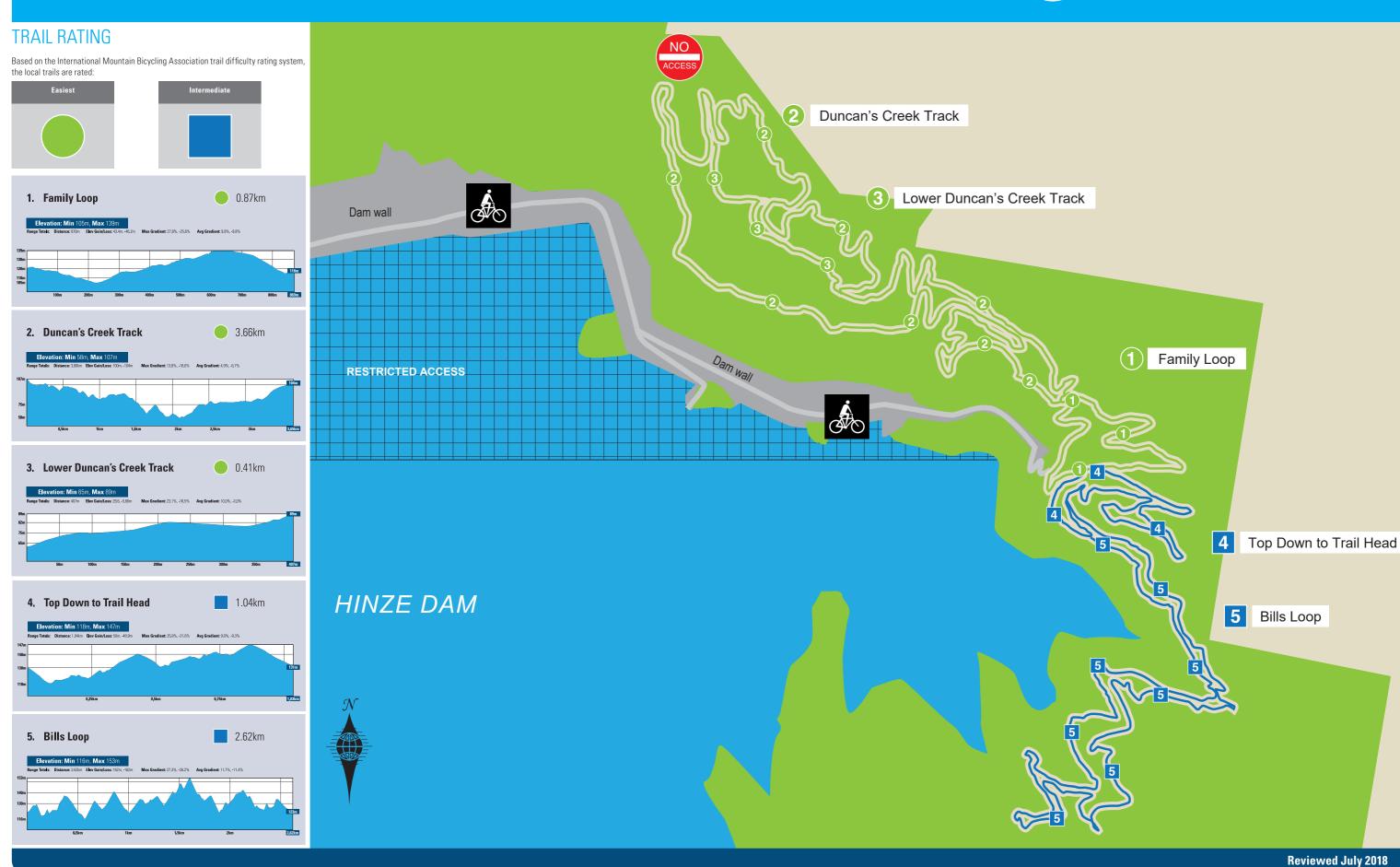
# Hinze Dam - Peter Hallinan Mountain Bike Precinct Sequater





# 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 segwater.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.



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# Visit the Peter Hallinan Mountain Bike Precinct (Hinze Dam)

Welcome to the Peter Hallinan Mountain Bike Precinct - a network of purpose built mountain bike trails. These mountain bike trails can be used by members of the public when competitions are not underway.

Entry to the mountain bike trail network is via the dam wall, off Advancetown Boad

There are five different trails, ranging in length and difficulty. Check the map and information panel for details of each trail. Choose trails that match your fitness and ability.

Access to recreation areas at Hinze Dam is from 5.30am - 6.30pm (September to April), and 6.00am - 5.30pm (May to August). Gates at all car parks will close at these times so please ensure you have left enough time to exit the trails.

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters around the Peter Hallinan Mountain Bike Precinct and Elders both past and present.

#### Safety

Mountain biking can be a potentially dangerous and hazardous activity. For your safety, and the safety of others, please read the following information before accessing the trail network.

**Plan ahead:** Always plan ahead and be prepared for your visit. Be aware of hazards associated with recreating in natural areas, remain vigilant of changing conditions, and always carry a first aid kit.

Closures: The trail network may be closed from time to time due to reasons including but not limited to, weather, scheduled events, maintenance and operational requirements. View our recreation and safety notices on our website before you leave home for the latest information on conditions and closures.

**Weather:** Always check the forecast and dress appropriately. Carry drinking water on you at all times.

**Equipment:** Before commencing your ride, make sure your bike is in good working condition and is suitable for the trails you intend to ride.

**Wildlife**: It's important to keep in mind that these areas form part of a habitat with a variety of wildlife living in them, particularly in the warmer temperatures. Snakes are an ever-present threat in the Australian landscape. If you encounter a snake, give it a wide berth and do not try to handle or move it in any way.

**Environment:** Remember you are in a water supply catchment, so it is important to stay on the designated trails to help protect the environment surrounding our catchments. Domestic animals (including dogs and horses) are not permitted on the trails.

**Let someone know:** If you are riding alone, make sure you tell a friend or family member before you ride.

**Emergency information:** In the event of an emergency or accident, telephone 000 or 112 immediately. Telephone reception can be unreliable, so it may be necessary to travel to a high point to make an emergency telephone call, or if in a group, leave at least one person with the injured person and have others go for help. Emergency services can access the site when necessary.

Seqwater rangers regularly patrol our recreation areas but they can't be everywhere to help you. While your safety is important to us, it is your responsibility to play it safe when at our dams, lakes and parks.



## **Trail difficulty ratings**

The trails have been given a trail difficulty rating to allow riders to make an informed decision about which trails to ride. The trail ratings have been based on the International Mountain Bicycling Association trail difficulty rating system. See map overleaf for each trail and their difficulty rating.

#### **Conditions of use**

- Ride on open trails only: Respect trail closures and do not trespass
  on private land
- 2. Leave no trace: Keep our environment clean and take your rubbish with you.
- Consider fellow riders: On the trail, let your fellow riders know you're coming. A friendly greeting is considerate and works well when overtaking another rider.
- 4. Wear safety gear: Know your equipment, your ability and the area in which you are riding, and prepare accordingly. Always wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear.

## 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.

# More things to do at Hinze Dam

At Hinze Dam, you can enjoy:

- BBQs and picnics
- a playground
- multi-use trails walking, running and horse riding
- boating (electric powered)
- canoeing, kayaking and rowing
- sailing
- fishing
- dogs are allowed on leash (in designated areas)

There is no swimming, motorised boating or camping allowed at Hinze Dam.

The Hinze Dam Visitor Centre has educational displays, a café and function centre and is located off Advancetown Road. The centre is open 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on weekends and public holidays (excluding Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day).

The Hinze Dam Day Use Area incorporates Picnic Parkland, Pocket Park and Waterside Park. Features include an interpretive walk with interesting facts about the dam wall, catchment, local fish, plants and wildlife. The area also includes picnic tables, shelters, toilets and BBQs.

