

# 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.



## 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.

**Double Island Pt Conservation Park:** Scheduled maintenance works are underway at the lighthouse. Observe all signage and barriers.

**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:** Rough in places. Entrance on Teewah Beach can be soft and boggy.
- **Leisha Track:** Firm track in good condition. Soft sand at the Teewah Beach entrance can pose a hazard. Exercise caution.

**Beach conditions:**

- **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.
- **High Tides** in excess of 2 metres are predicted 8-10 June and 21-27 June, making beach driving difficult.
- **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:** 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.
- **Cooloola Great Walk has now re-opened after recent severe weather damage.**

**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

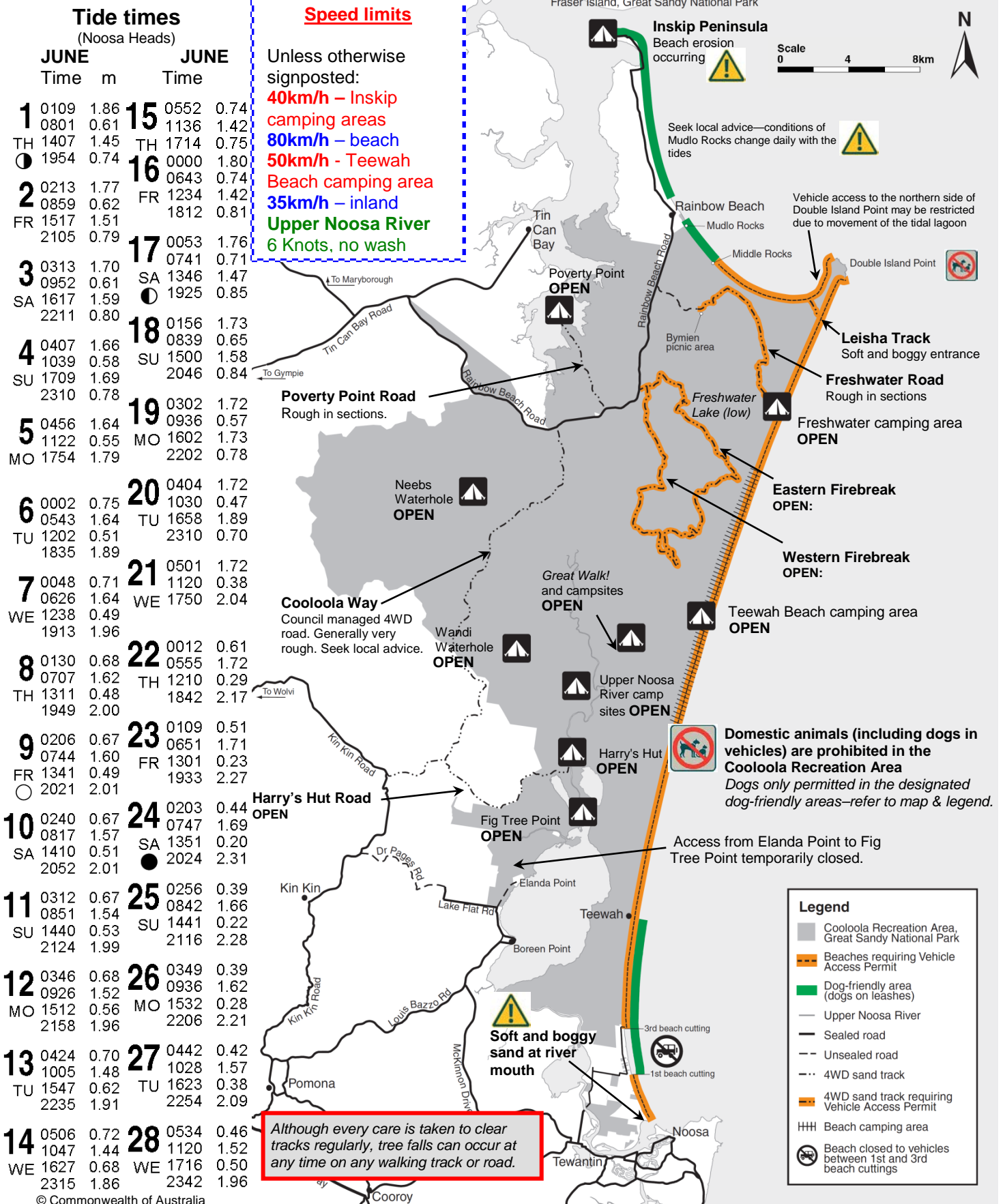
- Secure camping, boating and fishing gear and other valuables, especially when asleep or away from camp or vehicle.
- All road rules apply when driving on the beach. Observe speed signage. Police patrol regularly.
- **Non urgent incidents – Policelink 131 444.**

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