

Ewen Maddock Dam

RECREATION GUIDE



OUR VISION

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

We value the status of traditional owners as the original owners and custodians of the land and water around Ewen Maddock Dam.

About Ewen Maddock Dam

Ewen Maddock Dam, on the Sunshine Coast, is one of 26 dams that Seqwater manages. It is part of the SEQ water grid that provides drinking water to nearly three million Queenslanders.

The 660 metre long dam, built across Addlington Creek, was completed in 1982 and when full can hold 16,587 megalitres.

Both the dam and Maddock Park were named after Ewen Maddock, an early European settler and local pioneer. The Coach House at the entry to Maddock Park is a replica of the family cottage, *Koongamoon*, built by the Maddock family on the banks of the creek.

Lake Baroon, and neighbouring Ewen Maddock Dam, provide a range of outdoor recreation facilities for you and your family to enjoy.

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.

We listened to your suggestions and have already started to make some changes at Lake Baroon and Ewen Maddock Dam. 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 other changes will be implemented at a later date, once further funding has been secured and all environmental impact analysis completed. Progress updates, along with details of the feedback received is available at seqwater.com.au/recreview



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's 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 in preventing the spread of introduced species of plants and animals into our waterways.

To protect our drinking water supply please:

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

DOGS & HORSES

The natural areas around Ewen Maddock Dam are home to an abundance of native wildlife. To protect this wildlife, and for public safety, owners must take measures to control their pets. Dogs are permitted at Ewen Maddock Dam, however, they must be kept on a leash at all times and waste must be disposed of in the bins provided.

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

In the interest of protecting our water supply, **domestic pets and other animals are not permitted to enter the water at any time.**



Picnics and Playgrounds



Picnicking and BBQs

Maddock Park (located off Mooloolah Connection Road) is a popular picnic spot. Seqwater facilities include picnic tables, shelters, free BBQs, and a swimming area with sandy beach. If you're looking for something more active Maddock Park is also a great starting point for paddling, bush walking, mountain biking and horse riding.



More picnic facilities can be found at Ornamental Wetlands (located off Steve Irwin Way).

Both sites are open 7 days a week from 6am-6pm.



Playgrounds

Looking for something to keep the kids amused? Playground facilities are located at Maddock Park (located off Mooloolah Connection Road).

Boats, Bait and Bathers



Boating

Paddling is a popular activity at Ewen Maddock Dam. Please remember only non-motorised craft are permitted on the dam.

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

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 the designated recreation area at Maddock Park.

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 Ewen Maddock Dam.



Swimming

Need to cool down? You'll find a designated swimming area at Maddock Park.

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.

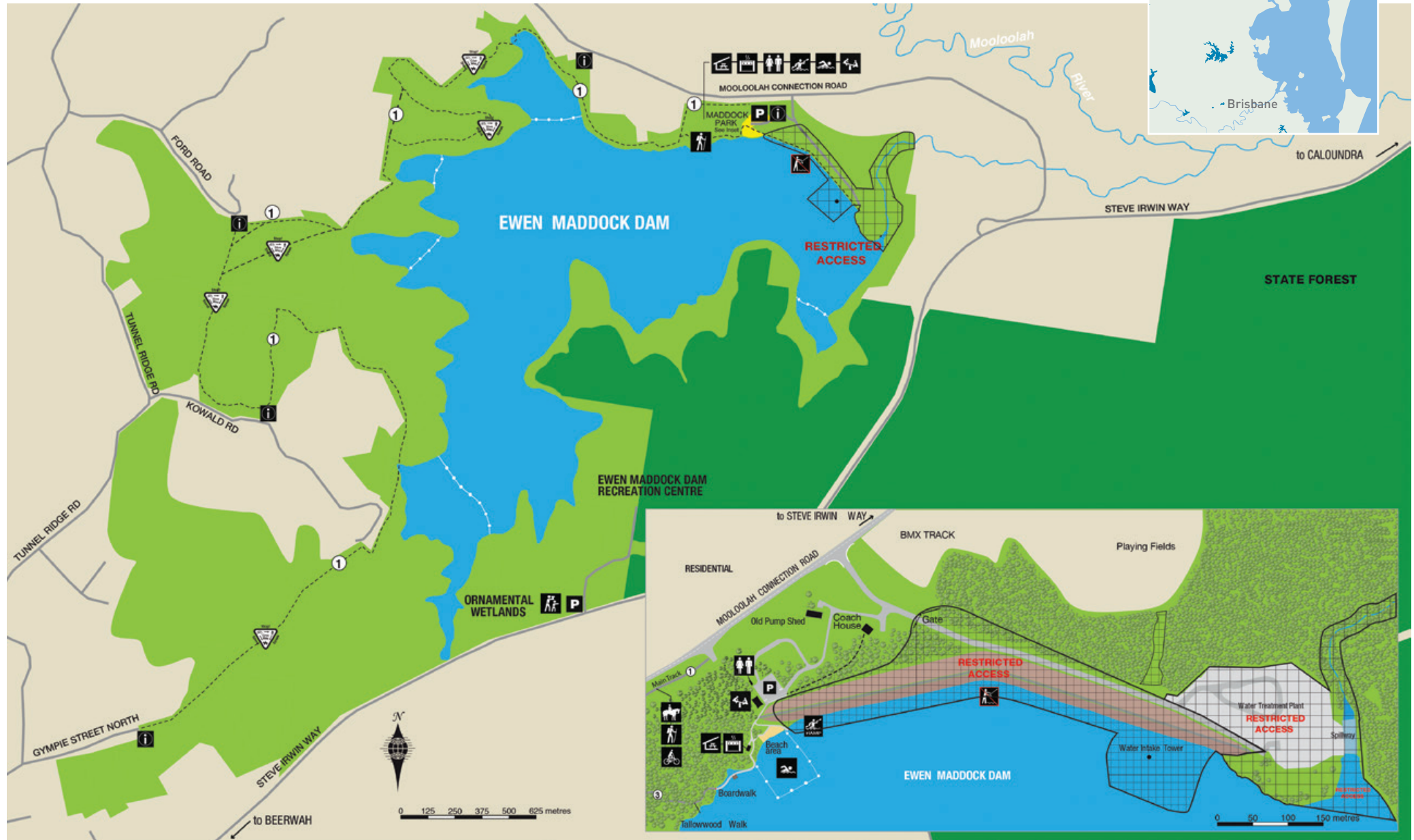


FOR YOUR SAFETY

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



Recreation facilities map



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Maddock Park

In response to community feedback, Seqwater is exploring options to improve paddlecraft access at Maddock Park. We will also be upgrading the car park to better accommodate vehicles towing paddlecraft.

As part of our commitment to the environment, wash down facilities for paddlecraft will be installed to help prevent the spread of aquatic weeds. Swimmers can also use these facilities to wash sand from their feet.

Boating Permits

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



Fishing

Ewen Maddock Dam is a popular place for fishing. You can fish from your paddlecraft or from the platform on the boardwalk at Maddock Park.

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

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.

Fishing permit

A fishing permit is not required at Ewen Maddock Dam.





Rest and Relaxation



Camping

There are two privately run camp grounds at Ewen Maddock Dam located at:

- Ewen Maddock Dam Camp and Recreation Centre (off Steve Irwin Way)
- Tunnel Ridge Ranch (off Kowald Road)

For all enquiries and bookings please contact the campgrounds directly.

Please be courteous to our neighbours. Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property. Camping is only permitted in designated camping areas. Overnight stays on the water are not permitted.

Tracks and Trails

Ewen Maddock Dam is home to over 9km of multi-use trails that are shared between walkers, bike riders and horse riders.

The main trail from Maddock Park to Gympie Street North is multi-use, while the boardwalk and the narrow walking tracks near Maddock Park are reserved for walking only. For your safety and for the safety of others, please obey all signage on the trails including give way instructions. On multi-use trails, all users give way to horse riders, and mountain bike riders give way to pedestrians.

The Ornamental Wetlands, on the southern side of the lake, provide an opportunity to better understand the important role our wetlands play in the water catchment story. Picnic tables and parking facilities are also available.

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Trail signage

Seqwater is aiming to improve trail signage and also develop user friendly trail maps. We are also working with the Sunshine Coast Council to improve the entry point to the trail network at Gympie Street North, near Landsborough.

For further information on progress please visit seqwater.com.au/recreview

Events and Other Activities

Events

Ewen Maddock Dam is a great venue for outdoor events such as fishing competitions, birthday parties and weddings. Before you hold an event at Ewen Maddock Dam or any other Seqwater site, you will need to arrange a permit through our website. Please submit applications at least four weeks prior to your event date to allow enough time for processing.

Commercial Activities

Seqwater is dedicated to providing quality facilities to the public and, where suitable, works in conjunction with commercial operators to enhance the public's enjoyment and appreciation of our natural areas. Further details around commercial activities, including the submission process and our *Commercial Activities Policy*, are available on our website.

Site Tours

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

The 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

- ✓ barbequing
- ✓ canoeing
- ✓ fishing
- ✓ horse-riding
- ✓ kayaking
- ✓ mountain bike riding
- ✓ picnicking
- ✓ swimming (designated areas)
- ✓ walking

NO

- ✗ 4WD driving and motorbike riding
- ✗ dumping rubbish or littering
- ✗ hunting (of any form)
- ✗ motor boats
- ✗ overnight stays on the lake
- ✗ scuba diving/snorkelling outside of the designated swimming areas
- ✗ taking off or landing of aircraft (including amphibious aircraft)
- ✗ visiting outside of 6am-6pm

In an emergency call 000 or 112 in poor reception areas

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Opening hours

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

Don't be
DAM
Stupid
Be DAM
Smart

Always be DAM Smart when you're visiting Ewen Maddock to ensure that everyone has a fun and safe day.

- Remember there are no lifeguards on duty. Always watch your children
- Don't swim after drinking alcohol and remain under 0.05 when driving your boat or vehicle
- Exercise caution as water levels are subject to change and there may be submerged obstacles
- Follow instructions around fire safety and if you see a fire call 000
- 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 guests and be mindful of noise and other nuisances
- Keep in mind that much of the land surrounding the lake is private property which must not be accessed

Please respect our neighbours

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



Ewen Maddock opening hours

6am - 6pm

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**