



Wentworth flooding Do not enter floodwater Watch and Act



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Next update: Monday 23 Jan 3:00 pm or as the situation changes

The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) **NOT TO ENTER FLOODWATER** due to current widespread moderate flooding:

- Wentworth and surrounding areas

You should monitor the situation as it is constantly changing. Avoid floodwater for your safety.

What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises the Murray River at Wentworth is currently at 32.95 metres AHD and falling slowly, with moderate flooding.

The river is likely to remain above the moderate flood level (32.68 metres AHD) over the weekend into early next week.

Current and predicted flows in the Darling River are not likely to cause significant river level rises at Wentworth.

For further details about Wentworth and The Murray River floods, please see the Murray River warning: <http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/warnings/flood/murrayriver.shtml>

Based on predictions from the Bureau of Meteorology, the following areas may be impacted by dangerous floodwaters:

- Log Bridge Road
- Low lying areas in Junction Park
- Low lying areas of Willow Bend Caravan Park
- Ski Reserve boat ramp
- Ski Reserve Road near the Broken Hill / Wentworth Pumping Station
- Low lying areas along the Darling and Murray Rivers may be inundated
- Local access roads may be closed due to floodwater
- Low lying sporting fields, parklands and public recreation areas are impacted by floodwater
- Properties along Lagoon Road and West Street in the Theoga Lagoon area may become isolated. Residents should prepare now for possible isolation for an extended period or relocate.

What you need to do:

- If you have a Home and/or Business Emergency Plan, review it now. Otherwise, have a conversation and plan for what you will do and take with you if you need to evacuate.
- Consider the consequences of road and bridge closures and water over roads and make alternate arrangements for work, children, and travel.
- Plan your route carefully to avoid flooded roads and allow extra travel time.

- Obey all signs about road closures and instructions from emergency services.
- Avoid storm drains and pipes, ditches, ravines and rivers.
- Never drive, walk, ride through, play or swim in floodwater - it is dangerous, toxic, and may void your car insurance. If it's flooded, forget it. Fines apply.
- Share this information with family, friends, and neighbours and help others prepare where possible.
- Farmers should consider moving pumps and farm equipment to higher ground.
- If you are isolated and require resupply, contact NSW SES on 132 500.
- If you are likely to be isolated due to flooding, stock up on essential items now.
- Visit Wentworth Shire Council website for information on local road closures <https://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure/engineering-services/roads-and-traffic/road-condition-report/>
- For livestock assistance, please call the Agriculture and Animal Service Hotline on 1800 814 647

For more information:

- Listen to your local ABC radio station which can be found at reception.abc.net.au.
- ABC Swan Hill/Mildura
- Follow us on social media [@NSWSES](https://www.facebook.com/NSWSES) or visit our website at www.ses.nsw.gov.au
- Learn about your risk at www.ses.nsw.gov.au/knowyourrisk/
- Check latest weather, warnings, rainfall and river heights at www.bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Check road closures at livetraffic.com.au or [132 701](tel:132701) or your local Council.

For emergency help in floods, storms and tsunamis, call the NSW State Emergency Service on [132 500](tel:132500). In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero ([000](tel:000)) immediately.

Media enquiries: media@ses.nsw.gov.au or call [1800 067 234](tel:1800067234)

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