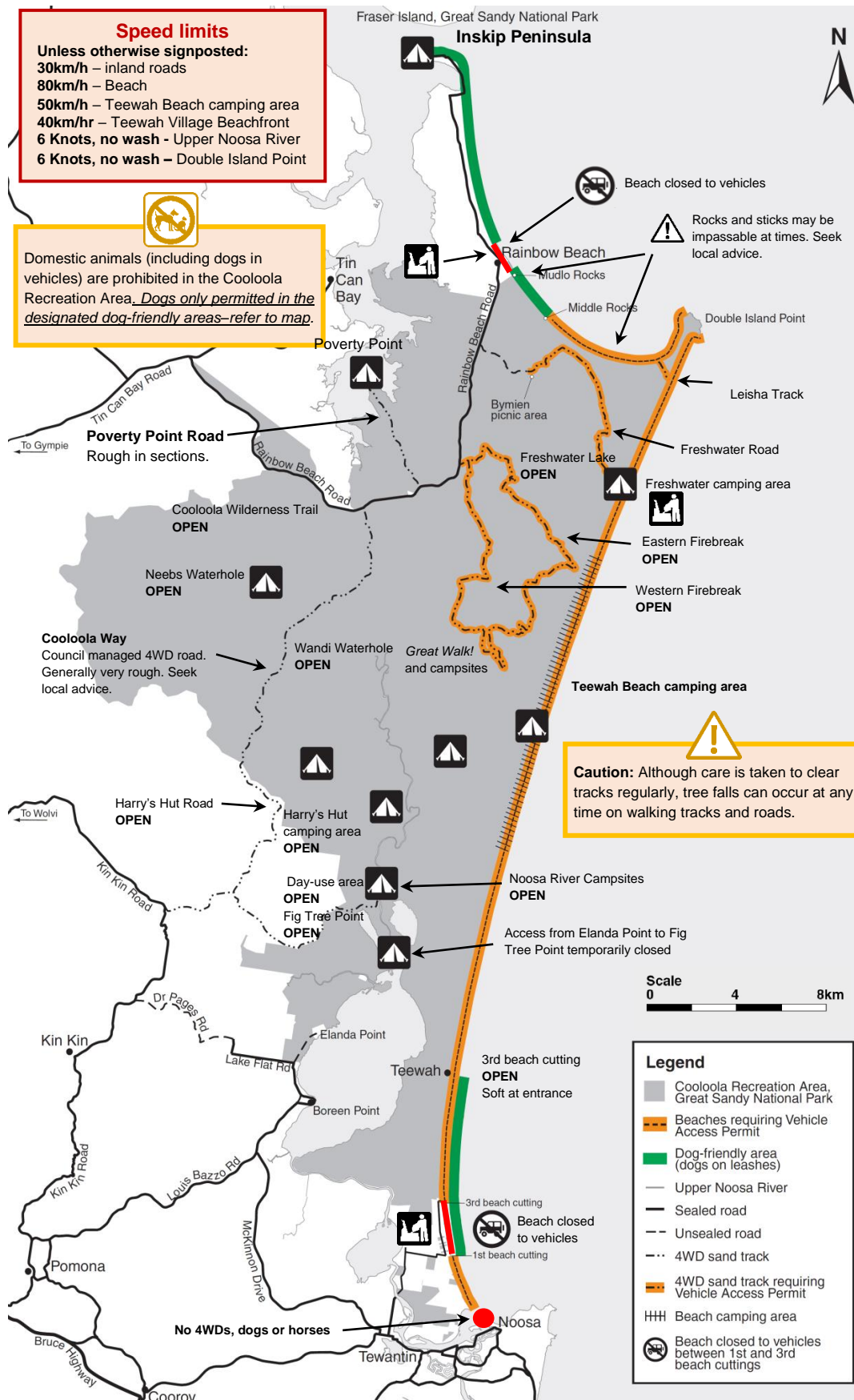


Cooloola Conditions Report

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TIDE TIMES AND HEIGHTS

APRIL					
	Time	m		Time	m
1	0009	1.78	16	0206	1.76
	0657	1.02		0919	0.91
	MO 1202	1.33		TU 1500	1.29
	1805	0.85		2032	0.91
2	0137	1.75	17	0320	1.74
	0851	1.00		1018	0.86
	TU 1356	1.28		WE 1611	1.38
	1932	0.89		2153	0.89
3	0310	1.81	18	0419	1.76
	1011	0.90		1103	0.80
	WE 1537	1.35		TH 1704	1.49
	2117	0.84		2253	0.84
4	0414	1.91	19	0507	1.79
	1104	0.76		1141	0.73
	TH 1638	1.48		FR 1748	1.60
	2235	0.72		2342	0.78
5	0508	2.01	20	0548	1.83
	1148	0.62		1216	0.66
	FR 1730	1.64		SA 1827	1.71
	2334	0.58			
6	0555	2.10	21	0025	0.73
	1228	0.47		0625	1.85
	SA 1819	1.81		SU 1247	0.60
				1903	1.80
7	0026	0.46	22	0104	0.70
	0641	2.14		0658	1.84
	SU 1306	0.34		MO 1315	0.56
	1907	1.98		1935	1.88
8	0116	0.38	23	0138	0.70
	0726	2.13		0728	1.81
	MO 1345	0.26		TU 1339	0.54
	1955	2.11		2003	1.95
9	0206	0.37	24	0211	0.70
	0810	2.04		0755	1.76
	TU 1424	0.24		WE 1403	0.53
	2041	2.18		2031	2.01
10	0255	0.43	25	0244	0.71
	0853	1.90		0824	1.71
	WE 1502	0.29		TH 1427	0.53
	2126	2.19		2101	2.05
11	0345	0.53	26	0319	0.73
	0934	1.73		0856	1.65
	TH 1538	0.38		FR 1455	0.55
	2210	2.14		2136	2.05
12	0436	0.66	27	0359	0.77
	1013	1.56		0933	1.56
	FR 1612	0.50		SA 1526	0.60
	2254	2.05		2215	2.02
13	0532	0.79	28	0445	0.82
	1055	1.41		1013	1.47
	SA 1649	0.63		SU 1604	0.67
	2342	1.94		2301	1.95
14	0641	0.88	29	0542	0.88
	1146	1.31		1104	1.38
	SU 1736	0.75		MO 1651	0.75
15	0044	1.83	30	0000	1.88
	0805	0.92		0659	0.91
	MO 1308	1.25		TU 1213	1.32
	1847	0.86		1756	0.82

While this information was prepared with care and based on the best available information at the time it is indicative only. Visitors are reminded that conditions change constantly due to climatic fluctuations and other factors. No liability is accepted by the Queensland Government for any decisions or actions taken on the basis of this information.



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COOLOOLA Recreation Area

GENERAL ALERTS

- **Annual Cooloola Hazard Reduction Burn Program:** QPWS will be conducting planned burns within the Cooloola Area from **April-August 2024**. As a result, smoke may be seen in the vicinity of the Cooloola Recreation Area, Rainbow Beach, Cooloola Cove, Tin Can Bay, Teewah Beach, and Noosa North Shore. Smoke can decrease visibility on the roads, so it is important that motorists drive safely to the conditions. Visitors and residents should close windows and doors and keep medications close by if suffering from a respiratory illness. Please observe all signage, barriers and directions from rangers and do not enter closed areas.
- **Cooloola Great Walk & Wilderness Trail OPEN with caution:** Despite recent heavy rainfall, the Cooloola Great Walk campsites are now accessible. Please exercise caution as wet conditions may persist leading to rising water levels and flooding to sections of the Great Walk and Wilderness Trail. Walkers should stay alert to potential hazards and traverse with care.
- **Wilderness Trail-Kin Kin Creek no pedestrian crossing:** The Kin Kin Creek pedestrian bridge linking Elanda Point to Figtree Point on the Cooloola Wilderness trail has been washed away. Figtree Point can only be accessed from Harry's Hut or the Boronia Walk. For visitor safety, swimming across the Creek is strongly discouraged due to submerged hazards.
- **Exposed sand cliffs and sand dunes** along Rainbow and Teewah beaches are unstable and can collapse without warning. Falling boulders and landslides are common in this dynamic coastal environment and can result in serious injury or death. For your safety and to avoid injuries:
 - Do not climb or dig into sand dunes or sand cliffs.
 - Avoid standing, sitting, or parking near the base of the dunes.
 - Always stay well away from the base of sand dunes.
 - Supervise children at all times.
- **Food Security in camps:** Unsecured food and rubbish being left available can lead to increasing negative interactions between people and wildlife. Visitors and campers to the Cooloola Recreation Area are reminded to store all food and rubbish in secure containers.
- **Portable toilets mandatory:** All campers staying in Teewah Beach camping zones 1 to 7 must bring and use a portable toilet for the duration of their stay. Purpose-built portable toilet waste disposal facilities are available for use by campers at Second cutting, Noosa North Shore; Freshwater day-use area (beach camper service bay); and Clarkson Drive, Rainbow Beach.
- **Marine Turtles breeding season:** From November to April, you may see turtles crossing the beach to lay their eggs or hatchlings making their way to the water for the first time. Motorists and visitors to Cooloola and Inskip Peninsula Recreation Areas are asked to minimise disturbance and human impacts on this important breeding ground for marine turtles.
- **Pest control program Kings Bore Circuit, Teewah Beach and Freshwater camping areas:** Due to a feral animal control program being conducted by QPWS Rangers and Contractors the following areas will be temporarily closed:
 - Kings Bore Circuit, including the following tracks: Pettigrews Road, the Eastern Firebreak, Kings Bore Road, and the Western Firebreak. Closed from Sunday 12 May to Monday 10 June 2024.
 - Freshwater and Teewah Beach camping areas closed from 11am 13 May to 2pm 16 May 2024

Firearm, poisons, or traps may be utilized during this period. Please observe all signage, barriers and directions from rangers and do not enter closed areas.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE BEAT

- All road rules apply when driving on the beach. Observe speed signage. Police patrol regularly.
- **Non-urgent incidents – Police link 131 444.**
- **Report a hoon – 13 HOON (134 666).**

TRACK AND BEACH CONDITIONS

- Only high clearance 4WDs are recommended on beaches and inland tracks. All-wheel drives, vehicles towing trailers, boats and vans may have difficulty.
- Take care when driving on our beautiful beaches. The Driving on sand Safety Guide provides some helpful information for four-wheel driving on sand to help you and your guests stay safe [Driving on sand Safety Guide](#)

INSKIP Recreation Area

GENERAL ALERTS

- **Hygiene protocols for Inskip Peninsula:** Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) is reinforcing the need for campers to maintain the highest of personal hygiene standards whilst camping in the Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area. For the health and wellbeing of our park visitors and staff, and to limit the spread of illness, visitors are recommended to: Wash hands often with soap and water, especially before preparing food, eating and after going to the toilet; Ensure all campers have a personal towel for hand drying; Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue; Ensure your campsite is located away from other tents; Where possible, bring your own portable toilet; Keep your rubbish secure and dispose in bins provided or take home; Stay at home if you or any members of your group are unwell; Keep a personal supply of drinking and washing water during your stay.
- **Inskip Point vehicle recognition camera** forms part of a network of K'gari (Fraser Island) access cameras. There is no change to management at Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area and **Vehicle Access Permits are NOT required** to access the beach or recreation area at Inskip.

CAMPING AND DAY-USE AREAS

- Due to severe erosion, the southern one-way ring road of M.V. Natone camping area is closed. Two-way access to this area is provided and suitable for tent campers only. Camping is available in all other sections of the Natone camping area.
- **Dogs** must be on a leash and under control at all times.
- **Inskip planned maintenance:** The following camping areas will be temporarily closed for maintenance and site rehabilitation as per dates listed below:
 - M.V. Sarawak from 7 to 17 May 2024.
 - Sarawak West from 7 to 17 May 2024.
- **Portable Toilets to be mandatory for Pelican Bay and Dorrigo South camping areas.** From 01 June 2024, the requirement to bring and use a portable toilet when camping at Pelican Bay and Dorrigo South camping areas will become mandatory. This initiative is being introduced to address high levels of bush toileting posing an unacceptable risk to the health and safety of campers and the area's natural environment. A minimum of one portable toilet per camping permit holder is required. Portable toilets must have a sealed waste holding tank and must be transportable and suitable for emptying into a portable waste disposal facility. Bag and open bucket style toilets are not permitted. The portable toilet disposal facility is located at Clarkson Drive, Rainbow Beach. Penalties apply for non-compliance. **Note: This is a permanent management change for Pelican Bay and Dorrigo South camping areas**