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Accommodation Guide 2021-2022



Banana Shire, home of the Sandstone Wonders, is situated in Central Queensland, a one hour and 20 minute drive inland from Gladstone on the Dawson Highway.

The region is home to spectacular gorges, rivers, mountain ranges, national parks, villages and friendly locals who love to welcome visitors. This Accommodation Guide is designed to provide brief visitor information on the region, as well as contact details of accommodation options in each small town.

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BILOELA

Population: 5,758

Biloela, pronounced 'Bill-oh-wheel-ah', commonly shortened to 'Bilo' by those living in the region, is renowned for greeting visitors with a friendly "G'day", smiles and nods.

Accommodation options range from motels, to cabins, to hotel rooms with pricing to suit budget to luxury travellers.

Biloela is an excellent base to explore the area known as the Sandstone Wonders, with Mt Scoria Conservation Park, Lake Callide and Kroombit Tops National Park all within close proximity. Art lovers will enjoy the 'Spirit of the Land' mural painted on a large water tower, which tells the story of life in the region from two perspectives.

The Queensland Heritage Park is a must-see, with machinery displays, interactive exhibits and the famous 'silo' from World Expo 88.

Markets, cafes, pubs and restaurants are also found amidst the wide streets.



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ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

CARAVAN PARKS

BILOELA CARAVAN PARK

98-100 Dawson Hwy, Biloela
(07) 4992 1211

E: biloela@ozzyparks.com.au

BOOMERANG CARAVAN PARK

2-10 Dunn St, Biloela
(07) 4992 1815

E: boomerang@ozzyparks.com.au

DISCOVERY PARKS BILOELA

1/31 Valentine Plains Rd, Biloela
(07) 4992 2618

W: discoveryholidayparks.com.au

LAKE CALLIDE RETREAT

119 Lake Callide Drive, Biloela
(07) 4993 9010

W: lakecallideretreat.com

QLD HERITAGE PARK (48hr rest area)

11 Exhibition Avenue, Biloela
(07) 4992 2400

E: gldheritagepark@bigpond.com

HOTELS & MOTELS

APOLLO MOTEL

36 Gladstone Rd, Biloela
(07) 4992 1122

W: apollomotel.com.au

BILOELA HOTEL

60 Callide St, Biloela
(07) 4992 1291

biloelahotel.com.au

BILOELA CENTRE MOTEL

52 Grevillea St, Biloela
(07) 4992 3050

BILOELA COUNTRYMAN MOTEL

75-83 Burnett Hwy, Biloela
(07) 4992 1488

W: biloelacountryman.com.au

BILOELA PALMS MOTOR INN

69-71 Dawson Hwy, Biloela
(07) 4992 1552

W: biloelapalms.com.au

CALLIDE MOTOR INN

88-92 Callide St, Biloela
(07) 4992 5080

W: callidemotorinn.com.au

HOTEL SETTLERS

58 Dawson Hwy, Biloela
(07) 4992 2933

W: hotelsettlers.com.au

RAINTREE MOTEL

2-4 Clark Dr, Biloela
(07) 4992 4099

W: raintreemotelbiloela.com.au

SILO MOTOR INN

75 Dawson Hwy, Biloela
(07) 4992 5555

W: silomotorinn.com

SUN VALLEY MOTEL

57-59 Dawson Hwy, Biloela
(07) 4992 1281

W: sunvalleymotel.com.au

TOWNHOUSES

THE HAVEN

64 Kroombit St, Biloela
0448 602 100

W: thehavenbiloela.com.au

RURAL VILLAGES

----- Banana, Baralaba, Dululu, Goovigen, Jambin, Thangool, Wowan

The northern rural villages of Banana Shire offer a glimpse into the life of yesteryear, with several historical villages lovingly maintained by enthusiastic volunteers.

Accommodation options including campsites at recreation grounds and riverside parks; and quaint rooms in country pubs. Each town has its own special charm and plenty of friendly locals willing to have a yarn any time of day. Horse-riding at Myella Farm Stay, sampling billy tea and damper at Goovigen's Golden Park Retreat, meeting 'Banana' bullock, gliding with the eagles at CQ Gliding Club or dangling a line in a river or lake for fresh fish are just some of the great experiences available.

History buffs can organise personal tours at Goovigen, Wowan and Baralaba museums.

Foodies will appreciate the fine selection of dine-in or takeaway meals, as well as local produce.



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ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

BANANA

SUTHERLAND HALL

Free campground with toilet block
Dawson Highway, Banana
No bookings required

BANANA HOTEL MOTEL

Dawson Highway, Banana
(07) 4992 7232
W: bananahotel.com.au

BARALABA

NEVILLE HEWITT WEIR

Free campground beside Dawson River
Toilets, coin-operated hot showers
No bookings required
W: tinyurl.com/2y94cnbz

BARALABA HOTEL

30 Stopford St, Baralaba
(07) 4998 1102
E: baralabahotel30@gmail.com

MYELLA FARM STAY

1591 Baralaba Rannes Rd, Kokotungo
(07) 4998 1290
W: myella.com
E: farmstay@myella.com

DULULU

DULULU REST AREA

Low cost campground with hot showers
Bryant St, Dululu
W: tinyurl.com/t7cum5tj

GOOVIGEN

GOOVIGEN REC GROUNDS

Low cost campground with hot shower
Stone Crescent, Goovigen
W: tinyurl.com/53yy63kf

JAMBIN

JAMBIN HOTEL

Burnett Highway, Jambin
(07) 4996 5101

E: jambinhotelmotel@bigpond.com

JAMBIN RECREATION RESERVE

Low cost campground, toilet block
Burnett Highway, Jambin
(07) 4995 3136
W: tinyurl.com/4fzxd54t

THANGOOL

ON KARIBOE CABINS

1 Parkers Lane, Thangool
W: tinyurl.com/hdcpjwmz

LAWGI HALL

Low cost campground, hot showers
Burnett Highway, Lawgi
W: tinyurl.com/49jzrnzn

HOTEL THANGOOL

55 Ramsay St, Thangool (07) 3185 2773
W: <https://tinyurl.com/5kpyh868>

WOWAN

COMMERCIAL HOTEL WOWAN

1 Pheasant Creek Rd, Wowan
(07) 4937 1377
E: admin@thecommercialhotelwowan.com.au

WOWAN CARAVAN PARK

Leichhardt Highway, Wowan
(07) 4937 4702

WOWAN SHOWGROUNDS

Low cost campground, hot showers
Dee River Road, Wowan
(07) 4995 3136
W: tinyurl.com/27j9vc62

MOURA

Population: 1,786

Visitors are often greeted with “Welcome to Moura-dise” by the locals, proud of their pretty town with giant murals, cafes and restaurants, a golf course, bowls club and recreation grounds which host a variety of events throughout the year.

Accommodation options include low cost campgrounds, hotel and motel rooms and cute cabins.

In the central precinct is a heritage trail, Coal and Country Museum, Miners Memorial and plenty of shops stocked with items for travellers and locals. A little further out is the 150th Meridian Marker, on which Eastern Standard time is based.

The Dawson Mine Viewing Platform is simply unmissable, with incredible views of the working mine and surrounds.

River Park, about 7kms west of Moura along the Dawson Highway, is a great place for a picnic, fishing, water sports or camping.



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ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

CAMPGROUNDS

APEX RIVER PARK

Low cost campground with hot showers
Dawson Highway, west of Moura
(07) 4992 9500
No bookings required
W: tinyurl.com/hmwym7ev

ROTARY PARK

Dawson Highway, Moura
Low cost campground with toilet block
(07) 4992 9500
No bookings required
Camping fees payable at Mitre 10
W: tinyurl.com/28bd25ab

CARAVAN PARKS

MOURA ACCOMMODATION VILLAGE & CARAVAN PARK

95 Dawson Highway, Moura
Powered and unpowered sites
Rooms, cabins, swimming pool
(07) 4997 1432
W: mouraavcp.com.au

MOTELS

COAL 'N' CATTLE MOTEL

63 Dawson Highway, Moura
Motel rooms and cabins
(07) 4997 1511
W: cqhg.com.au/coal_n_cattle

MOURA MERIDIAN MOTEL

29 Dawson Highway, Moura
Motel rooms
(07) 4997 6100
W: mourameridianmotel.com.au

MOURA MOTEL

65 Dawson Highway, Moura
Motel rooms
(07) 4997 1558
W: mouramotel.com.au



TAROOM

Population: 869

The name Taroom is thought to derive from 'tarum', meaning pomegranate in the language of the local Iman people. Surrounded by national parks and gorgeous gorges, Taroom is a great base for exploring. Accommodation options include low cost campgrounds, hotel and motel rooms and cute cabins with river views.

In the main street is the famous Leichhardt Tree, a blazed coolabah initialled by Ludwig Leichhardt when he and his party traversed through the region in 1844. Quaint cafes serving delicious home cooked meals, a bakery, pub and services for travellers and locals can also be found. Beautiful parks, a river walk, skate park, Gilberts lookout, golf course, bowls club and aquatic centre ensure visitors will enjoy their time in Taroom has some fab fishing too, with gear and tackle available at the local post office.



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ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

CARAVAN PARKS

TAROOM CARAVAN & TOURIST PARK

1 Short Street, Taroom

Powered and unpowered sites

Cabins and Units

(07) 4627 3604

W: ozzyparks.com.au/locations/taroom-caravan-park

MOTELS & CABINS

COUNTRY REST CABINS

23 Bridge Street, Taroom

Single, twin and family cabins

(07) 4627 3378

W: countryrestcabins.com.au

LEICHHARDT HOTEL MOTEL

Dawson Street, Taroom

Motel rooms and cabins

(07) 4627 3137

W: leichhardtтарoom.com.au

CATTLE CAMP MOTEL

8 Taroom Street, Taroom

Motel rooms and cabins

(07) 4627 3412

W: cattlecamp.com.au

CAMPGROUNDS NEAR TAROOM

CHAIN LAGOONS

Free campground

Off Leichhardt Way north of Taroom

(GPS -25.518969, 149.776823)

No bookings required

W: tinyurl.com/59n54dnb

GLEBE WEIR

Low cost campground with powered and

unpowered sites, amenities block

Off Leichhardt Way north of Taroom

No bookings required

W: tinyurl.com/bfvnxcwh

LAKE MURPHY

NPWS campground near Taroom

(GPS -25.486839, 149.660339)

Bookings required

W: tinyurl.com/ttha35w5

ISLA GORGE

NPWS campground

Off Leichhardt Way, bookings required

W: tinyurl.com/3t6ur7y3

EXPEDITION NATIONAL PARK

3 sections of the park,

All require bookings through NPSW

Accessible in dry weather with 4WD

Lonesome Section

Information hut, campfires allowed

Robinson Gorge Section

Information hut, no facilities

Beilba Section

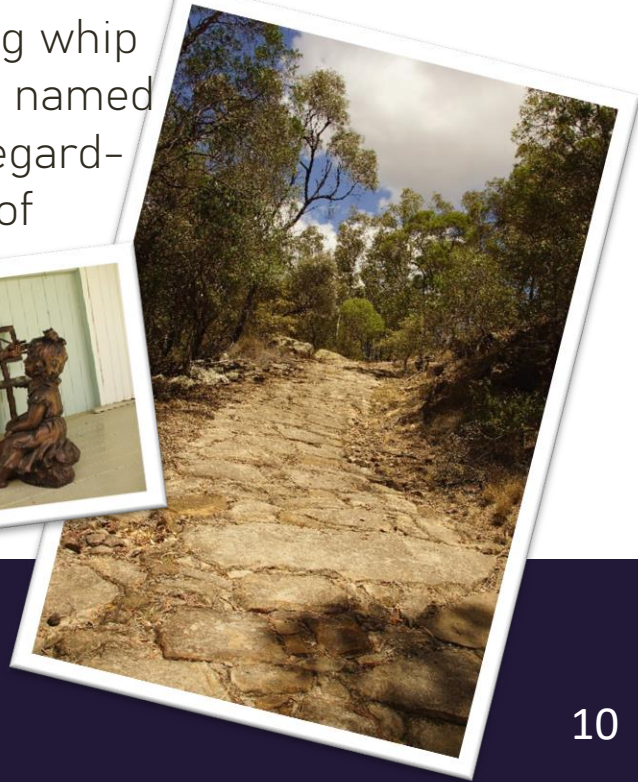
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THEODORE & CRACOW

----- Theodore Population: 438 Cracow Population: 89

Theodore is named after former Queensland Premier, Edward 'Red Ted' Theodore and is a picturesque town at the junction of the Dawson River and Castle Creek. Accommodation options include low cost campgrounds, hotel and motel rooms and riverside cabins at the community-owned Hotel Theodore. The area is renowned for platypus-spotting, fishing, excellent drive trails and fantastic events. The Theodore Centennial celebrations are being staged over 3 years, with a multitude of events, including the re-enactment of the Vice Regal tour. The name Cracow is contentious – some believe that the name comes from the sound of a cracking whip "Crack-oh", while others insist it is named after the Polish capital, Krakow. Regardless, all agree that the ghost town of Cracow is a must-see, especially the famous Cracow Pub, packed with memorabilia, and mining museum;.



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ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

THEODORE

SPORT & RECREATION GROUNDS

Low cost campground
Powered and unpowered sites
0448 570 415
W: tinyurl.com/56cf78pa

JUNCTION PARK

Low cost campground
with amenities block
Dawson River and Castle Creek
No bookings required
W: tinyurl.com/5fv7rd9x

HOTEL THEODORE

27 The Boulevard, Theodore
Suites, hotel and motel rooms, cabins
(07) 4993 1244
W: hoteltheodore.com.au

CRACOW

GEORGE HAMILTON PARK

Low cost campground
Opposite the Cracow Hotel
No bookings required
W: tinyurl.com/sxhxtxj4

CRACOW TOWN

Low cost campground
with amenities block
Behind the Mining Museum
No bookings required
W: tinyurl.com/sxhxtxj4

THE CRACOW HOTEL

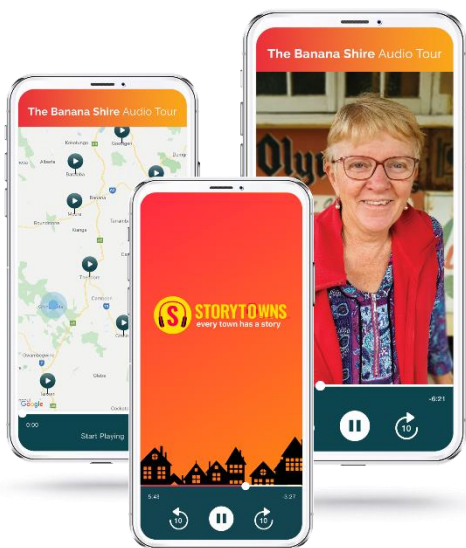
Third Ave and Tenth Ave, Cracow
Themed Hotel Rooms
(07) 4993 7118
W: tinyurl.com/tb89ntuf

CRACOW STATION

Self-contained cabin at Cracow Station,
A working cattle property
10 minutes outside of Cracow
W: tinyurl.com/3tf2a3kf

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Self Drive Trails: 14 Podcasts: 7



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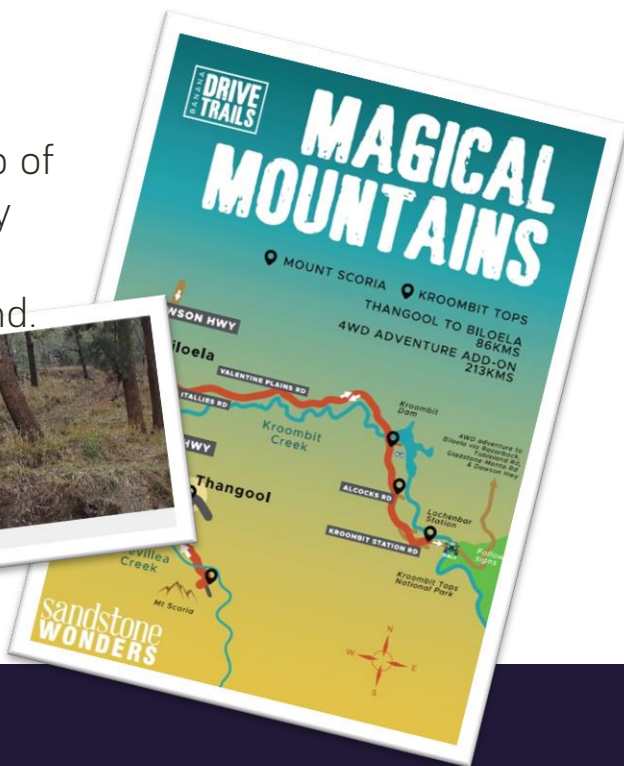
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