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Now is the best time to visit the Macquarie Marshes. There is a huge abundance of waterbirds and if you're chasing a blue-billed duck they're hanging out at the birdhide with their ducklings. This is the most birds you're likely to see at the birdhide and many of the ducks and grebes have chicks. There are large flocks of ibis and egrets feeding beside the roads and if you drive slowly you'll no doubt capture some great images and see some really special sights, such as purple swamphens feeding their chicks or great crested grebes at Monkeygar Lagoon.

The Gibson Way has reopened and part of the road has been graded. This is the most scenic route in the area and the best way to view birdlife.

There is one major water crossing on the Gibson Way at Monkeygar Creek. The crossing is approx. 50m long and 40cm deep with a firm gravel base. It is suitable for 2wd vehicles with high clearance but 4WD is recommended. Drivers should always check the location of the air intake for their vehicle before attempting the crossing. I always recommend people drive close to the fence on the downstream (northern) side of the road to avoid any potholes.

For those that don't have a suitable vehicle to cross the Monkeygar, the drive from Quambone to the Monkeygar is still well worth the drive, and you never know what you might see on the way back.

Visitors should also check out the 2km Burrima Boardwalk. It is accessible from the Warren-Carinda Road and is one of the best ways to experience the Marshes on foot and see the beautiful clear water flowing through the river red gum forest and view the amazing waterplants up close.

Visitors need to book online <https://burrimamacquariemarshes.com/>. Visitors are reminded that only Telstra reception is available at the Macquarie Marshes.

A brochure on the Macquarie Marshes Nature Reserve, which includes a basic map, can be downloaded from <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/macquarie-marshes-nature-reserve> (please find attached)

Free primitive camping is available in Quambone and Carinda.