

Scenic Way

BANANA DRIVE TRAILS

- ★ COALFIELDS
 - ★ POWER STATION
 - ★ LAKE CALLIDE
- 75kms loop



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Much like the Dawson Valley, Banana Shire's Callide Valley provides rich coal resources and vital power supplies to Queensland. The Callide Coalfields and Power Station sit side by side - their infrastructure an imposing site against the scenic backdrop of Rainbow Range and in the foreground, the sparkling waters of Lake Callide.

Start from Biloela (GPS -24.401926, 150.513251)

- Travel 34 km north-east towards Gladstone along the Dawson Highway.
- TURN RIGHT onto Coal Road (GPS -24.211739, 150.684205). Here, you will find spectacular panoramic views of Rainbow Range through to Kroombit Tops National Park and in the foreground, Callide Power Station.
- Travel 24 km along Coal Road, TURN RIGHT onto Ian McCauley Road (GPS -24.338150, 150.632224) (not suitable for caravans) and follow the road to the top of the hill for great views of the Callide Dam and surrounds.
- Do a U-TURN and head back to Coal Road, turn right (GPS -24.338111, 150.632183) and cross the grid onto Biloela-Callide Road. The Power Station viewing area is located 2.3km further along at the entrance to Callide B (on your right) (GPS -24.352893, 150.621492).
- The Lake Callide Recreation Area turnoff is 2km further on your left across Callide Creek (GPS -24.363047, 150.607163) and left again onto Calvale Road (GPS -24.365059, 150.607193). Continue along Calvale Road 1.3km to the Recreation Area. The lake is famous for its big barramundi, redclaw and freshwater cray. However, before you drop a line, you'll first need a Stocked Impoundment Permit from the Queensland Government <https://www.smartservice.qld.gov.au/services/permits/fishing/apply>.
- To return to Biloela, head back to the Biloela-Callide Road (GPS -24.363047, 150.607163), turn left and drive 7.5km to the Dawson Highway, turn left (GPS -24.355888, 150.535374) and head directly to Biloela.