

Cooloola conditions report

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Fire danger, weather warnings, alerts and emergencies (Updated 17 December 2018)

- **Very large tides affecting beach driving:** Exposed beaches on Cooloola Recreation Area are expecting very large high tides over the coming Christmas and New Year period with sections of beach likely to be impassable at high tide. Beach driving only within 2-3 hours either side of low tide is advised.
- **Wildfire:** Due to a recent wildfire burning in Cooloola Recreation Area, the Cooloola Great Walk including all walkers' camps, is temporarily closed until further notice. Areas will be re-opened once conditions are considered safe.
- **Park Alerts** exist for Cooloola Recreation Area, Teewah Beach camping zone, Upper Noosa River, Cooloola Great Walk, and Cooloola Wilderness Trail.
- **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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- **Upper Noosa River campsites 1, 2 and 3:** Upper Noosa River campsites 1, 2 and 3 will undergo improvement works between August 2018 and March 2019. All campsites will remain open with minimal impact to campers.
- **Teewah Beach camping zone:** Some restrictions to the camping zone on Teewah Beach have been implemented following dislodged rocks in the area. High risk areas are marked by fencing and safety signs. Visitors must stay outside the marked areas.
- **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.
- **Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area:** Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. Handlers must clean up after dog/s.



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.

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

- **Poverty Point Road:** Sandy and boggy in sections. Exercise caution.

Beach conditions:

- **Erosion:** Recent weather has caused some erosion. Hazards such as landslips, washouts, eroded dunes, sand depressions, fallen trees, exposed coffee rock and debris including logs may be present.
- **Landslip:** Occur often along the Wide Bay section of beachfront and may reduce access. Always check tide and swell conditions before travel and exercise caution. 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.
- **Marine Stingers** and other dangerous sea life are present, especially during summer, in K'gari (Fraser Island) and Cooloola waters.

Upper Noosa River conditions:

- Proceed with caution after recent severe weather and flooding. Submerged logs and snags may be present.



Walking track conditions

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- **Cooloola Wilderness Trail is CLOSED due to severe weather and storm damage.**
- **Cooloola Great Walk and all walkers' camps CLOSED due to wildfire.**
Observe all signage, barriers and directions and do not enter closed areas.



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.**

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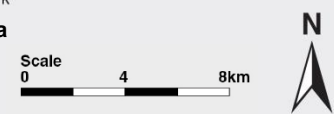
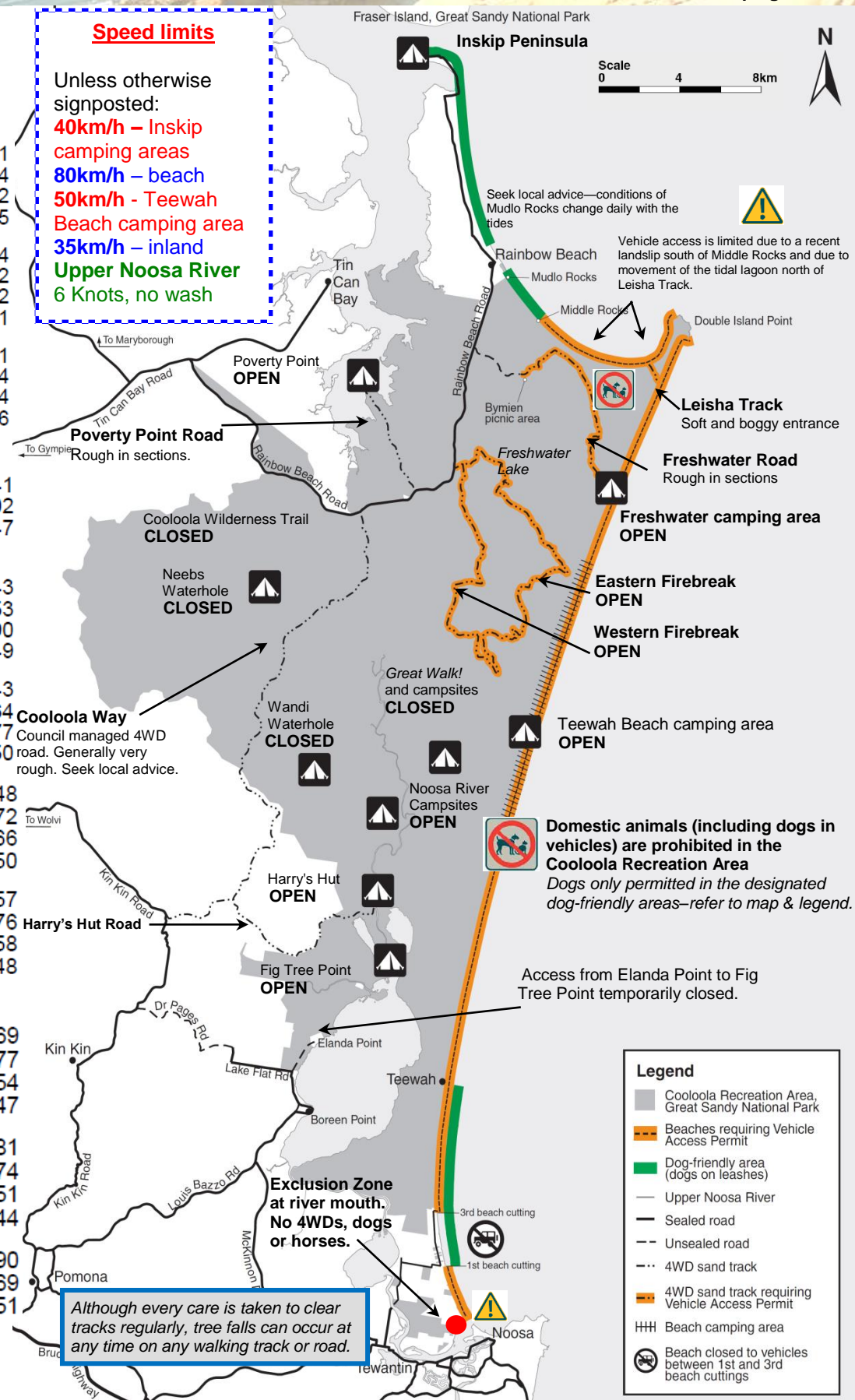
Tide times (Noosa Heads) DECEMBER

Time	m	Time	m
13	0449 0.67	24	0227 0.21
	1145 1.72		0907 2.24
TH	1830 0.72	MO	1540 0.42
			2121 1.55
14	0006 1.27	25	0317 0.24
	0537 0.77		0958 2.22
FR	1231 1.66	TU	1633 0.42
	1926 0.74		2215 1.51
15	0112 1.27	26	0410 0.31
	0636 0.85		1050 2.14
SA	1323 1.61	WE	1729 0.44
☉	2021 0.72		2311 1.46
16	0227 1.32	27	0506 0.41
	0750 0.89		1142 2.02
SU	1422 1.59	TH	1828 0.47
	2113 0.67		
17	0332 1.43	28	0013 1.43
	0908 0.89		0609 0.53
MO	1521 1.59	FR	1238 1.90
	2201 0.60		1926 0.49
18	0425 1.57	29	0128 1.43
	1018 0.85		0719 0.64
TU	1616 1.60	SA	1338 1.77
	2247 0.52	☉	2025 0.50
19	0514 1.73	30	0246 1.48
	1120 0.78		0834 0.72
WE	1707 1.61	SU	1441 1.66
	2330 0.44		2122 0.50
20	0559 1.88	31	0357 1.57
	1216 0.70		0950 0.76
TH	1756 1.61	MO	1543 1.58
			2217 0.48
21	0012 0.36	1	0458 1.69
	0644 2.02		1101 0.77
FR	1307 0.61	TU	1639 1.54
	1845 1.61		2307 0.47
22	0054 0.28	2	0549 1.81
	0730 2.14		1202 0.74
SA	1357 0.52	WE	1732 1.51
	1935 1.60		2351 0.44
23	0139 0.23	3	0633 1.90
	0817 2.22		1252 0.69
SU	1448 0.46	TH	1821 1.51
○	2028 1.58		

Speed limits

Unless otherwise signposted:

- 40km/h – Inskip camping areas
- 80km/h – beach
- 50km/h - Teewah
- Beach camping area
- 35km/h – inland
- Upper Noosa River
- 6 Knots, no wash



Legend

- Cooloola Recreation Area, Great Sandy National Park
- Beaches requiring Vehicle Access Permit
- Dog-friendly area (dogs on leashes)
- Upper Noosa River
- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- 4WD sand track
- 4WD sand track requiring Vehicle Access Permit
- Beach camping area
- Beach closed to vehicles between 1st and 3rd beach cuttings

Although every care is taken to clear tracks regularly, tree falls can occur at any time on any walking track or road.

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