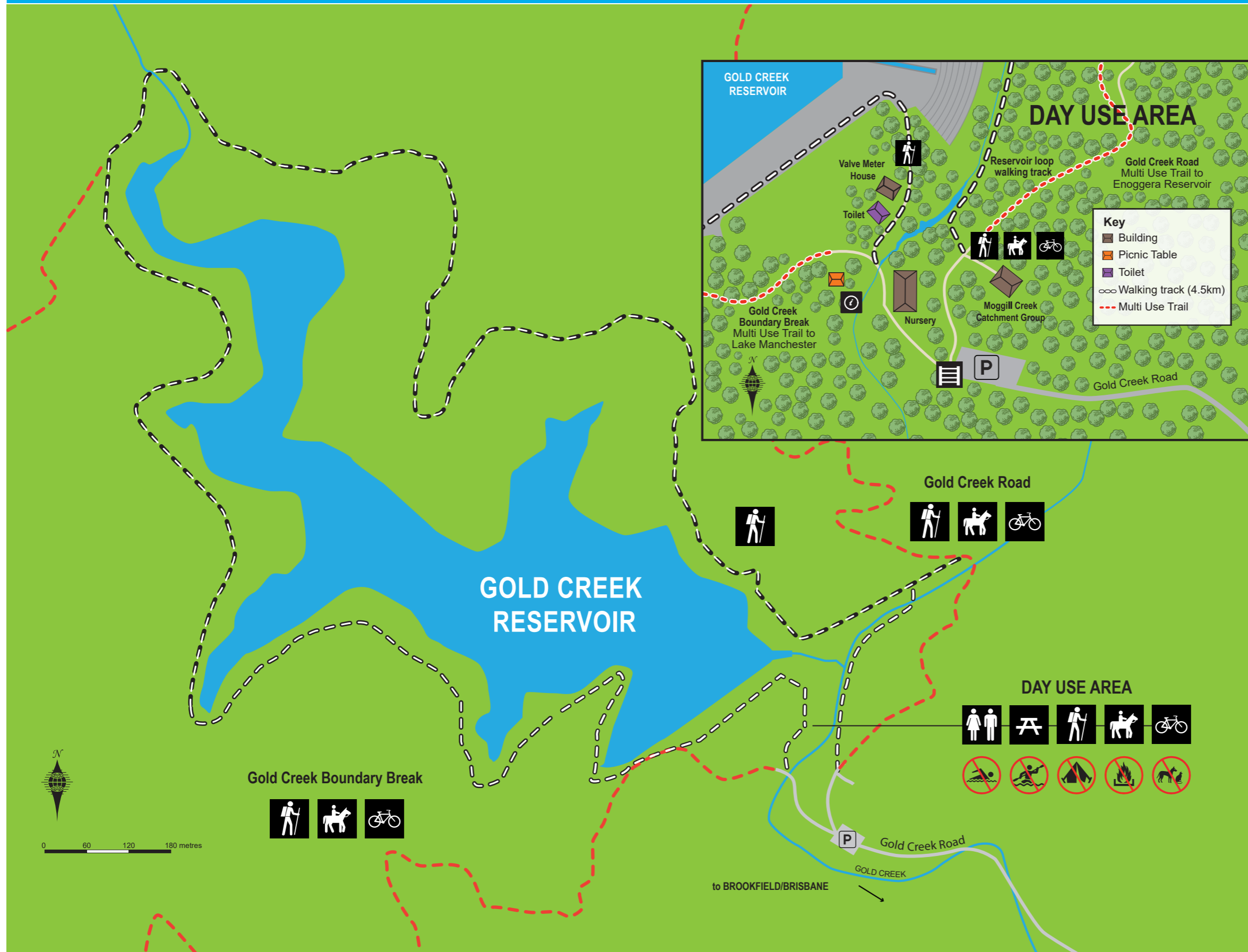


Gold Creek Dam



Environment

The bushland surrounding the Gold Creek Dam is part of Brisbane Forest Park and contains within it plants and wildlife of regional biodiversity significance.

Gold Creek Dam is particularly valued for its role as an aquatic ecosystem, with populations of Platypus and native fish species at the reservoir. Look out for the Brown of Plum Pine (*Podocarpus elatus*) in the area. This tree of rare occurrence has been spotted in rainforest areas surrounding the dam.

Blue-green algae and recreation

Cyanobacteria (commonly known as blue-green algae) are naturally occurring bacteria that live in lakes and waterways. Most of the time algae exist in low numbers, however, under certain conditions algae can grow rapidly, called an algal bloom, and sometimes produce toxins that can harm your health if you swim, boat or fish in algae-affected lakes.

You can check blue-green algae levels on our website at seqwater.com.au/recreation/blue-green-algae-andrecreation

History

The Gold Creek Dam was built as Brisbane's second water supply in 1886 and continued to supply water to Enoggera Dam until the pipeline was decommissioned in 1991. Since then, Gold Creek Dam has played an important role in flood mitigation for the area while providing essential water flows for Gold Creek.

You can find historical artefacts from Gold Creek's history dotted along the trail, as well as historical buildings in the area.

The dam spillway is a unique staircase design which has 12 steps. It was the world's first concrete stepped spillway and the precursor of modern roller compacted concrete stepped spillways.

Play it safe

Our rangers regularly patrol our lakes, parks and recreation areas. However, they can't be everywhere to help you so it is important to plan ahead and play it safe when visiting.

Before your visit, please:

- check our recreation and safety notices at seqwater.com.au
- know what activities are permitted and where
- buy permits and carry the right safety equipment
- familiarise yourself with our access rules and policies.

Protect our water supply

Our lakes are also our water supply. To protect our drinking water please:

- leave the facilities as you found them. Do not damage any property, wildlife or plants
- place litter in the bins provided
- leave your pets at home or if permitted, keep them within the designated areas - dogs and other domestic animals can disturb the wildlife that live in our natural areas.

Serious aquatic weeds like water hyacinth, salvinia and cabomba are very invasive and are able to reproduce from even the smallest of fragments or seeds. Help protect our waterways from damaging weeds by:

- cleaning and drying anything that came into contact with the water, especially any visible mud or plants
- eliminating water from all equipment before transporting it anywhere, as the water may contain plant fragments or seeds
- not placing plants, fish or other animals into a body of water they did not come from.

Visit Gold Creek Dam

What to do at Gold Creek Dam

Gold Creek Dam is located in Upper Brookfield in Brisbane's western suburbs. The dam was constructed in 1885 to supplement Enoggera Dam. Gold Creek Dam was extensively refurbished in 2005 and is the world's first un-reinforced concrete stepped spillway. The lake is very small with a catchment area of just 10.5km² and holds 801 megalitres of water at full supply.

Seqwater is one of the few bulk water providers in Australia that manages open catchments, allowing the community to enjoy recreational activities on and around the dams and lakes that supply our drinking water. The dam and recreation facilities are open to the public seven days a week, from 5:30am to 6:30pm (September – April) and 6:00am to 5:30pm (May – August).

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters around Gold Creek and Elders both past and present.

At Gold Creek, you can enjoy:

- walking, running, mountain biking and horse riding
- bird watching.

There is no swimming, boating, fishing or camping allowed at Gold Creek Dam.

Tracks and trails

There is a designated walking trail around Gold Creek Reservoir, in addition to the fire-trail network which can be used 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.

The designated walking trail is 4.5km in length. You will pass through grassy forests of tall eucalypts with dry rainforest plants in the protected gullies. It is steep in some places, so take some rests and a water bottle with you. It is a moderately difficult trail.

Gold Creek Dam provides an entry point into one of the most significant trail networks on Brisbane's doorstep. From Gold Creek, you can walk or ride the trails to Lake Manchester and to Enoggera Reservoir, venture further into the adjacent National Park or onto Brisbane City Council trails.

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