

Cooloola conditions report

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Updated 20 October 2020

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Fire danger, weather warnings, alerts and emergencies (Reviewed 20 October 2020)

- **Cooloola Recreation Area vehicle access:** A Restricted Access Area has been declared within the Bribie Island and Cooloola Recreation Areas to manage the safety of visitors and the community during the COVID-19 health emergency. A person must not enter or remain in the Restricted Access Area unless they hold **both** a written approval to enter the restricted access area **and** a valid vehicle access permit, or they have a current vehicle exemption.
CAMPERS require: 1. A camping permit (which includes a COVID-19 Restricted Access Area Authority) for the duration of the visit; **and** 2. A current vehicle access permit (*which can only be used only for the dates of the camping permit*).
DAY VISITORS require 1. A COVID-19 Restricted Access Area Authority from <http://qpws.bookeasy.com>; **and** 2. A current vehicle access permit (*which can only be used only for the dates of the COVID-19 Restricted Access Area Authority*). Book early to avoid disappointment.
- **Sand-boarding is dangerous:** Do not run, roll or slide down sand dunes. Serious injury or death could result.
- **Do not climb sand dunes:** Walking and climbing the sand dunes in Cooloola Recreation Area is prohibited. Unstable sand cliffs with falling boulders and landslides make this activity dangerous. High risk areas are marked by safety signs. Visitors must stay outside the marked areas.
- **Teewah Beach camping area:** Campers are advised to take note of the number of the nearest positioning marker in case of an emergency. These yellow triangular markers help emergency services respond quicker to your location.

Camping and day-use areas (Reviewed 20 October 2020)

- **Camping changes for Inskip Peninsula camping area:** From 27 June 2020, the way you book your camp site at Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area will change. The open camping area has been divided into seven separate camping areas, allowing campers to choose a zone to camp before arriving at the site. This change will also help reduce overcrowding and allow the site to be better managed.
- **Camping more than 30 days prohibited at Inskip Peninsula Recreation 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.
- **Red Canyon** is temporarily closed due to unstable sand cliffs and landslides making the area dangerous.
- **Freshwater Lake, Freshwater Lake carpark and Freshwater Lake walking track** are temporarily closed as a result of damage due to wildfire.

Track and beach conditions (Reviewed 20 October 2020)

Remember: 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 \(PDF, 2MB\)](#)
- **Landslips** occur often along the Coloured Sands in the Wide Bay section of Rainbow Beach, and may reduce access. Do not climb sand dunes or park near their base.
- **Double Island Point:** Vehicle access on the northern side of the Peninsula, on either side of the Leisha Track entrance, is limited due to the natural movement of the saltwater lagoon.
- **Teewah Beach:** The camping area beachfront speed limit is 50km/hr. Check your speed and always drive to the conditions.

Walking track conditions (Reviewed 20 October 2020)

- **COOLOOLA WILDERNESS TRAIL:** partially open from Harry's camping and day use area to Mullens carpark, including Neebes Waterhole and Wandii Waterhole camping areas. The southern section of the Cooloola Wilderness Trail from Elanda Point to Fig Tree Point is not accessible due to the Kin Kin Creek walk bridge having washed away during flooding. Planning for a new bridge is underway. Fig Tree Point camping area is only accessible from Harry's Hut to the north. Mill Point and Kinaba Information Centre can still be accessed from Elanda Point.

Neighbourhood Police Beat

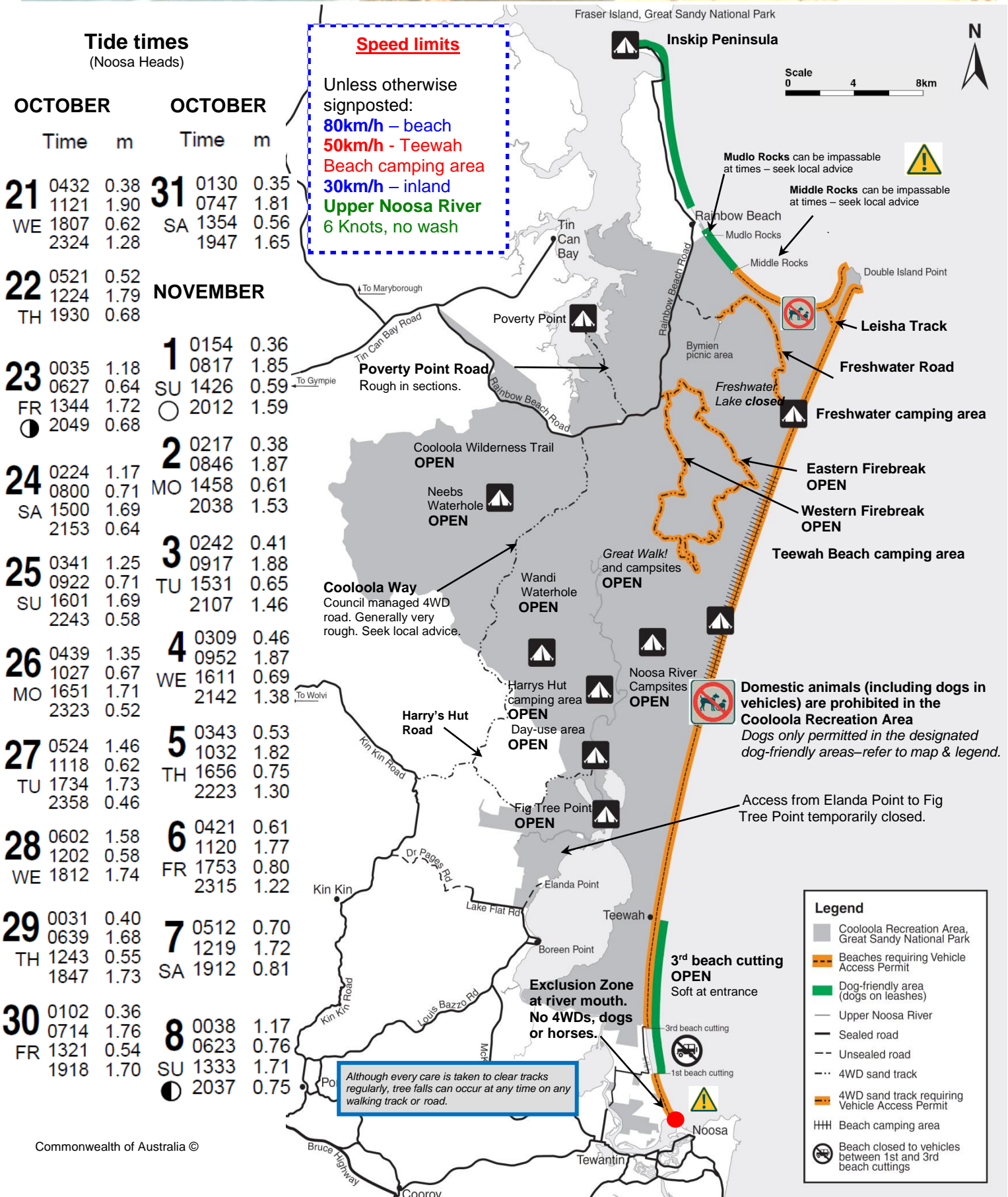
- Secure camping, boating and fishing gear and other valuables, especially when asleep or away from camp or vehicle.
- All road rules apply when driving on the beach. Observe speed signage. Police patrol regularly.
- **Non urgent incidents – Policelink 131 444.** For more information about Policelink, see their brochure here <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-09/Policelink%20English%20brochure.pdf>

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