

## Access Rules

- Keep to formed tracks.
- Do not litter.
- Respect private land – if in doubt ask permission.
- Shooting is prohibited.
- Fires in formal fireplaces or firepots only.
- Do not fell trees.

## Responsible Boating

There is one concrete boat ramp located at the eastern end of Dunrobin Bridge.

Boat anglers are reminded to take care at all times and observe the 10-knot speed limit north of Dunrobin Bridge and the no boating zones approx 1500 metres upstream of Meadowbank Dam and 300 metres downstream of Cluny Dam. Please respect the ski zones. Practice minimal impact boating by accelerating gently in shallow water to avoid the underwater wash from the propeller jet stirring up silt and mud. This sediment clouds the water, disturbs sensitive weed beds, smothers aquatic plants and degrades fish habitat.

## Remember

- Check your wash- if its white it's all right - if it's brown slow down.
- Fishing from a boat within 100 metres of an angler fishing from the shore is prohibited unless the boat is securely moored.
- Do not park on or obstruct boat ramps.

## Lake Levels

Information on current lake levels for Meadowbank Lake including Metres from full and trend (Rising, falling, steady) is available from:

[www.ifs.tas.gov.au/Going Fishing/Things to check/Lake Levels](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au/GoingFishing/Things%20to%20check/LakeLevels).

## Getting There

Meadowbank Lake is located between Hamilton and Ouse approximately 1 hour drive from Hobart on the A10.

## Background

Part of the Derwent catchment, damming of the River Derwent for hydro-electric generation formed Meadowbank Lake which lies in a rural district and is contained between grassy treeless hills. The best access points are on either side of Dunrobin Bridge. The relatively low elevation and the surrounding topography present a picturesque and sheltered angling experience.

The lake is also popular with water skiers with two designated ski zones south of Dunrobin Bridge.

## Recreational Fishery Management

Meadowbank Lake is managed by the Inland Fisheries Service as a Family Fishery and is open to angling all year round. Regular stocking with brown trout, rainbow trout and trophy sized Atlantic salmon maintains the quality of the angling.

## Angling Notes

Spinning, trolling, bait fishing and fly-fishing are all popular methods. Upstream from Dunrobin Bridge weed growth is prolific. This area is designated as a small boat only zone with a 10 knot maximum speed limit. Fly-fishing from the shore or a small boat is recommended. Of particular interest are the prolific caenid and red spinner hatches during spring and summer. Downstream from the bridge the banks are generally steeper with deeper water and less weed growth. This provides opportunities for spinning, trolling and bait fishing.



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# Meadowbank Lake Anglers Access

REGION: SOUTH



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## Code of Conduct

- Be aware of and comply with fishing regulations.
- Respect the rights of other anglers and users.
- Protect the environment.
- Carefully return undersized, protected or unwanted catch back to the water.
- Fish species and other organisms must not be relocated or transferred into other water bodies.

## Angling Regulations

To fish in any open public inland water in Tasmania you must hold a current Inland Angling Licence unless you are under 14 years of age. A summary of the regulations are contained within the Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishing Code.

Species	Minimum size	Bag limit
Brown trout, Rainbow trout, Atlantic salmon	300 mm	5*

\* Combined daily bag limit of 5 fish can only include 2 fish exceeding 600mm in length.

Method	Season
 Fly fishing  Artificial lures  Bait fishing	Open to angling all year round.

## Native Fish Management

The short-finned eel (*Anguilla australis*) is stocked upstream of the dam wall. The blackfish (*Gadopsis marmoratus*), which is native to northern Tasmanian rivers, has been introduced into the Derwent system and may be encountered in the lake.

## Protect our Waters

Recreational anglers have a responsibility to look after fisheries resources for the benefit of the environment and future generations.

- Do not bring live or dead fish, fish products, animals or aquatic plants into Tasmania.
- Do not bring any used fishing gear or any other freshwater recreational equipment that may be damp, wet or contain water into Tasmania. **Check, clean and dry** your fishing equipment before entering Tasmania.
- Do not transfer any freshwater fish, frogs, tadpoles, invertebrates or plants between inland waters.
- Check your boat, trailer, waders and fishing gear for weed and other pests that should not be transferred before moving between waters.
- Do not use willow (which is a plant pest) as a rod support as it has the ability to propagate from a strike.

## Pest Fish Management

Meadowbank Lake has populations of the pest fish species, redbfin perch (*Perca fluviatilis*) and tench (*Tinca tinca*). If either of these species are caught, anglers are asked to humanely kill the captured fish and dispose of appropriately.

Anglers can help reduce the spread of pests in Tasmanian waterways by not transferring fish between waters. Offences may incur penalties up to \$10,000.

## Recreational Use

A camping and picnic area is located at Bethune Park on the western side of Dunrobin Bridge. A picnic area, public toilets and boat ramp are located on the eastern side of Dunrobin Bridge.

