



THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND CANOE CLUB

INTRODUCTION TO FLATWATER

A social training trip to try out tippier flat-water boats in a clean environment and boost your skills! This is a day trip to Lake Wivenhoe to practice and develop the skills to paddle tippier boats such as TK1s and K1s.



At this event, we are going to take several TK and K flat-water boats to Lake Wivenhoe for the day. This is a great chance to try tippier boats and improve your paddle skills. The quickest way to improve is to push your limits, and Lake Wivenhoe is a great environment for doing so.

We are going to get some food on the way and do a small barbecue—otherwise bring your own food.

Discipline	Flatwater	Paddle Grade	n/a
Date(s)	Sun 15 Mar 26	Event ID	260315F
Distance	n/a	Duration	10hr
Leader	Leandro Flach	2IC	Siti Abdul-Khaled

How to get there

The destination is approximately 50 min to 1 h drive from Brisbane or further if you are coming from the east or southern sides of Brisbane.

- Follow the Ipswich Motorway (signposted to Warwick/Ipswich/Toowoomba).
- Turn off this motorway to the Warrego Highway (this is the road to Toowoomba, NOT Ipswich or Warwick).
- After 15 km, turn right to Esk (the Brisbane Valley Highway).
- Proceed to Fernvale (15 km), then on cross Wivenhoe dam wall and spillway (9 km).
- After 6 km, turn right into Hay Rd (sign to Logan Inlet), then left into Logan Inlet Rd after 1 km.
- After 2.5 km, the road forks right to the Day use area (0.5 km) on the western shores of Lake Wivenhoe. We'll set up at or close to the picnic table on the left of the boat ramp.

We will be arriving at the day use area around 9:00 am, and we will be setting up a position on the bank, hopefully under a shady tree. Below is a link to a brochure about Wivenhoe Dam, which includes a map on the last page. Go to **the Logan's Inlet day use area**—to the left of the boat ramp. This is well signposted and there is mobile phone coverage, although the latter can be patchy depending on your carrier. There are BBQ facilities, sheltered picnic tables, toilets, and showers (hot and cold).

Other information is available on the [SEQWATER's website](#).

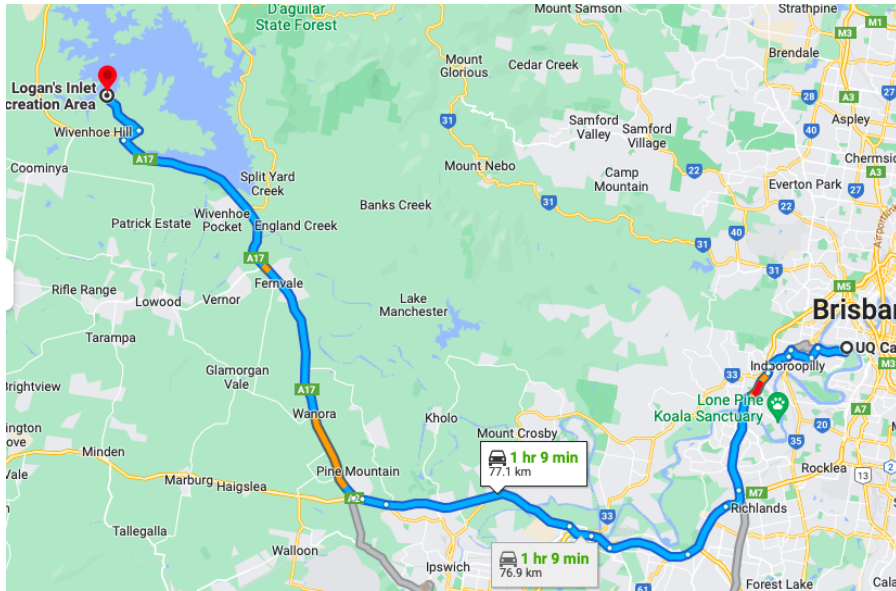
That part of Lake Wivenhoe is protected from wind and is a beautiful setting to practice and try a range of TK1s and a K1s. It is a fresh water reservoir, and there are limited hazards in the water. It is a 'friendly environment' to fall out of kayaks!

We intend to bring a range of TKs and K1s, so that everybody can have a go. Hopefully, we will be able to go for a short paddle once we have acquired some skills. We will bring kayaks, PFDs, paddles, and required safety gear as appropriate for the activity. You will need to bring water (although drinking water is readily available at the camp site), lunch, snacks, sunscreen, hat, and sunsmart clothes. It is likely to be warm, and a **spare change of clothes** is essential as you will be getting wet.

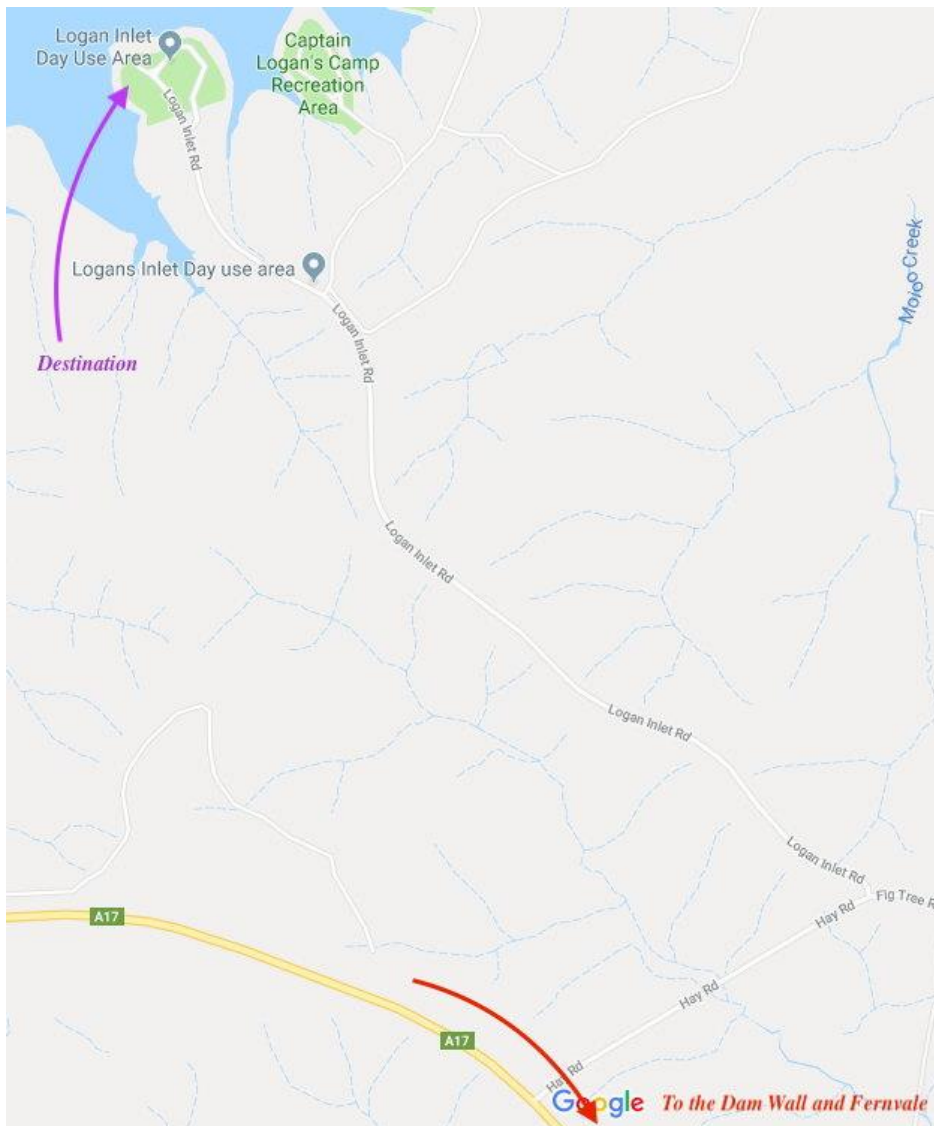
Lunch option. For those who are interested, we will have a small barbecue available and will purchase items for a very basic lunch. Please indicate your interest in joining in and any food requirements/allergies in the comment section when you register. It usually costs around \$10 per person.

We can coordinate a lift for people who do not have a car as the time approaches. When you register for the trip, please advise your transport arrangements (i.e., whether you have a car or need a lift), how many people you can take and if you have roof rack/cradles.

The usual 'wear & tear' fee applies and money should be transferred via the info in the shed (PayID). This is done on the day. Bring some money for coffee/snacks/lunch. We may stop for coffee at Fernvale.



Route to Logan's Inlet



Logan's Inlet route – Final part

Tides	n/a	Moon	n/a
Sunrise/set	n/a		
Trip Outline			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 AM – Meet at the club shed to pack trailer (7:30 AM if already packed or no trailer) • 8:00 AM – Depart • 9:00 AM – Optional stop at Fernvale Bakery/Café • 9:30 AM – Resume trip to Logan's Inlet • 9:45 AM – Set up at Logan's Inlet • 10:00 AM – Commence activities • 12:30 PM – Optional lunch • 15:00 PM – Depart to Brisbane • 16:00 PM – Arrive to the club • 17:00 PM – Depart 			



Near Logan Inlet Boat Ramp

Put in Point	Logan's Inlet Recreation Area	Take-out Point	Logan's Inlet Recreation Area
Information Links	Download this brochure about Wivenhoe (includes maps)		
Facilities	Toilets and tap water		

SAFETY

Kayaking can be hazardous. If conditions are unfavourable we will not go. We will register with the coast guard prior to departure and be in telephone contact. If you have medical conditions, consult your doctor, let the leader know if they are relevant (eg asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, allergies, epilepsy, etc), and bring any required medication.

Risks and Management

Club Flatwater Risk Assessment (reviewed 25/1/26) Detailed Assessments available

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drowning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunburn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cuts Strains and Sprains <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dehydration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ineffective Rudder <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Group Capsizing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hypothermia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heat Exhaustion / Hyperthermia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tripping While Walking <input type="checkbox"/> Group Getting Lost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Getting Separated from Group <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animals and Plants (minor injury) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animals and Plants (major injury) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bad Weather / Weather Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capsize <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fitness / Fatigue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment Failure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enter / Exit Boat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrying Boats <input type="checkbox"/> Algae / Contamination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat Traffic / Shipping <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separation from Boat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing / Broken Paddle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paddle Related Injuries / Tendonitis / Blisters <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hit by Paddle <input type="checkbox"/> Strainers (Overhanging Trees / Mangroves / Fishing lines / Structures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sinking Boat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Panic / Fear <input type="checkbox"/> Rocks and Submerged Objects <input type="checkbox"/> Darkness / Stranded at Night <input type="checkbox"/> Paddling in the Dark / Night Paddling <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel runs and grade 1 rapids <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colds & Flu
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Club Travel Risk Assessment (reviewed 20/11/25) Detailed Assessments available

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General Risk Management

<p>Paddler Requirements</p>	<p>Conditions can be calm, but can change dramatically with winds contributing significantly to this.</p> <p>Paddlers must advise leaders if they have health issues or injuries that may affect participation. Ensure medication is carried and is accessible. If unsure, they should check with their doctor beforehand.</p> <p>Participants must self-assess their, and their equipment's ability to cope with this grade of club event. The club grading scale is located on the club website. This should be consulted prior to registration, and any concerns or anything needing clarification should be raised with the trip leader beforehand.</p> <p>Participants need the skills for the grade of the trip, unless modified below "Additional Comments".</p> <p>Participants should have an appropriate level of fitness and should have completed the UQ Sport 400m Swim test.</p> <p>This is not a long paddle trip. You will be in and out of kayaks for limited periods during the day, so it is not going to be a strenuous activity other than the potential for swimming.</p>
<p>Emergency Contact Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergencies only – 000 • Lowood Police: 5426 1108 • Seqwater Duty Officer – Catchment Services : 3035 5776
<p>Nearest Medical Help and Contacts</p>	<p>Hospital(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ipswich Hospital Emergency Dept (45 min) Chelmsford Ave, Ipswich QLD 4305 Ph: 07 3810 1111 • Esk Hospital (25 min) 30 Highland St, Esk QLD 4312 Ph: 07 5424 4600

Safety and Personal Equipment

Personal Equipment (Full list)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clothing you can get wet (on the water) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry clothing (to keep warm) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment Requirements for Grade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food adequate for trip duration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Footwear suitable for paddling, swimming. Extra for on land. No thongs/flip flops or bare feet (oysters and spiky/venomous animals can get you!) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paddle clothes to protect from cold/wind (e.g. thermal/spray jacked or cag) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water and snacks accessible while paddling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, long sleeved paddle clothes sunscreen, etc) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water – 3L per day (4L if camping)		
Kayak Equipment (Required sea kayaking equipment for grade)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Bag <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Jacket (type II) and Paddle <input type="checkbox"/> Paddle Tie <input type="checkbox"/> Pump, Sponge, and Bailer <input type="checkbox"/> Paddle Float <input type="checkbox"/> Spray Deck - if you have not used one tell the leader before or when you register! Pre-trip training may be needed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suitable Craft (flatwater boat - TK, K) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whistle		
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Flares <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobile Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLB/EPIRB	<input type="checkbox"/> Signal Mirror <input type="checkbox"/> V-Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> VHF Radio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whistle
Safety Equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Pump	<input type="checkbox"/> Paddle Floats <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repair Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescue Stirrup <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spare Paddle
Additional or Emphasised Equipment	Please make sure you bring water, lunch - if not joining the barbecue, snacks, and footwear. Dress for the outdoors. Bring dry warm clothes and Sunsmart clothing (hat, sunglasses, long-sleeved shirt, water, sunscreen). You will get wet, so bring your swimming gear. Advise trip leader of any medical conditions.		
Check Paddlers' Equipment (prior to launch)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bailer/Pump <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Footwear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Jacket <input type="checkbox"/> Paddle Leash <input type="checkbox"/> Spray Deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suitable Craft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunsmart Gear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water

LOGISTICS

Boat Loading Details	At Club Shed, 7:00 AM on Sun 15 Mar 26
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 wear and tear contribution for club gear use (per day) • Money for petrol for your driver / trailer tower • A few extra dollars for a coffee, etc afterwards (if time). • Money for barbecue if participating <p>If you can't use payID (preferred), please bring cash as we like to complete reimbursing everything at the end of the trip. If cash, please bring a range of notes as needed for the club, your driver, and/or organiser for costs they may have incurred on your behalf, etc.</p>
Additional Comments/ Instructions	Numbers will be limited by transport, the number of people with sufficient skills, and the weather. Within these constraints it will be first come first served.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Register with	Leandro Flach	Email	Leandro
Limits on Numbers	Register soon. Numbers will be limited by transport, the number of people with sufficient skills, and the weather. Within these constraints it will be first come first served and number will be limited. Trip Leader will decide who participates.		
Register by	13 Mar 2026	Club Event ID	260315F