

# **WEATHER**

Murray River Walk operates between May and September in the cooler autumn, winter and spring weather. Calm, sunny days are typical in the Riverland during this period. Maximum daily temperatures (degrees Celsius) and seasonal highlights are as follows:

## May (20°C) Average rain 24.8mm

Calm conditions and the first autumn rains trigger new growth on the floodplains. Emus start nesting and we occasionally startle them on their massive turquoise eggs. Red-capped Robins and Variegated Fairywrens are active in the undergrowth, and shy Echidnas are enjoying moist soils for foraging.

## June (17°C) Average rain 24.6mm

Early morning mists dance on the mirror-like water surface, lifting like a curtain to reveal Pelicans feeding and roosting on emergent logs. The winter sun radiates on our backs and ancient Redgum forests provide shelter. Walkers revel in an invigorating foot dip after a day's walk and spectacular sunsets and sunrises on the ochre coloured cliffs inspire us.

#### July (17°C) Average rain 23.1mm

Kangaroos have moved from the river's edge to graze on the plains and the first emu chicks are now out. The spectacular wild river lily flowers on sandy lunettes after rain and darters use the sun to dry their wings before their next dive for fish. Winter campfires, hot showers and hearty meals are reward for our day's journey.

## August (18°C) Average rain 25.3mm

The days grow longer and warmer and Black Swans are pairing and building rafts to nest on. We spot stripy Emu chicks that stay close to dad as they discover the speed in their new legs. We can forage for fresh Saltbush leaves, Samphire and native River Mint which are a fun addition to our fabulous daily menus.

## September(21°C) Average rain 28mm

It's Spring time and the Murray River comes to life, river levels rise from winter rain and wetlands are filling. Purple Pigface carpets the floodplain and yellow Poached-egg Daisies create mosaics of colour. Ducks are pairing to breed as excited frogs join our conversations. Warming river temperatures may tempt a swim.

