

Cooloola conditions report

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Fire danger, weather warnings 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 and ABC local radio.
- **Park Alerts** exist for Teewah Beach camping zone, Teewah Beach, Cooloola Wilderness Trail and the Eastern and Western Firebreaks (see Camping and day-use areas, Track and beach conditions, and Walking track conditions details below).
- **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. Free **QldParks-Wifi** is now available 24/7 at the Great Sandy Information Centre, Tewantin.

- **Dislodged rocks at 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.
- A camping permit must be displayed on the camping structure. A vehicle permit must be displayed on the windscreen or dashboard of the vehicle. Penalties may apply for non-compliance.
- **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.

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

- **Eastern and Western Firebreaks:** closed in their entirety for maintenance from 16-27 April 2018.
- **Leisha Track:** Sandy and boggy at the Teewah Beach entrance. Exercise caution.
- **Poverty Point Road:** Sandy and boggy in sections. Exercise caution.

Beach conditions:

- **Ship Wreckage Exposed:** As a result of large swells and high tides, the wreckage of the Cherry Venture on Teewah Beach has been partially exposed. As the wreckage is in advanced state of deterioration, the exposed rusted steel poses a hazard to drivers and walkers in the area. Please note reflector markers are positioned on the exposed wreckage for your safety.
- **High tides** in excess of 2m are predicted 16-19 April 2018 and 29 April-1May.
- **Marine Stingers** and other dangerous sea life are present, especially during summer, in K'gari (Fraser Island) and Cooloola waters.
- **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.
- **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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- **Cooloola Wilderness Trail is now partially open after 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. All other sections are open. Observe all signage, barriers and directions and do not enter closed areas.
- **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.**

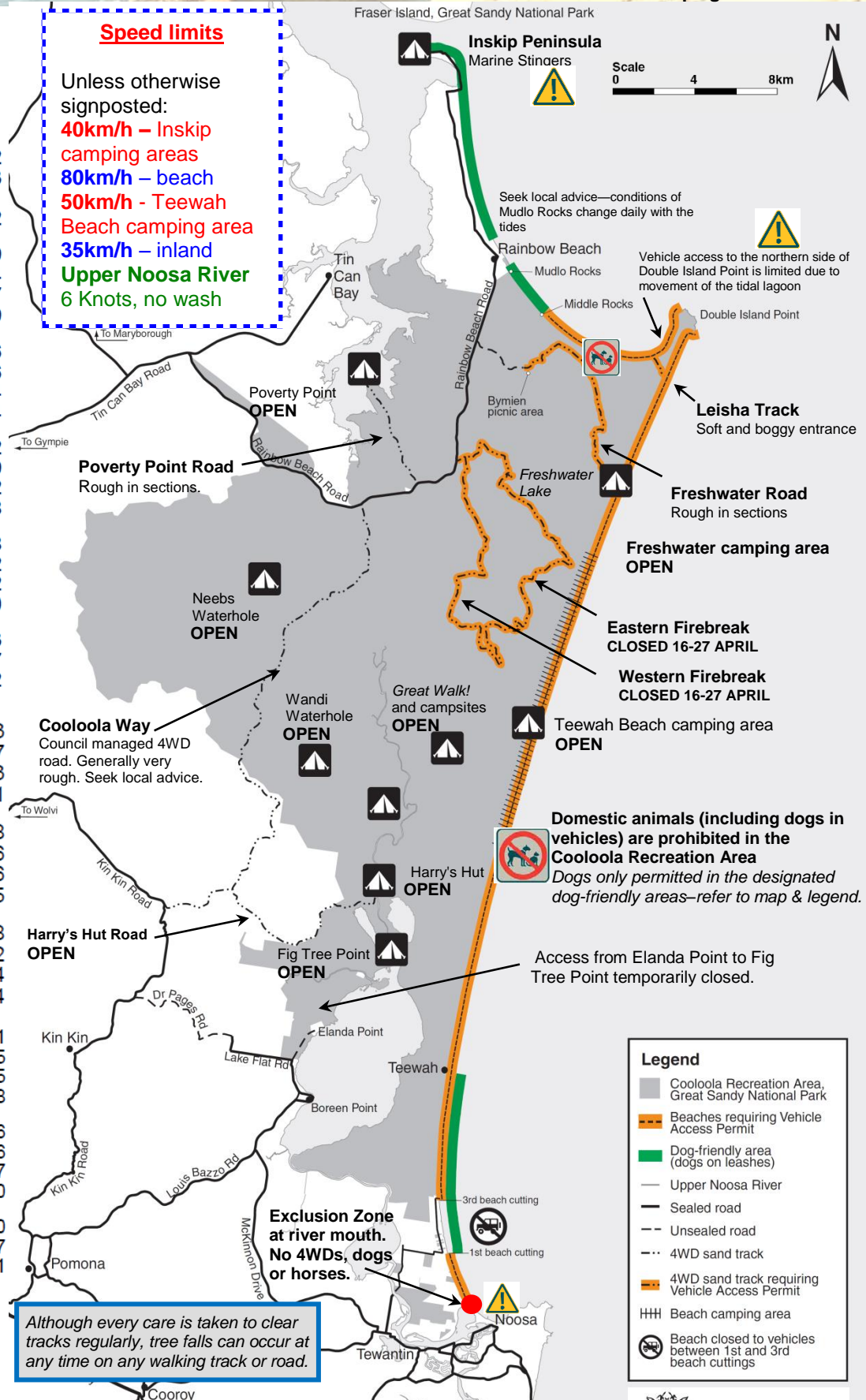
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Tide times (Noosa Heads)					
APRIL		MAY			
Time	m	Time	m		
18	0324	0.51	1	0251	0.52
	0921	1.80		0839	1.73
	WE 1529	0.39		TU 1440	0.41
	2154	2.10		2111	2.02
19	0413	0.57	2	0328	0.59
	1004	1.68		0912	1.64
	TH 1610	0.46		WE 1507	0.47
	2242	2.05		2144	1.99
20	0506	0.65	3	0403	0.66
	1052	1.55		0945	1.56
	FR 1656	0.56		TH 1536	0.54
	2334	1.97		2218	1.94
21	0612	0.73	4	0440	0.72
	1150	1.43		1022	1.49
	SA 1752	0.66		FR 1609	0.62
				2256	1.88
22	0038	1.89	5	0524	0.78
	0733	0.77		1105	1.42
	SU 1313	1.36		SA 1649	0.72
	1907	0.74		2341	1.80
23	0158	1.84	6	0620	0.83
	0858	0.75		1158	1.37
	MO 1453	1.39		SU 1736	0.82
	2037	0.76			
24	0314	1.84	7	0036	1.73
	1005	0.67		0732	0.87
	TU 1604	1.48		MO 1307	1.33
	2157	0.71		1836	0.91
25	0417	1.87	8	0143	1.68
	1058	0.59		0843	0.86
	WE 1703	1.60		TU 1432	1.36
	2301	0.64		1955	0.95
26	0510	1.90	9	0251	1.68
	1143	0.50		0940	0.82
	TH 1753	1.73		WE 1538	1.44
	2354	0.56		2120	0.94
27	0558	1.91	10	0347	1.71
	1222	0.42		1028	0.75
	FR 1838	1.85		TH 1629	1.55
				2225	0.88
28	0042	0.50	11	0435	1.76
	0642	1.91		1110	0.66
	SA 1300	0.36		FR 1715	1.67
	1919	1.96		2319	0.80
29	0127	0.47	12	0520	1.80
	0723	1.88		1150	0.57
	SU 1337	0.33		SA 1758	1.81
	1959	2.02			
30	0210	0.48			
	0803	1.82			
	MO 1410	0.35			
	2036	2.04			



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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