

# Gippsland Lakes Spots

**Read in conjunction with Coastguard or other map.**

**\*\*\* are nearby most visited places.**

## **Beach vs Jetties vs Anchoring off.**

We, like most TS, started pulling up on a beach. Can go for walks, take dog to toilet access to beach or toilets etc BUT very weather dependent. And a PAIN waking in the middle of the night to boat grinding on the sand and trying to set up quarter lines etc etc. Mooring off - no mossies, private, swing into the wind so sheltered, constantly changing scenery far more relaxing and easier to sleep. Jetties - OK but still can get lots of bump and grind and often slap, slap of water on stern. Doesn't sound much but can be a pain.

## **Nearby**

- **\*\*\* Duck Arm** - v popular lunch and overnight spot. V sheltered, safe in all weather. Handy mooring buoys or pull up on beach. Long drop toilets. Sth side mainly school camps.
- **\*\*\* Sperm Whale Head** - National Park, scenic jetty, good lunch spot, BBQs, picnic shelter and kangaroos. Reasonably sheltered, can be crowded.
- **\*\*\*Rotamah Island.** - Old bird observatory, jetty, reasonably sheltered, long scenic walks, longish walk to ocean "90 Mile Beach". Good to anchor E side of channel off Trapper Pt but gets v shallow towards Radford and Gergon Bank. Can get ashore at old jetty at Trapper Pt. Pretty down channel to SW but VV shallow.
- **\*\*\* "Round the Island" (Raymond Island)** pleasant few hours, often a good sail dependent on weather. Keep Nth of Carstairs bank red marker, mark at Nth end of island hard to see until almost there, Lake King shallow and can get nasty short send, heading back to Paynesville need to go around port marker at start of Mc Millans Strait (from a distance head towards communications tower), with ferry flashing red light shows direction it is going once he changes light at other end to head back won't stop for boats.
- **\*\*\* Boole Poole Peninsula - Bunga Arm** - NP no dogs even on the boat, VV popular, especially at Easter and Xmas. 2 channels in Steamer and Grange, Steamer Landing. Private and Public jetties at the Grange. Large public jetty at Steamer Landing. VV Popular Jetty - access to 90 Mile Beach, toilet, can pull up to beach/anchor W of jetty, "Poo Barge" moored nearby. Good days outing.
- **\*\*\* Bunga Arm Lakes NP (no dogs)** - multiple campsites with long drop toilets on Sth side, some limited sandy spots on Nth. The arm is V weedy can anchor with difficulty but also v busy. as you go down the arm speed boats and water skiers diminish but still lots of boats. Can have lovely sheltered spot e.g., near blow hole and

then have big launch muscle in alongside. Lovely sandy beach on Sth side at the end (careful VERY steep to) but can get prawners late at night. Shallow at spots. From the far end you can walk across to Bancroft Bay (Metung), if you can find the track.

## Lake Victoria Nth Side

- **North side of Lake Victoria** - private land or State Game reserve. Fisherman and shooters but dogs OK.
- **Masons Bay** - W side of Duck Arm, Nice beach and anchor spot.
- **Wattle Point** - Good jetty, (Good to keep in mind if you ever have to run from Emu Bight at night) toilet, picnic spot (also a car destination).
- **Waddy Point /Steel Bay** - Gippy Ports mooring, scenic and sheltered from Nth and W, can get in with car or caravan and camp but has 4WD's visiting.
- **Storm Point** - sheltered
- **Blond Bay / Jones Bay / Tom's Ck** - getting shallow, farming. Tom's Ck good shelter, rural
- **Hollands Landing** - shallow channel in, well marked, popular, big landing/wharf and launching ramp. Campground and store closed.
- **McLennan Strait** - Slow motor, lots of landing spots, lots of fisherman.
- **Plover Point** - was very popular sandy beach and mooring but I believed has washed away? Can pull up /anchor off beach around point in Lake Wellington but exposed to all weather.
- **Lake Wellington** - V shallow, well marked channel across to Latrobe R and SLOW motor to Sale. Can carefully cruise to sandy beaches. Sth to Bull Bay or Nth to Roseneath but can end long way off shore. Marley Point YC on W side.
- **Avon and Perry Rivers** - interesting to potter up.

## Lake Victoria Sth Side

- **South side of Lake Victoria** - National Park and little coves, then Emu Bight and then sandy beaches of Loch Sport. A number of nice little NP pull in spots between Sperm Whale Head and Emu Bight but weather dependent.
- \*\*\* **Emu Bight** - our No1 favourite spot! NP has lovely feel about it. Sandy bay good anchor holding, usually sheltered, can usually get in close to shore. Go wide around Pt Walker and then into centre of beach where there is a track up to NP campsite. OK for caravans but a long drive in. Good toilets and regulated campsites and fireplaces. Anchor on NE side is usually v sheltered, private and lovely spot to swing on an anchor and watch roos, sometimes phosphorescence or thunder and lightning in the hills.
- **Loch sport** - Big jetty, sheltered marina, showers and toilet, pub and shops.

## Lake King

- Shallow and can blow up with nasty short chop.

- **Eagle Point Bay**
- **Point Dawson / Silt Jetty / Mitchell R** good landing just inside mouth, long motor to cliffs and Eagle Point Picnic area but sheltered and picturesque, even longer motor to Bairnsdale.
- **Jones Bay and entry to Nicholson R** tricky navigating markers but then steady motor to Nicholson and substantial jetty, toilet block and shops.
- **Tambo R** - long motor to Swan Reach.

## Metung

- **Lake King jetty** - Can be busy at Metung Jetty so can be better to moor at Lake King jetty and walk short distance to shops, pub etc.
- **NB If you ever launch at Shaving Point note there is a power line across the road there. I almost took it out with mast up.**
- **Bancroft Bay** very sheltered, moor at Metung jetty or in Chinaman's Ck or Boxers Ck beach around from mouth and toilets??

## Reeve Channel lakes Entrance etc

- **Nungurner** - jetty. There are a few jetties along here but not very big or well suited to overnighing.
- **Rigby Channel** past private Fraser island to channel along Barrier Landing. Very popular and busy spot. Sandy beach and access to 90 Mile Beach.
- **Drews Jetty** near entrance beware of tides we moored in little beach and nearly went aground. Couldn't get out because of tides.
- **Flagstaff Jetty** - pretty spot to moor. Often used by yachts about to go out the entrance.
- **Lakes Entrance** - we haven't stayed here much but David and Jo used to regularly stay at the Post Office Jetty apparently power, water etc for a fee.

## Resources

*"Grid Chart of the Gippsland Lakes" Australian Volunteer Coastguard Paynesville.*

Laminated map available anywhere.

Gippsland Lakes Boating Guide Gippsland Lakes ... - Gippsland Ports

Another laminated and folding map. Good to have both as they show slightly different aspects

*Creeks and Harbours of the Gippsland Lakes: A Guide to Cruising and Fishing*

RICHARD HAWKINS ISBN: 0959257810

Might be out of print now and maybe out of date but was THE bible on the Lakes. I can lend you a copy if you want to have a browse

**Gippsland Ports - Interactive map**

<https://gippsports.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b0359988ca3241729e331f284f44587c&center=147.6,-37.99&level=11>

**Gippsland Ports Public Mooring Buoys**

<https://www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/news/gippsland-lakes-new-public-swing-mooring-destinations/>