

Cooloola conditions report

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Updated 20 February 2020

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Fire danger, weather warnings, alerts and emergencies

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- **Wildfire closures:** Wildfire activity has caused significant damage in the Cooloola Recreation Area. For visitor safety, Freshwater Lake, Freshwater Lake carpark and Freshwater Lake walking track are temporarily CLOSED until further notice. The Cooloola Great Walk and the Cooloola Wilderness Trail - including all walkers campsites, and the walking track from Campsite 3 to Cooloola Sandpatch are temporarily CLOSED until further notice.
- **Park Alerts** exist for Cooloola Recreation Area and Cooloola Great Walk.
- **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

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- **Camping closures:** The Cooloola Great Walk and Cooloola Wilderness Trail walkers campsites are temporarily closed until further notice due to damage from recent wildfire activity.
- **Harrys Hut** day-use area is open, and there is partial opening of the Harrys Hut camping area with 8 vehicle access and 4 river access camp sites open.
- **Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area:** accessing camping areas in dry conditions may be difficult due to soft, powdery sand. Exercise caution.
- **Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area:** access to the 'The Oaks' has changed so that day use visitation only is now permitted. Camping will no longer be allowed at 'The Oaks' due to the high level of degradation to the site. Rangers have made upgrades to other camping areas to ensure there is no overall reduction to available campsites.
- **Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area:** dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. Handlers must clean up after dog/s.
- **Teewah Beach:** The camping area beachfront speed limit is 50km/hr. Check your speed and always drive to the conditions.
- **Teewah Beach:** Beach soak & underground water in the camping zone is unfit for drinking, cooking, showering & swimming.



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. Stay alert for hazards and always drive to the conditions.

Noosa North Shore: Construction for a new Dump Ezy portable toilet waste disposal station at Noosa North Shore's 2nd cutting will commence 24 February and is expected to be completed by 30 April 2020, weather conditions permitting. During this time 2nd cutting will be closed to the public.

Inland track conditions: (refer to map for general road conditions).

- **Poverty Point Road:** access may be difficult due to soft, powdery sand. Exercise caution.

Beach conditions:

- **Very high tides** in excess of 2m are expected 21-24 February, and 7-11 March 2020. The beach may be impassable at times during high tides, travel within 2 hours either side of low tide, if safe to do so.
- **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.
- **Marine Stingers** and other dangerous sea life are present, especially during summer, in K'gari (Fraser Island) and Cooloola waters.



Walking track conditions

(Reviewed 20 February 2020)

- **CLOSED:** The Cooloola Great Walk, Freshwater Lake Walk, the Cooloola Wilderness Trail, and the walking track from campsite 3 to Cooloola sand-patch are currently closed due to damage from recent wildfire activity.
- **OPEN:** The Poona Lake walk and the Double Island Point walk are now open.
- **CLOSED:** Fig Tree walk is closed. Fig Tree Point camping and day use area are accessible but not via Figtree walk which crosses Kin Kin Creek as the bridge was washed away. Planning for a new bridge is underway.



Neighbourhood Police Beat

- Secure camping, boating and fishing gear and other valuables, especially when asleep or away from camp or vehicle.
- **Non urgent incidents – Policelink 131 444.**
- All road rules apply when driving on the beach. Observe speed signage. Police patrol regularly.

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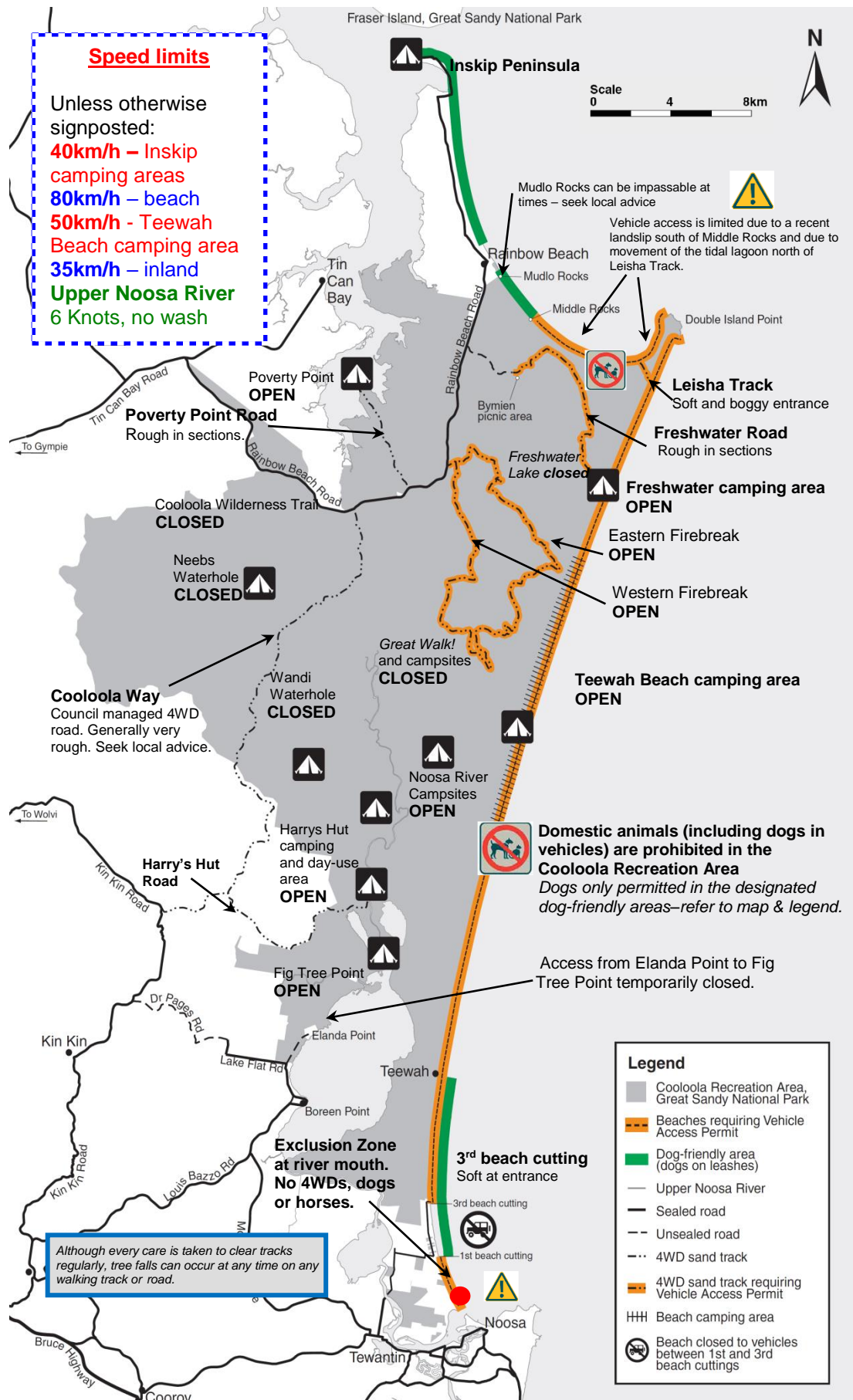
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Tide times (Noosa Heads)

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Time	m	Time	m
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