Understanding our river

The Murray River is a beautiful place to swim. River Signage is designed to help you become aware of the dangers of swimming in the river. Read it and understand it. Rivers are constantly changing, create currents that alter the river course. What may seem been safe may not be. Respect and understand our river.

Deep Water

Deep water is where the river is darkest. The Murray River is very deep, even close to the river bank. Do not to swim out of your depth. Sandbars offer the shallowest and safest places to swim.

Currents May Exist

Currents in the Murray are the strongest around bends in the river where the water flows quickest. If you are caught in a strong current, stay calm, float on your back and signal for help.

Deep Holes Near Banks & Sandbanks

Currents form deep and dangerous holes, some very close to the river bank, particularly at the downstream end of Sandbars. The river may look safe, but you cannot see what is below. Swim in the middle of the sandbar, never dive into the river or swim under water.

Limbs May Fall

Eucalypt trees can drop large branches at any time without warning. Never camp or park your car directly under gum trees, but do so in a clearing.

Read It - Understand It

Please read the River Signage provided. Ask for some assistance if you don’t understand it. Your safety is relying on it.