

MAP OF Lake Keepit Area

0 100 200 300 400 500 1000
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Line symbols
Structure

Restricted Waters
No Sailing or Powerboating
No Vessels Permitted

Navigation Aids
Yellow light beacon
Special Mark

Restricted Activities and Cautions
Dangerous Area Breaks of Tides
Sub Surface Obstructions
All or Power Boat Prohibited Area
Light Knot Speed Limit Area

Boating Facilities
Unpowered or Hand Launched Area
Launching Ramp
Fuel Available
Public Wharf Jetty or Landing
Mooring Buoys or Boat Hoist

General Information
Walkdown or Fish Hoisting
Public Toilet
Camping Ground
Public Telephone
Deeper Water Lower Levels
Shallow Water Higher Levels

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WARNING

Be alert to:
- Sudden weather changes
- Unmarked and submerged hazards
- Low water temperatures
- Rough conditions

Wear your lifejacket

TAKE CARE BE PROP AWARE

ALCOHOL
Skippers must keep under 0.05

ALWAYS KEEP TO THE RIGHT

WARNING

SHALLOW WATERS
DANGEROUS ROCKS BELOW SURFACE
SUBMERGED TREES
SUBMERGED FENCING

THESE WATERS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGING WATER LEVELS AND UNMARKED NAVIGATION HAZARDS.
VESSEL OPERATORS MUST ALWAYS MAINTAIN A PROPER LOOKOUT AND PROCEED AT A SAFE SPEED, WHICH INCLUDES CHECKING THE DEPTH OF THE WATER.

WEAR IT!

YOU'RE THE SKIPPER YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE!

Note: Grid Datum is the Geocentric Datum of Australia - 1994, which is approximately equivalent to WGS-84

Contour interval 20 metres. All heights and depths shown on this map refer to Australian Height Datum.

For detailed land based information please refer to Land Information Centre Topographic Maps: Kelvin 8936-2N, Baldwin 9036-3N, Gunnedah 8936-2S and Somerton 9036-3S.

FISHING INFORMATION
Unless exempt, you are required to hold a NSW Recreational Fishing Licence to fish in these waters. Anglers are permitted two attended lines.
For bag limits, size limits and seasonal closure information, contact the local Department Primary Industries Fisheries Office or visit dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries

WARNING: BEWARE OF SUBMERGED TIMBER AND SHALLOW AREAS, PARTICULARLY AT LOWER LEVELS.

Water Ski Hand Signals

1 Speed Up (Thumbs up)		5 Cut Motor (Slashing hand across throat)	
2 Slow Down (Thumbs down)		6 OK After Fall (Hands clasped over the head)	
3 Turn (Circling motion above head followed by pointing in the direction of the turn)		7 Stop (Hands raised with fingers outstretched)	
4 Back To Shore (Pat top of head)		8 All OK (An 'O' made with the thumb and index finger)	

TOWING REQUIREMENTS

- No towing between sunset and sunrise.
- Maintain a proper lookout at all times.
- An observer is required on all vessels that are towing.
- Do not tow more than three persons at the same time, regardless of what the apparatus is capable of carrying.

DISTANCE OFF REQUIREMENTS

When driving a vessel at a speed of ten knots or more or towing a person you must keep the vessel and the person being towed a minimum distance of
 * thirty metres from power driven vessels, any moored vessel, land and structures (including jetties, bridges and navigation markers) or if that is not possible, a safe distance.
 * Sixty metres from persons or non powered vessels (sailing and passive) that are underway or if that is not possible, a safe distance.
 * A safe distance from a vessel towing a person.
 If you cannot maintain the distance off requirements - SLOW DOWN. Speeding on the water is the same as speeding on the road - IT CAN KILL. Penalties apply.

INLAND WATERWAYS

Boating on inland waterways such as rivers, creeks and dams demands special care. Many of these areas present issues not encountered in coastal waters, including submerged trees and other snags. Inland waterways are often murky and constantly changing; if you don't have a depth finder play it safe and reduce speed. Familiarise yourself with the area using maps and wherever you can, talk to local operators. They can often provide valuable knowledge such as how the current runs after rain and water depth following drought. Keep a good lookout for objects ahead or above you, such as overhead powerlines and low level bridges. Strong currents in major rivers and creeks can flow at fast rates and affect the manoeuvrability of vessels. Never underestimate the power of even a moderate current, which can exert a strong force that may trap vessels such as canoes against rocks. Extra caution is required following heavy rain or flooding. Be careful in dams subject to water releases and stay well clear of spillways. These can be extremely dangerous due to turbulence as the water flows through the spillway gates. Boats can easily become caught in the turbulence and trapped. Also remember that during release periods the foreshore can become soft, trapping vehicles during launching and retrieval. Rivers and dams may look peaceful, but low water temperature and remote locations could prove risky should trouble occur. Remember not to overload your vessel.

WIND AND WAVES

The surface of the water in shallow dams and storage areas can become extremely rough in windy conditions. Waves are generally short and steep and can be as high as those encountered in coastal areas.
 * Always get a wind/weather report before boating.
 * Keep a constant lookout for signs of changing weather, white caps/disturbance on the water or cloud development. If the conditions deteriorate, put on your lifejacket and head for shore. Remember it is better to be on the shore a long way from home, than a long way from shore in such conditions.

BOATING ENQUIRIES
Infoline: 13 12 56
www.maritime.nsw.gov.au

LAKE KEEPIT STORAGE LEVELS
Full capacity - 329.6m Aust. Height Datum
76 percent - 327m. AHD
52 percent - 324m. AHD
30 percent - 320m. AHD
05 percent - 310m. AHD

Water depth contours have been compiled from original survey information provided by State Water and are indicative only. Further information on Keepit Dam and current levels can be found at www.waterinfo.com.au

KEEPIT DAM FACTS
Construction Mass Concrete Gravity and Earth fill. Completed 1960
Height 55m
Crest Length 533m.
Storage Capacity 425,510 ml.
Full Supply Level 329.6m.

WARNING: No vessels permitted between the dam wall and the boom barrier. Eight knot speed limit west of line between Lookout and Quarry Points.

Caution: Beware of bathers near shoreline. No boats allowed within the swimming enclosure.

WARNING: No vessels permitted in the vicinity of the sub wall

Note: Launching Ramps at Quarry and Pritchards Points are available to 20%. Check with State Park staff on best alternatives at lower levels.

LOCAL VISITOR INFORMATION

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KEEP A PROPER LOOKOUT

GO EASY ON THE DRINK