

Cooloola conditions report

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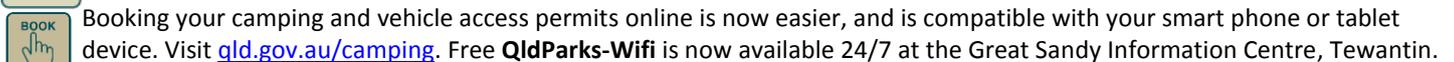
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Fire danger, weather warnings and emergencies (Reviewed 07 December 2016)

- **Total Fire Prohibition:** From 9 December 2016 until further notice, open fires must not be lit anywhere in Cooloola, including Teewah Beach and Poverty Point campgrounds and in the Inskip Point Peninsula Recreation Area.
Bring fuel or gas stoves for cooking.
- A **Park Alert** exists for seasonal restrictions to Cooloola Great Walk & Cooloola Wilderness Trail (see Walking track conditions).
- **Teewah Beach camping area:** Campers are advised to take note of the number of nearest positioning marker in case of an emergency. These yellow triangular markers will ensure emergency services can respond quicker to your location.

Camping and day-use areas (Reviewed 07 December 2016)

 Booking your camping and vehicle access permits online is now easier, and is compatible with your smart phone or tablet device. Visit qld.gov.au/camping. Free **QldParks-Wifi** is now available 24/7 at the Great Sandy Information Centre, Tewantin.

Cooloola Recreation Area:

- At **Freshwater Campground** shower prices will increase to \$2 from December 3 2016. During the installation period of 1-3 December it is advised to bring both \$1 and \$2 coins. After December 3 only \$2 coins will be accepted.
- Check your speed. Teewah Beach camping area beachfront speed limit is 50km/hr. Always drive to the conditions.
- Beach soak and underground water in Teewah Beach camping area is unfit for drinking, cooking, showering and swimming.
- Camping structures blocking vehicle access tracks in the Teewah Beach camping zone may be directed to be moved.

Inskip Peninsula:

- Due to ongoing beach erosion, access to some beachfront campsites is restricted. Observe all signage and barriers.

Track and beach conditions (Reviewed 07 December 2016)

Remember: Only high clearance 4WDs are recommended on inland tracks and beaches. 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)

- **Freshwater Road:** Rough in places. Entrance on Teewah Beach can be soft and boggy.
- **Leisha Track:** Firm track in good condition. Soft sand at the Teewah Beach entrance can pose a hazard. Exercise caution.
- **Harry's Hut Road:** Harry's Hut Road is very rough with many washouts and potholes.
- **Eastern and Western firebreaks closed due to wildfire.**

Beach conditions:

- High tides in excess of 2m are predicted 12-16 December, making beach driving difficult.
- **Mudlo Rocks (at Rainbow Beach):** conditions of the rocks change daily with tides and currents. Seek local advice as rocks may become treacherous for vehicles. An alternate route to Double Island Pt and Teewah Beach is via Freshwater Road.
- **Double Island Point:** vehicle access to the northern side may be restricted at times due to the movement of the tidal lagoon.

Upper Noosa River conditions:

- Boaties and paddlers should always remain alert when traversing the river for hazards such as underwater logs.
- Remember—speed limit of 6 knots applies north of Kinaba. Boats of varying hull shapes and sizes generate fluctuating wash at speed. Wash erodes riverbanks and reduces water quality. If you create wash at 6 knots, slow down!

Walking track conditions (Reviewed 07 December 2016)

Cooloola Great Walk and Cooloola Wilderness Trail are seasonally restricted:

- From 1 November to 28 February, Cooloola Great Walk (south of Freshwater Lake) and Cooloola Wilderness Trail will be seasonally closed due to high fire danger. Short walks in the Cooloola Recreation Area will remain open: to Carlo Sandblow, Double Island Point, Poona Lake, Freshwater Lake, Harry's Hut, Mill Point, Kinaba and Fig Tree Point. During the seasonal restriction, rangers will regularly assess fire danger conditions and may open the walks (or sections of the walks) for certain periods of time as conditions allow.

Neighbourhood Police Beat

- Secure camping, boating and fishing gear, and all valuables, when you are 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—phone Policelink 131 444.**

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