

Safety tips when visiting a dam

Most injuries around dams and weirs are a combination of being in unauthorised areas, excess alcohol consumption, skylarking, not boating to dam conditions and general slips, trips and falls around recreation areas.

Enjoy the surroundings of your local dam or weir and stay safe by looking out for potential hazards and risks.

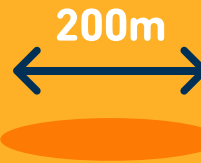
Here are some tips to keep in mind when visiting a dam or weir:



Have fun without putting yours and other's lives in danger.



Always read the signs – they contain important information about water, potential hazards and Blue-Green Algae levels.



Stay away from dam and weir walls. Keep a distance of at least 200m away from the walls.



Check for potential risks or hazards entering the water including rocks and stumps near the shoreline.



Do not trespass on private property surrounding the lake or near the dam wall.



Rethink drinking. Keep within the legal limit of blood alcohol concentration (BAC) if driving a vehicle or boat and do not drink if planning on going for a swim.



If operating a boat, keep clear of swimmers and only tow skiers in deeper areas of the lake (never venture too close to dam walls).



Whether a lake or weir is full, half full or empty, submerged hazards are always present – so take care when entering the water.



Keep an eye out for your friends and family.



Know your own swimming abilities. Swim safely and keep away from stumped areas that may contain lake debris.



Consider carrying a first aid kit in case of an injury.



Use your common sense, and remain alert and aware of your surroundings.

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