



Burrill Lake – Advance Party Report

Greetings fellow fisho's!

A brief article on what you can expect at Burrill Lake if you have not been fortunate enough to experience the area yet!

Accommodation

The Big4 Bungalow Park on Burrill Lake <http://www.bungalow-park.com.au> is a great place to stay with a range of accommodation options available. During our trip we opted for a Tree Top Spa Villa (which reminds me that I did not take advantage of that spa while I was there) which offered a very quiet and private abode for our stay. There was also ample room in front of the villa to park the car and boat which gets to be a pretty long rig and also sufficient room to turn around

without having to resort to a multi point turn. There is inadequate space for cars and boat trailers near the boat ramp so park management request that boat trailers are returned to your unit after you launch. It is a bit of a hike up and down the hill to the villa so make sure you have everything in your boat when you launch.

Nearby

Immediately outside the park entrance is an IGA and a short walk from the park entrance (over the bridge towards Ulladulla) is a fish and chip shop that serves up pretty tasty seafood and slightly further along the road is a place to purchase beverages that you may desire to either celebrate or commiserate your fishing trip.

Boat Facilities



There were a few boats that moored along the beach near the ramp overnight. We opted to not do that, being cautious for the security of equipment onboard and also there were strong winds forecast that may have played havoc with a bunch of boats banging around on each other during the night. Launching and recovering the boat

is pretty straightforward as the ramp is pretty good, not very steep. My boat is quite heavy but the electric winch makes getting on the trailer a breeze although a shallower angle ramp sometimes requires a bit of a reverse and sudden stop with the car and trailer in lieu of a pre fishing hernia trying to get the hull to overcome the stiction of the rollers. Boats like the club tinnie should be a doddle; in fact the club tinnie would feel like I could just tuck it under my arm and walk home at the end of the day by comparison to what I am used to! There is also a decent washdown facility on the park grounds too with plenty of room for a large boat to fit.

Fishing

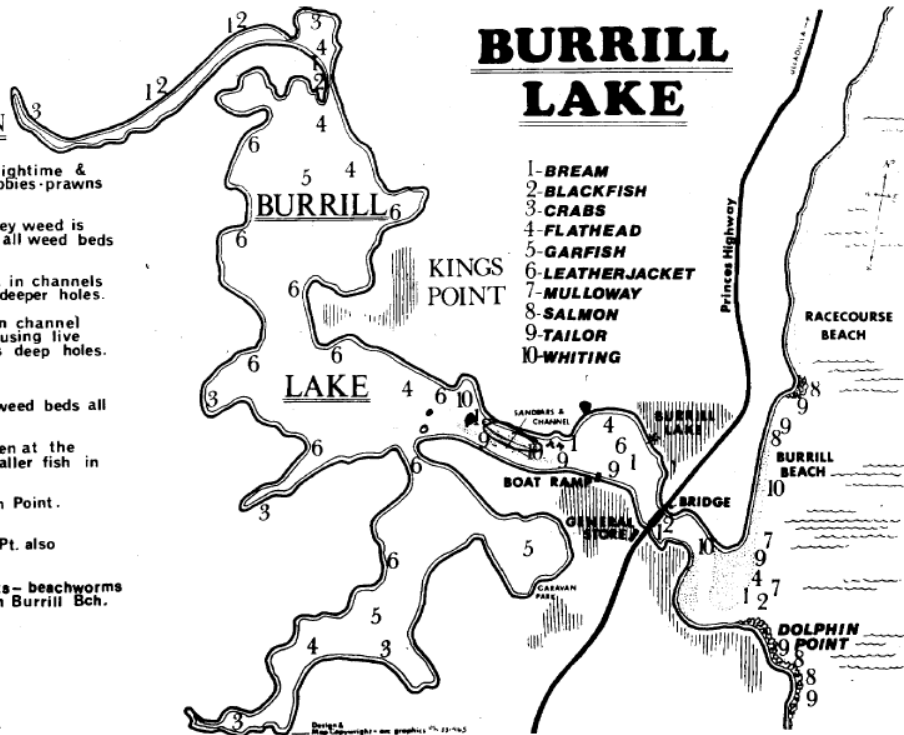
The fishing for us was a bit quiet, Grayson brought a small flathead and a couple of tailor to the boat whilst yours truly didn't manage anything more than a few touches. There could be a bit said about the success of a pretty cheap metal slug of a lure that Grayson fished with for the best part of the day whilst I tied a mix of various bibbed lures and soft plastics. There appeared to be not a lot of structure along the banks of the lake and where structure did appear, such as a fallen tree and the like, it was pretty shallow with nothing more than fry evident that darted away as we tried to get close and position for a clear casting line into the structure. I have heard stories of some great fish, back up with photo's of some monster lizards that have been taken in the lake. There is a sketch map at the bottom of this article that suggests locations, species and best time that you may wish to consider.



Burrill Lake was a wonderful place for us to spend a few days. We spent a couple of days exploring the lake by boat and when the weather did blow up, the lake was still safe enough but we opted to spend a bit of time exploring the area by car. It was a great few days and I am certain that the looming CAA outing there will not be a disappointment. We look forward to catching up with you there!

FISHING INFORMATION

1. **BREAM**: Good fishing on bridge - nighttime & early morning, best baits are yabbies-prawns which abound on the sandflats.
2. **BLACKFISH**: Also at bridge. Sydney weed is best, good results when burying all weed beds on lake floor.
3. **CRABS**: Blue swimmers Jan-Mar. in channels & the occasional mudcrab out of deeper holes.
4. **FLATHEAD**: Oct - May drifting in channel are best, also entrance & beach using live mullet or strips - also in numerous deep holes.
5. **GARFISH**: Feb.-April in lake.
6. **LEATHERJACKET**: Bridge & weed beds all year round.
7. **MULLOWAY**: Large fish are taken at the lake entrance & Burrill Beach. Smaller fish in channels.
8. **SALMON**: Burrill Beach & Dolphin Point. Pilchards best bait.
9. **TAILOR**: Burrill Beach - Dolphin Pt. also trolling in channels.
10. **WHITING**: Nov - April Best baits - beachworms pipi's, large bluenose whiting on Burrill Bch.



Tides - Burrill Lake Highway Bridge

FRI 4 Mar	SAT 5 Mar	SUN 6 Mar	MON 7 Mar
○ 5:55 am	○ 12:22 am	○ 1:20 am	○ 2:11 am
1.49m	0.64m	0.56m	0.46m
○ 12:41 pm	○ 6:55 am	○ 7:47 am	○ 8:36 am
0.59m	1.57m	1.68m	1.79m
○ 6:40 pm	○ 1:37 pm	○ 2:25 pm	○ 3:10 pm
1.23m	0.49m	0.38m	0.28m
	○ 7:37 pm	○ 8:25 pm	○ 9:11 pm
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