

WHITTLEY CLUB QLD

BRIBIE ISLAND – Southern Passage 22/08/25 – 24/08/25

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Hi Captains and Crew,

Overview – Friday, Meet at Bribie VMR; Saturday, VMR Briefing and boat to Mission Point for BBQ and overnight stay at our camp site; Sunday, Creek exploration and Return to Bongaree for lunch.

Here are the details and some important info for the upcoming Bribie Island Trip and overnight stay at Mission Point.

Friday Earlybirds: For those who wish to arrive Friday we will be at Crest Park just north of the Sylvan Beach boat ramp and opposite the VMR. Launch at the VMR. There are shelters, toilets, and BBQ facilities. Drinks and nibbles from 4.00pm and the BBQ for those wishing to display their culinary expertise. There is also the Sylvan Beach Seafood Café for those who are looking for some great fish and chips. Overnight moor at Sylvan Beach.

Saturday Departure: To get you going on Saturday morning the Sunset Pier Café is a very popular coffee shop with a full breakfast menu. We are planning a briefing by the VMR on safe passage in the Bribie passage and northern Moreton Bay, starting around 10.00am (to be confirmed with the VMR). Following the VMR briefing we will head up to Mission Point and drop anchor for the overnight stay. We will have drinks and nibbles on the beach from 4.00pm and the club will put on a sausage sizzle. Alternatively, dine aboard.

There is some great scenery on the way to Mission Point with impressive views of the Glasshouse mountains. For the fishers, there are some good fishing in the area, but be mindful of the marine park zone (no fishing there).

Sunday departure: For Sunday morning we plan an exploration of one of the local creeks by tender. The return back down the passage will be around 11.00.

Sunday lunch will be at Bongaree beach. Some great take-away fish and chips is recommended from Saviges Seafood (3/12 First Ave, Bongaree) a short walk from the beach. There are plenty of other alternatives. The Commodore will be returning home after lunch, and for those staying on, everyone is welcome to join us for a swim in the pool, a relaxing hot spa, or simply drinks, snacks, and an evening BBQ (BYO). Come by boat or car.

Launch Facilities:

For those driving to Bribie we recommend launching at the VMR on Bribie Island. It is a good ramp with a pontoon between two ramps, and ample parking for cars and trailers. It can be problematic with adverse wind and tidal flow. Alternatively straight across the passage at Sandstone Point is Spinnaker Sound Marina, located on the left a kilometre or so before the Bribie Bridge. This has a sandy beach adjacent the ramp which is ideal for those not experienced in pontoon manoeuvres at busy boat ramps (it is very sheltered, but has no pontoon). It is also only a few minutes' cruise to the Sandstone Point Hotel as well. There is no pontoon, but a sandy beach. I often pull out there.

Alternatively, boating to Bribie, if the weather forecast is less than 10-15 knots then Scarborough area is ideal as Bribie is a quick skip across Deception Bay. There are 2 public ramps, one at VMR (recommended) and one next to the Moreton Bay Boat Club.

Mission Point:

Access is only by boat. We have booked campsite No. 9. This is next to the toilet and shower block. There is a fire pit and we will be having some **singing and dancing around the fire**. So all you musicians, please bring your instruments and voices and lets have a great evening!! There is a sandy beach which gives way to some slightly more muddier sand at low tide. Boats can either back in to the beach, or anchor and tender across.

Navionics Routes:

Navionics calculates the route from Syllan beach to Misssion Point at 7.6 Nm.

Maps:

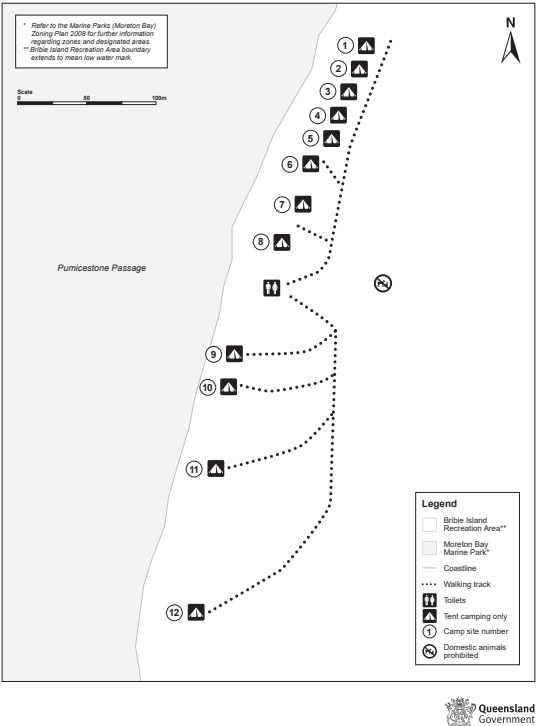
Here is our meeting point for Friday evening and at the VMR for briefing Saturday morning.



Mission Point Camp Site:

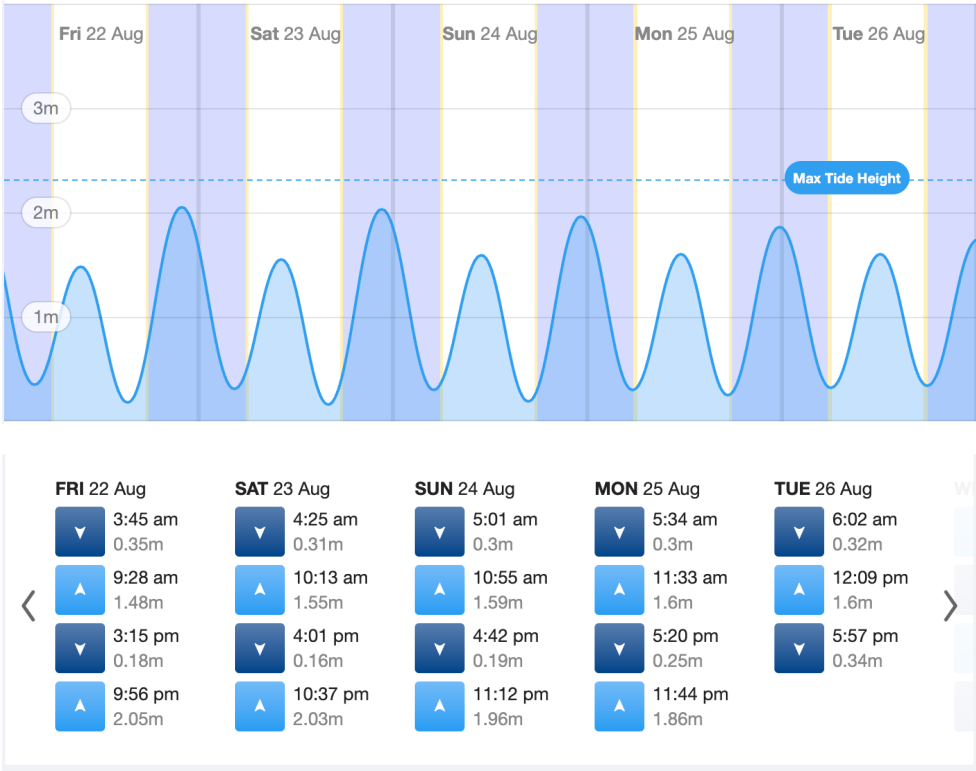
We are at Camp site No.9.

Mission Point day-use and camping area map
Bribie Island Recreation Area



Tides

Tides will have a high around mid-morning and low tide into the evening, see below.



Points to Note:

This area has many sandbanks, pay particular attention to your charts or chart plotter, and depth sounder when navigating this area

Remember there are three types of boaties.

1. **Those that have run aground (ask some of the guys from last trip!)**
2. **Those that haven't (all of us!)**
3. **Those that have but won't admit it! (ask the guys from point 2 again!)**

Bring the aeroguard or Mozzie coils for Saturday night as bities may be (that's a strong maybe) present.

It is best to tender in to the shore at Sylvan beach and Mission Point.

Monitor radio on Channel **VHF 72**.

Bribie VMR and Caloundra Coastguard are on VHF 16 and 73.

My mobile number is 0400 240 402 for those wanting to reach me off radio.

Hope to see you there!!

Jon and Kim