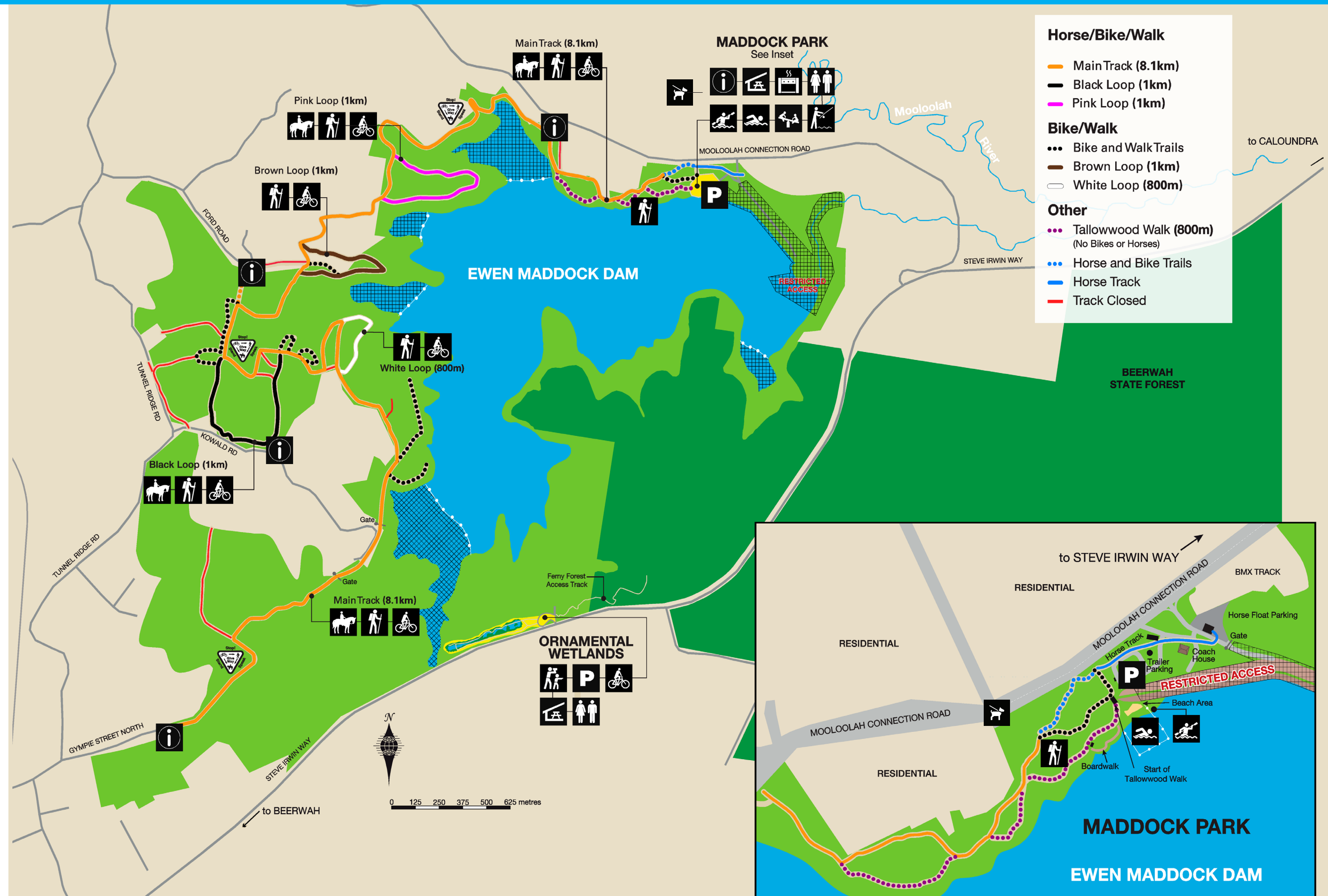


# Ewen Maddock Dam



## 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](http://seqwater.com.au)
- know what activities are permitted and where
- carry the right safety equipment and first aid kit
- familiarise yourself with our access rules and policies.

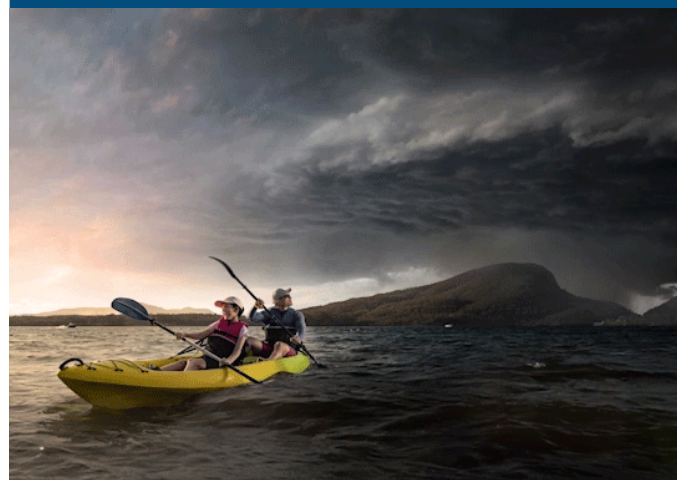
## Protect our water supply

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

- leave the facilities as you found them and do not damage any property, wildlife or plants
- place litter in the bins provided
- leave your pets at home (dogs on leash areas excepted) – 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.



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# Visit Ewen Maddock Dam

## What to do at Ewen Maddock Dam

Ewen Maddock Dam was constructed in two stages in 1976 and 1983 across Addlington Creek, a tributary of the Mooloolah River. Located on the Sunshine Coast, Ewen Maddock Dam is part of South East Queensland's drinking water supply.

Seqwater is the one of the few bulk water providers in Australia that manages open catchments, allowing the community to enjoy recreational activities on the dams and lakes that supply our drinking water.

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters around Ewen Maddock Dam and Elders both past and present.

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).

### At Ewen Maddock you can enjoy:

- BBQs and picnics
- playgrounds
- dogs on leash (designated areas)
- camping (at private campgrounds)
- multi-use trails - walking, running, mountain biking and horse riding
- swimming (in the designated swimming area)
- canoeing, kayaking and rowing
- sailing
- fishing (permit required).

Please do not enter any buoyed off areas on the lake. These are restricted areas for your safety. No swimmers or non-motorised craft, including canoes and kayaks, are allowed in these areas.

### Picnicking, BBQs and Playgrounds

Maddock Park (located off Mooloolah Connection Road) is a popular picnic spot. There are picnic tables, shelters, free BBQs, and a swimming area with sandy beach. If you're looking for something more active Maddock Park is also a great starting point for paddling, bush walking, mountain biking and horse riding.

More picnic facilities can be found at Ornamental Wetlands (located off Steve Irwin Way).

### Dogs on leash

Dogs on leashes are permitted at Maddock Park and on all of the surrounding trails. They must remain on a leash at all times. The areas surrounding our lakes are home to an abundance of native wildlife. You can protect them by controlling your dog and not letting them disturb the wildlife that lives in the area.

To protect our drinking water, please do not allow your dog to enter the lake, foreshore area or designated launch points.

Bring the necessary equipment with you to pick up and dispose of your dog's waste in the bins provided. Other visitors may be uncomfortable or frightened around dogs - please be considerate of others enjoying the park area with you.

### Swimming

There is a designated swimming area located at Maddock Park. For your safety, please swim only in the designated area and remember there are no lifeguards on duty.

### Fishing

Ewen Maddock Dam is a popular place for fishing. You can fish from your paddle craft or from the platform on the boardwalk at Maddock Park.

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

### Fishing permits

A fishing permit is required at Ewen Maddock Dam.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries controls the fishing rules and regulations in Queensland and administers the Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme (SIPS).

Please visit [daf.qld.gov.au](http://daf.qld.gov.au) to purchase a SIPS permit or for a list of outlets that sell permits. These permits must be purchased before fishing on the lake.

### Paddling

Paddling is a popular activity at Ewen Maddock Dam. Please remember only non-motorised craft are permitted on the dam.

For your safety and to protect the riparian areas around the lake, vessels are only to be operated from designated launch points.

Please be courteous to our neighbours. Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property. Do not launch, retrieve or beach on land around the lakes other than at the designated recreation area at Maddock Park.

All activities on Seqwater lakes are covered by the Boating Regulations set by Maritime Safety Queensland ([www.msq.qld.gov.au](http://www.msq.qld.gov.au)).

Wash down facilities are provided to help prevent the spread of aquatic weeds. Please wash down your paddle craft before leaving the site.

### Camping

There is a privately run camp ground at Ewen Maddock Dam. For all enquiries and bookings please contact the campground directly.

Please be courteous to our neighbours. Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property. Camping is only permitted in designated camping areas. Overnight stays on the water are not permitted.



### Tracks and trails

Ewen Maddock Dam is home to more than 9km of multi-use trails that are shared between walkers, bike riders and horse riders.

The main trail from Maddock Park to Gympie Street North is multi-use, while the boardwalk and the narrow walking tracks near Maddock Park are reserved for walking only.

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 Ornamental Wetlands, on the southern side of the lake, provide an opportunity to better understand the important role our wetlands play in the water catchment story. Picnic tables and parking facilities are also available.

### 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-and-recreation](http://seqwater.com.au/recreation/blue-green-algae-and-recreation)

### Download our public safety app

Our public safety app combines dam release notifications, dam levels information, recreation, safety and lake closure updates and weather alerts. Search 'Seqwater' on the App Store or Google Play.