

VISIT BURDEKIN

Fishing Guide

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Burdekin North Queensland

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Welcome to the Burdekin

meets a thriving rural community right on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef. From pristine beaches to exhilarating adventure sports, world-class fishing and unique cultural attractions, there is so much to discover. Head to www.visitburdekin.com.au to plan your Burdekin adventure today.

10 MINUTES FROM HOME HILL

Welcome to Bundaberg & Juju Country

The Gudjuda People have been part of this land for thousands of years. Because of our strong connection to the land and sea, we have embarked on a number of projects that have benefitted the environment and local community. This includes a successful land and sea rangers program, vocational upskilling and indigenous history and culture tours. Gudjuda Reference Group Aboriginal Corporation acknowledges the Traditional Owners, both past and present and future on whose land we walk.

Eddie Smallwood

Great Catches OF THE BURDEKIN

IN SHORE

BARRAMUNDI



'Barra' are commonly caught throughout the Burdekin in fresh and salt water. You can catch them on live bait and lures. Their hard fighting and acrobatic displays are what make them the ultimate fish to catch in Australia. The Burdekin Barramundi population remains high due to the work of the local fish restocking group. Popular spots to land a Barra include Alva, the Haughton River as well as Groper and Wallace's Creeks.

GOLDEN SNAPPER



This premium table fish is commonly referred to as either a Golden Snapper or Fingermark and is highly prized amongst Burdekin anglers. You can find the juveniles inhabiting estuaries in the region and the larger adults can be caught on coastal and offshore reefs.

FLATHEAD



Bartailed Flathead are a popular catch amongst anglers in the region in shallow coastal waters, sand flats and estuaries. This great tasting fish can be caught on most types of dead bait and can be a lot of fun to chase on soft plastics.

WHITING



Sand Whiting are commonly caught in coastal estuaries, on sandy flats at Plantation, Phillips and Groper Creeks, and along the beach at both Alva and Wunjunga. Popular baits include prawns, yabbies and strips of squid. Targeting Whiting in the Burdekin is great fun for all including amateur anglers and kids due to their fight and ease to catch.

IN SHORE

JAVELIN – SILVER



Commonly known as a Grunter or Trumpeter, the Silver Javelin makes for a great tasting fish and are often caught along sandy or muddy seabeds with fresh prawns or squid. They are found throughout estuaries in the Burdekin as well as off both Alva and Wunjunga Beach.

JAVELIN – BARRED



Similar to the Silver Javelin, the Barred Javelin is also commonly known as a Grunter. However they do grow bigger than the Silver Javelin and put up a much tougher fight. They can be caught throughout the region, especially along sandy and muddy seabeds as well as off both Alva and Wunjunga Beach.

MANGROVE JACK



Mangrove Jack are a local favourite due to their great eating and challenge to catch. Smaller Jacks can be caught in most of the Burdekin's estuaries and once they have grown to about 50cm they make their way out to inshore reefs and rocky headlands. The most common way to catch a Jack is using live bait.

MUD CRAB



'Crabbing' is a popular pastime and tradition amongst Burdekin residents with catches found commonly in sheltered estuaries, tidal flats and mangrove creeks throughout the region. Set and dilly pots are most often used and if you are lucky you might land a muddie on your fishing line.

OFF SHORE

CORAL TROUT



This beautiful looking fish varies in colour from red and green to brown, pink or orange and is widely known as Australia's best tasting fish. Coral Trout can be caught offshore around coral reefs and shoals with either squid and pilchards or jiggling large soft plastics.

LARGE MOUTH NANNYGAI



Nannygai are another hard-fighting big red fish that will try and pull your arms off but are well worth the fight as they are great eating. They are commonly caught in deep water with shoaly bottoms and weed beds on both squid and live baits.

RED EMPEROR



Mature Red Emperors are a prize catch amongst reef fish due to their great fight, challenge to find and are well known as one of the tastiest reef fish in North Queensland. If you are targeting a big red then try the deeper offshore reefs with live bait or squid.

RED THROAT EMPEROR



Also referred to as a Sweet-Lip, the Red Throat Emperor is another premium table fish often caught with squid and pilchards in both shallow reef ledges and around deeper coral bombies.

SPANISH MACKEREL



Regarded as one of the top sports fish in Australia, Spaniards are a great catch and commonly caught at off shore shoals and along hard reef edges trolling either high speed lures or garfish.

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Boat Ramps

1 CROMARTY CREEK
(HAUGHTON RIVER)



2 BARRAMUNDI CREEK
(MORRIS' CREEK)



3 BARRATTA CREEK



4 OCEAN CREEK



5 PLANTATION CREEK



6 PHILLIPS CAMP



7 HELL HOLE



8 GROPER CREEK



9 WALLACE CREEK



Access to boat ramps is via unsealed roads, with the exception of Groper Creek.

COMMERCIAL NET-FREE AREAS

- GROPER CREEK
- WALLACE CREEK
- PHILLIPS CREEK
- HAUGHTON RIVER



Commercial fishing in these areas is strictly prohibited.

FISHING SHOALS

- 7 MILE SHOAL**
6.9NM OFF OCEAN CK
S 19° 24' 31.3"
E 147° 35' 30.2"
- 10 MILE SHOAL**
9.7NM OFF OCEAN CK
S 19° 21' 18.6"
E 147° 36' 42.1"
- 12 MILE SHOAL**
11NM OFF OCEAN CK
S 19° 20' 06.8"
E 147° 37' 18.3"

BOWLING GREEN BAY



- BOAT RAMPS**
 - Barramundi Creek
 - Barratta Creek
 - Cromarty Creek
 - Groper Creek
 - Hell Hole Creek
 - Ocean Creek
 - Plantation Creek
 - Wallace Creek
- BEACH LAUNCH**
 - Alva
 - Wunjunga
- CAMPING FACILITIES**
 - Groper Creek PRIVATE CAMPGROUND
 - Wunjunga
 - Alva PRIVATE CAMPGROUND

DISTANCES TO BOAT RAMPS

- 1** Cromarty Creek (48.7km)
- 2** Barramundi Creek/Morris' (43.6km)
- 3** Barratta Creek (42.7km)
- 4** Ocean Creek (13.1km)
- 5** Plantation Creek (13.8km)
- 6** Phillips Camp (19.8km)
- 7** Hell Hole (22.5km)
- 8** Groper Creek (14.2km)
- 9** Wallace Creek (20.2km)

BURDEKIN CLIMATE DATA

The Burdekin experiences a tropical savannah climate with hot, humid summers and warm winters. A wet season with heavy monsoonal downpours runs from November to March with a relatively dry season from April to October.

Like most of North Queensland, the Burdekin is prone to tropical cyclones, usually forming between November and April.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| MAX °C | 32 | 32 | 31 | 30 | 28 | 26 | 25 | 26 | 28 | 30 | 31 | 32 |
| MIN °C | 23 | 23 | 22 | 19 | 16 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 22 |
| Rainfall (mm) | 256 | 240 | 197 | 62 | 56 | 27 | 15 | 15 | 9 | 24 | 50 | 126 |

Source: Bureau of Meteorology

Please observe the area's fishing restrictions and regulations at all times. For information about zoning and bag limits visit www.daf.qld.gov.au.

Marine stingers are encountered in the warm tropical waters along the Burdekin coastline. They are most prevalent during warmer months from November to May.

Saltwater and estuarine crocodiles inhabit wetlands, rivers and coastal areas. Exercise caution when fishing near waterways. Do not approach these animals.



WARNING