



**Crocodile danger is real—  
don't risk your life.**



**You can live and play  
safely in Croc Country  
by being Crocwise.**



**Regular removal of  
crocodiles reduces the  
risk, but it does not  
eliminate all risk.**

## CROC FACTS

**Just because you can't see a crocodile, it does not mean there isn't one near you.**

Crocodiles can be very patient, and can stay underwater and unseen for hours.

**Be extra cautious at night, dusk and dawn.**

Crocodiles are more likely to attack during these times.

**Crocodiles have territories.**

When a problem crocodile is removed from its territory, another crocodile is very likely to move in and take it over.

# BE CROCWISE IN CROC COUNTRY



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Report crocodile sightings in Queensland

**CrocWatch 1300 130 372**







### Where is Croc Country?

Croc Country covers most of the east coast of Queensland, beginning at the Boyne River south of Gladstone and extending over the top end of the state.

**You are responsible for your own safety in Croc Country.**

**Expect crocodiles in ALL north Queensland waterways, even if there is no warning sign.**

**Warning signs are placed in areas where crocodiles are known to frequent.** Ignoring signs that are there to protect you puts your life at risk. But remember that just because there are no signs, it does not mean there are no crocodiles.

**The most dangerous crocodile is the one you don't see.** Crocodiles are ambush predators that rely on stealth and camouflage to hunt.

**Watch out for crocodiles in unusual places after high tides and heavy rains.** Crocodiles can move further upstream during very high tides and periods of flooding and may move into new areas where they have not been seen before.

**Stay well away from crocodile traps.** Crocodile traps are designed to attract hungry crocodiles, so avoid fishing and boating near them, and never interfere with them.

### Reduce your risk at the beach:

- Swim between the flags at patrolled beaches.
- Do not swim at dawn, dusk or at night.
- Read and obey all crocodile warning signs.
- Understand that crocodiles usually hunt by staying submerged and can attack in knee-deep water, so wading can still be dangerous.

**Camp at least 2m above the high water mark and at least 50m from the water's edge.** Crocodiles have attacked people in tents pitched too close to the water.

**Dogs are attractive prey to crocodiles.** Keep your pets on a lead and away from the water's edge.

**Crocodiles can lunge at people and animals at the water's edge.** Stand back from the water when fishing or cast netting, and use a tackle box or esky as a barrier between you and the water. Wash dishes and prepare food well away from the water's edge.

**Breeding female crocodiles will defend their nests aggressively.** September to April is breeding season for crocodiles—stay away and keep children away from crocodile nests.



## FISHER FACTS

### Leave the lure.

People have been attacked while recovering a lure, even though they hadn't seen a crocodile while fishing all day.

**The smaller the vessel, the greater the risk—crocodiles have taken people from small vessels such as kayaks.**

Canoes, kayaks and other small craft are not suitable in crocodile habitat areas.

**Bin your food and fish scraps—don't leave food, fish scraps or bait near the water, around your camp site or at a boat ramp.**

Crocodiles will be attracted by an easy meal, and this puts subsequent visitors to the area at risk.

### Don't be the bait.

Keep your arms and legs inside the boat at all times when fishing.

### Your boat is your barrier.

Keep the boat between yourself and the water when launching or retrieving it.