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Offers a tranquil bushland picnic area below the Dam Wall with Fishing, Boating and Picnicking available at Loveday Cove

How to get there

Lake Cooby is only a 35 kilometre drive from Toowoomba and easily accessible from the New England Highway. When travelling north from Toowoomba just look for the turn-off to your left at Highfields.

Day Use

Lake Cooby offers activities for all members of the family. The Dam Wall Picnic Area offers both gas and wood fired BBQ's; children's play ground and opportunities for bush walking in a tranquil bushland setting. If you sit quietly a wide range of wildlife including Koalas, Possums, Echidna, Red-necked Wallabies and many bird species may be observed.

Loveday Cove is the place for fishing and boating activities. Sailing and Canoeing can be safely enjoyed as only electric motors are permitted. The absence of outboard combustion motors also means the tranquillity of the Lake is preserved for waterbirds and visitors using the excellent picnic facilities.

The Dam Wall Picnic Area is open from 7am to 7.30pm (September to April) and from 7:00am to 5.30pm (May to August). (Please note: THIS AREA IS CURRENTLY CLOSED)

Loveday Cove is open from 7am to 8pm (September to April) and from 7am to 6pm (May to August).

A site entry fee of \$2.50 per vehicle (coins only accepted, no change given) will apply for access to Loveday Cove but aside from permits for fishing this is the only charge. No Camping is permitted at either site.

Fishing and Boating

Boating (electric motors only), canoeing, windsurfing and sailing are all permitted on Lake Cooby but don't forget that fishing requires a Stocked Impoundment Permit. This is a State Government Permit, the fees from which are used to stock included dams with fingerlings.

Stocked Impoundment Permits may be obtained:

- Online via www.qld.gov.au/fishing (have a printer and your credit card handy)
- By phone on 13 13 04 (have your credit card handy and your permit will be posted to you)
- Or in person at any of the small business outlets listed over the page.

***Lake Cooby is a Flora and Fauna reserve domestic animals are not allowed.
Swimming is also prohibited at Lake Cooby.***

Toowoomba

Mullet Gut Maine

224A Ruthven Street

TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

8.00am – 5.30pm M/Tu/W/F

8.00am – 7.00pm Thursday

8.00am – 4.00pm Saturday

8:00am – 12:00pm Sunday 4632 9770

Fish 'n' Bits Bait and Tackle

340 Alderley Street

TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

8.00am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday

8.00am – 4.00pm Saturday

7.00am – 1.00pm Sunday 4636 6850

Esk

Grand Hotel

121 Ipswich Street

ESK QLD 4312

7 days 5424 1141

Crows Nest

Crows Nest News

15 Curnow Street

CROWS NEST QLD 4355

6.00am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday

6.00am – 1.00pm Saturday

6.00am – 12.00noon Sunday 4698 1301

There are many types of fish that can be caught in Lake Cooby. Bag limits, which are limits set by the Queensland Government regarding the number of a species of fish that a person may have in their possession, apply also at Lake Cressbrook. An indication of bag limits, plus the minimum and maximum sizes, are provided with a list of the most common fish caught at the lake.

Species	Bag Limit	Size Limits
Eel-Tailed Catfish	5	30cm
Golden Perch (yellow-belly)	10	30cm
Murray River Cod	1	50cm
Silver Perch	5	30cm

If you catch an undersized fish, you must return it the water immediately, taking care to avoid injuring the fish.

