

# New South Wales

The state of New South Wales has many options for camping with dogs in state forests, historic reserves, state parks and dedicated foreshore and local government reserves.

With more than 700 state forests covering almost 2.5 million hectares, the forests of New South Wales are as diverse as the tablelands of the Great Dividing Range, River Red gum forests along the Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers and native Cypress Pine woodlands of the western slopes.

## Camping with Dogs in NSW

The following pages describe almost 300 campsites around the state, referenced to 100 different parks, reserves, forests and localities shown on the map opposite.

It is important to understand how parks and reserves are classified. Generally speaking, dogs are permitted in state forests and some state parks, but not in national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves or state conservation areas.

Camping in most parks and reserves is limited to established campsites that usually have some sort of facilities and may charge a small fee. Campers should adhere to any signs at the campsite and any directions given by a ranger or caretaker.

Many reserves next to rivers and state parks adjacent lakes and dams offer a good base for water sports enthusiasts or four-wheel drivers and campers. Some of these are managed by government, others are privately owned.

Some sites included for New South Wales are road side rest areas which are more suited to brief overnight stops by self contained vehicles such as motorhomes and campervans, rather than campers with tents.

## State Forests of NSW

State forests are made up of native and plantation species and are managed to provide timber, employment, habitat, clean air, water and recreational opportunities by Forests NSW. There are numerous designated camping areas with various facilities located in state forests, but Forests NSW also invites visitors to pick their own campsite anywhere in the forest, providing it is not a dedicated picnic area. Entry is free for individuals and families and no permits are required.

Forests NSW request the following simple guidelines are followed when camping in any forest areas;

- locate your camp at least 20m from any creek or waterway and if toilets are not available, bury human waste at least 50m from waterways
- adhere to roads and fire tracks when driving - do not bush bash
- do not cut down or damage any living or dead vegetation to clear an area or collect firewood. Preferably bring firewood from home or purchase outside the camping area

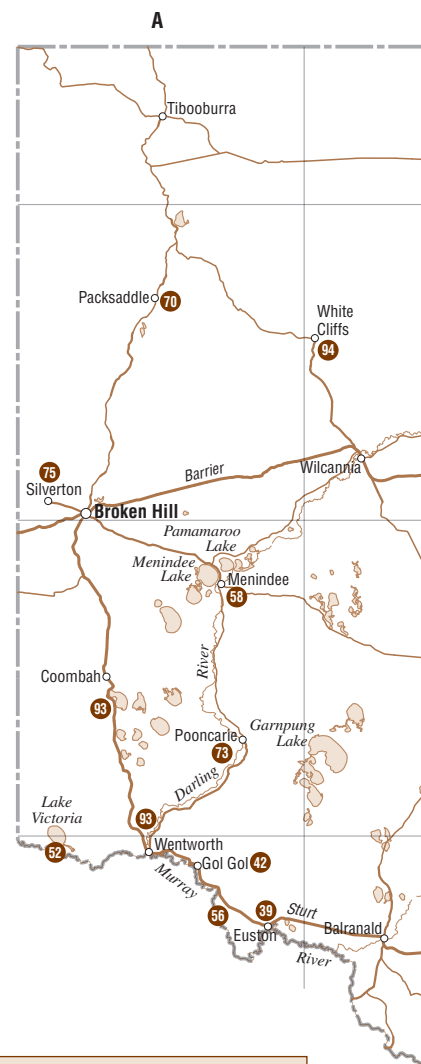


Micalong Creek Reserve near Wee Jasper (see camp 92 at map ref D4 opposite). Photo by Wee Jasper Reserves Trust.

- beware of camping under large River Red gums as they may drop limbs without warning
- if you are camping for an extended period or with a large group, contact the local ranger first as they may be able to suggest a more suitable site
- keep the camp site safe and clean while you are there and leave it tidy when you go. If bins are not provided please take rubbish home
- be careful with fire – keep campfires small and supervised and ensure they are properly extinguished before departing
- be considerate to other forest users and respect their privacy by keeping noise to a minimum and by not camping in day use or picnic areas.

## Tips for a Safe Forest Visit

Forest roads need extra care when driving. Most are suitable for normal vehicles, but many will require 4WD when wet as they may be slippery or steep.



## USEFUL CONTACTS

### 1. Forests NSW

Cumberland State Forest Information Centre, ph 1300 655 687.

Web [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forests](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forests) Email [cumberland@sf.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cumberland@sf.nsw.gov.au)

### 2. Recreational Fishing

A license is required when fishing in NSW waters (salt and freshwater). See [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational) or call 1300 369 365.

### 3. NSW State Parks

Manage camping areas adjacent water supply lakes and dams in NSW.

Web [www.stateparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.stateparks.nsw.gov.au)

Submit an enquiry or online booking form via the contacts page.

### 4. Tourism New South Wales

Visit NSW web site at [www.visitnsw.com.au](http://www.visitnsw.com.au) and search by region or locality for an accredited visitor information centre to contact.

### 5. NSW Rural Fire Service

For information on current fire incidents, fire bans and fire protection advice, call 1800 NSW RFS (679 737). Web [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

For fire emergencies only, call 000.

### 6. National Roads and Motoring Association (NRMA)

Emergency roadside assistance for members, call 13 11 11 (metro area only, for country areas check local telephone directories).

Touring services, maps and Road Report, 13 11 22.

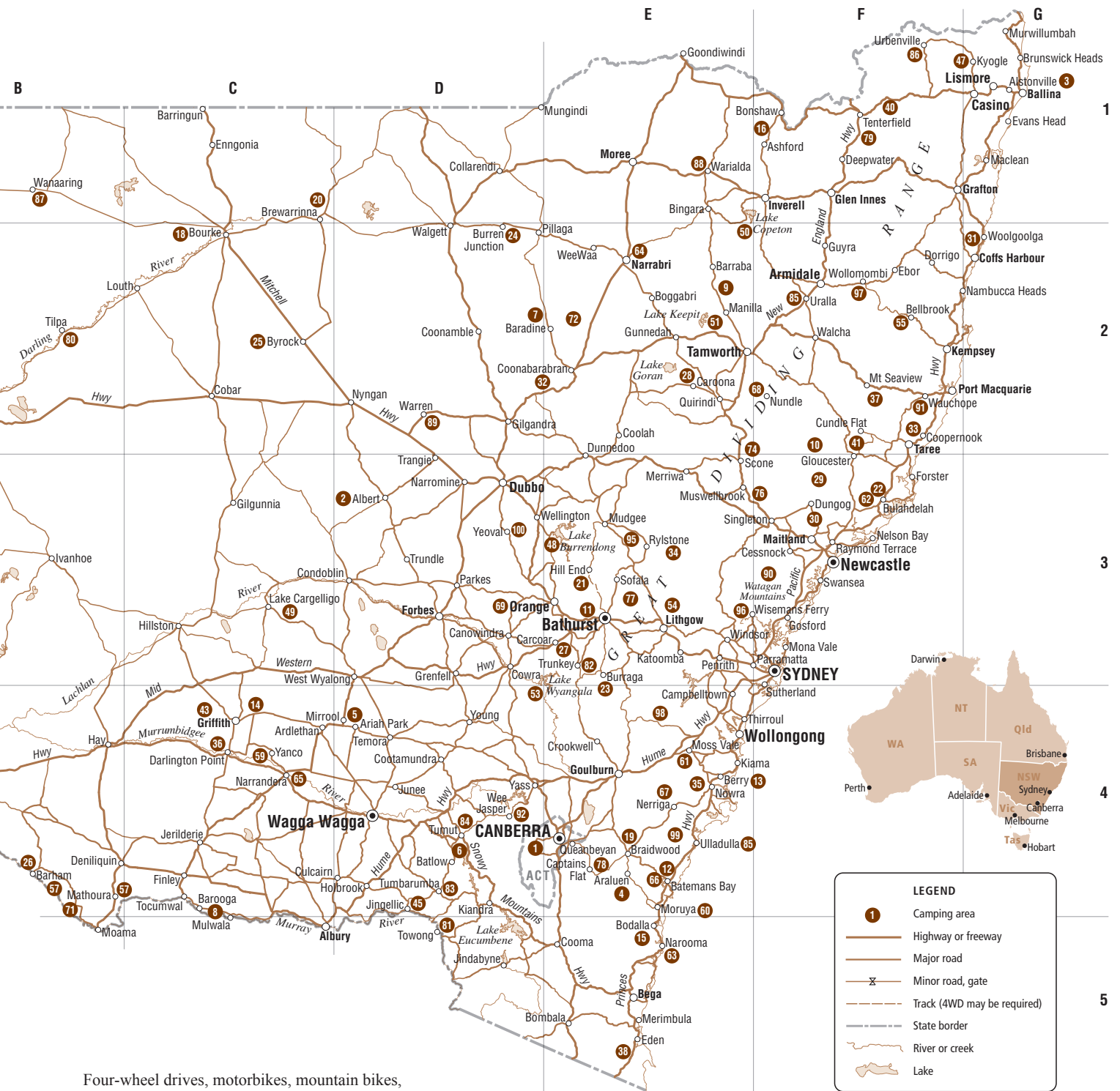
Web [www.mynrma.com.au/travel](http://www.mynrma.com.au/travel)

### 7. NSW Land and Property Management

Produce detailed topographic maps at scales of 1:25,000, 1:50,000 and 1:100,000 in both hard copy and digital raster format on disk.

Web [www.lpma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au) Email [mapsales@lpma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mapsales@lpma.nsw.gov.au)

See also [www.caravanandcampingnsw.com.au](http://www.caravanandcampingnsw.com.au) for crown land sites.



Four-wheel drives, motorbikes, mountain bikes, horses and bushwalkers may all use forest roads and fire trails, so visitors should be aware of other forest traffic of all varieties. Do not use closed roads or enter areas where harvesting or other forestry operations are underway.

Some forests will be closed to the public during rehabilitation, extreme weather, fire danger or when forestry operations are in progress. Certain areas may also be closed for sometime after bushfires in order to rebuild facilities and repair access roads.

Ensure you and your dog do not disturb native animals or vegetation. Beware of mosquitoes, ticks, snakes, leeches and nettles.

Carry your own drinking water rather than relying on supplies at the campsite. If using water from rivers or streams, be sure to boil first or preferably, use an effective filter or purification method to prevent sickness from water borne bacteria such as Giardia, which may be present even if the water looks clean.

Be sure to bury human waste as deep as possible and at least 50 metres from camping areas and waterways.

Leave all gates as you find them and obey all signs.

### Maps and More Information

An excellent range of detailed, medium scale maps covering the more popular state forests are available from the Forests NSW Information Centre or can be ordered online. These maps show state forest reserves, national and conservation parks, roads and tracks, camp sites, picnic areas, historical features and how to access them.

The New South Wales Government produce a series of large scale detailed topographic maps covering the whole state which are available through all good map shops.

Other maps that may be useful to locate campsites include the NRMA regional map series (referenced at the end of each camp site entry), and the NSW Road Directory (by Explore Australia).

Never rely solely on GPS navigation systems or online mapping information without checking against a reliable published map, such as the ones mentioned above. Good maps are available from specialist map shops in all states. Check [www.mapshopsaustralia.com.au](http://www.mapshopsaustralia.com.au) for details.