

# Ewan Maddock Dam Sunshine Coast

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Covering an area of 370 hectares, Ewan Maddock Dam was named for an early pioneer and was originally the water supply for Caloundra. Adjacent to the dam on its eastern shore is a constructed wetland which is the focus for a pleasant bushland stroll along boardwalks and well graded paths.

The bushland is composed of a mix of the flora native to the region with some other native species such as the Gynea Lily (*Doryanthes excelsa*) planted beside paths for colour and effect.

Scribbly gums and grass trees on dry slopes above the water contrast with ferns in moist shaded areas. A small watercourse runs into still pools which feature large clumps of sedges providing a safe haven for tiny wallum sedge frogs.

A short side track brings the walker to a wet paperbark forest and the edge of the dam itself. Since the water is not deep, numerous waterlilies flower here in season. The best time to visit is undoubtedly in the early morning when both bushland birds and water birds are most likely to be seen.

The entrance is opposite a go-kart track on Steve Irwin Way 3km north of Landsborough. Plenty of parking space is provided and there is seating along the circuit track.

