakes while enjoying the many recreational opportunities available, will ensure that present and future generations can enjoy these wonderful places for many years.

From sustainable recreation guide - [www.murraycare.com.au](http://www.murraycare.com.au)

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- Always wear an approved PFD
- Be sunsafe wear a hat at sunscreen
- Take plenty of fresh water
- Take any rubbish home with you.
- Pick up a sustainable recreation guide-How to have fun with minimal impact on the River Murray.
- Report problems on river to Murray Watch 8531 0710 [www.murraywatch.com.au](http://www.murraywatch.com.au)

## Canoe~Murray Bridge

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## Early Canoeing

Prior to European settlement, much of the Aboriginal population of Australia lived near rivers which provided plentiful fresh water and food to meet their needs. The first river-boats of the Murray River were canoes cut from the bark of trees. A number of daily boat trips visit sites previously inhabited by the original occupants of this land.

Heading down river is the area of Long Island this is a spiritual place to the Ngarrindjeri representing a lentlin (spear) thrown by Ngurunderi at Ponde (the fish) as it made its way to Wellington creating the river.

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**Want to find out more?** Take time to Discover the Murray Bridge Visitor Information Centre situated on South Terrace Ph 8539 1142 why not stay a while longer and find out more do the Murray Bridge Rail & River Heritage walks . or do another trail

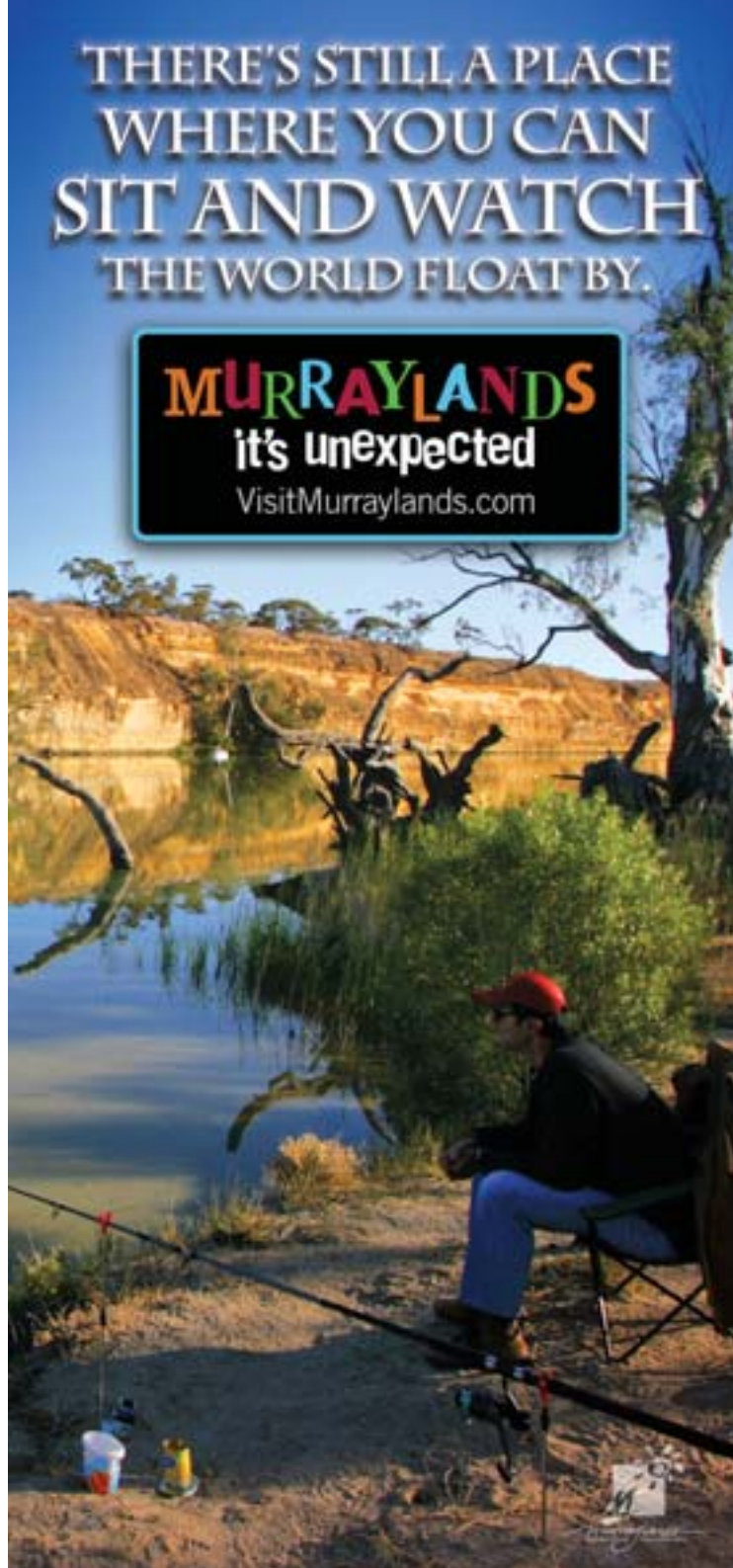
Pick up a copy of **Mannum Canoe Trail** exploring the Wrecks from the Rec and Discover Murray Trail. Look out for our Heritage and History Trail Murraylands Food and Produce Trail, Murraylands Art Trail.....

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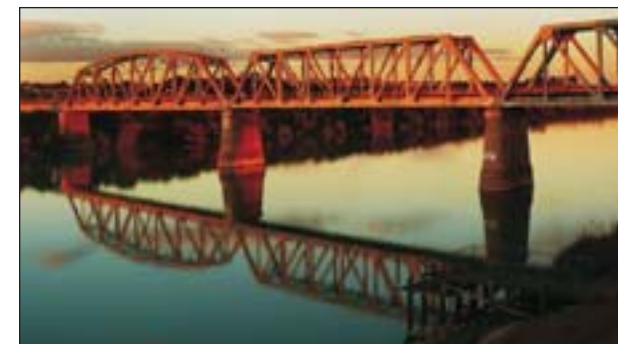


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## Murray Bridge The heart of the Murraylands



Located approximately 80 km from Adelaide, Murray Bridge is the major centre on the Murray River north of Lake Alexandrina. It is a city of 18,000 plus people and is 26 metres above sea level. It is a typical sprawling rural centre with a grain silo on the skyline and vegetable gardens, hothouses and light industry surrounding the city centre.



Murray Bridge was established when a road bridge over the Murray River (which is how the city got its name) was completed in 1879. It was followed in 1886 by the Adelaide-Melbourne railway line which guaranteed that the city's importance as a vital link across the river was assured.



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