

Cooloolabin Dam

RECREATION GUIDE



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OUR VISION

To manage access to recreation opportunities while protecting natural resources and water quality.

About Cooloolabin Dam

Cooloolabin Dam is located west of Yandina in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. The dam was constructed in 1979.

The lake has a catchment area of just 8.1km² and holds 13,820 megalitres of water at full supply.

RECREATION REVIEW UPDATE

Seqwater is committed to providing quality recreation facilities that everyone can enjoy. We wanted to know what the community thought of current facilities and what suggestions you had for the future, so in 2013 we started a full Recreation Review across our assets. We appreciate the efforts of everyone who took the time to participate in our workshops and online surveys.

While we want to implement as many ideas as possible, Seqwater must remain committed to protecting our natural environment and minimising the risks to water quality.

Some of the changes will be implemented at a later date, once further funding has been secured and all environmental impact analysis has been completed. Progress updates, along with details of the feedback received is available at seqwater.com.au/recreview.

We value the unique status of the Jinibara People as the original owners and custodians of the land and water around Cooloolabin Dam.

Protecting our waterways & the environment

We all need to do our part to ensure we keep our waterways healthy. It's not just our bushland areas that are threatened by weeds; it is also our wetlands, waterways and lakes that are suffering.

Serious aquatic weeds like Water Hyacinth, Salvinia and Cabomba are very invasive and out-compete local species, seriously affecting the local ecology and water quality. Weeds are able to reproduce from even the smallest of fragments or seeds, and trying to control these weeds is time consuming and costly.

You can help protect our waterways from weeds by:

- removing all visible mud and plants from your equipment, boats, trailers, boots, crab pots etc. before leaving
- eliminating water from all equipment before transporting it anywhere, as the water may contain plant fragments or seeds

- cleaning and drying anything that came into contact with the water
- cleaning boats, motors, trailers, floats, anchors etc before leaving. If possible allow the equipment to dry for about five days before entering new waters
- not releasing or putting plants, fish or other animals into a body of water they did not come from. This is an important step to prevent the spread of introduced species of plants and animals into our waterways.

To protect our drinking water supply please:

- leave the facilities as you found them. Do not cause damage to any property, flora or fauna
- place litter in the bins provided
- leave your pets at home. Dogs and other domestic animals can disturb the wildlife that lives in our natural areas.

DOMESTIC PETS

The areas around Cooloolabin Dam are used for a variety of recreational activities and are home to an abundance of native wildlife. To protect this wildlife, and for public safety, domestic pets and other animals cannot be brought into any of the catchment, lake or recreation areas at Cooloolabin Dam.

Horses are allowed on some designated tracks but must not enter the lake.



Recreation location map



Picnics and Playgrounds



Picnicking and BBQs

Visitors can enjoy the serenity and scenery while picnicking at Cooloolabin Dam. There is a small picnic area located at the lake off Cooloolabin Road. The site has basic facilities including picnic tables and toilets. No BBQ facilities are available at Cooloolabin Dam.

The site is open 7 days per week from 6am-6pm.



Playgrounds

The site has some playground equipment for children to enjoy.

Visitors may also enjoy the picnic, BBQ, and playground facilities provided at Jack Harrison Park at Wappa Dam located just a short drive away.

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In response to feedback received during the Recreation Review, a new directional sign has been installed on Cooloolabin Dam Road to make it easier for visitors to find the picnic area.

Seqwater will install a lockable access gate at the entrance to the recreation area and refresh the existing picnic facilities and gardens at Cooloolabin Dam. Progress updates are available at seqwater.com.au/recreview.

Boats, Bait and Bathers



Boating

There is no boating access at Cooloolabin Dam.

For nature lovers and fisherman who are keen to go boating, paddlecraft and electric powered boats can be used on Lakes Baroon and Macdonald. If your vessel has a fuel powered engine you might like to try boating at Lake Borumba.





Fishing

Shoreline fishing is permitted at Cooloolabin Dam.

Remember the lake is home to an abundance of wildlife. It's very important to ensure that all rubbish, especially fishing line and hooks, is disposed of properly to avoid serious harm to wildlife.

Fishing Permits

A fishing permit is not required at Cooloolabin Dam.



Swimming

Swimming at Cooloolabin Dam is not permitted.

There are a number of Council run aquatic centres for visitors to enjoy within the Sunshine Coast Council area.

Tracks and Trails



Cooloolabin Dam has a lovely walking trail on the peninsula close to the recreation area. In addition, the recreation area serves as the head of a trail through the adjacent Mapleton National Park. The trail uses local roads and the fire-trail network for mountain biking, horse riding and walking.

For your safety, and for the safety of others, please obey all signage on the trails, including give way instructions. On multi-use trails, all users give way to horse riders, and mountain bike riders give way to pedestrians.



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Seqwater will improve trail signage, access and links to the National Park trail, in conjunction with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

Rest and Relaxation



Camping

There are no camping areas at Cooloolabin Dam.

There are camping sites within the Mapleton National Park that visitors can use. Contact Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service for more details, or visit their website.



Events and Other Activities

Events

Before you hold an event at any Seqwater site, you will need to apply for a permit through our website. Please submit applications at least four weeks prior to your event to allow sufficient time for your application to be processed.

Commercial Activities

Seqwater is dedicated to providing quality facilities to the public.

We work in conjunction with commercial operators, where suitable, to enhance the public's enjoyment and appreciation of our natural areas. You can find further details about commercial activities, the submission process and our Commercial Activities Policy, on our website.

Site Tours

Seqwater's educational tours are an opportunity to learn about our operations and the link between catchments, storage and treatment as part of the broader water cycle.

Tours are available to primary and secondary schools, TAFE and universities, community groups and professional delegations, across a number of sites.

For bookings and more information, visit our website and complete the site tour booking form or email education@seqwater.com.au.

Do's and Don'ts

YES

- ✓ picnicking
- ✓ walking
- ✓ horse riding
- ✓ mountain bike riding
- ✓ bird watching
- ✓ fishing (shore-based)

NO

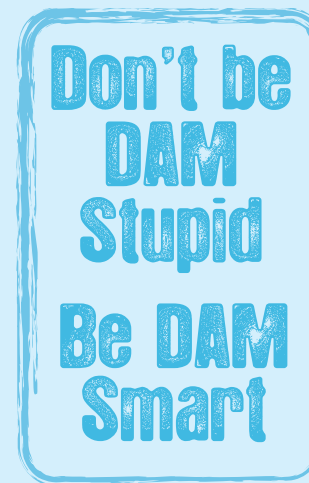
- ✗ dogs
- ✗ 4wd driving and motorbike riding
- ✗ dumping rubbish or littering
- ✗ hunting (of any form)
- ✗ camping
- ✗ boating or paddlecraft
- ✗ swimming, scuba diving or snorkelling
- ✗ taking off or landing of aircraft (including amphibious aircraft)
- ✗ visiting outside of 6am-6pm

In an emergency call 000 or 112 in poor reception areas



RECREATION REVIEW UPDATE

A change to opening hours is being considered for all Seqwater lakes. Any changes will be announced towards the end of 2014. Progress updates are available at seqwater.com.au/recreview.



- Always be DAM smart when you're visiting Cooloolabin Dam to ensure that everyone has a fun and safe day.
- Follow instructions around fire safety - if you see a fire call 000 or 112
 - Be aware of local fauna, such as snakes, and carry a first aid kit
 - Lock your vehicle and don't leave valuables unattended
 - Respect other visitors and be mindful of noise and other nuisances
 - Stay on the trails - venturing off trail damages the environment and you become disorientated or lost in the surrounding bushland.

Please respect our neighbours

Some of the land close to the lake is private property. If a Seqwater sign is not displayed, that means the area is not a designated recreation area and you must not enter.



Cooloolabin Dam Opening Hours

Access to all Seqwater sites, including on-water access, is only permitted between 6am – 6pm. The only exception is camping at a designated campground or if a permit expressly provides permission.

Before you visit

Check the public notices section on our website for the latest information on access, closures and conditions before you visit any of our recreational areas.

For any other enquiries contact us at **recreation@seqwater.com.au** or **seqwater.com.au**