

Bendeela Recreation Area

Welcome to Bendeela

Bendeela is a rustic camping and picnic ground set in natural bushland on the banks of the Kangaroo River arm of Lake Yarrunga (Tallowa Dam), near Kangaroo Valley village. The recreation area is managed by the Sydney Catchment Authority.

The site is within a designated Special Area due to its closeness to the Shoalhaven water supply. Plants and animals in Special Areas are protected by law.

Facilities and activities



Facilities provided for the enjoyment of all visitors to Bendeela Recreation Area include basic campsites (there is no power to the camping and picnic grounds), flush toilets and treated tap water.

The camping and picnic grounds are open 24 hours a day, all year round. There is no entry fee or charge to camp.

Picnic and camping sites are available on a 'first in first served basis' and cannot be reserved.

Permitted activities include fishing, swimming, bushwalking, canoeing and non-powered boating on the Kangaroo River and Lake Yarrunga, unless otherwise specified.

Visitor responsibilities

To maintain a high quality supply of water, careful management of our dams and catchments is vital. It is important that visitors and the SCA work together to minimise any environmental impact on the water storages and nearby catchments, and to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all visitors.

Visitor conduct

For the safety and comfort of all visitors, please:

- consider your fellow guests and keep noise to a minimum
- obey all signs and notices
- comply with directions of SCA officers, security personnel, and the Police
- keep our picnic areas clean – penalties for littering apply
- keep within the speed limits
- use toilet facilities provided.



Restrictions



Certain activities are prohibited at Bendeela to protect water quality and the environment:

- no pets
- camping outside the designated areas
- no wood fires allowed at anytime (only gas barbeques are permitted)
- horse riding
- using firearms or other weapons
- littering
- activities inside the marked exclusion zone
- motorised watercraft (including battery operated)
- abseiling and archery.

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Total fire bans

Only gas barbeques are permitted at the site. These must not be used when Total Fire Ban signs are displayed. Penalties up to \$5,000 apply.

Getting to Bendeela

Bendeela camping and picnic grounds are situated on the Kangaroo River arm of Lake Yarrunga, near Kangaroo Valley, about 200 kilometres south of Sydney.

From Sydney, follow the Hume Highway (F5) south towards Goulburn and take the Mittagong to Bowral turnoff. Take the Nowra Road towards Kangaroo Valley.

Turn right at Kangaroo Valley just before Hampden Bridge.

Emergency Reporting

Report all fires, chemicals spills, vandalism, and illegal behaviour.

Phone 1800 061 069 (24 hours)

For emergencies call 000

About the SCA

The Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) manages and protects Sydney's drinking water catchments and catchment infrastructure, and supplies raw water to its customers, including Sydney Water and a number of local councils.

The SCA's customers then filter the water the SCA supplies and distribute it to households, businesses and other users. More than four million people, about 60 percent of the NSW population, use water supplied by the SCA.



Further information

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