

Designated swimming at Seqwater lakes

Seqwater offers designated swimming areas at a number of our lakes in South East Queensland where you can take a dip and cool down.

Our [recreation map](#) will help you to plan ahead and find the perfect site for your next visit. Find out what outdoor activities are on offer, including facilities and location maps of each site.

But remember still water can still be dangerous! Be Safe For Fun's Sake and only swim in the designated swimming areas marked with buoys.

Sometimes we may close our lakes to water based activities, including swimming, due to water quality issues or if there is a special event scheduled. Please check our [recreation and safety notices](#) before heading out to ensure the lake is open to swimming.

While your safety is important to us, it is your responsibility. There are no lifeguards on duty at our designated swimming areas and while our rangers regularly patrol lakes and recreation areas, they can't be everywhere to help you.

Visit seqwater.com.au/besafe for important information about swimming at our dams and lakes.



A few simple rules

- Only swim in designated swimming areas at lakes where swimming is permitted.
- Always know where your children are – there are no lifeguards here.
- Children should always wear a lifejacket or flotation devices.
- Never dive into water where you can't see the bottom.
- Monitor weather conditions and be aware there could be submerged obstacles or uneven ground underfoot.
- Do not swim after drinking alcohol.
- Use common sense and follow safety signage.
- Swimming near a dam wall or spillway is dangerous and strictly prohibited.
- Weirs are drowning machines and swimming in weirs is strictly prohibited.
- For an organised event involving aquatic activities, such as swimming, you may need approval for your event from Seqwater seqwater.com.au/organised-events-and-access-filming.

Why don't all lakes have swimming areas?

The safety of the community comes first in any decision on recreational activities at Seqwater lakes.

Some land-based and water-based recreational activities in drinking water catchments are prohibited or restricted to protect water quality and ultimately public health. For example, you can swim at some Seqwater lakes, but not at others.

To determine what recreation activities can be undertaken safely at a drinking water storage lake, Seqwater conducts a detailed risk assessment.

This assessment considers the level at which the lake's water treatment plant can treat the predicted pathogenic levels in the water and identifies opportunities to reduce pathogen risks within the catchment to improve the catchment barrier. The risk assessment takes into account numerous factors including, but not limited to, catchment health, catchment population, catchment size, catchment usage and treatment capability.

Overnight stays on the water are not permitted. Our recreation sites are open seven days a week, from 5.30am to 6.30pm (September - April) and 6.00am to 5.30pm (May - August)*.




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Where to swim

This guide is for individual use and not for event based activities. Access is determined through current site usage and the type of recreational activities permitted at the lake.

Lake	 Designated swimming area
Cooloolabin Dam	No
Enoggera Reservoir	Yes
Ewen Maddock Dam	Yes
Gold Creek Dam	No
Hinze Dam (Lake Advancetown)	No
Lake Atkinson (Atkinson Dam)	Yes
Lake Baroon (Baroon Pocket Dam)	Yes
Lake Borumba (Borumba Dam)	No
Lake Clarendon (Clarendon Dam)	No
Lake Dyer (Bill Gunn Dam)	Yes
Lake Kurwongbah (Sideling Creek Dam)	No
Lake Macdonald (Six Mile Creek Dam)	No
Lake Manchester (Lake Manchester Dam)	No
Lake Maroon (Maroon Dam)	No
Lake Moogerah (Moogerah Dam)	Yes
Lake Samsonvale (North Pine Dam)	No
Lake Somerset (Somerset Dam)	Yes
Lake Wivenhoe (Wivenhoe Dam)	Yes
Wappa Dam	No
Lake Wyaralong (Wyaralong Dam)	No

NB: Current as at December 2024.

* Excluding Lake Dyer, 6am – 6pm, all year