

Cooloola conditions report

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Fire danger, weather warnings, alerts and emergencies (Updated 19 January 2022)

- Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has received reports of gastroenteritis in the Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area and are actively working with Queensland Health, Environment and Science and the Gympie Regional Council to manage the issue. Visitors to Inskip are recommended to: Wash hands often with soap and water before preparing food, eating and after going to the toilet; Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue; Each individual should bring and use their own towel; Ensure your campsite is located away from other tents; 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; Where possible, bring your own portable toilet. Campers in Dorrigio South and Pelican Bay in particular are encouraged to bring portable toilets as there are no toilet facilities provided in these camping areas. Fresh water and toilet waste disposal facilities are available at Clarkson Drive, Rainbow Beach.
- **Portable toilets mandatory:** QPWS have installed a new portable toilet waste facility and have introduced mandatory portable toilet requirements at Teewah Beach to address human waste being inappropriately disposed in the area's natural environment. 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.
- **Teewah Beach Fire Prohibition:** A QPWS imposed fire prohibition is in place in the Cooloola Recreation Area, except in the QPWS provided fire rings at Poverty Point camping area. Campfires must not be lit anywhere else in the recreation area including in the Teewah Beach camping zones 1-7.
- **QR Codes:** Conditions are in place in Cooloola Recreation Area to support Queensland Health COVID-19 directives and keep visitors safe. Please ensure you "check in" if a QR Code is displayed in your QPWS camping area or QPWS Information Centre.
- **Teewah Beach camping zone:** Sections of Teewah Beach camping area have been identified as having unstable sand cliffs and a high risk of rock falls posing a risk to visitor safety. As a result, high risk areas have been closed to camping. High risk areas are marked by "DANGER" signs. Visitors are required to camp outside these marked areas.
- **Do not climb sand dunes:** Walking and climbing the sand dunes in Cooloola Recreation Area is prohibited. High risk areas are marked by safety signs. Visitors must stay outside the marked areas.



Camping and day-use areas

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- **Inskip Peninsula camping area:** A person must not camp for longer than 30 days during any period of 60 consecutive days, with the initial 60 day period commencing from the first day a person camps under a camping permit, and continues for every 60 days following. At the conclusion of 30 days camping within 60 consecutive days, a person must: remove all their possessions and property from the Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area; and not camp again in the Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area until after the 60 day period has elapsed.
- **Wildlife safety:** Park Rangers in the Cooloola Recreation Area have received an increase in reports of wildlife entering camp sites and damaging tents. 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.
- **Red Canyon** is temporarily closed due to unstable sand cliffs and landslides making the area dangerous.
- **Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area:** Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times.



Track and beach conditions

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Remember: Only high clearance 4WDs are recommended on beaches and inland tracks. All-wheel drives, vehicles towing trailers, boats and vans may have difficulty.

- **Turtle 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. Never drive or park on the dunes and only use established access tracks to camp sites. Do not interfere with turtle nests, eggs or hatchlings. Stay well clear of turtles leaving the water or crossing the beach, and avoid driving on the beach and using bright lights between 6pm and 6am during breeding season.
- **Landslips** occur often along the Coloured Sands of Rainbow Beach and may reduce access. Do not climb sand dunes or park near their base.
- **Teewah Beach:** The camping area beachfront speed limit is 50km/hr. Check your speed and always drive to the conditions.



Walking track conditions

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- **Long Walks:** As a result of high fire danger conditions experienced over the warmer months, a seasonal restriction on bookings for the Cooloola Great Walk and Cooloola Wilderness Trail is implemented yearly from 1 November to 31 January. High fire danger conditions pose an unacceptable risk to the safety of walkers in remote areas and some walking tracks may be closed at short notice. Restrictions on forward bookings are limited to **14 days** in advance only and intended to reduce any impact on visitors if any walking tracks are closed at short notice.
- **Short Walks:** As a result of past flooding, the Kin Kin Creek pedestrian bridge linking Elanda Point to Figtree Point on the Cooloola Wilderness Trail has been washed away and is awaiting repair. Figtree Point can only be accessed from Harrys Hut or the Boronia Walk.



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.**

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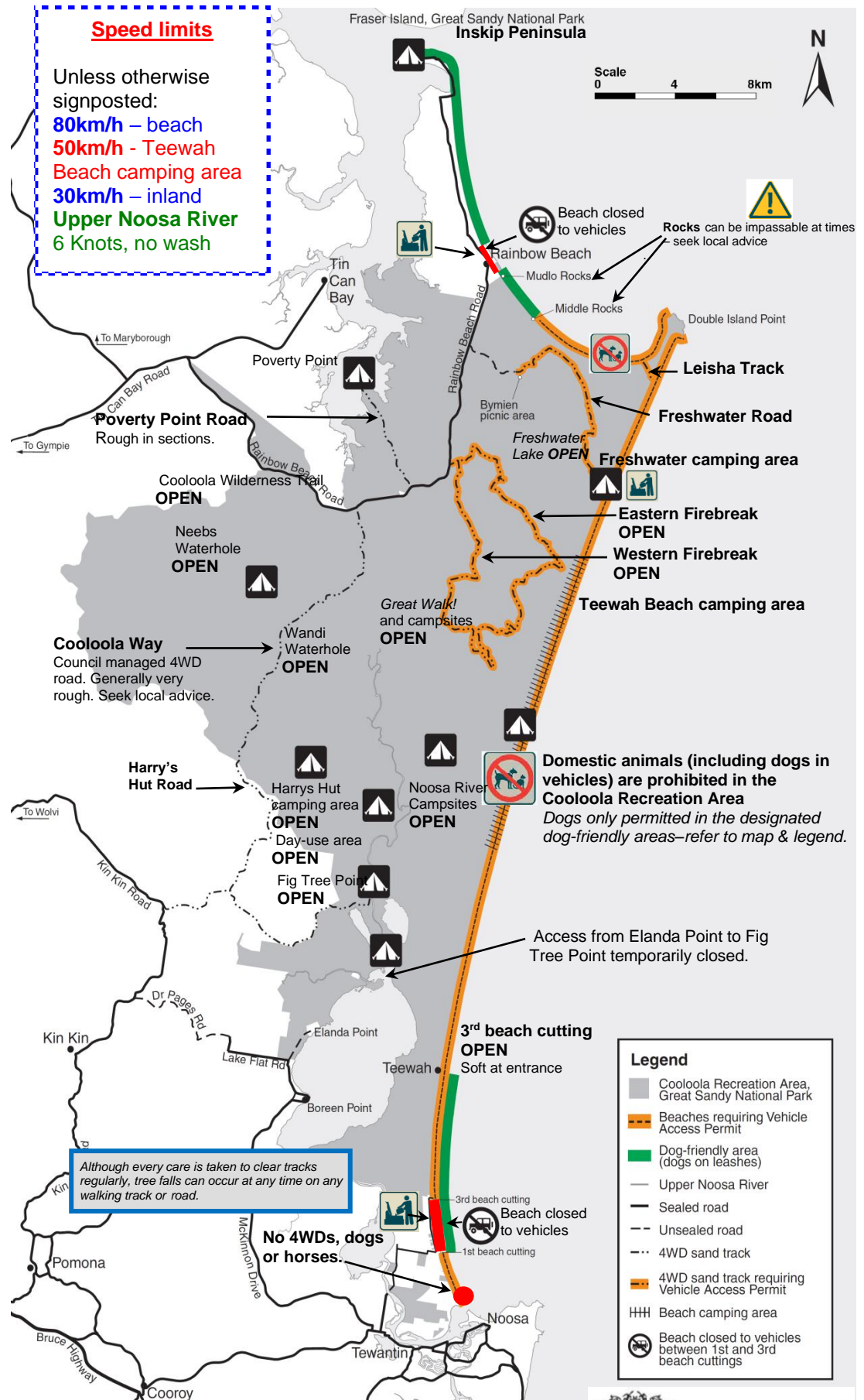
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Noosa
Tide Times
Jan/Feb 2022

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	WE 1532	0.65
	2110	1.50
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