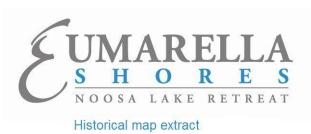


This is an extract from an historical map of Lake Weyba It should only be used to locate the various creeks flowing into Lake Weyba and not as a reference to the current road systems



## Canoeing, paddling, rowing

We recommend canoeing up Eenie Creek and Keyser Creek – both beautiful everglade style waterways that can be navigated for some distance. The mouth of Eenie Creek is broad and shallow, and can be seen to the left of the Noosa private airport. It may be necessary to pull the canoe through the mouth of these creeks prior to reaching deep water. Fishing or crabbing in the creeks is recommended. The rare Jabirus inhabit this area. We suggest some sunset drinks and nibbles on the beach area at the mouth of Eenie Creek as a must do activity. Keyser Creek to the left or west of larger Eenie Creek features an extensive aboriginal midden along 300 metres of it's bottom.

A watercraft is located on the foreshore in front of your accommodation. Paddles and life jackets located in laundry enclosures. To ensure minimal damage to the watercraft, please pull them onto ramps clear of water and ensure they are securely tied. Please return paddles and jackets to laundry areas. ALL GUESTS USE THESE CANOES AT THEIR OWN RISK AND THE OWNERS WILL ASSUME NO LIABILITY. THE BORROWER WILL PAY FOR ALL DAMAGE, OR LOSS OF PADDLES.

PLEASE NOTE that we ask that you take care with the watercraft by ensuring that they are:

- Not scraped on rocks;
- Boarded only when completely affoat;
- Not overloaded:
- Locked up when not in use; and
- Remove your rubbish.

Maintenance of the watercraft is an ongoing problem, and your assistance to help keep them in seaworthy condition, would be greatly appreciated, so that we can continue to offer this FREE service to our guests. Please notify us of any damage or problems with the watercraft.

## Canoeing, paddling or rowing responsibly

- Be aware of the weather forecast and conditions and the fact that the wind may intensify in the afternoon making your return journey more difficult;
- Travel responsibly and only launch from designated areas;
- Carry a approved life vest (PFD) for each person on board;
- Always operate your watercraft at a safe speed;
- Always keep an eye out for other boaters, objects, and swimmers:
- Comply with all signs etc;
- Make every effort to always go with a buddy;
- Don't mix boating with alcohol or drugs;
- Respect the rights of others;
- Launch and retrieve your watercraft as quickly as possible:
- Keep the noise down—especially around shore;
- Educate yourself prior to a trip by and ensure that you know how to operate your watercraft safely;
- Prepare for the unexpected by packing necessary emergency items;
- Avoid sensitive areas such as seasonal nesting or breeding areas;
- Do not disturb historical or archaeological, sites;
- Avoid "spooking" wildlife you encounter;
- Do your part by leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, avoiding the spread of invasive species;
- Take out all of your rubbish.

## Fishing responsibly

- Educate yourself as to the size and bag limits which apply to you by keeping up to date with regulations and observing them;
- recognising the fragility and environmental diversity of streamside vegetation, estuaries, seagrass, mangroves, and reefs as these areas provide food, shelter and important breeding and nursery areas for many fish species
- Treat fish humanely, maintaining quality and avoiding waste by using only tackle that
  is appropriate for the size and type of fish; attending gear to ensure that fish are
  retrieved as soon as they are caught; dispatching fish immediately; and icing fish and
  storing them away from sunlight, preferably in a moist bag or cooler;
- Using common sense and restraint when fishing and return any unwanted endangered or threatened species to the water immediately with the least possible injury or damage;
- Carefully returning unwanted live bait to the waters they were taken from.
- If a fish is to be released, the hook should be removed while the fish is still in the water (if possible). Removal of the hook is a matter of judgement in relation to the potential damage that may be caused to the fish (ie if the fish is hooked in the jaw or mouth, remove the hook as cleanly as possible using a hook remover or long-nosed pliers; or if the fish is hooked deeper in the mouth or in the stomach, leave the hook where it is and cut the line near the hook.
- If the fish being released must be handled out of water, reduce damage to the fish by using a net without knotted mesh; retrieving fish as quickly as possible; using wet hands or a wet cloth, and a minimum of handling to ensure that released fish have a good chance of survival; wetting any surface on which you place the fish, and avoiding hot dry surfaces; and prior to release, hold the fish gently and move it forward to force water through its gills until it has revived and is able to swim normally.
- taking fishing line, polystyrene foam packaging, bottles, six pack holders, bait bags, cups and packaging, etc. away from fishing sites and disposing of them correctly to avoid potentially entrapping birds and other creatures;
- Not leaving bait to foul rocks or foreshore.