

Lake Wyaralong

RECREATION GUIDE



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OUR VISION

To manage access to recreation opportunities while protecting natural resources and water quality.

About Lake Wyaralong

Wyaralong Dam is located north-west of Beaudesert on the Teviot Brook, nestled at the base of Mt Joyce. The dam has a catchment area of 546km².

Completed in 2011, Wyaralong Dam is South East Queensland's newest dam.

The dam holds 102,883 mega litres of water at full supply.

RECREATION REVIEW UPDATE

Seqwater is committed to providing quality recreation facilities that everyone can enjoy. We wanted to know what the community thought of current facilities and what suggestions you had for the future, so in 2013 we started a full Recreation Review across our assets. We appreciate the efforts of everyone who took the time to participate in our workshops and online surveys.

While we want to implement as many ideas as possible, Seqwater must remain committed to protecting our natural environment and minimising the risks to water quality.

Some of the changes will be implemented at a later date, once further funding has been secured and all consultation and investigations have been completed. Progress updates, along with details of the feedback received is available at seqwater.com.au/recreview.

We value the unique status of the Jagera and Mununjali People as the original owners and custodians of the land and water around Lake Wyaralong.

Protecting our waterways & the environment

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 is also our wetlands, waterways and lakes that are suffering.

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, and trying to control these weeds is time consuming and costly.

You can help protect our waterways from weeds 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 prevent the spread of introduced species of plants and animals into our waterways.

To protect our water supply please:

- leave the facilities as you found them. Do not cause damage to any property, flora or fauna
- place litter in the bins provided
- leave your pets at home. Dogs and other domestic animals can disturb the wildlife that lives in our natural areas.

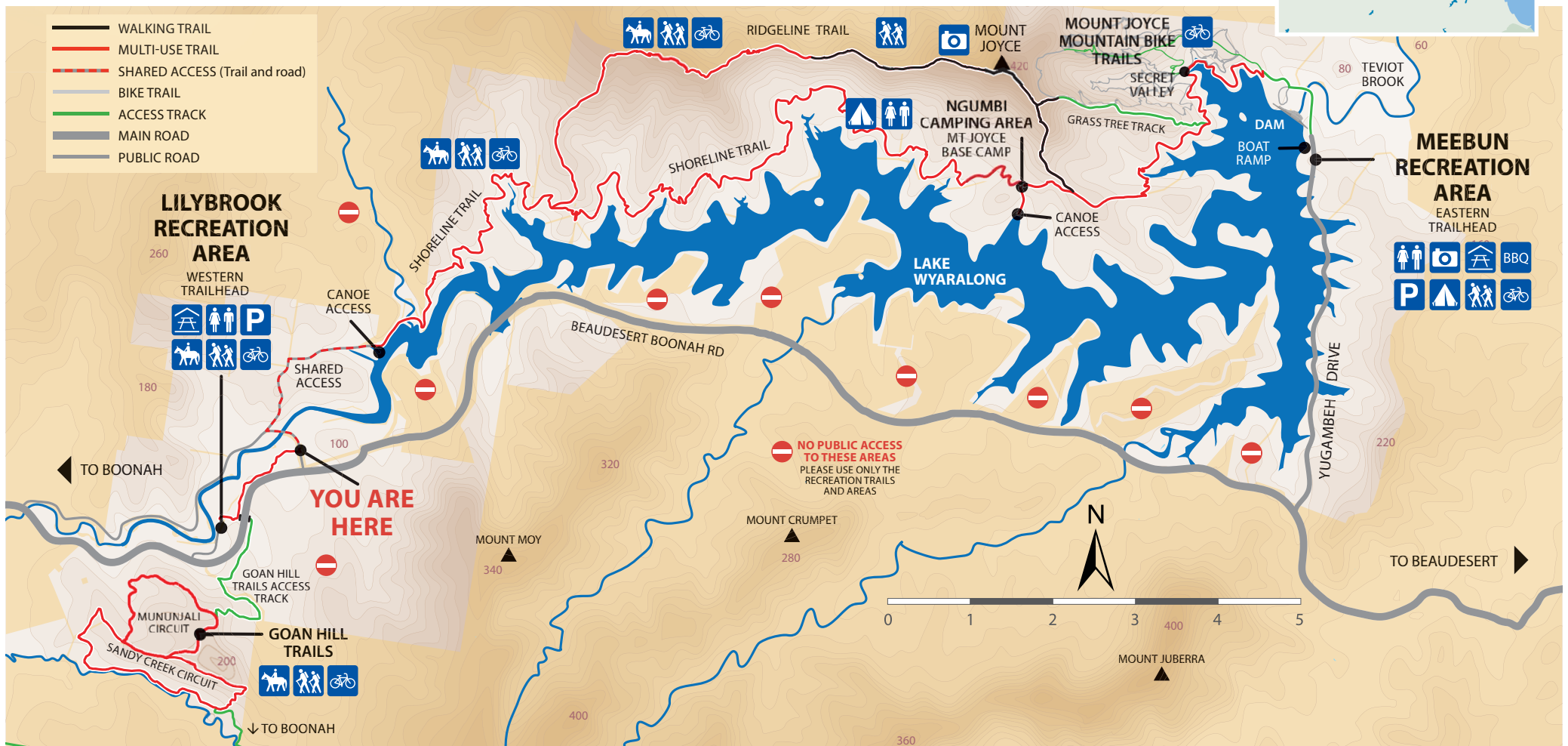
DOGS AND HORSES

The areas around Lake Wyaralong are used for a variety of recreational activities and are home to an abundance of native wildlife. To protect this wildlife, and for public safety, domestic pets and other animals cannot be brought into any of the catchment, lake or recreation areas at Lake Wyaralong.

Horses are allowed on the designated tracks but must not enter the lake.



Recreation location map



Picnics and Playgrounds



Picnicking and BBQs

The Meebun Recreation Area at the Eastern Trailhead (located off Beaudesert-Boonah Road) is a popular picnic spot. Facilities include picnic tables, shelters, and barbecues. If you are looking for something more active, it is a great starting point for paddling, bushwalking, mountain biking and horse riding.



The recreation area is open 7 days a week from 6am-6pm.

Please note: Wyaralong Recreation Areas are only serviced by tank water. It is recommended that visitors bring their own drinking water supplies.



Playgrounds

Looking for something to keep the kids amused? A playground is located at the Meebun Recreation Area at the Eastern Trailhead (located off Beaudesert-Boonah Road).

RECREATION REVIEW UPDATE

In response to community feedback, Seqwater will be installing additional picnic shelters to increase the availability of shaded picnic tables in the Meebun Recreation Area (Eastern Trailhead). Progress updates are available at seqwater.com.au/recreview.

Boats, Bait and Bathers



Boating

Boating is a very popular activity at Lake Wyaralong for rowers and nature lovers alike. Electric powered watercraft, sail craft and paddle craft are 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 the designated launch point.

The boat ramp is located at the Meebun Recreation Area (Eastern Trailhead).

Note that water skiing, jet skiing, wakeboarding and tubing are not permitted at Lake Wyaralong. These activities are permitted at nearby Lakes Maroon and Moogerah.

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 lake, 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).

Boating permits are not currently required at Lake Wyaralong.

RECREATION REVIEW UPDATE

A single boating permit scheme for all Seqwater lakes is under consideration. It is expected that any changes will be announced towards the end of 2014. Progress updates will be available at seqwater.com.au/recreview.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

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



Fishing

You can fish from your boat or paddle craft or along the shore of the designated recreation area.

Remember the lake is home to an abundance of wildlife. It's very important to ensure that all rubbish, especially fishing line and hooks, are disposed of properly to avoid serious harm to wildlife.

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

Fishing permit

A fishing permit is not currently required at Lake Wyaralong.



Swimming

There is currently no designated swimming area at Lake Wyaralong.

There are a number of aquatic centres for visitors to enjoy within the Scenic Rim Council area.

Tracks and Trails

The trails at Wyaralong have been designed and built to cater for horse riders, bushwalkers and mountain bikers. There are more than 40km of multi-use tracks and trails and 25km of mountain bike trails. Download trail maps at www.seqwater.com.au/recreation.

Mountain Biking

The 25km of International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) standard single-track ranges from basic Green Trails through to Double-Black Diamond Level Trails.

The network has been designed to event standard, with some steep grades. A range of trails is available to challenge different skill levels - from beginners through to very experienced mountain bike riders. A variety of technical trail features is incorporated, with sustainable design techniques.

The Double Black Diamond trails are for very experienced riders and will be open during events. There is a limited shuttle service to take downhill mountain bike riders to the top of the trail network and is run by a private operator.

Bushwalking

Visitors can enjoy a broad range of bushwalking opportunities suited to their physical requirements. From short trails around the dam wall and water's edge, to robust hikes to the top of Mt Joyce, there are rewarding experiences for all visitors.

Horse Riding

Multi-use trails from the Lilybrook Recreation Area (Western Trailhead), along the shoreline and up onto the Mt Joyce ridgeline, create an environment for horse-riders.

Horse riders must:

- Remain on trails
- Cross watercourses only at designated crossing points on the trails
- Ensure horses don't graze on vegetation in the park
- Tether horses for short periods only at hitching posts or resting areas, to minimize soil erosion and compaction
- Ensure that horses' coats, hooves and equipment are free of seeds before visits to avoid spreading weeds.



Please note: There are very limited watering facilities available at the site. Trail users should come prepared with a water supply for horses and must not water horses from Lake Wyaralong. Horses are not permitted to enter the lake.

For Your Safety

Mountain biking and horse riding can be potentially dangerous/hazardous activities. In the event of an emergency or accident, telephone 000 or 112 immediately. Telephone reception can be unreliable, so it may be necessary to travel to a high point to make an emergency telephone call, or if in a group, leave at least one person with the injured person and have others go for help. Emergency Services can access the site when necessary. Private vehicles are not permitted to enter the trail network and the site rangers are not responsible for the emergency transport of injured patrons.

Some of the trails are multi-use trails, which can be used by walkers, trail runners, mountain bike riders, as well as horse riders. When on a multi-use trail, follow the give-way code:



- Walkers give way to horse riders.
- Mountain bike riders give way to walkers, horse riders and trail runners.
- Trail runners give way to walkers and horse riders.
- Horse riders be aware of other users.

RECREATION REVIEW UPDATE

Seqwater, in conjunction with Beaudesert Shire Trail Horse Riding Club, is investigating the possibility of extending the horse trail network.

In response to community feedback, Seqwater is exploring options to improve access to the site. A new carpark adjacent to the Eastern Trailhead entry to the trail network is currently being investigated.

Progress updates are available at seqwater.com.au/recreview.

Rest and Relaxation



Camping

There are currently three separate camping areas providing visitors with remote, rugged camping experiences or family friendly camping sites.

Meebun Recreation Area (Eastern Trailhead) located near the dam wall currently has a small camping area of a maximum of 8 sites. The site is operated on a first in, first served basis. The site caters for tents only and has toilets and BBQ facilities but no showers.

The Lilybrook Recreation Area (Western Trailhead) caters primarily for horse enthusiasts with holding paddocks, watering areas and loading ramps. Camping facilities are available for event use only at this stage and include a cleared area suitable for large groups. Toilets, showers (cold only), picnic tables and shelter are available on site.

The Ngumbi campsite in the centre of the park includes open camping areas, a toilet, a simple shelter shed and water tanks. The Ngumbi campsite is a remote campsite without vehicular access but can be accessed via the trails and also via the lake.

Overnight stays on the water are not permitted.

Please note: Wyaralong Recreation Areas are only serviced by tank water. It is recommended that campers and visitors bring their own drinking water supplies.

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

RECREATION REVIEW UPDATE

In response to community feedback, Seqwater will be improving the camping facilities at Lilybrook (Western Trailhead) so a family friendly campground is available for visitors.

Progress updates are available at seqwater.com.au/recreview.

Events and Other Activities

Events

Before you hold an event at any Seqwater site, you will need to apply for a permit through our website. Please submit applications at least four weeks prior to your event to allow sufficient time for your application to be processed.

Commercial Activities

Seqwater is dedicated to providing quality facilities to the public.

We work in conjunction with commercial operators, where suitable, to enhance the public's enjoyment and appreciation of our natural areas. You can find further details about commercial activities, the submission process and our Commercial Activities Policy, on our website.

Site Tours

Seqwater's educational tours are an opportunity to learn about our operations and the link between catchments, storage and treatment as part of the broader water cycle.

Tours are available to primary and secondary schools, TAFE and universities, community groups and professional delegations, across a number of sites.

For bookings or for more information, contact us on 07 3035 5570, education@seqwater.com.au or complete our online booking form.

Do's and Don'ts

YES

- ✓ barbecuing
- ✓ picnicking
- ✓ walking
- ✓ mountain biking
- ✓ horse riding
- ✓ canoeing
- ✓ kayaking
- ✓ rowing
- ✓ fishing
- ✓ sailing and electric boats
- ✓ camping (at designated areas)

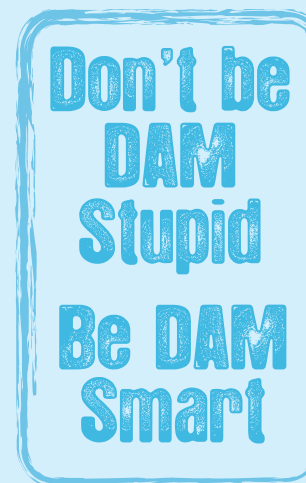
NO

- ✗ 4WD driving and motorbike riding
- ✗ dumping rubbish or littering
- ✗ hunting (of any form)
- ✗ swimming, scuba diving, or snorkelling
- ✗ motorised boats (except under permit)
- ✗ overnight stays on the lake
- ✗ taking off or landing of aircraft (including amphibious aircraft)
- ✗ visiting outside of 6am-6pm
- ✗ dogs

In an emergency call 000 or 112 in poor reception areas

RECREATION REVIEW UPDATE

A change to opening hours is being considered for all Seqwater lakes. Any changes will be announced towards the end of 2014. Progress updates are available at seqwater.com.au/recreview.



Always be DAM smart when you're visiting Lake Wyaralong to ensure that everyone has a fun and safe day.

- Remember that there are no lifeguards on duty – always watch your children
- Exercise caution as water levels are subject to change and there may be submerged obstacles
- Follow instructions around fire safety - if you see a fire call 000 or 112
- Be aware of local fauna, such as snakes, and carry a first aid kit
- Lock your vehicle and don't leave valuables unattended
- Respect other visitors and be mindful of noise and other nuisances
- Stay on the trails - venturing off trail damages the environment and can result in people becoming lost in the bush

Please respect our neighbours

Some of the land close to the lake is private property. If a Seqwater sign is not displayed, that means the area is not a designated recreation area and you must not enter.



Lake Wyaralong Opening Hours

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

Before you visit

Check the public notices section on our website for the latest information on access, closures and conditions before you visit any of our recreational areas.

For any other enquiries contact us at recreation@seqwater.com.au or seqwater.com.au