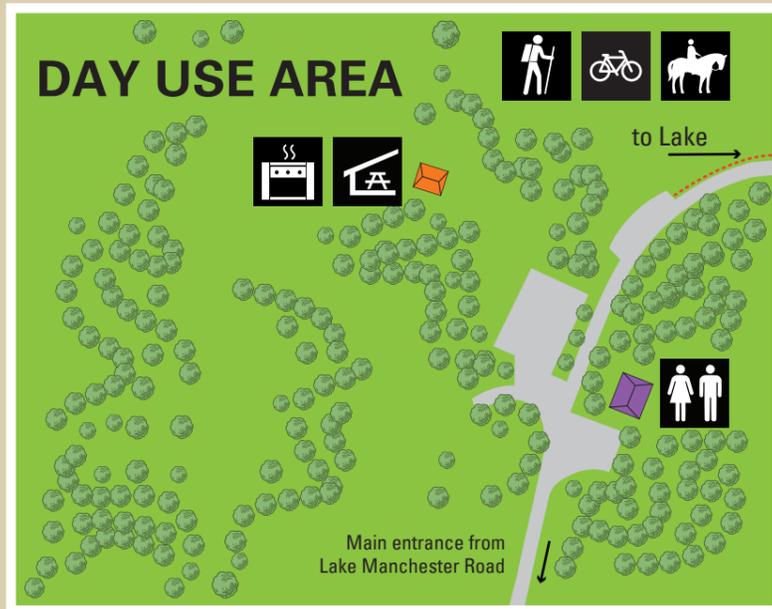


Lake Manchester



- Main Track (17km)
- Ridgeline Track
- Connecting Tracks
- Non-Seqwater land

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 Manchester. 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 Manchester

What to do at Lake Manchester

Lake Manchester is located west of Brisbane and was constructed in 1916, making it one of the region's first dams. The lake was upgraded in 2008 to increase its storage capacity and it is still part of our drinking water supply today. The lake has a catchment area of 74km² and holds 26,217 megalitres of water at full 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.

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 Manchester and Elders both past and present.

At Lake Manchester, you can enjoy:

- BBQs and picnics
- Multi-use trails (walking, running, mountain biking and horse riding)
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Camping (for school/scout groups only)
- Fishing

There is no swimming or boating (fuel or electric powered) at Lake Manchester. Dogs are not permitted.

Picnics

The recreation area at Lake Manchester has picnic tables, shelters and a BBQ and is a great starting point for bush walking, mountain biking and horse riding.

Boating

You can canoe and kayak at Lake Manchester.

The paddle craft launch point is located off Lake Manchester Road and the carpark is approximately 800m from the day use area. Parking at this launch point is limited. Travel to the launch point by vehicle is not feasible and paddlers are required to transport their equipment to and from the launch point by foot which is approximately 450m. Paddling at Lake Manchester is more challenging compared to other sites and requires a good level of fitness.

Paddle craft with electric or fuel powered motors and boating are not permitted.

Fishing

You can fish from your paddle craft or along the shore of the paddle access point. 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 Manchester.



Tracks and trails

The trail network surrounding Lake Manchester is available for walking, horse riding and mountain biking and provides an entry point into one of the most significant trail networks on Brisbane's doorstep. From Lake Manchester, you can walk or ride the trails to Gold Creek Reservoir and Enoggera Reservoir, venture further into the adjacent D'Aguilar National Park (www.qld.gov.au/nationalparks) or to Brisbane City Council trails.

Horse riding is permitted on the trails but please do not allow horses to enter the water or drink from the lake. For your safety, and 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 trail network has some significant topography changes, so stay aware of your surroundings and take plenty of water. Telephone reception can be unreliable, so it may be necessary to travel to a high point to make an emergency telephone call.

Camping

Blue Gum Flats is a remote campsite at Lake Manchester and is available for schools and groups only. There are no facilities at this campsite, and vehicle access is prohibited. Schools and groups wishing to use the site are to email recreation@seqwater.com.au and provide details of the request.

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 <https://www.seqwater.com.au/blue-green-algae-levels>

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.