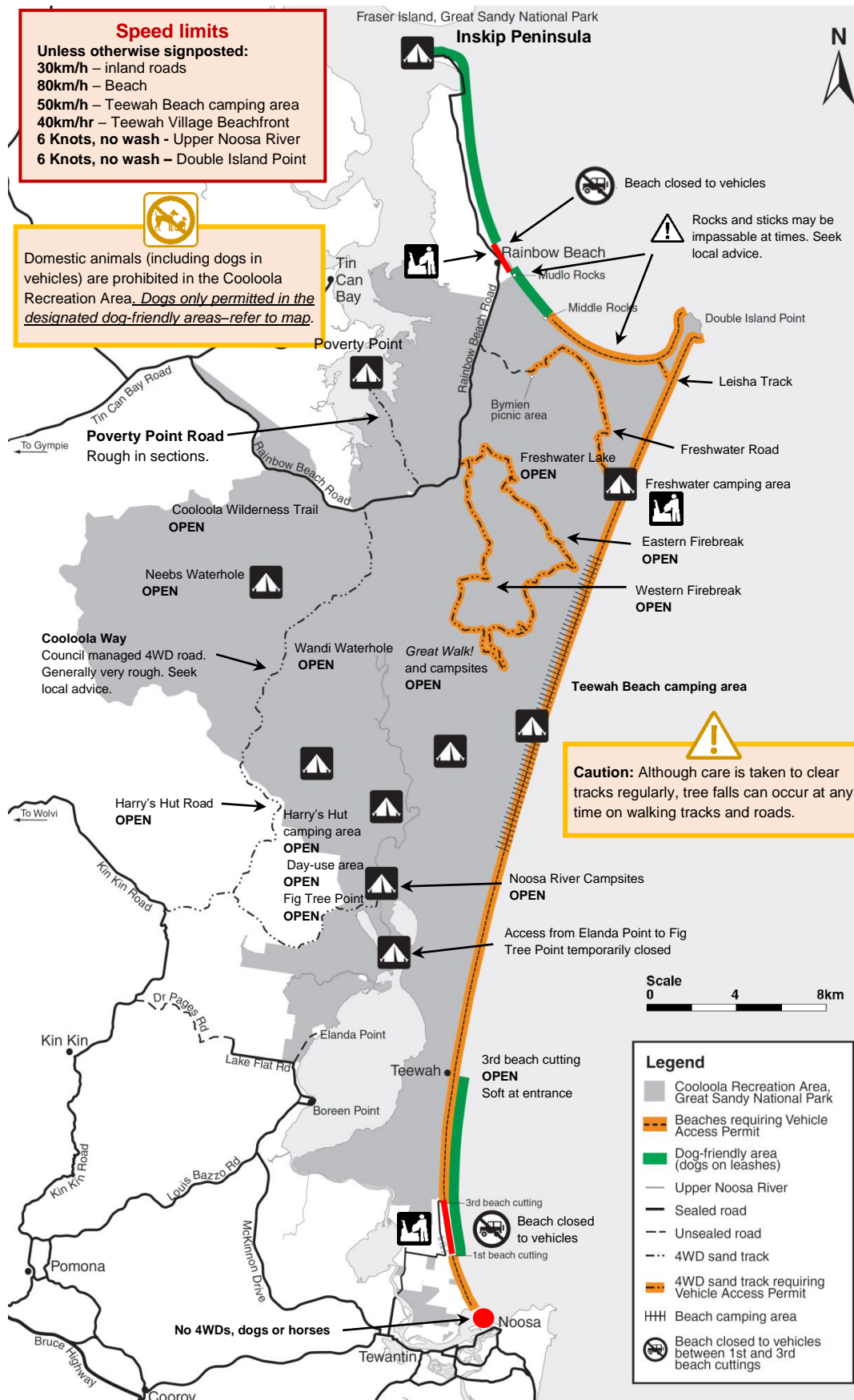


Cooloola Conditions Report

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TIDE TIMES AND HEIGHTS

MARCH					
	Time	m	Time	m	
1	0507	0.87	16	0013	1.86
	1057	1.63		0654	0.91
	1714	0.71		1207	1.37
	2344	1.68		1818	0.71
2	0556	0.98	17	0127	1.78
	1131	1.51		0836	0.97
	1750	0.77		1330	1.26
				1928	0.82
3	0040	1.66	18	0300	1.75
	0705	1.07		1012	0.95
	SU 1218	1.40		MO 1536	1.26
	1841	0.83		2113	0.86
4	0216	1.67	19	0416	1.78
	0856	1.08		1116	0.88
	MO 1346	1.31		TU 1654	1.34
	1958	0.86		2237	0.82
5	0344	1.76	20	0515	1.83
	1038	0.99		1158	0.81
	TU 1551	1.33		WE 1746	1.45
	2134	0.82		2334	0.75
6	0447	1.90	21	0601	1.88
	1137	0.85		1232	0.74
	WE 1658	1.42		TH 1826	1.55
	2255	0.70			
7	0541	2.04	22	0018	0.67
	1223	0.70		0639	1.93
	TH 1753	1.54		FR 1302	0.67
	2355	0.54		1901	1.64
8	0630	2.16	23	0056	0.61
	1304	0.55		0712	1.96
	FR 1843	1.68		SA 1332	0.61
				1934	1.72
9	0047	0.40	24	0130	0.58
	0716	2.25		0742	1.97
	SA 1344	0.41		SU 1358	0.57
	1932	1.82		2004	1.78
10	0136	0.30	25	0201	0.58
	0801	2.28		0808	1.94
	SU 1424	0.31		MO 1422	0.55
	2020	1.93		2032	1.83
11	0224	0.27	26	0232	0.61
	0845	2.24		0833	1.90
	MO 1504	0.27		TU 1446	0.53
	2107	2.01		2059	1.87
12	0312	0.32	27	0302	0.64
	0926	2.11		0858	1.84
	TU 1543	0.29		WE 1509	0.54
	2152	2.03		2128	1.91
13	0359	0.44	28	0334	0.70
	1005	1.93		0925	1.76
	WE 1620	0.36		TH 1533	0.57
	2236	2.00		2159	1.91
14	0449	0.61	29	0411	0.77
	1042	1.73		0954	1.66
	TH 1655	0.47		FR 1559	0.62
	2321	1.94		2233	1.89
15	0543	0.77	30	0452	0.86
	1120	1.53		1027	1.55
	FR 1732	0.58		SA 1630	0.69
				2315	1.84
31	0543	0.95			
	1106	1.43		SU 1708	0.77

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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GENERAL ALERTS

- **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:
 - o Do not climb or dig into sand dunes or sand cliffs.
 - o Avoid standing, sitting or parking near the base of the dunes.
 - o Always stay well away from the base of sand dunes.
 - o Supervise children at all times.
- **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.
- **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.

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).**

CAMPING AND DAY-USE AREAS

Inskip Recreation Area:

- 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.

TRACK AND BEACH CONDITIONS

- **Very large high tides:** Exposed beaches in Cooloola and Inskip Recreation Areas are expecting very large high tides over the Easter holiday period with some sections of beach impassable. Driving on the beach within 2 hours either side of high tide should be avoided.
- **Inskip planned maintenance:** Maintenance and site rehabilitation within camping areas at Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area will commence from Monday 4 March with completion expected by Friday 17 May 2024, pending favourable weather conditions. The following camping areas will be temporarily closed as per dates listed below:
 - S.S. Dorrigo from 4 to 15 March 2024.
 - Dorrigo South from 4 to 15 March 2024.
 - M.V. Beagle from 18 to 27 March 2024.
 - M.V. Natone from 18 to 27 March 2024.
 - M.V. Sarawak from 7 to 17 May 2024.
 - Sarawak West from 7 to 17 May 2024.
- Only high clearance 4WDs are recommended on beaches and inland tracks. All-wheel drives, vehicles towing trailers, boats and vans may have difficulty.
- **Cooloola Great Walk and Cooloola Wilderness Trail:** Walkers should be aware that due to recent wet weather, small sections of the walk may be submerged in water. The Walks remain open, but walkers should proceed with caution and check access conditions before deciding if it is safe to traverse.
- **Beach driving – low tide only.** Visitors should consider forecasted high tides when planning a trip, and check access conditions before deciding if it is safe to traverse. Motorists should exercise caution at all times, and plan to travel only at low tide, if safe to do so.
- **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.
- 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](#)
- For a comprehensive list of Park Alerts, visit us online at www.des.qld.gov.au