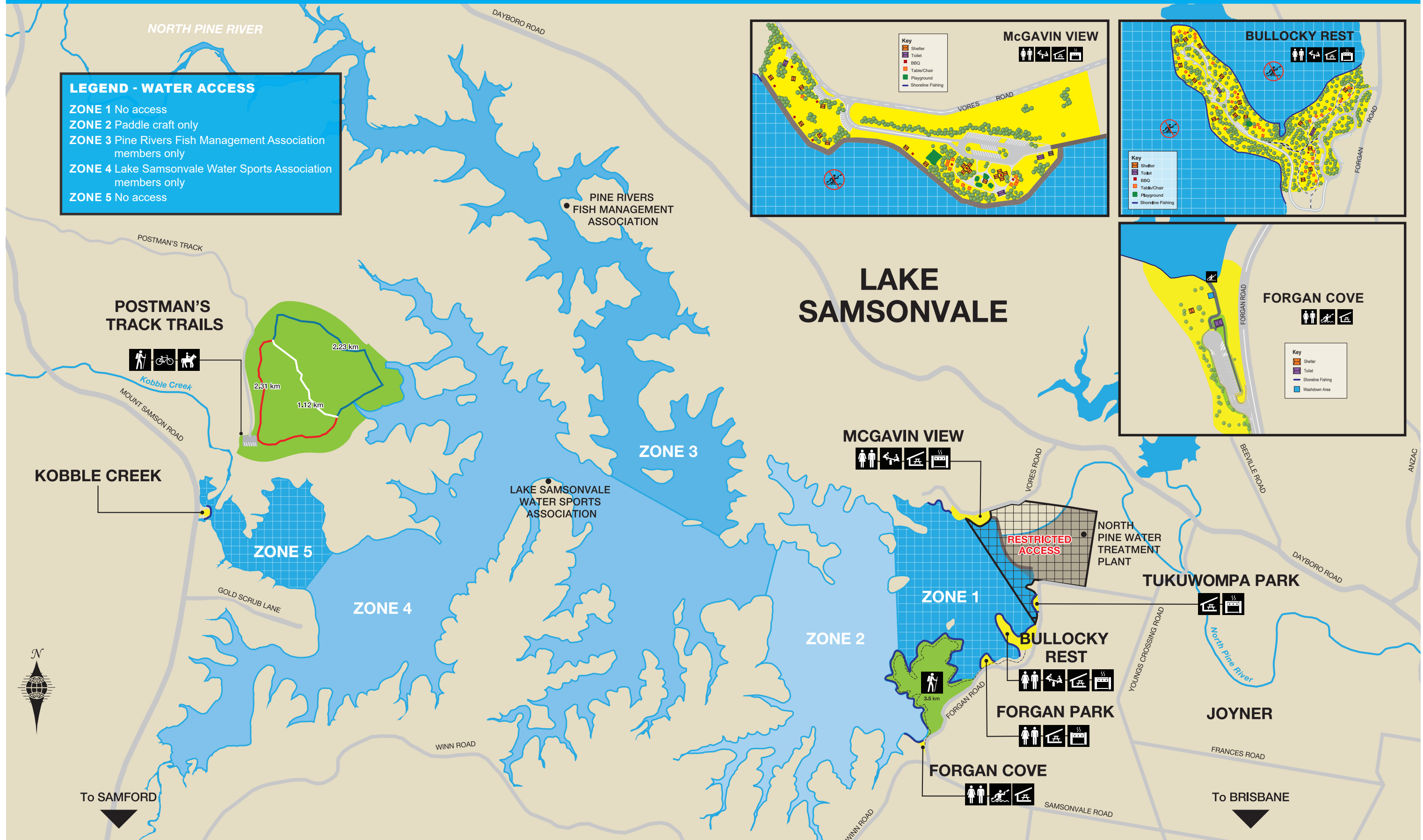


# Lake Samsonvale



## Play it safe

Our rangers regularly patrol our lakes, parks and recreation areas. But still water can still be dangerous, so it is important to plan ahead and play it safe when visiting.

### Before your visit, please:

- Check our recreation and safety notices on our website or mobile app before you leave for the latest information on conditions and closures
- Be prepared for your activity with appropriate equipment and safety gear such as life jackets
- Know what activities are permitted and where

## 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 - dogs and other domestic animals are not permitted at Lake Samsonvale. They 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 Samsonvale

## What to do at Lake Samsonvale

Lake Samsonvale is located adjacent to the urban populations of Warner, Joyner, Whiteside, Petrie, Lawnton and Bray Park. It is easily accessible for much of Brisbane's northern suburbs and the southern urban areas of Moreton Bay Council.

Constructed in 1976, the dam is part of the Water Grid and is primarily a drinking water supply. The dam wall is 580m long and 40m high, with five steel gates to release water.

Lake Samsonvale is located in close proximity to Lake Kurwongbah and provides a range of outdoor recreation facilities for you to enjoy.

We are one of the only 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 lake 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 Samsonvale and Elders both past and present.

### At Lake Samsonvale, you can enjoy:

- BBQs and picnics
- playgrounds
- electric boating (members and guests of Pine Rivers Fish Management Association)
- canoeing (in designated zone only)
- kayaking (in designated zone only)
- sailing (members and guests of the Lake Samsonvale Water Sports Association)
- fishing
- multi-use trails - walking, running, mountain biking and horse riding

There is no swimming or camping allowed at Lake Samsonvale.

### BBQs, Picnics and Playgrounds

There are many areas around Lake Samsonvale where a picnic can be enjoyed.

- Bullocky Rest (Forgan Road, Joyner)
- Forgan Cove (Forgan Road, Joyner)
- Forgan Park (Forgan Road, Joyner)
- Kobbie Creek (Mt Samson Road, Kobbie Creek)
- McGavin View (Vores Road, Whiteside)
- Tukuwompa Park (Forgan Road, Joyner)

Many of the areas have great facilities including picnic tables, shelters and free BBQs. To keep the kids amused, there are playgrounds at:

- Bullocky Rest (Forgan Road, Joyner)
- McGavin View (Vores Road, Whiteside)

## Boating

Boating access to Lake Samsonvale is shared, with public paddling and club boating permitted in designated zones. 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)). Please remember to keep a safe distance from other lake users.

### Canoeing and kayaking

Open public access for paddle craft is available on Lake Samsonvale seven days a week in the designated zone (Zone 2). Paddle craft can only be launched from the launch point at Forgan Cove, off Forgan Road. Paddle craft with electric or fuel powered motors are not permitted.

For your safety, and the safety of others, you must ensure you stay within the designated zone for your activity.

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

### Boating and sailing

Members and guests of the Lake Samsonvale Water Sports Association [lswsa.org.au](http://lswsa.org.au) and Pine Rivers Fish Management Association [prfma.com.au](http://prfma.com.au) are permitted to access the lake in their designated zone. Public sailing and motorised boating is not permitted.

## Fishing

Shore line fishing can be carried out along the shore of the following designated recreation areas:

- Bullocky Rest (Forgan Road, Joyner)
- Forgan Cove (Forgan Road, Joyner)
- Forgan Park (Forgan Road, Joyner)
- Kobbie Creek (Mt Samson Road, Kobbie Creek)
- McGavin View (Vores Road, Whiteside)
- Tukuwompa Park (Forgan Road, Joyner)

Fishing from paddle craft is permitted in the designated zone (Zone 2).

### Fishing permits

A fishing permit is required at Lake Samsonvale. 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.

Please be courteous to our neighbours. Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property. Accessing private land to fish is not permitted. 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 harm to wildlife.



## Tracks and trails

There is a walking trail linking the picnic areas at Bullocky Rest and Forgan Cove (located off Forgan Road, Joyner).

There is more than five kilometres of multi-use trails located at the end of Postman's Track road. Vehicles, motorbikes and domestic animals (excluding horses) are not permitted on the trails.

## 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.