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Fire danger, weather warnings, alerts and emergencies

- Park Alerts exist for the Cooloola Recreation Area and Teewah Beach camping zone.
- Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area/K'gari (Fraser Island) southern access: The Rainbow Beach Triathlon is being held on Saturday 17 August and Sunday 18 August 2019. Access will be affected with possible lengthy delays during Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Event organisers and local police will ensure traffic control measures are in place please take direction from them.
- 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

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

- Camping and vehicle permits or self-made tags must be displayed prominently at the camp and/or on the vehicle.
- **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

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:

- High tides in excess of 2m are predicted 29 July to 4 August 2019. The beach may be impassable at times, travel within 2 hours either side of low tide, if safe to do so.
- Landslips: Occur often along the Wide Bay section of beachfront 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.
- Marine Stingers and other dangerous sea life are present, especially during summer, in K'gari (Fraser Island) and Cooloola waters.

Walking track conditions

• **CLOSED**: Figtree walk. 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.



- 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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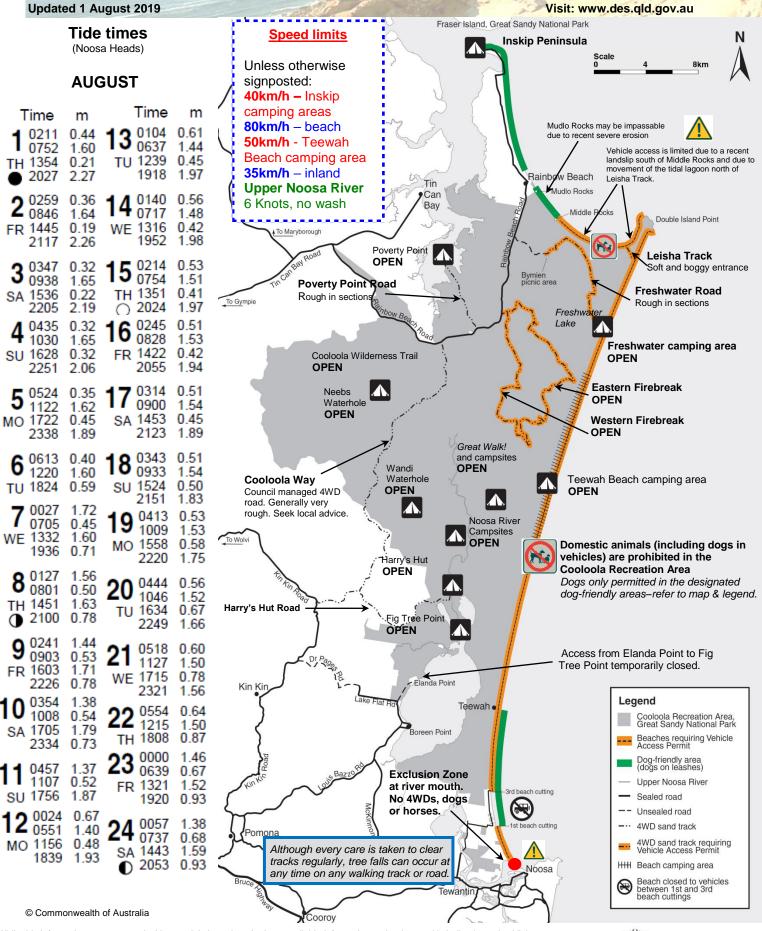
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