

Mudgeeraba Creek is canoeable for 4.3 kilometres upstream from Clear Island Lake to the Pacific Highway, at Mudgeeraba.

The creek that drains Clear Island Lake has a different name, Boobegan Creek, and it runs 1.8 kilometres down to the Nerang River.

There are canal estate houses to the east, and either golf courses or flood plain swamp to the west, along the banks of Mudgeeraba Creek.

The two photographs here show canoe launch points; off Robina Parkway, right, and the end of Boowaggan Road, below, both at Clear Island Lake..



Mudgeeraba Creek - Gold Coast





Editors note: a Gold Coast reader whose preferred craft is a rowboat, forwarded several photographs and a few navigation notes, (following page) on exploring Mudgeeraba Creek.

There is no doubt a launch point upstream near Robina Town Centre. I saw a few jetski on the water, at Clear Island Lake, hopefully they do not go upstream into Mudgeeraba Creek

I suggest you photocopy a couple of pages from your Gold Coast street directory, laminate them, and take with you.

Images courtesy A. Morgan



G'day Peter, Went on a fishing trip out to Clear Island Waters on Saturday. Left my fishing bag in the garage so other than a couple of hooks in the bucket ... anyhow went for a row up Mudgeeraba Creek. I am sending some notes and photos, feel free to use as you wish.

Alec

Clear Island Waters (Beacon to Beacon Map 133)

The Robina area is a large residential area and a growing business and commercial hub on the central Gold Coast. It sits amid numerous waterways suitable for paddling including the fresh to brackish Clear Island Lake. This water way sits behind weirs that open to provide access to the broader Nerang River delta and canal system that is the Gold Coast. It is signed 6 knot speed restricted though on the weekend you might find a few local teenagers in tinnies and even a couple of jet skis ignoring this.

There are a couple of launch options off Robina Parkway including at the dog park and further south near the Mudgeeraba Creek through you will need a trolley to access this spot. Smooth conditions exist virtually everywhere and even if the breeze is up you can meander in and out of wind shadows. There is quite thick weed along some banks and caution should be taken if this is a problem for your craft. Options are cruise around the housing estates or take a spin up Mudgeeraba Creek.

Access to the creek is through the far left channel under the bridge with some sort of water quality control device sitting across the other channels. Heavily treed and with a golf course on the southern bank and cow paddocks on the other you soon find yourself in a little bit of country on the Gold Coast. A Magpie Geese nesting colony on the southern bank is one highlight among many birdwatchers will find on this waterway.

There are some good spots to throw a fishing lure and you might pull out a good size bream from snags along the northern bank about 150 metres west of the bridge. Following the creek west through the floodplain is a gentle interesting cruise and it is a surprise to round a bend to find Skilled Stadium so close to the waterway.





below: reeds, waterlilies, and Skilled Park

