

Lake Atkinson



Lake Atkinson is currently closed to all water based activities due to low water levels and water quality issues. We will open the lake as soon as it is safe to do so. Check our recreation and safety notices at seqwater.com.au/recreation/recreation-and-safety-notices for updates.



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
- carry the right safety equipment and first aid kit
- familiarise yourself with our access rules and policies.

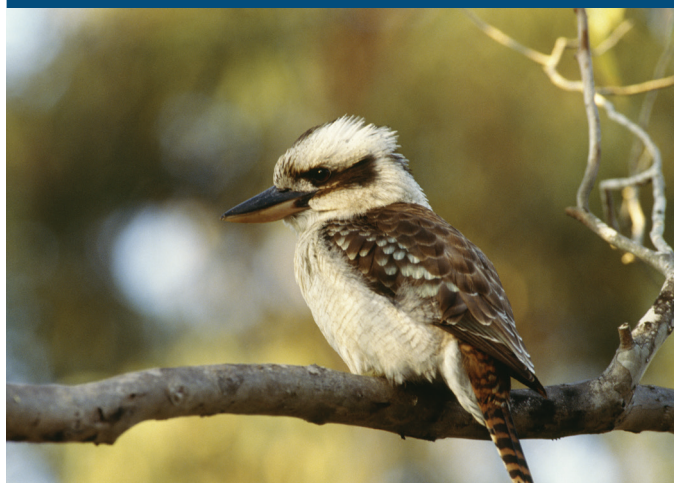
Protect our water supply

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 Lake Atkinson

What to do at Lake Atkinson

Atkinson Dam, built across Buaraba Creek, was completed in 1970 is primarily used for irrigation purposes. Lake Atkinson is located in close proximity to Lake Wivenhoe and Lake Somerset. This cluster of lakes provides a range of recreational opportunities for visitors to enjoy

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.

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 Lake Atkinson and Elders both past and present

At Lake Atkinson you can enjoy:

- BBQs and picnics
- camping (at private campgrounds)
- canoeing, kayaking and rowing
- sailing
- fishing
- motorised boats
- water skiing, jet skiing, wakeboarding and tubing

Picnicking and BBQs

Picnic facilities are available at Lake Atkinson Day Use Area located off Atkinson Dam Road including picnic tables, shelters and free BBQs. Please bring your own drinking water supplies, as water provided is suitable only for cleaning, washing hands etc. There are no playground facilities at Lake Atkinson.

Dogs on leash

Dogs on leashes are permitted only in the Day Use Area. 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 boat ramp. 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.

Boating

Boating is a very popular activity at Lake Atkinson for fishermen, nature lovers and those who enjoy the thrill of water skiing or jet skiing. Motorised and non-motorised watercraft are permitted on the lake.

The boat ramp is located at the Day Use Area.

For your safety and to protect the riparian areas around the lake, boats and 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 lake, other than at signed, designated recreation areas.

All activities on Seqwater lakes are covered by the Boating Regulations set by Maritime Safety Queensland (msq.qld.gov.au). Please keep a safe distance from paddlers.

Water skiing, jet skiing and tubing

Water skiing, jet skiing, wakeboarding and tubing are all permitted on Lake Atkinson. Please comply with the relevant rules, including:

- Having all the correct safety equipment and knowing how to use it properly
- Your boat should be safe and capable of towing skiers
- The boat driver should be appropriately licensed
- Follow the directional signage.

Fishing

You can fish from your boat or paddle craft or along the shore of the designated recreation area. Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property. Accessing private land to fish is not permitted. 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 not required at Lake Atkinson.

Swimming

Swimming is permitted at the designated swimming area at the Day Use Area. Your safety is important to us. Please remember there are no lifeguards on duty. Ensure children are supervised at all times when swimming.



Camping

There are a number of camping options to choose from at Lake Atkinson.

All sites are run by private operators. For all enquiries and bookings please contact the campgrounds directly.

Overnight stays on the water are not permitted. Camping is only permitted in designated camping areas.

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.

Play it safe when visiting any of our lakes. Be aware of blue-green algae levels at our lakes, and the health risks associated with swimming, boating or fishing when algae levels are high. While your safety is important to us, it is your responsibility.

You can check blue-green algae levels on our website at 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.