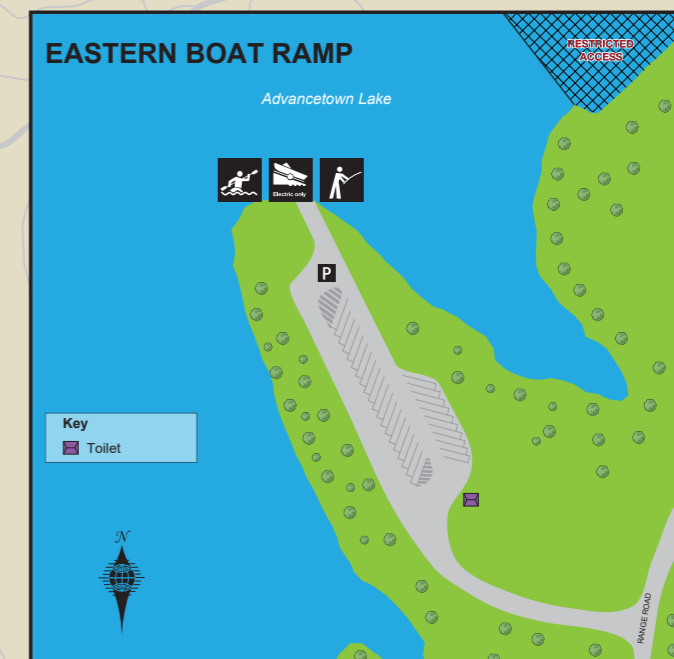
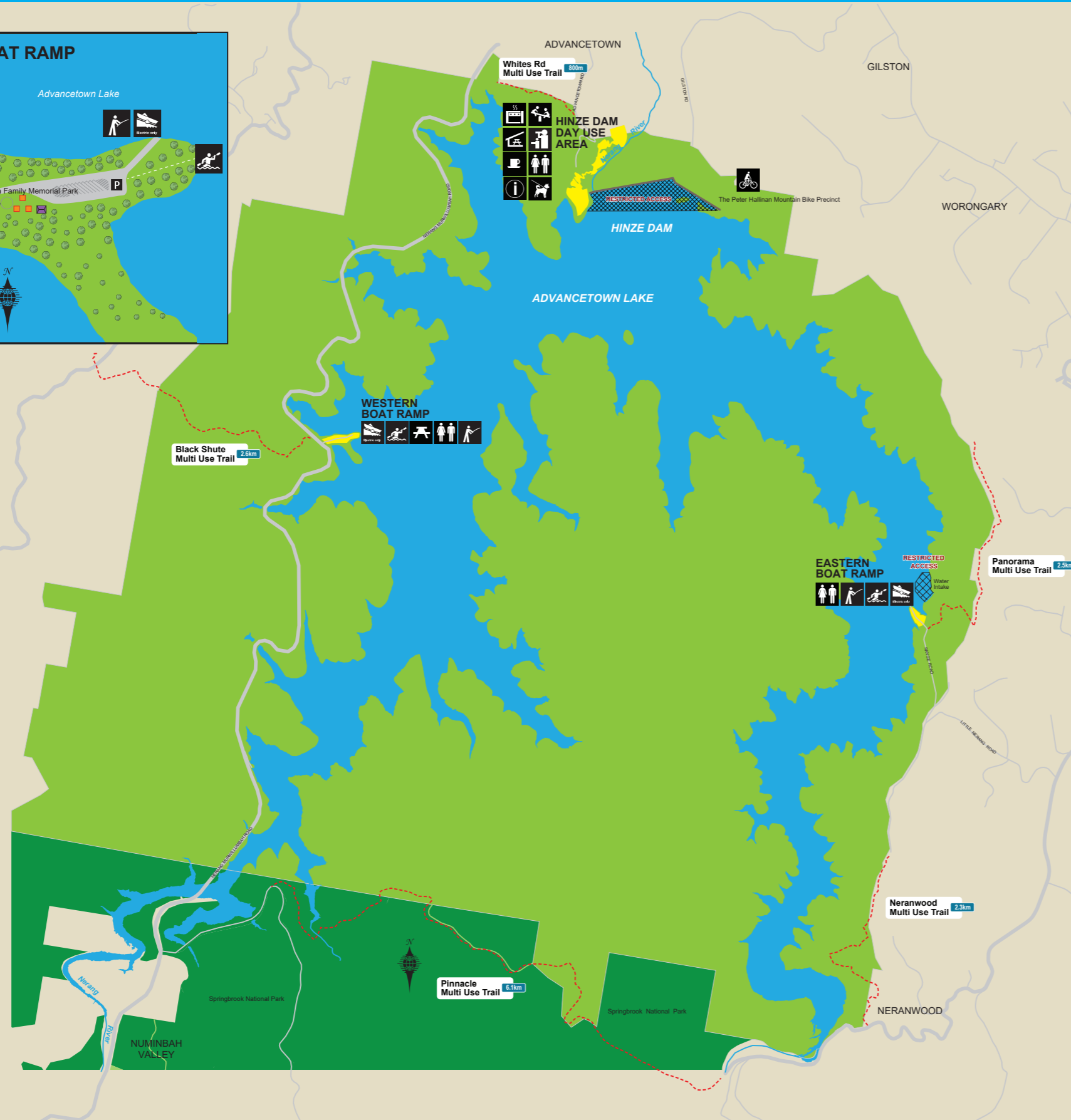
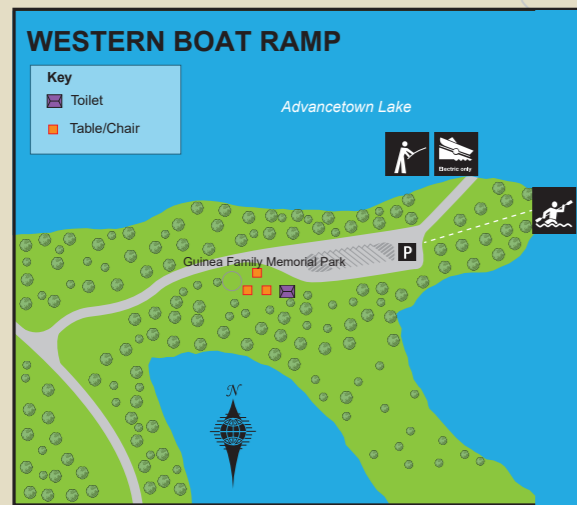


# Hinze Dam



## Play it safe

Our rangers regularly patrol our lakes, parks and recreation areas. However, they can't be everywhere to help you so it is important to plan ahead and play it safe when visiting.

### Before your visit, please:

- check our recreation and safety notices at [seqwater.com.au](http://seqwater.com.au)
- know what activities are permitted and where
- buy permits and carry the right safety equipment
- familiarise yourself with our access rules and policies.

### Protect our water supply

Our lakes are also our water supply. To protect our drinking water please:

- leave the facilities as you found them. Do not damage any property, wildlife or plants
- place litter in the bins provided
- leave your pets at home or if permitted, keep them within the designated areas - dogs and other domestic animals can disturb the wildlife that live in our natural areas.

Serious aquatic weeds like water hyacinth, salvinia and cabomba are very invasive and are able to reproduce from even the smallest of fragments or seeds. Help protect our waterways from damaging weeds by:

- cleaning and drying anything that came into contact with the water, especially any visible mud or plants
- eliminating water from all equipment before transporting it anywhere, as the water may contain plant fragments or seeds
- not placing plants, fish or other animals into a body of water they did not come from.

# Visit Hinze Dam

## What to do at Hinze Dam

Hinze Dam is the main drinking water supply for the Gold Coast region. Built across the Nerang River, it was originally constructed in 1976, raised in 1989, and significantly upgraded in 2011.

We are one of the only bulk water providers in Australia that manages open catchments, allowing the community to enjoy recreational activities on the dams and lakes that supply our drinking water.

The dam and recreation facilities are open to the public seven days a week, from 5:30am to 6:30pm (September – April) and 6:00am to 5:30pm (May – August).

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters around Hinze Dam and Elders both past and present.

### At Hinze Dam, you can enjoy:

- BBQs and picnics
- a playground
- multi-use trails - walking, running, mountain biking and horse riding
- boating (electric powered)
- canoeing, kayaking and rowing
- sailing
- fishing (catch and release only)
- dogs are allowed on leash (in designated areas)

There is no swimming, motorised boating or camping allowed at Hinze Dam.

The Hinze Dam Day Use Area incorporates Picnic Parkland, Pocket Park and Waterside Park. Features include an interpretive walk with interesting facts about the dam wall, catchment, local fish, plants and wildlife. The area also includes picnic tables, shelters, toilets and BBQs.

### Picnics and BBQs

You can enjoy a picnic at:

- Picnic Parkland
- Pocket Park
- Waterside Park
- Western boat ramp

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

### Boating

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:

- Eastern boat ramp
- Western boat ramp

Water skiing, jet skiing, wakeboarding and tubing are not permitted on Hinze Dam.

Please be courteous to our neighbours. 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 ([msq.qld.gov.au](http://msq.qld.gov.au)).

### Fishing - catch and release only

You can fish from:

- electric powered watercraft, sail craft or paddle craft on the water
- shoreline of the Eastern boat ramp
- shoreline of the Western boat ramp
- shoreline of the paddle craft launch point at the Western boat ramp.

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

### Fish consumption

We advise people fishing to release and not eat fish from Hinze Dam because of naturally-occurring mercury. Queensland Health has warned that fish caught in the dam are not suitable to eat due to elevated levels of naturally-occurring mercury in longer-lived fish.

The level of mercury in the water is low and well within safe limits for drinking and are within acceptable levels for permitted recreational activities. For full advice about eating freshwater fish that may be contaminated with mercury, visit [www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au)

### Fishing permits

A fishing permit is required at Hinze Dam.

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](http://daf.qld.gov.au) to purchase a SIPS permit or for a list of outlets that sell permits. These permits must be purchased before fishing on the lake.



### Dogs on leash

Dogs on leashes are permitted in Picnic Parkland, Pocket Park and the pathway from Picnic Parkland to the upper carpark. They must remain on a leash at all times. The areas surrounding our lakes are home to an abundance of native wildlife. You can protect them by controlling your dog and not letting them disturb the wildlife that lives in the area.

To protect our drinking water, please do not allow your dog to enter the lake. Bring the necessary equipment with you to pick up and dispose of your dog's waste in the bins provided.

Other visitors may be uncomfortable or frightened around dogs - please be considerate of others enjoying the park area with you.

### Tracks and trails

The Hinze Dam wall is open to the public for walking and cycling.

The Peter Hallinan Mountain Bike Precinct is located on the northern side of Hinze Dam, and is accessible via the dam wall. The mountain bike precinct is a network of purpose built mountain bike trails. These mountain bike trails can be used by members of the public when competitions are not underway.

### Blue-green algae and recreation

Cyanobacteria (commonly known as blue-green algae) are naturally occurring bacteria that live in lakes and waterways. Most of the time algae exist in low numbers, however, under certain conditions algae can grow rapidly, called an algal bloom, and sometimes produce toxins that can harm your health if you swim, boat or fish in algae-affected lakes.

You can check blue-green algae levels on our website at [seqwater.com.au/recreation/blue-green-algae-and-recreation](http://seqwater.com.au/recreation/blue-green-algae-and-recreation).

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