

# Lake Macdonald, Cooroy Noosa area

image: Mt Tinbeerwah overlooks Lake Macdonald



**Lake Macdonald** is stored behind the Six Mile Creek Dam, Sunshine Coast hinterland, and supplies water to the Noosa area. The Cooroy – Noosa road runs along the southern shore for a while; the lake is not large, being about 5 kilometres north south, and less than a k across at its widest.

With a lake arm running east, and two arms to the south, there is around 24 kilometres of shoreline to explore. Vegetation growing in the water may mean the exploring canoeist has to find open channels to travel in. The lake is usually more clear of vegetation in the colder winter months. Note in waterways is Cabomba, a submerged NOXIOUS plant, and please thoroughly clean your boat and equipment.

Canoeing, sailing vessels and boats with electric motors are permitted, swimming is not.

The roaming paddler will encounter, up on the southern arms, remnants of old fence lines, tree stumps and see old roads that disappear into the water. There is a shoreline bird hide at Jabiru Park. Canoe fishermen may catch Bass, Saratoga, and Perch. Mary River Cod should be returned to the water.

Mt Tinbeerwah stands to the east of the lake, (image previous page) and Mt Cooroy, to the south, looks over the water. Six Mile Creek rises on Mt Cooroy's slopes, 3 kms south from the lake, and travels 54 kilometres from the dam wall to join the Mary River, just south of Gympie.

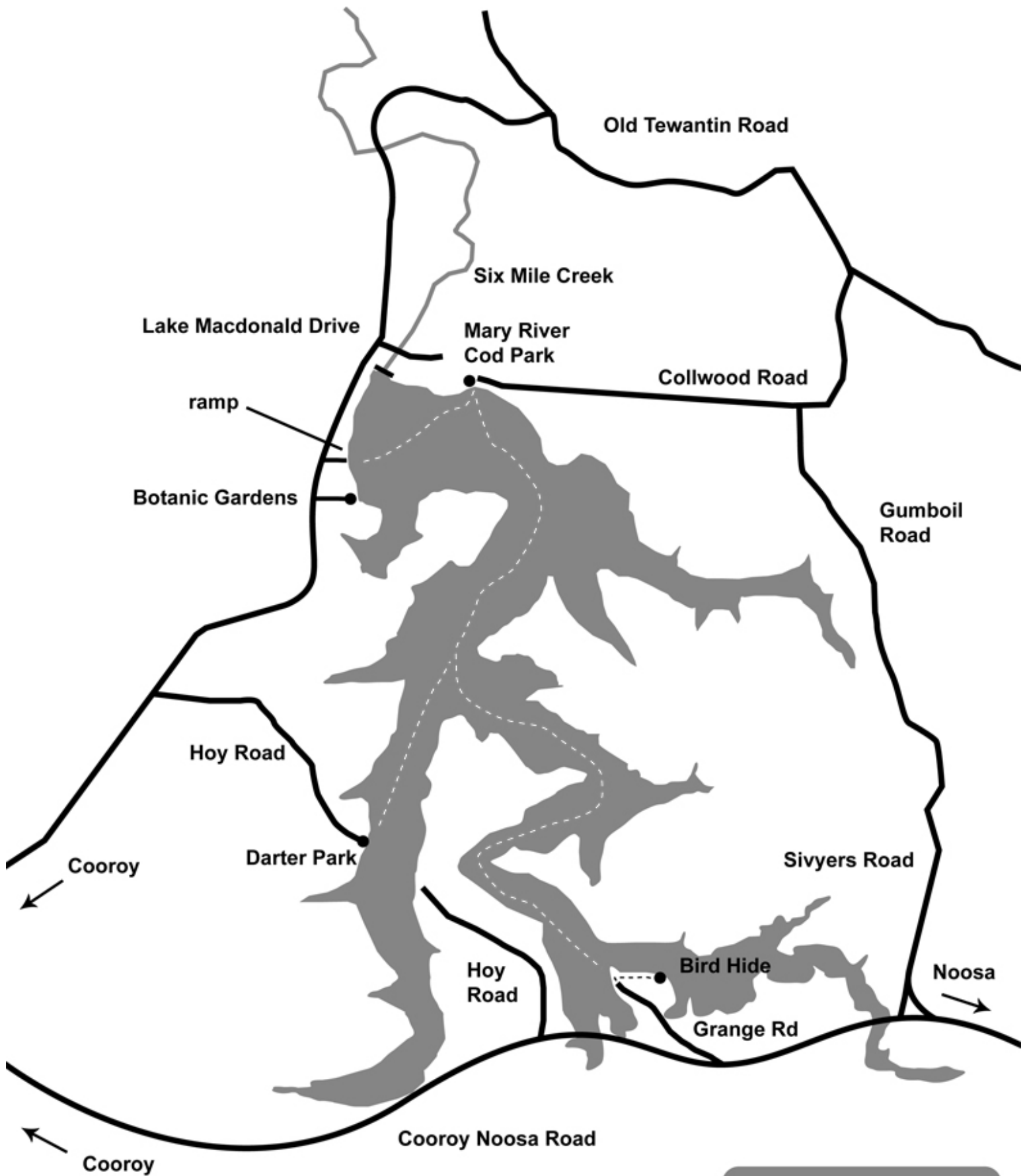
Canoeists can launch at a ramp 100 metres north of the Botanic Gardens, across the water at Mary River Cod Park, Darter Park, or near the small picnic shelter near the Bird Hide (Jabiru Park).



*image top: dam wall*

*image centre: NW shore and ramp at Botanic Gardens*

*image lower: looking from near the Botanic Gardens 800m to Mary River Cod Park*



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*above: Mt Cooroy from near the bird hide, Jabiru Park*

*below: Six Mile Creek from below the dam overflow*

