



## 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 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).

### Dam Upgrade

Ewen Maddock Dam is one of a number of dams in South East Queensland scheduled to be upgraded as part of our regular ongoing maintenance.

Construction on the first stage is planned to begin at the end of March 2020 and is estimated to take about 18 months. Work will involve raising and strengthening the existing embankment walls with significant improvements to the recreation area.

The dam's water level will have to be lowered to about 60 per cent of its full supply to allow the works to proceed.

The designated swimming and beach area as well as Maddock Park will be closed for the project.

Seqwater understands that Ewen Maddock Dam is a very popular recreation destination and apologises for any inconvenience to the local community.

New access points have been built to allow the multi-use trails to remain open during this period.

Seqwater encourages visitors to use the recently upgraded facilities in the Ornamental Wetlands picnic area on Steve Irwin Way as an alternative recreation location.

Seqwater aims to re-open for recreation as soon as practical once stage one is complete.

### At Ewen Maddock you can enjoy:

- dogs on leash (designated areas)
- multi-use trails - walking, running, mountain biking and horse riding

### Dogs on leash

Dogs on leashes are permitted 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.



### 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. Refer to the map overleaf for entry points, permitted activities and track lengths.

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.