

LOCAL FISHING GUIDE – BUNDABERG REGION



LOCATION	SPECIES	SEASON	RECOMMENDED TACKLE	RECOMMENDED BAIT/LURES	TACKLE WORLD TIP
FRESHWATER IMPOUNDMENTS Lake Monduran	Barramundi	Summer/Spring	Graphite or composite rod 6-10kg, low profile baitcaster or 4000-5000 spinning reel, braid or mono line: 15-25kg with 20-30kg leader.	Live shrimp, both soft and hard body lures ranging from 100-180mm in length and diving between 1-7metres.	Fish on the windward side of bays where the water temperature is higher. Prime fishing times are 2 days before and up to the full and new moons.
FRESHWATER IMPOUNDMENTS Lake Gregory	Bass Saratoga	Year round	Graphite or composite rod 3-6kg, low profile baitcaster or 2000-4000 spinning reel, braid or mono line: 5-10kg with 5-10kg leader.	Live shrimp, hard-body or poppers ranging from 50-100mm in length, 1/4 to 3/8oz spinnerbaits, 50-100mm soft plastics.	During winter, target school bass in the middle of the lake. Fishing the timber in the right arm is very successful. Early morning and late afternoon is prime time for surface fishing.
RIVERS AND CREEKS Burnett River, Elliott River, Kolan River, Baffle Creek, Burrum River	Flathead	Year round	Graphite or composite rod 4-6kg, 2000-4000 spinning reel, braid or mono line: 6-8kg with 7-10kg leader.	Sprat, white bait, yabbies, pilchards, prawns, hard body or soft plastic lures ranging from 100-120mm.	On the outgoing tides, target deeper water on the edge of sand bars. On the incoming tides, target the top of the sand bars.
	Whiting	Year round	Graphite or composite rod 2-4kg, 1000-2000 spinning reel, braid or mono line: 3-6kg with 4-5kg leader.	Yabbies, pippies, beach worms, prawns, soft plastic worms ranging from 25-50mm, surface poppers around 25-50mm.	Target sand bars where the yabbie beds are and fish the top of these sand bars on the incoming tide. Using surface poppers in shallow water is another option.

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	Grunter Bream (Trumpeter)	Year round	Graphite or composite rod 5-8kg, 2000-4000 spinning reel, braid or mono line: 7-10kg with 7-10kg leader.	Live sprat, poddy mullet, prawns, mullet fillet, soft plastics ranging from 100-150mm in length.	Drifting across gravel beds is the preferred option, in the last hour of the outgoing tide and the first hour of the incoming tide. Targeting deeper holes with live bait is another method.
	Blue/King Salmon	Winter/Autumn	Graphite or composite rod 4-8kg, 3000-4000 spinning reel, braid or mono line: 7-10kg with 7-10kg leader.	Live sprat, live prawns, live poddy mullet, mullet strips, soft vibe lures between 70-100mm, soft plastics and hard body lures between 70-100mm, soft plastic prawns.	Salmon normally travel in schools, so target deeper holes and the edge of channels around 10-15ft deep.
	Mangrove Jack	Summer/Spring	Graphite or composite rod 6-8kg, 3000-4000 spinning reel, braid or mono line: 7-15kg with 15-20kg leader.	Live sprat, live prawns, live poddy mullet, mullet strips, soft vibe lures between 70-100mm, soft plastics and hard body lures between 70-100mm, soft plastic prawns, surface poppers 70-100mm.	Surface lures early morning or late afternoon along the shoreline is a great option. Targeting structures such as fallen trees, rock walls and man-made structures produce the best results.

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	Mud Crabs	Summer/Spring	4-funnel crab pot ranging from 800-900mm diameter	Whole mullet, mullet heads, pilchards	Set crab pots in mud at the mouth of feeder creeks, 50-100metres apart. Full moon is the best time.
	Prawns	Year round	9-12ft, 3/4inch drawstring cast net or top-pocket cast net.	N/A	Cast at low tide at the mouth of feeder creeks or target deep holes for schooled prawns.
OFFSHORE Cochrane Artificial Reef, Two-Mile Reef, Four Mile Reef, channel markers at Burnett Heads	Mackerel	Year round	Graphite or composite rod 8-10kg, overhead or 4000-6000 spinning reel, braid or mono line: 15-20kg with 20-40kg leader or 15-30kg wire trace.	Pilchards, gar, slimy mackerel, bonito, metal slugs up to 50gr, metal vibes 100-150mm in length, hard body and soft plastics 150-250mm in length.	Drifting with an un-weighted pilchard, gar or bonito is a good technique. Anchor over a reef and jig metal slugs. Cast metal slugs at schools of mackerel. Troll with hard body lures.
	Snapper	Winter/Autumn	Graphite or composite rod 6-8kg, overhead or 4000-5000 spinning reel, braid or mono line: 12-15kg, with 15-20kg leader.	Whole squid, pilchards, soft vibes 50-100mm in length, soft plastics 100-250mm in length.	Target the edge of reefs early morning, late afternoon and into the night.
OUTER REEFS Fifteen Mile, Northern Gutter, Southern Gutter	Trout, Red Emperor, Sweetlip, Tusk Fish	Summer/ Spring	Graphite or composite rod 10-15kg, overhead or 4000-6000 spinning reel, braid or mono line: 15-12kg with 30-40kg leader.	Live yakkas, pilchards, squid, mullet fillet, soft plastics 100-200mm in length.	Fish in 30-50 metres over reefs. Fresh flesh baits are preferred.