

# Cooloola conditions report

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## Fire danger, weather warnings, alerts and emergencies

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- Large swell conditions potentially cause severe beach erosion and beach hazards for several days. Drive with extreme care on open beaches. Set up camps well above high tide line. People must not drive on dunes. Drive only when conditions are suitable. Temporary vehicle access restrictions may apply around high tide times on Teewah Beach. Observe all signage, barriers and directions from rangers. Keep updated of weather conditions via [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) and ABC local radio.
- **Park Alerts** exist for Teewah Beach camping zone, Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area, Lake Cooroibah to Harry's Hut, and Upper Noosa River Campsites.
- **Sand-boarding is dangerous:** Do not run, roll or slide down sand dunes. Serious injury or death could result.
- **Do not climb sand dunes:** Walking and climbing the sand dunes in Cooloola Recreation Area is prohibited. Unstable sand cliffs with falling boulders and landslides make this activity dangerous. High risk areas are marked by safety signs. Visitors must stay outside the marked areas.
- **Teewah Beach camping area:** Campers are advised to take note of the number of the nearest positioning marker in case of an emergency. These yellow triangular markers help emergency services respond quicker to your location.



## Camping and day-use areas

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- **Teewah Beach camping zone:** Some restrictions to the camping zone on Teewah Beach have been implemented following dislodged rocks in the area. High risk areas are marked by fencing and safety signs. Visitors must stay outside the marked areas.
- **Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area:** Planned maintenance to Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area has commenced. As a result, the following areas will be temporarily closed: West of Sarawak camp area – (Closed from 11am, 13 August – 11am, 31 August); Pelican Bay side of Inskip Road – (Closed from 11am, 20 August – 11am, 31 August). Alternate camp areas are available within Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area.
- **Lake Cooroibah to Harry's Hut:** QPWS planned burns are scheduled to take place between Lake Cooroibah and Harry's Hut camping and day-use area 1 - 16 August 2018.
- **Upper Noosa River Campsites:** Upper Noosa River campsites 1, 2, and 3 will undergo improvement works between August 2018 and January 2019. All campsites will remain open with minimal impact to campers.
- **Teewah Beach:** The camping area beachfront speed limit is 50km/hr. Check your speed and always drive to the conditions.
- **Teewah Beach:** Beach soak & underground water in the camping zone is unfit for drinking, cooking, showering & swimming.
- **Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area:** Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. Handlers must clean up after dog/s.



## Track and beach conditions

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**Remember:** Only high clearance 4WDs are recommended on inland tracks and beaches. All-wheel drives, vehicles towing trailers, boats and vans may have difficulty. Stay alert for hazards and always drive to the conditions.

### Beach conditions:

- **Erosion:** Recent weather has caused some erosion. Hazards such as landslips, washouts, eroded dunes, sand depressions, fallen trees, exposed coffee rock and debris including logs may be present.
- **Landslip:** Vehicle access along the Coloured Sands stretch of Rainbow Beach is limited by a recent landslip south of Middle Rocks. Check tide and swell conditions before travel and exercise caution. Do not climb sand dunes or park near their base.
- **Double Island Point:** Vehicle access on the northern side of the Peninsula, on either side of the Leisha Track entrance, is limited due to the natural movement of the saltwater lagoon.
- **High tides** in excess of 2m are predicted for 13 August 2018.
- **Marine Stingers** and other dangerous sea life are present, especially during summer, in K'gari (Fraser Island) and Cooloola waters.

### Upper Noosa River conditions:

- Boaties and paddlers should always remain alert when traversing the river for hazards such as underwater logs.
- Remember—speed limit of 6 knots applies north of Kinaba. Boats of varying hull shapes and sizes generate fluctuating wash at speed. Wash erodes riverbanks and reduces water quality. If you create wash at 6 knots, slow down!



## Walking track conditions

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- **Cooloola Wilderness Trail:** Access from Fig Tree Point to Elanda Point is temporarily closed due to bridge damage causing an unacceptable risk to the safety of walkers in remote areas.
- **CLOSED:** Figtree walk. Fig Tree Point camping and day use area are accessible but not via Figtree walk which crosses Kin Kin Creek as the bridge was washed away. Planning for a new bridge is underway.



## Neighbourhood Police Beat

- Secure camping, boating and fishing gear and other valuables, especially when asleep or away from camp or vehicle.
- All road rules apply when driving on the beach. Observe speed signage. Police patrol regularly.
- **Non urgent incidents – Policelink 131 444.**

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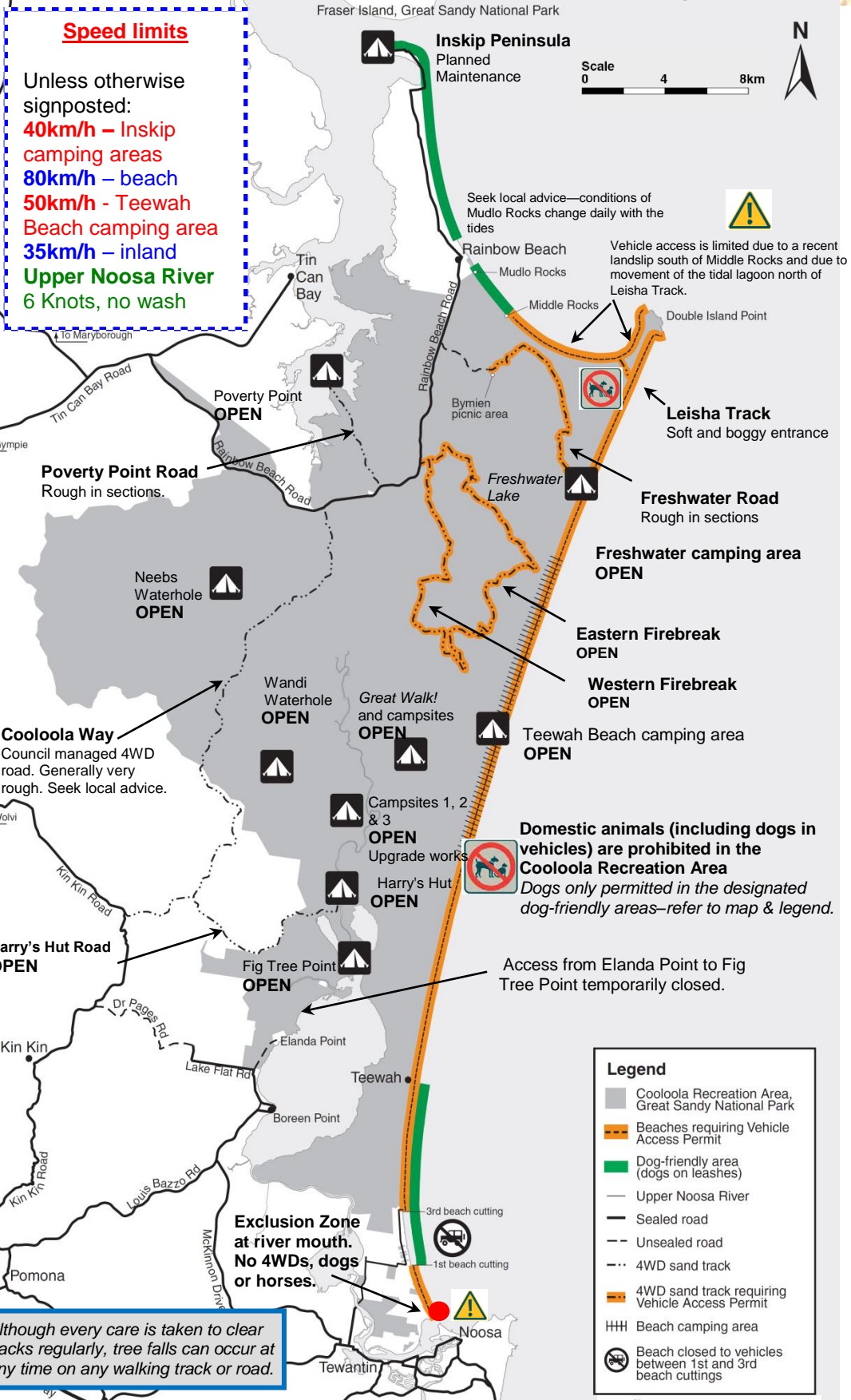
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## Tide times (Noosa Heads) AUGUST

Time	m	Time	m
<b>13</b>	0327 0.23	<b>24</b>	0105 0.61
	0922 1.68		0641 1.45
MO	1522 0.18	FR	1243 0.48
	2146 2.13		1916 1.90
<b>14</b>	0413 0.25	<b>25</b>	0137 0.56
	1011 1.67		0718 1.49
TU	1611 0.29	SA	1316 0.45
	2230 1.98		1949 1.92
<b>15</b>	0457 0.31	<b>26</b>	0208 0.52
	1059 1.63		0752 1.53
WE	1701 0.43	SU	1349 0.42
	2310 1.81	○	2018 1.92
<b>16</b>	0541 0.38	<b>27</b>	0237 0.48
	1149 1.59		0824 1.56
TH	1754 0.58	MO	1421 0.42
	2353 1.64		2047 1.91
<b>17</b>	0626 0.46	<b>28</b>	0307 0.46
	1249 1.55		0858 1.59
FR	1857 0.71	TU	1453 0.43
			2117 1.88
<b>18</b>	0042 1.49	<b>29</b>	0338 0.45
	0716 0.53		0934 1.60
SA	1406 1.55	WE	1528 0.48
☾	2017 0.81		2147 1.81
<b>19</b>	0147 1.36	<b>30</b>	0410 0.47
	0815 0.59		1011 1.60
SU	1521 1.58	TH	1605 0.55
	2142 0.83		2218 1.72
<b>20</b>	0307 1.30	<b>31</b>	0444 0.50
	0921 0.62		1053 1.59
MO	1625 1.65	FR	1648 0.65
	2254 0.80		2254 1.61
<b>21</b>	0416 1.30	<b>1</b>	0522 0.54
	1025 0.61		1141 1.58
TU	1718 1.72	SA	1740 0.75
	2348 0.74		2336 1.49
<b>22</b>	0512 1.34	<b>2</b>	0607 0.58
	1119 0.58		1241 1.58
WE	1802 1.80	SU	1851 0.82
<b>23</b>	0029 0.67		
	0600 1.39		
TH	1204 0.53		
	1842 1.86		



Although every care is taken to clear tracks regularly, tree falls can occur at any time on any walking track or road.

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