

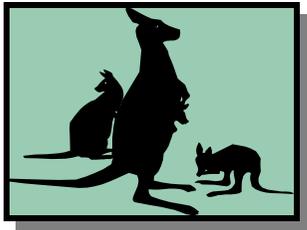
WILLIE RETREAT

MACQUARIE MARSHES



Situated 110 kms north of Warren on the Carinda Rd/ Gibson Way turn-off - look for the radio tower on this corner - then proceed 1-1/2 km along Gibson Way to the main gate on the right hand side.

WILLIE RETREAT ADJOINS THE MACQUARIE MARSHES



A list is available of the birds located in the Macquarie Marshes and the surrounding area.

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Reptiles and Fauna are also included in this list which will help you to become familiar with the amazing wildlife.

Come prepared for exquisite bird life, unique to this unforgettable part of the Central West.

Why not have a visit to the Macquarie Marshes and surrounding areas?

Willie Retreat is situated 110 km north of Warren and adjoins the western perimeter of the Southern section of the Macquarie Marshes.

Your accommodation is provided at what was the shearers' quarters at 'Willie' Station. Phillip & Myra, with some help from family and friends, have reconstructed them. There is a fully equipped kitchen, lounge room and five separate rooms, each with two double bunks providing accommodation for 20 people. Rainwater is available to drink and cook. There is even a TV for those who really need it!!

The Tolhursts ventured into tourism more or less as a sideline following on from when the people from National Parks & Wildlife and Land and Water Conservation first commenced using this facility as a base station for their work within the region.

They realised that there were lots of people who would enjoy a stayover in their part of the world.

The Marshes are the main attraction allowing people to become part of the wonderful experience with the abundant wildlife.

Phillip & Myra have a sincere interest in wildlife and domestic animals being Wildlife Carers and have held a license for bird breeding for over 30 yrs. All types of wildlife & native birds are found on Willie Station and nearby Areas.

Macquarie Marshes

The Macquarie Marshes are an Extensive Wetland System which covers 220,000 hectares in North West New South Wales.

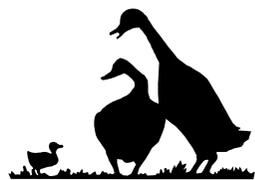
Some 18,500 ha of the Marshes are reserved as a Nature Reserve under the administration of the National Parks & Wildlife Service. Of the remaining area subject to flooding, there are extensive areas of permanent wetlands in private ownership or occupied under leasehold..

The lignum areas provide nesting for straw-necked, sacred and glossy ibis during prolonged inundation. Up to several thousand straw-necked and sacred ibis can be observed breeding on scattered lignum heads within channels and lagoons in flood years.

Cumbungi dominates many of the more permanently soaked channels within reed bed and red gum swamps.

Other species associated with slow flowing channels and open water lagoons include submerged species such as ribbon weed and curly pondweed.





110 kms north of Warren on the Carinda Rd/Gibson Way turn-Off (Telstra Tower on your right when approaching the corner and turn right into Gibson's Way then

Proceed 1 kilometre to main gate.

- Bunk bed accommodation
- Linen, crockery, cutlery supplied
- Washing Machine facilities
- Showers & Toilets
- Barbeque & Cooking facilities
- Coca Cola machine
- Mobile Phone Area - Telstra Next G

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HELICOPTER PAD

30°54'19"S 147°28'55"E

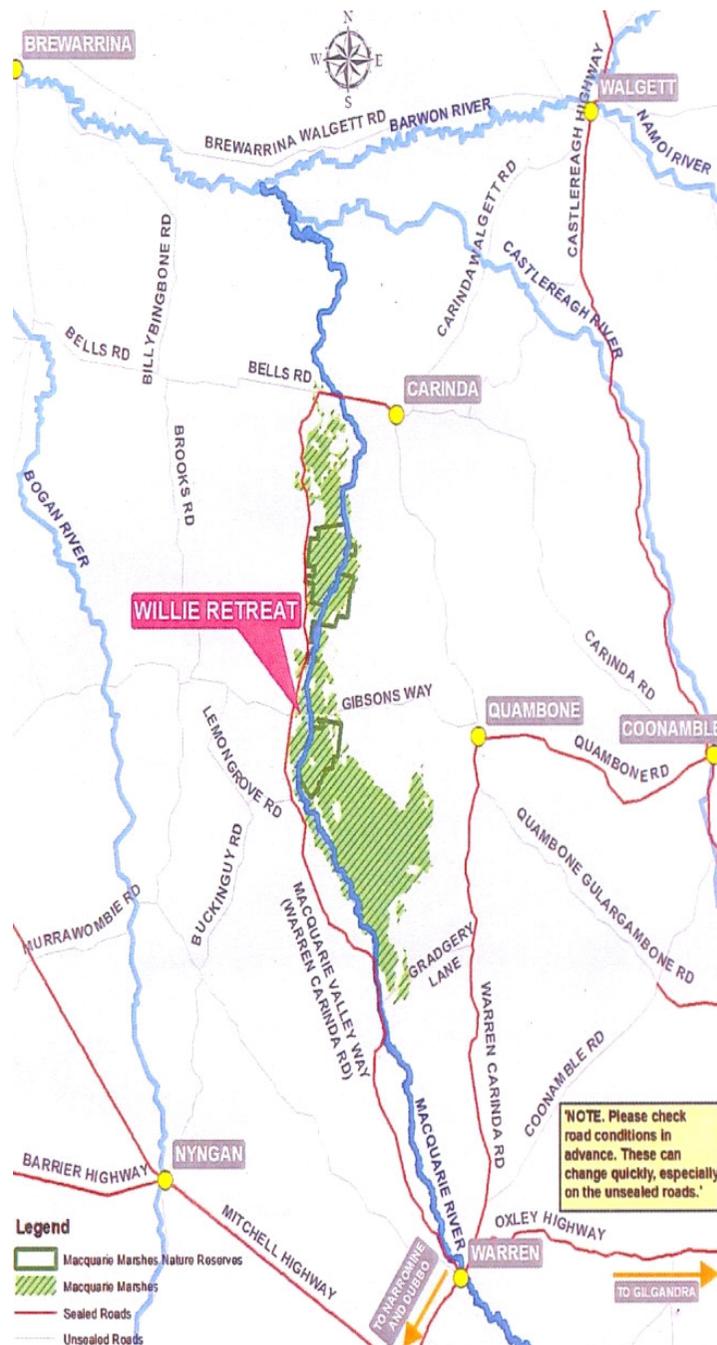


PATRICK'S MARKET

Local Crafts, Paintings, T`Shirts, Tea Towels
Willie Retreat` Honey, Postcards, Calendars,
Books, magnets, - - - Plus!

**CARAVAN SITES
ON-SITE VANS
CAMPING FACILITIES**

MARSHES MAP



**“GEORGE”
THE WONDER WETHER
21 YEARS—5 MONTHS—3 DAYS
GUINNESS WORLD RECORD 2006**

**WILLIE RETREAT
MACQUARIE MARSHES**

CWEEC 1997 ENVIRONMENT AWARD WINNER

- BUSINESS HOUSE OF THE YEAR - 2007
AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD**
- BUSINESS HOUSE OF THE YEAR - 2011
AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD**
- MACQUARIE RIVERSMART HERO 2011**



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