

Fact sheet Play it safe



Swimming

Seqwater offers designated swimming areas at a number of our lakes in South East Queensland where you can take a dip and cool down.

Our recreation map will help you to plan ahead and find the perfect site for your next visit. Find out what outdoor activities are on offer, including facilities and location maps of each site. Go to seqwater.com.au/recreation to check it out.

But remember to play it safe - still water can still be dangerous. Please take care and only swim in the permitted swimming zone.

Sometimes we may close our lakes to water based activities, including swimming, due to water quality issues or if there is a special event scheduled. Please check our [recreation and safety notices](#) before heading out to ensure the lake is open to swimming.

While your safety is important to us, it is your responsibility. There are no lifeguards on duty at our designated swimming areas and while our rangers regularly patrol lakes and recreation areas, they can't be everywhere to help you.

Visit seqwater.com.au/playitsafe for important information about swimming at our dams and lakes.

A few simple rules

- Only swim in designated swimming areas at lakes where swimming is permitted.
- Always know where your children are – there are no lifeguards here.
- Never dive into water where you can't see the bottom.
- Still water can still be dangerous - monitor conditions and be aware there could be submerged obstacles or uneven ground underfoot.
- Wear a lifejacket.
- Do not swim after drinking alcohol.
- Use common sense and follow safety signage.
- Swimming near a dam wall or spillway is dangerous and strictly prohibited.
- Weirs are drowning machines and swimming in weirs is strictly prohibited.
- For an organised event involving aquatic activities, such as swimming, you may need approval for your event from Seqwater seqwater.com.au/recreation/events-and-filming.

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Where to swim



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- Enoggera Reservoir (Enoggera Dam)
- Ewen Maddock Dam**
- Lake Atkinson (Atkinson Dam)*
- Lake Baroon (Baroon Pocket Dam)
- Lake Dyer (Bill Gunn Dam)
- Lake Moogerah (Moogerah Dam)
- Lake Somerset (Somerset Dam)
- Lake Wivenhoe (Wivenhoe Dam)

**Currently closed due to low water level*

*** Closed due to dam upgrade*

Why don't all lakes have swimming areas?

The safety of the community comes first in any decision on recreational activities at Seqwater lakes.

Some land-based and water-based recreational activities in drinking water catchments are prohibited or restricted to protect water quality and ultimately public health. For example, you can swim at some Seqwater lakes, but not at others.

To determine what recreation activities can be undertaken safely at a drinking water storage lake, Seqwater conducts a detailed risk assessment.

This assessment considers the level at which the lake's water treatment plant can treat the predicted pathogenic levels in the water and identifies opportunities to reduce pathogen risks within the catchment to improve the catchment barrier.

The risk assessment takes into account numerous factors including, but not limited to, catchment health, catchment population, catchment size, catchment usage and treatment capability.

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Seqwater is the Queensland Government's statutory authority responsible for ensuring a safe, secure and reliable bulk drinking water supply for 3.2 million people across South East Queensland. We also manage open catchments, and maintain a careful balance of community access to our lakes and catchment land while ensuring a high quality water supply for the region. Enjoy your time at our lakes and play it safe!