

# Cooloola conditions report

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## Fire danger, weather warnings and emergencies

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- **Park Alerts** exist for Cooloola Wilderness Trail due to recent severe weather damage (see Camping and Walking track conditions).
- **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.
- **Extra dry conditions:** Due to the recent dry weather conditions, be extra careful with fires. Never leave a fire unattended.
- **Fire Management in progress:** Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) are nearing the end of their planned burn season. As a result some areas may have limited or restricted access and visibility may be decreased due to the presence of smoke. Check park alerts regularly - [www.npsr.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/)



## Camping and day-use areas

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Booking your camping and vehicle access permits online is now easier, and is compatible with your smart phone or tablet device. Visit [qld.gov.au/camping](http://qld.gov.au/camping). Free **QldParks-Wifi** is now available 24/7 at the Great Sandy Information Centre, Tewantin.

### Cooloola Recreation Area:

- **Smoking restrictions in national parks:** Smoking is banned within 10 metres of in-use campsites and any public facilities.
- **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 their 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.

**Inland track conditions:** (refer to map for general road conditions)

- **Freshwater Road:** Sandy and boggy due to recent dry weather conditions. Rough in places.
- **Leisha Track:** Sandy and boggy at the Teewah Beach entrance. Exercise caution.
- **Poverty Point Road:** Sandy and boggy in sections.

**Beach conditions:**

- **Extra dry conditions:** Sandy and boggy due to recent dry weather. Exercise caution.
- **Double Island Point:** Vehicle access on the northern side of the Peninsula, on either side of the Leisha Track entrance, may be restricted due to the movement of the saltwater lagoon.
- **Erosion:** Recent weather has caused some erosion. Hazards such as washouts, eroded dunes, sand depressions, fallen trees, exposed coffee rock and debris including logs may be present.
- **Mudlo Rocks (at Rainbow Beach):** Conditions of the rocks change daily with tides, swell and currents. Seek local advice as rocks may become treacherous for vehicles. An alternate route to Double Island Pt and Teewah Beach is via Freshwater Road.

**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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### Long walks

- **Cooloola Wilderness Trail is now partially open after recent severe weather damage:** The following sections of the Cooloola Wilderness Trail remain open – Mullens carpark to Cooloola Way, Cooloola Way to Harry's Hut, Harry's Hut to Fig Tree Point, Fig Tree Point to Boronia walk carpark. 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. Observe all signage, barriers and directions and do not enter closed areas.

### Short walks

- **OPEN:** Short walks to Carlo Sandblow, Double Island Point, Poona Lake, Freshwater Lake, Mill Point, Kinaba.
- **CLOSED:** Figtree walk. Fig Tree Point camping and day use area is 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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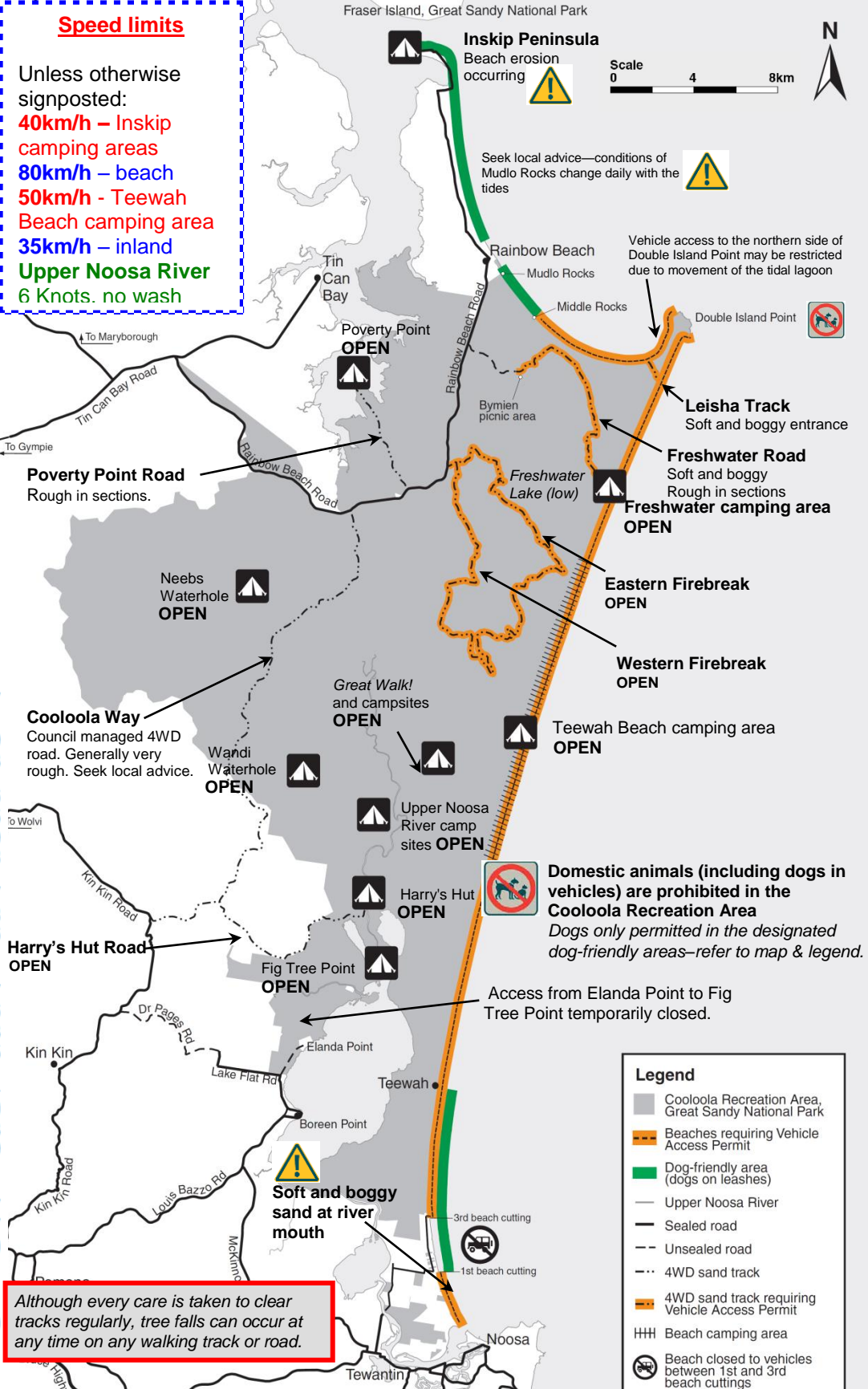
Tide times (Noosa Heads)	
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Time m	Time m
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0757 1.73	0600 1.54
WE 1400 0.24	TU 1205 0.52
● 2011 1.94	1820 1.86
21 0228 0.23	4 0047 0.42
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2047 1.85	1857 1.90
22 0302 0.27	5 0121 0.32
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FR 1518 0.39	TH 1328 0.36
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23 0331 0.33	6 0156 0.24
0949 1.71	0801 1.86
SA 1553 0.50	FR 1410 0.32
2150 1.61	○ 2015 1.89
24 0357 0.40	7 0234 0.20
1024 1.68	0846 1.92
SU 1630 0.60	SA 1456 0.33
2222 1.50	2058 1.81
25 0428 0.47	8 0313 0.21
1103 1.64	0932 1.94
MO 1713 0.69	SU 1545 0.39
2258 1.40	2142 1.69
26 0505 0.55	9 0354 0.27
1150 1.59	1021 1.91
TU 1807 0.78	MO 1638 0.49
2345 1.30	2229 1.53
27 0550 0.64	10 0439 0.36
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WE 1928 0.84	TU 1740 0.59
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1122 0.61	1035 0.51
MO 1742 1.79	SU 1654 1.80
	2331 0.41

**Speed limits**

Unless otherwise signposted:

- 40km/h – Inskip camping areas
- 80km/h – beach
- 50km/h - Teewah
- Beach camping area
- 35km/h – inland
- Upper Noosa River
- 6 Knots. no wash

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



- Inskip Peninsula**  
Beach erosion occurring
- Seek local advice—conditions of Mudlo Rocks change daily with the tides
- Vehicle access to the northern side of Double Island Point may be restricted due to movement of the tidal lagoon
- Leisha Track**  
Soft and boggy entrance
- Freshwater Road**  
Soft and boggy  
Rough in sections
- Freshwater camping area**  
OPEN
- Eastern Firebreak**  
OPEN
- Western Firebreak**  
OPEN
- Teewah Beach camping area**  
OPEN
- Domestic animals (including dogs in vehicles) are prohibited in the Cooloola Recreation Area**  
Dogs only permitted in the designated dog-friendly areas—refer to map & legend.
- Access from Elanda Point to Fig Tree Point temporarily closed.
- Soft and boggy sand at river mouth**

**Legend**

- Cooloola Recreation Area, Great Sandy National Park
- Beaches requiring Vehicle Access Permit
- Dog-friendly area (dogs on leashes)
- Upper Noosa River
- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- 4WD sand track
- 4WD sand track requiring Vehicle Access Permit
- HHH Beach camping area
- Beach closed to vehicles between 1st and 3rd beach cuttings

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