

Frequently Asked Questions

Paddle craft on Lake Samsonvale

Where can I paddle on Lake Samsonvale?

From Wednesday 21 November 2018, paddle craft, such as canoes and kayaks will be permitted on Lake Samsonvale seven days a week in the designated zone (Zone 2).

For your safety, and the safety of others, you must ensure you stay within the designated zone for your activity which has been clearly marked by warning buoys on the lake.

When can I paddle on the lake?

Paddling within the designated zone is permitted during our opening hours:

5.30am – 6.30pm from September to April
6.00am – 5.30pm from May to August

Please do not access the lake or recreation areas outside these times unless you have a permit to do so.

What type of paddle craft are permitted?

Non-motorised canoes and kayaks are permitted. Paddle craft with electric or fuel-powered motors are not permitted. Trailer parking is not available at Forgan Cove.

Where can I launch my paddle craft?

The paddle craft launch point is located at Forgan Cove, off Forgan Road.

Launching or retrieving paddle craft from Forgan Park, Bullocky Rest, McGavin View, Tukuwompa Park, Kobbie Creek or private land around the lake is not permitted.

Why can't I paddle in the other zones?

Boating access to Lake Samsonvale is shared, with public paddling and club boating permitted in designated zones.

Members and guests of the Lake Samsonvale Water Sports Association and Pine Rivers Fish Management Association are permitted to access the lake in their designated zones (Zones 3 and 4).

Access to Zone 1 and Zone 5 are not permitted due to public and environmental safety concerns. Please ensure you stay within the paddle craft zone (Zone 2) at all times. Paddling to other recreation areas such as Bullocky Rest is not permitted.

Can I beach/moor at other land around the lake?

No. Stopping or mooring on any land around the lake, other than the Forgan Cove recreation area, is prohibited. Please be courteous to our neighbours. Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property. Accessing private land is not permitted.

Can I use my fuel-powered boat, electric boat or sail craft on the lake?

Public fuel-powered boating, skiing, tubing and jet skiing are not permitted on Lake Samsonvale at any time.

Sailing and electric boating are only permitted via membership through the Lake Samsonvale Water Sports Association (lswsa.org.au) or Pine Rivers Fish Management Association (prfma.com.au). Please contact the clubs directly for membership information.

Is fishing permitted?

Shore line fishing can be carried out along the shore of the designated recreation areas at Bullocky Rest, Forgan Park, Forgan Cove, Tukuwompa Park, McGavin View and Kobbie Creek.

Public fishing from paddle craft is permitted in the designated zone (Zone 2).

A fishing permit is required at Lake Samsonvale. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries controls the fishing rules and regulations in Queensland and administers the Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme (SIPS). Please visit daf.qld.gov.au to purchase a SIPS permit or for a list of outlets.

Members and guests of Pine Rivers Fish Management Association are permitted to fish in Zone 3.

Do I need to use the wash down facility located at Forgan Cove?

Help protect our waterways from damaging weeds by washing down your paddle craft and equipment BEFORE and AFTER paddling on the lake.

The wash down facility is located at the paddle craft launch point at Forgan Cove.

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Serious aquatic weeds like water hyacinth, salvinia and cabomba (heavily present at Lake Kurwongbah) are very invasive and can reproduce from the smallest of fragments or seeds.

What other recreation activities are permitted at Lake Samsonvale?

Visit our website (seqwater.com.au) to download a copy of the Lake Samsonvale Recreation Guide which details information on recreation facilities at the lake, including picnic areas, playgrounds, toilets and trails. Swimming is not permitted at Lake Samsonvale. Domestic animals are prohibited at the lake (horses are permitted on the Postman's Track Trails only).

Recreation and water quality

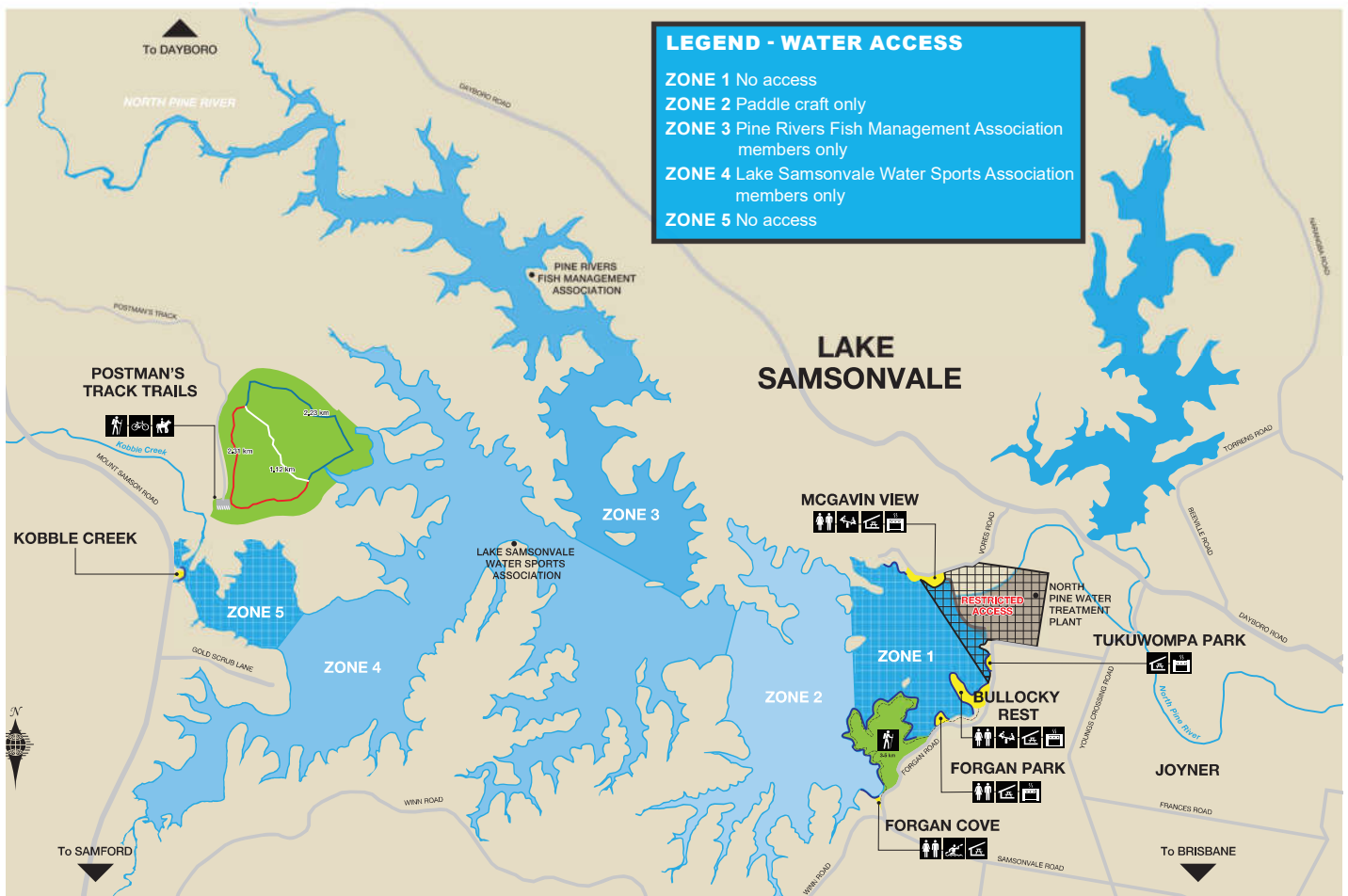
In 2016, we announced we would be making changes at Lake Samsonvale to improve on-water recreation opportunities following a landmark water quality assessment.

The Australian-first quantitative microbial risk study conducted found Lake Samsonvale was able to cope with the introduction of public paddle craft, in addition to existing club use of the lake, without impacting water quality in the major drinking water storage.

Keep this water source and our environment clean by only participating in approved activities, and ensure you dispose of your rubbish in the bins provided.

Plan your visit and play it safe

While our rangers regularly patrol our recreation sites, they can't be everywhere to help you. Before you visit, make sure you check our website for safety tips and the latest recreation and safety notices, wear a life jacket when on the water and remember to play it safe at our dams, lakes and parks.



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