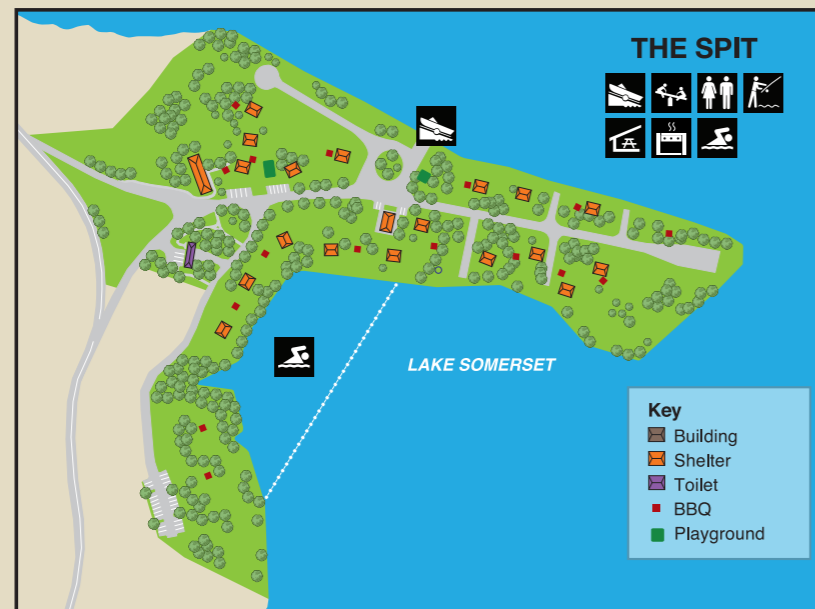
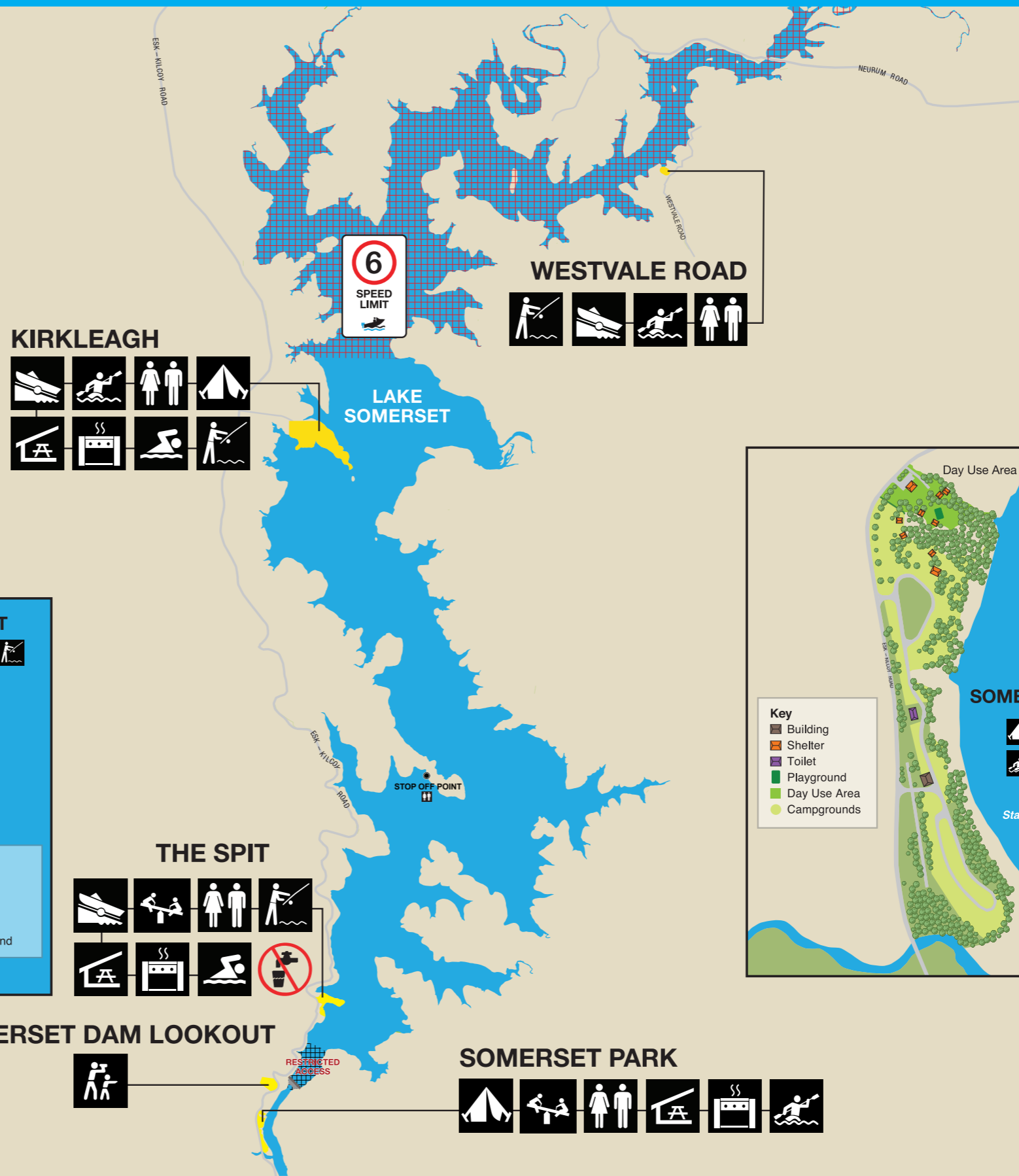


# Lake Somerset



## Play it safe

Our rangers regularly patrol our lakes, parks and recreation areas. But still water can still be dangerous, so it is important to plan ahead and play it safe when visiting.

### Before your visit, please:

- check our recreation and safety notices on our website or mobile app before you leave for the latest information on conditions and closures
- be prepared for your activity with appropriate equipment and safety gear such as life jackets
- know what activities are permitted and where.

### 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 – 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 Lake Somerset

## What to do at Lake Somerset

Lake Somerset is located south of Kilcoy. As well as providing a great variety of recreational facilities, it is part of the South East Queensland's Water Grid that supplies the region's drinking water.

Lake Somerset is close to Lake Wivenhoe and Lake Atkinson. This cluster of lakes provides a range of recreational opportunities for visitors to enjoy.

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 Lake Somerset and Elders both past and present.

### At Lake Somerset you can enjoy:

- bbqs and picnics
- playgrounds
- motorised boating, skiing and tubing
- canoeing, kayaking and rowing
- sailing
- fishing
- swimming (in designated areas)
- camping (at private campgrounds)

There are no designated multi-use trails at Lake Somerset, however, these activities are available at nearby Lake Wivenhoe.

### Picnicking and BBQs

You can enjoy a picnic at the following locations:

- Kirkleagh
- Somerset Park
- The Spit

All three areas have great facilities including picnic tables, shelters and free BBQs. Water suitable for drinking is only available at Kirkleagh and Somerset Park.

If you are visiting The Spit, please ensure you bring enough drinking water supplies. The water supplied at The Spit will continue to be safe to use for non-drinking water purposes such as washing your hands and cleaning fish.

### Playgrounds

Looking for something to keep the kids amused? Playgrounds are located at:

- Somerset Park
- The Spit

### Swimming

There are designated swimming areas at The Spit and Kirkleagh. For your safety, please swim only in the designated area and remember there are no lifeguards on duty.

### Boating

Boating is a very popular activity at Lake Somerset. Motorised and non-motorised watercraft are both allowed on the lake.

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)). Please remember to keep a safe distance from swimmers and paddlers.

Water skiing, jet skiing, wakeboarding and tubing are all permitted on Lake Somerset. For your safety, and the safety of others, please ensure:

- Vessel operators are appropriately licensed.
- When undertaking towing activities ensure you have a competent observer on board aged 13 years or over
- Directional signage (anticlockwise) is followed.
- You have all the correct safety equipment, and know how to properly use it.

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 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.

Overnight stays on the water are not permitted.

### Boat ramps

Public boat ramps are located at:

- The Spit – double lane public boat ramp
- Kirkleagh – double lane public boat ramp
- Westvale Road – single lane public boat ramp

Some campgrounds at Lake Somerset have boat ramps for guests use only. Please contact the campgrounds directly for details.

### Stop off points

There is a stop off point for boats and paddlecraft, north of the Spit. The stop off point is only accessible from the water. The rest area has a toilet and is for day use only.

### Fishing

You can fish from vessels on the lake or fish from the shoreline at:

- The Spit
- Kirkleagh
- Westvale Road

Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property. Please do not access private land to fish.

The lake is home to an abundance of wildlife. Please ensure all rubbish, including fishing lines and hooks, are discarded appropriately in bins or taken with you for disposal. 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 Somerset.

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 prior to fishing on the lake.

### Camping

There are multiple campgrounds located near Lake Somerset. All sites are run by private operators. For all enquiries and bookings please contact the campgrounds directly.

Camping is only permitted in designated camping areas.

### 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.

### Download our public safety app

Our public safety app combines dam release notifications, dam levels information, recreation, safety and lake closure updates and weather alerts. Search 'Seqwater' on the App Store or Google Play.



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