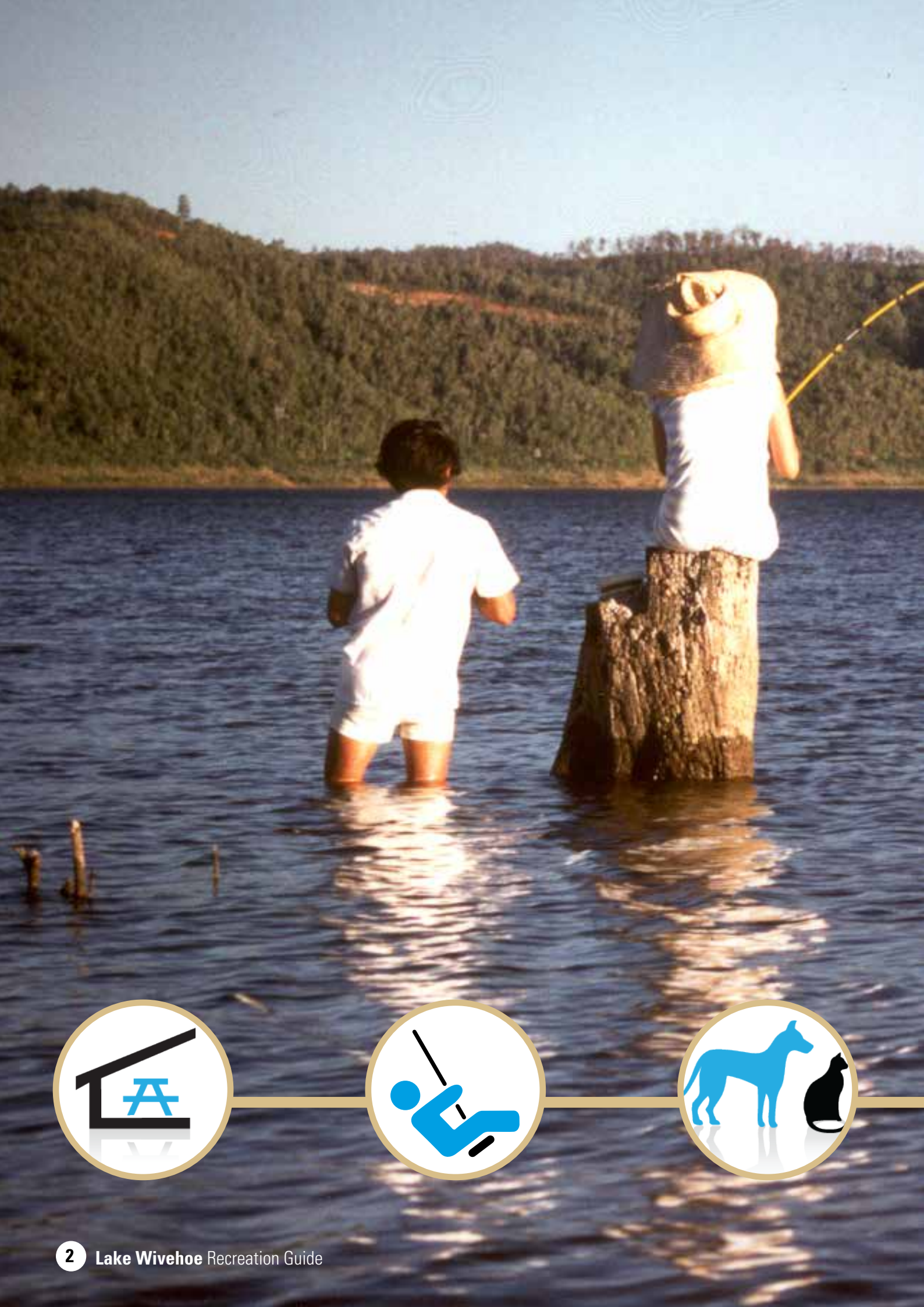


# Lake Wivenhoe Recreation Guide





Visitors enjoy and experience a diverse range of recreation opportunities, while protecting the natural resources and water quality.





# About Lake Wivenhoe



Lake Wivenhoe is located approximately 80 kilometres north-west of Brisbane. It provides great recreational facilities as well as being part of the South East Queensland water grid that supplies the region’s drinking water.

The Wivenhoe Dam was built on the Brisbane River after the 1974 flood event. The dam wall is 2.3 kilometres long, with five radial gates to release water. While its primary function is to provide safe, reliable water supply, the dam also provides flood mitigation.

Lake Wivenhoe is located in close proximity to both Lake Somerset and Lake Atkinson. This cluster of lakes provide a range of recreational opportunities for visitors to enjoy.

## Recreation Review

Special thanks are extended to the many people who provided input and participated in the surveys and workshops that helped us shape the new plans.

Recreation on Seqwater lakes and land must be managed in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner to ensure there are no adverse impacts on the core role of these assets – providing a safe, secure and reliable water supply for our growing region.

The draft State Planning Policy (released by the Queensland Government on 15 April 2013) acknowledges that there are opportunities to use dams and lakes for recreational uses on the proviso that those activities are carefully considered so as not to affect the primary use of water storage assets.

The protection of our natural areas has always been to enhance the natural environment and minimise the risks to water quality. Seqwater recognises the importance of recreation to the community and encourages the responsible enjoyment of our natural areas.

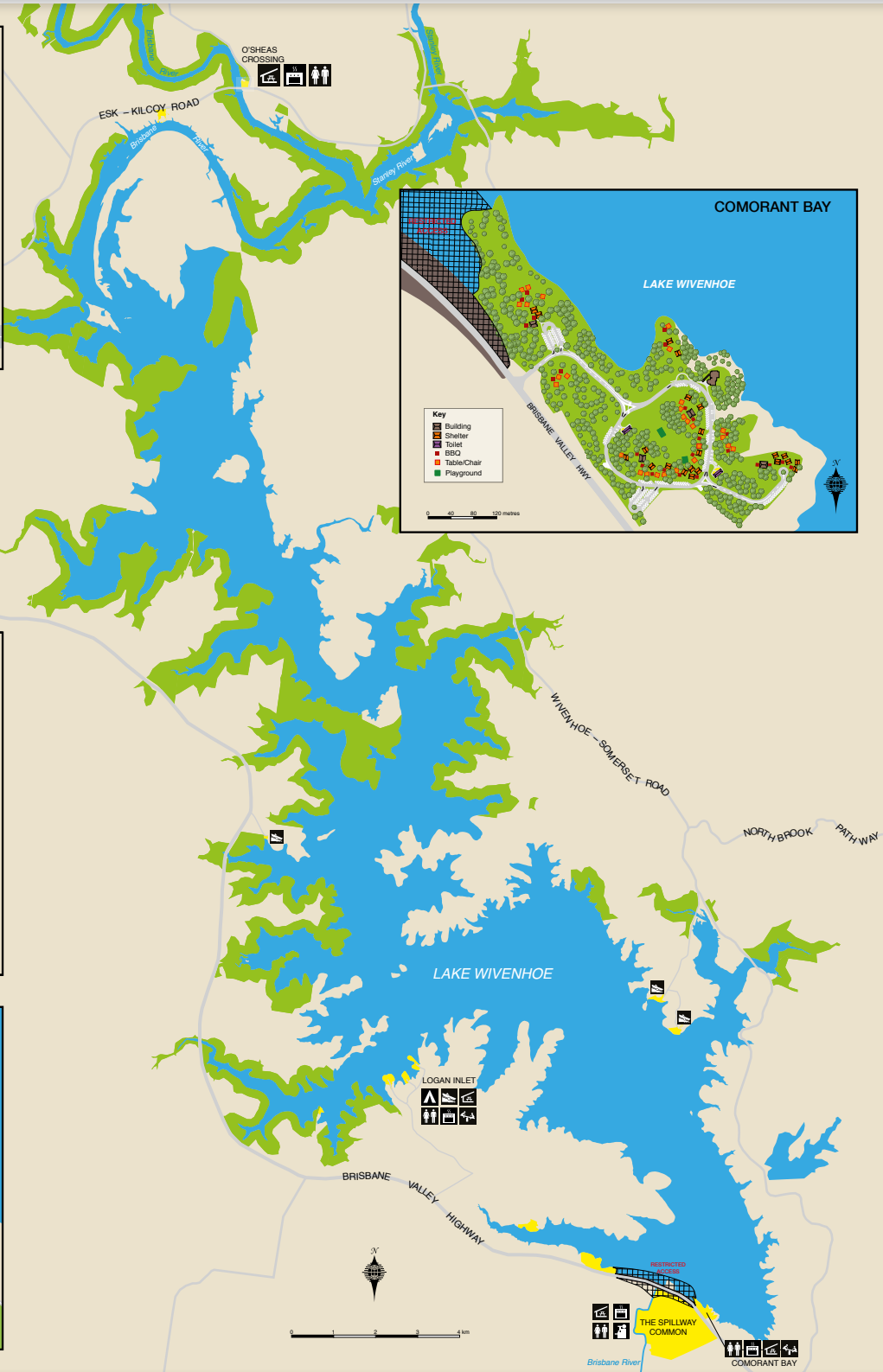
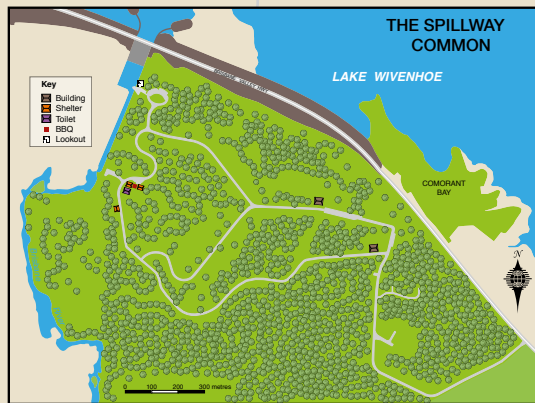
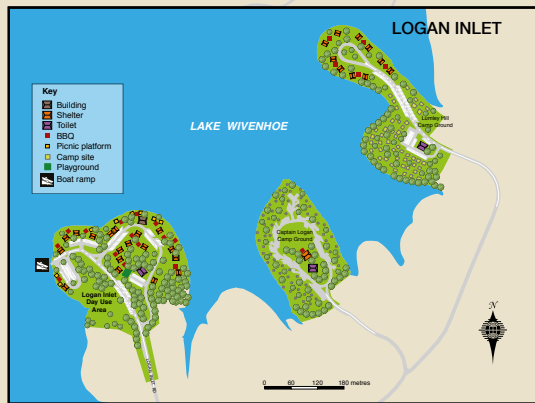
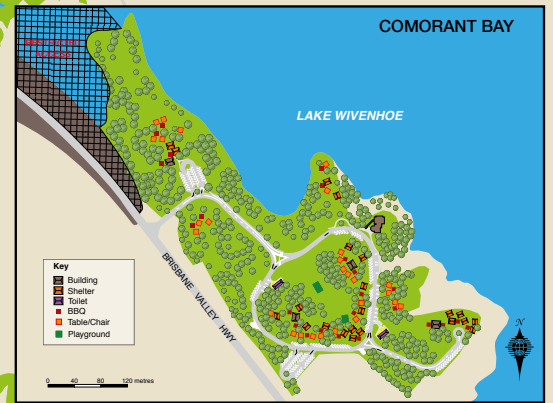
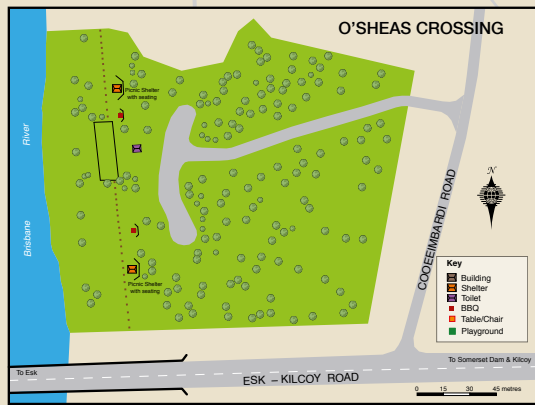


In June 2013 Seqwater commenced a Recreation Management Review of Lakes Somerset, Wivenhoe and Atkinson. A number of changes to the use and management of Lake Wivenhoe have been made as a result of the feedback we have received from the community. A copy of the feedback we received and the management action we are taking can be found at [www.seqwater.com.au](http://www.seqwater.com.au).

Unfortunately not all changes can be implemented straight away. A number of issues require further investigation, funding to be secured or affect all lakes and will need to wait until the conclusion of the recreation review process. Updates on the progress of these issues can also be found on our website.



# Locality map





# Protecting our waterways

We all need to do our part to ensure we keep our waterways healthy. It's not just our bushland areas that are threatened by weeds, it's also our wetlands, waterways and lakes that are suffering as a result of the weed invasion.

Serious aquatic weeds like Water Hyacinth, Salvinia and Cabomba are very invasive and out-compete local species, seriously affecting the local ecology and water quality. Weeds are able to reproduce from even the smallest of fragments or seeds. Trying to control these weeds is time consuming and costly.

## You can help protect our waterways by

- ✓ Removing all visible mud and plants from your equipment, boats, trailers, boots, crab pots etc before leaving
- ✓ Eliminating water from all equipment before transporting it anywhere, as the water may contain plant fragments or seeds
- ✓ Cleaning and drying anything that came into contact with the water
- ✓ Cleaning boats, motors, trailers, floats, anchors etc before leaving. If possible allow the equipment to dry for about five days before entering new waters
- ✓ Not releasing or putting plants, fish or other animals into a body of water they did not come from. This is an important step to prevention the spread of introduced species of plants and animals into our waterways.

# Enjoying our natural areas

## RESPECT

Enjoy and respect what makes our natural areas special. Remember these areas feed our drinking water supply, please:

- Leave the facilities as you found them. Do not cause damage to any property, flora or fauna.
- Respect the fact that other visitors are using the facilities too. Please behave in a manner that will not cause a nuisance.
- Place all litter in the bins provided.
- Leave your pets at home. Dogs and other domestic animals can disturb the wildlife that live in our natural areas.



## OBSERVE

Observe the signs and follow the rules. Understand what you can do where, and when you can do it. Plan ahead and be prepared for the outdoors.

You should always check the Seqwater website at [www.seqwater.com.au](http://www.seqwater.com.au) to view the Public Notices or Recreational Information before you visit any of our recreational areas.

## BE SAFE

Dams are part of the natural environment and you need to remember to be careful with local fauna. You are encouraged to carry a first aid kit as mobile phone reception is limited in many areas.

Seqwater's dams and lakes are part of natural systems and have naturally occurring characteristics that you need to be mindful of. These characteristics change regularly and include changing bacteria levels and water debris above and below water. This is very normal and an expected occurrence in any natural system. From time to time it may be necessary for Seqwater to close areas for safety reasons.

## APPRECIATE

Value the unique status of the Jinibara people as the original owners and custodians of the land and water around Lake Wivenhoe.





# Our Recreation

## Picnics & playgrounds

There are many areas around Lake Wivenhoe where a picnic can be enjoyed. Whether you want to relax and take in the natural values that Wivenhoe offers, or be more energetic and use the picnic areas as a base for a variety of other recreational pursuits, we are sure that you will enjoy your stay with everything that Lake Wivenhoe has to offer.

All areas have great facilities including picnic tables, shelters and free BBQs.

Sites are open 7 days per week from 6am – 6pm.



### Picnic

You can enjoy a picnic at the following locations:

- Hamon Cove Day Use Area (Brisbane Valley Highway)
- Logan’s Inlet Day Use Area (Hay Road – off Brisbane Valley Highway Fernvale)
- Cormorant Bay Day Use Area (Brisbane Valley Highway Fernvale)
- O’Shea’s Crossing Day Use Area (Esk-Kilcoy Road Somerset)
- Spillway Common (Brisbane Valley Highway)



### Playgrounds

Looking for something to keep the kids amused?

- Playgrounds are located at:**
- Logan’s Inlet Day Use Area (Hay Road – off Brisbane Valley Highway Fernvale)
  - Cormorant Bay Day Use Area (Brisbane Valley Highway Fernvale)



### Domestic pets

The natural areas around Lake Wivenhoe are home to an abundance of native wildlife, including providing important habitat for koalas who are listed as a vulnerable species. As such it is important that we all take measures to protect these animals.



**Visitors cannot bring pets and other domestic animals into catchment lands, lakes and designated recreation areas at Lake Wivenhoe.**

If you would like to take your pet with you, Lake Atkinson permits pets on leashes in the Day Use recreation area, however at no time are pets or other domestic animals permitted to enter the lakes or waterways.



### Swimming

Need to cool down?  
There is a designated swimming area located at

**Logan’s Inlet at Lake Wivenhoe.**



**Your safety is important to us!**

Please remember there are no lifeguards on duty. Ensure children are supervised at all times when swimming and please use common sense and don't swim after drinking alcohol.



# Lookouts & learning

## Spillway Lookout

The Spillway Lookout is a great way to see the dam wall up close.

This is also the ideal spot to see the dam in action when the gates are opened to release water. The lookout is so close that you may even get wet with the water spray!

**The Spillway Lookout is located off Brisbane Valley Highway.**



## Wivenhoe information centre

Looking to learn more about Wivenhoe Dam and how we supply drinking water to South East Queensland?

Come and visit the friendly staff at the Visitor Information Centre at Wivenhoe Dam.

**The Centre is off the Brisbane Valley Highway and is open 7 days per week.**



## Recreation Review updates

- i** In response to feedback, restricted motorised watercraft will be permitted on the lake from 14 December 2013 as follows:
  - All vessels are not to exceed 6 knots. This means if your vessel is on the plane, you are going too fast!
  - All fuel powered vessels must only use low emission outboards/ engines; such as 4 strokes or fuel injected 2 strokes.

We ask that all users observe these restrictions. Regular patrols will be undertaken.

- i** In response to feedback, Billies Bay and Hays Landing Recreation Sites will be re-opened as soon as the Hines Road Bridges are repaired by Council and funding for the infrastructure repairs have been secured. This will make available an additional boat ramp.

- i** A single boating permit scheme is being considered for all Seqwater lakes. No changes to the existing boating permit scheme will be made until the end of the recreation review process in September 2014. For further information on progress please visit our website [www.seqwater.com.au](http://www.seqwater.com.au).







# Boats, bait & bathers

Boating is a very popular activity at Lake Wivenhoe for fishermen and nature lovers. Restricted motorised and non-motorised watercraft are now both permitted on the lake.

**For your safety and to protect the riparian areas around the lake, boats and vessels are only to be operated from designated launch points.**

Please remember to keep a safe distance from swimmers and paddlers – boats should stay 30 metres away.

Please be courteous to our neighbours. Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property. Do not launch, retrieve or beach on land around the lakes, other than at signed, designated recreation areas.

All activities on Seqwater lakes are covered by the Boating Regulations set by Maritime Safety Queensland ([www.msq.qld.gov.au](http://www.msq.qld.gov.au)).

## Boat ramps

Ramps are open 7 days per week from 6am to 6pm.

Boat ramps are located at:

- **Hamon Cove Day Use Area** (Brisbane Valley Highway)
- **Logan's Inlet Day Use Area**  
(Hay Road – off Brisbane Valley Highway Fernvale)

In addition to the boat ramps listed above, there are paddle craft access points at the following locations:

- **O'Shea's Crossing Day Use Area** (Esk-Kilcoy Road Somerset)
- **Atkinson's Crossing** – Through the Spillway Common Lookout (Brisbane Valley Highway Fernvale)



## Fishing

Shore line fishing can be carried out along the shore of designated recreation areas as follows:

- Branch Creek Day Use Area (Wivenhoe/ Somerset Road, Dundas)
- Hamon Cove Day Use Area (Brisbane Valley Highway)
- Logan's Inlet Day Use Area (Hay Road – off Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale)
- Cormorant Bay Day Use Area (Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale)
- Lake Wivenhoe Information Centre (Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale)

Fishing from a vessel is also permitted on the lake.

Please be courteous to our neighbours. Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property. Accessing private land to fish is not permitted.

The lake is home to an abundance of wildlife. Please ensure that all rubbish, including fishing line and hooks, are discarded in bins or taken home and disposed of properly. There have been numerous incidents where wildlife have ingested or become entangled in discarded fishing material.

### Fishing permits

A fishing permit is required at Lake Wivenhoe.

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) control the fishing rules and regulations in Queensland and administer the Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme (SIPS).

Please visit [www.dpi.qld.gov.au](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au) to purchase a SIPS permit or for a list of outlets in South East Queensland that sell permits.



## Water skiing

Water skiing, jet skiing, wakeboarding and tubing **are not** permitted on Lake Wivenhoe.

## Boating permits

A boating permit is required for all registerable and trailable vessels.

Boating permits are required at Lake Wivenhoe and are available from Lake Wivenhoe Information Centre, off Brisbane Valley Highway at Wivenhoe Dam or by calling **07 5427 8100**. They are also available locally at selected outlets:

- Lake Somerset Holiday Park
- Fernvale Futures Complex
- Grand Hotel Esk
- Somerset Dam General Store
- Camp Somerset (Seventh Day Adventist Camp)

An annual permit costs \$100 (\$75 if renewing) or \$15 per week for periodic access. The money raised by the permits is used to offset the cost of providing and maintaining recreational facilities around the lakes.

### For your safety

Lake users should exercise caution when using the lake. Lake levels are subject to change and there may be submerged obstacles.

**Want to escape the crowds  
and get back to nature?**

Why not unwind over a few  
days at Lake Wivenhoe



**Rest and  
relaxation**

Logan Camp →



## Camping

There is a campground at Lake Wivenhoe catering for caravans, camper trailers and tents located near Logan's Inlet off the Brisbane Valley Highway.

The site is run by private operators. For all enquiries and bookings please contact the campground directly on **07 5426 4729**.

Overnight stays on the water are not permitted.

Please be courteous to our neighbours. Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property. Camping is only permitted in designated camping areas.



# Tracks & trails

There are currently no designated trails around Lake Wivenhoe, however the day use areas at Logan's Inlet (Hay Road – off Brisbane Valley Highway Fernvale) and Cormorant Bay (Brisbane Valley Highway Fernvale) are very large and offer visitors a lot of open space to enjoy a walk. The water views are a bonus!



## For your safety

In conditions of high fire danger, tracks and other areas may be closed.

For your safety, follow instructions and do not enter closed areas. If you see a fire please call Emergency Services on **000**.

## Recreation Review update

In response to feedback, trails will be opened at Wivenhoe Hill (Hay Road off Brisbane Valley Highway) once funding has been secured to establish the trails. These trails will be multi-use and cater for walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders with over 5 kilometres of trails with panoramic views. For further information on progress please visit our website [www.seqwater.com.au](http://www.seqwater.com.au).





# Events & other activities



## Events

Lake Wivenhoe is a great venue for outdoor events such as a birthday party, fishing competition or wedding.

If you would like to hold an event or an organised activity at Lake Wivenhoe (or any Seqwater site) you must have a permit. Your permit will outline the conditions of use and access.

An event application form can be downloaded from our website at [www.seqwater.com.au](http://www.seqwater.com.au). Please submit applications at least 4 weeks prior to your event date to allow enough time for processing.

## Site tours

Seqwater runs educational tours for primary and secondary schools, TAFE and universities, community groups and professional delegations across a number of sites.

Tours provide an insight into Seqwater's operations and show the link between catchments, storage and treatment as part of the broader water cycle.

For more information or to book a tour call **07 3035 5570**, email [education@seqwater.com.au](mailto:education@seqwater.com.au), or visit our website at [www.seqwater.com.au](http://www.seqwater.com.au).

## Other activities

The activities listed in this guide are not intended to be exhaustive. If you wish to undertake an activity but aren't sure if it's permitted or not, please contact our Recreation team to discuss it first.

For safety reasons there are a few recreational activities that are strictly prohibited from being undertaken on our sites, including:

- Hunting (of any form)
- Taking off or landing of aircraft (including amphibious aircraft)
- Scuba diving/snorkelling outside of the designated swimming areas
- 4WD driving and motorcross biking.

## Commercial activities

Seqwater's primary objective in its management of recreation is to manage access to recreation opportunities for the public. It is recognised that commercial operators can play a role in supporting visitor's needs and increase the public's enjoyment and appreciation of our natural areas.

Where sites are used either temporarily or more permanently for commercial purposes, a commercial fee will be applied.

Seqwater has developed a Commercial Activities Policy which outlines the process and requirements for any commercial use of sites. Visit our website for further information at [www.seqwater.com.au](http://www.seqwater.com.au).





# Enjoy your stay



## Opening hours

Access to all Seqwater sites, including on-water access, is currently permitted between 6am – 6pm. The only exception to this is camping at a designated campground or if a permit expressly provides permission.



## For your safety

Dams are part of the natural environment and visitors are reminded to be careful with local fauna. Visitors are encouraged to carry a first aid kit as mobile phone reception can be limited in some areas.

Please plan to complete your stay before 6pm when the recreation areas close.

Do not leave valuables unattended. When visiting the recreation areas, reduce the risk of theft – ensure vehicles and vessels are locked or secured and all valuables removed.

## Recreation Review update

A change to opening hours is being considered for all Seqwater lakes. No change to the existing opening hours will be made until the end of the recreation review process in September 2014. For further information on progress please visit our website [www.seqwater.com.au](http://www.seqwater.com.au).





# If it's not on show – it's a no go!

Remember if a Seqwater sign is not on show, it's not a designated recreation area. Do not launch, retrieve, or beach on land around the lakes other than at signed, designated recreation areas.

Please respect our neighbours. Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property.



**Visitor Notice**

**Blue Green Algae may be present**

**Attention Anglers**

**STOP AQUATIC WEEDS!**

**Enjoy your stay**

**IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 000**

For further information please call 1800 SEQWATER

## Further information

Check the Public Notices and Safety page on our website for the latest information on access, closures and conditions before you visit any of our recreational areas.

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