Welcome to Burdekin Falls Dam

Thank you for visiting Burdekin Falls Dam. SunWater encourages all visitors to help keep our dam recreational facilities a fun, safe place to relax and have a good time. Please take note of the below guidelines for your safety and enjoyment.

Read the signs, don’t take risks, stay safe
For your own safety, please take note of the signs around the dam. The signs indicate hazards to watch out for and areas to avoid. Keep an eye on your children and inform them of the hazards and where they are allowed to go.

Recreational facilities
We encourage you to enjoy the boating, picnic and BBQ facilities responsibly. Please note that these facilities are not designed for night time use.

Camping
A camping area is located on Burdekin Falls Dam Rd near the dam wall on the north side of the Burdekin River (see map over-page). The camping area features powered and unpowered sites. No pre-booking is required. Call SunWater on 13 15 89 for more information.

Fishing
A low cost fishing permit is available from Fisheries Queensland that sets out the conditions under which you can fish at Queensland dams. Call Fisheries Queensland on 13 25 23 to locate your nearest fishing permit outlet or apply online at www.smartservice.qld.gov.au/services/permits/fishing/apply

Help stop the spread of weeds and pests
Please keep your vehicles, trailers and boats clean to limit transfer of weeds and pests when entering and leaving this area.

Anti-social behaviour
If you observe vandalism, antisocial behaviour or any illegal activities please contact the Police immediately on 000 to help keep the recreational areas safe and enjoyable for all.

BBQs and cooking fires
Cooking using wood fires is only permitted when using the available wood fired BBQs, unless a total fire ban is in force. Open or camp fires are not allowed anywhere on SunWater property.

Boating, skiing, water activities
For information about what water activities are allowed on Lake Dalrymple contact Maritime Safety Queensland (Townsville region) on (07) 4726 3400 (select option 4) or visit their website www.msq.qld.gov.au

Commercial or club activities
Commercial or club activities require advance approval from SunWater. Please contact SunWater on 13 15 89 at least three weeks ahead to discuss your event and arrange for appropriate approvals.

Pets
For everyone’s enjoyment and safety, please keep your pet on a leash during your stay.

Rubbish
Help us to keep the environment clean and tidy by using the rubbish bins provided at the entrance of the recreational area.

Burdekin Falls Dam Facts
- Burdekin Falls Dam is located on the Burdekin River, 200 km south of Townsville
- Burdekin Falls Dam is the largest dam in Queensland.
- At full capacity the dam holds 1,860,000 ML; four times the capacity of Sydney Harbour.
- Construction of Burdekin Falls Dam commenced in 1984 and was completed in 1987.
Burdekin Falls Dam map

Facilities
- Boat ramp
- Barbeques
- Picnic tables
- Toilets
- Water
- Lookout

Getting there

From Flinders Highway - Townsville
For an all-bitumen access, take the Flinders Highway from Townsville in the direction of Charters Towers. At Mingela, 88 km from Townsville, turn left on to the Ravenswood/Burdekin Falls Road. The historic town of Ravenswood, 40 km from Mingela, is the last fuel stop on your journey. This route provides a two-lane bitumen road to the dam.

From the Bruce Highway - Ayr to Townsville
Travellers on the Bruce Highway, between Ayr and Townsville, should turn left on to Woodstock Road, 3.5 km north of the Haughton River Bridge. This 32 km single-lane bitumen road skirts the southern side of Mt Elliott National Park and joins the Flinders Highway at Woodstock. Once on the Flinders Highway, proceed as above.

From the Bruce Highway - Ayr
This 140 km access route incorporates 57 km of gravel road. Turn off the Bruce Highway just north of the Burdekin River bridge and head towards the town of Clare. Travel through the Burdekin-Haughton Water Supply Scheme for 43 km, past Clare Weir and turn right on to Mulgrave Road. This scenic route travels through the Leichhardt Range and on to historic Ravenswood and the Burdekin Falls Dam. A lookout on the Leichhardt Range provides a spectacular view over the Burdekin Valley.

This gravelled route is suitable for conventional vehicles with care, except in the wet season. Caravans are not recommended at any time. The route traverses several cattle properties and drivers should exercise due caution.

From the Bowen Developmental Road - Collinsville
Dry weather four-wheel drive access is available by turning off Developmental Road at Collinsville or Mt Coolon. Drivers should exercise due caution and ensure all gates are properly closed. This route crosses the Burdekin River below the dam spillway and is closed during periods of dam overflow.

Road condition Advice
Burdekin Shire Council or RACQ will provide travellers with up-to-date road conditions.

Contact
For questions and feedback email info@sunwater.com.au or call SunWater’s 24/7 Customer Hotline on 13 15 89.