

# Cooloola conditions report

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## Fire danger, weather warnings and emergencies

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- **Park Alerts** exist for Teewah Beach camping zone, the Cooloola Wilderness Trail, and Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area (see Camping and day-use areas, Walking track conditions, and Track and beach Conditions).
- **Sand-boarding is dangerous:** Do not run, roll or slide down sand dunes. Serious injury or death could result.
- **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.

- **Dislodged rocks 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, and visitors are required to stay outside the marked areas. The beach remains open, and camping capacity has been retained to 2200 people permitted elsewhere in the Teewah Beach Camping Zone.
- **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:** 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:**

- High tides in excess of 2m are predicted 3-6 January and 17 January, making beach driving difficult.
- **Marine Stingers:** Marine stingers and other dangerous marine life are present, especially during the summer months, in the waters off K'gari (Fraser Island), Hervey Bay and the Great Sandy Strait.
- **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.

**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 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, and 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.

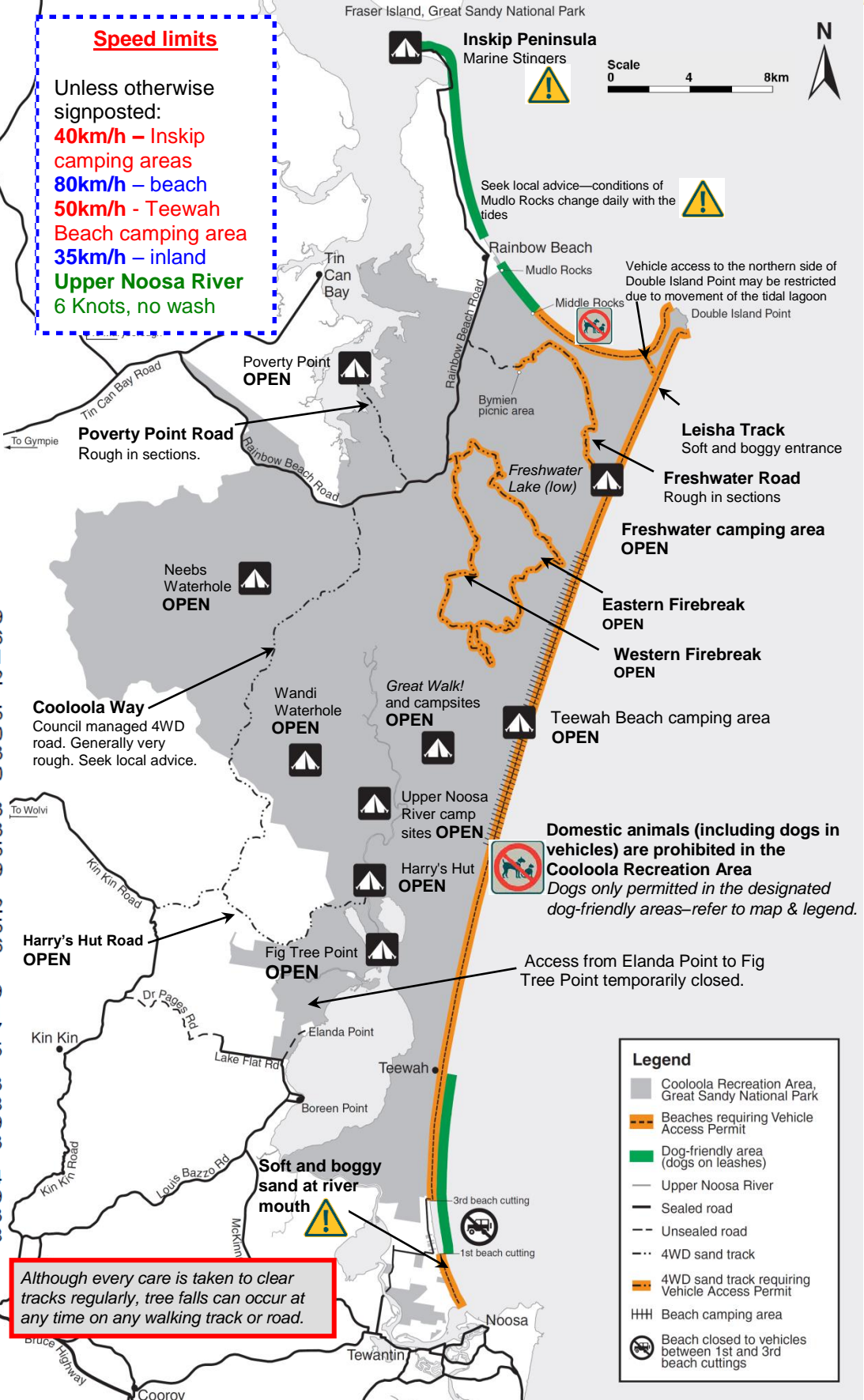
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Tide times (Noosa Heads)			
JANUARY		JANUARY	
Time	m	Time	m
<b>3</b>	0218 0.15	<b>15</b>	0042 0.49
	0855 2.29		0723 1.95
WE	1527 0.35	MO	1345 0.69
	2111 1.61		1916 1.51
<b>4</b>	0309 0.19	<b>16</b>	0116 0.47
	0945 2.25		0757 1.98
TH	1618 0.36	TU	1419 0.65
	2203 1.57		1953 1.52
<b>5</b>	0359 0.27	<b>17</b>	0147 0.46
	1034 2.15		0829 2.00
FR	1710 0.39	WE	1450 0.63
	2254 1.53	●	2027 1.53
<b>6</b>	0451 0.38	<b>18</b>	0218 0.45
	1121 2.02		0900 2.01
SA	1802 0.44	TH	1521 0.61
	2348 1.48		2100 1.54
<b>7</b>	0546 0.52	<b>19</b>	0251 0.46
	1209 1.87		0931 1.99
SU	1853 0.50	FR	1554 0.60
			2136 1.53
<b>8</b>	0051 1.45	<b>20</b>	0324 0.49
	0647 0.65		1004 1.96
MO	1259 1.73	SA	1629 0.61
	1946 0.54		2212 1.52
<b>9</b>	0208 1.46	<b>21</b>	0358 0.55
	0756 0.77		1037 1.90
TU	1356 1.60	SU	1705 0.63
●	2041 0.58		2251 1.50
<b>10</b>	0321 1.51	<b>22</b>	0436 0.63
	0911 0.85		1111 1.83
WE	1459 1.51	MO	1743 0.65
	2137 0.60		2336 1.49
<b>11</b>	0426 1.59	<b>23</b>	0521 0.72
	1026 0.87		1149 1.75
TH	1600 1.46	TU	1826 0.66
	2231 0.59		
<b>12</b>	0520 1.69	<b>24</b>	0031 1.49
	1132 0.85		0619 0.81
FR	1656 1.44	WE	1236 1.67
	2320 0.56		1919 0.65
<b>13</b>	0606 1.79	<b>25</b>	0145 1.53
	1224 0.79		0736 0.88
SA	1748 1.46	TH	1338 1.59
		●	2022 0.63
<b>14</b>	0004 0.53	<b>26</b>	0309 1.64
	0646 1.88		0905 0.89
SU	1307 0.74	FR	1502 1.53
	1835 1.49		2129 0.58



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