



# ANGLER NEWS

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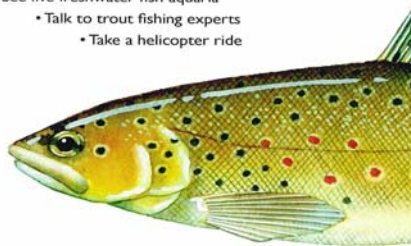
## Inland Fisheries Service Trout Weekend

Liawenee, Great Lake  
Sat 23 & Sun 24 May 2009  
10am-3pm daily

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

Come and see hundreds of brown trout on their annual spawning migration in the Central Highlands of Tasmania

- Watch wild trout being stripped of eggs for culture
- Catch a trout for dinner from the kid's fishout pond
- Visit trade exhibits including boats and fishing equipment
- Enjoy refreshments, competitions and give-aways
- View displays about fisheries management
- See live freshwater fish aquaria
- Talk to trout fishing experts
- Take a helicopter ride



It is on again, the IFS Trout Weekend at Liawenee, Great Lake! This year the IFS base will open its gates on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 May from 10 am till 3 pm.

Come and see hundreds of brown trout on their annual spawning migration. Plenty of activities for the kids including the fishout pond, trade exhibits, freshwater aquaria, fisheries management displays, demonstrations and helicopter rides. Come and see what the IFS and trout fishing is all about and enjoy what is a fun weekend for all.

This year there will be clothing and other merchandise for sale that features a picture of a brown trout, "Trout Fish Tasmania" and [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au). Some of these are shown below as are the prices.



- Knitted beanies \$15
- Fleece vests - adult \$35
- Scarves \$25
- Slouch hats \$10
- Fleece beanies \$15
- Soft shell vests \$90
- Kids 1/2 zip fleece jumper \$30
- Fleece vest - kids \$25
- Reversible vests \$50

## 35 years of Service for Viv Spencer

Viv Spencer, the IFS Senior Inspector who is known by many anglers, celebrated 35 years in the State Service this month. Viv was surprised by the celebration as he had been only back from leave for two days.

Viv has a great rapport with many in the angling, central highlands and rural communities around the State. Most people who meet Viv appreciate his always smiling face and wicked sense of humour, though there are no doubt a few poachers who would differ.

An integral and well liked member of the IFS team, he has outlasted all other staff with whom he has worked. Few IFS staff would not have heard of the "good old days" where inspectors camped out in freezing conditions and drove VW combi vans and even fewer would not appreciate some of the very funny stories Viv tells of these times.

Importantly, Viv is a very experienced and keen angler and always has some useful advice for juniors, those starting out and seasoned anglers alike.

So, from all IFS staff and those that have had the pleasure of knowing you over the last 35 years, congratulations Viv and we are glad you and your wife Marjorie liked the cake as much as the IFS staff did.



A familiar face to many, Viv Spencer, cuts his cake at the surprise celebration to mark his 35 years with the State Service.

## Anglers Access Project—Huon River

Anglers Alliance Tasmania and Inland Fisheries Service have made significant progress towards the completion of the Anglers Access project on the Huon River.

Anglers that fish the Huon know that it is typified by steep, heavily vegetated banks with shore access difficult, if not impossible in many areas.

The IFS/AAT project has focussed on developing and identifying access to locations where there is scope for shore based angling or wading as well as highlighting launching ramps for boat based anglers.

These locations will be identified on the access brochure that will be available in both printed copy and via the IFS website. With the cooperation of private landowners, Huon Valley Council and Forestry Tasmania many new access locations will be available to anglers in the coming season including:

- One km upstream from the Huonville Bridge on the Glen Huon Rd. There is parking on the riverside. Foot access has been developed both up and downstream from here through the installation of stiles and signage.
- At Calverts Park, upstream from the Judbury Bridge to the mouth of Judd's Creek. Should be a hotspot both early and late in the season.
- Downstream from Calverts Park for approximately one km – the best spot is at the end of the paddocks where an extensive rock shelf extends into the river and provides an excellent casting platform. This location is also accessible from a stile on the North Huon Rd.
- Downstream from the Judbury Bridge on the Glen Huon side. Park on the upstream side of the bridge, walk under the bridge and follow the access signs. The best spots start approximately 500 m downstream.
- Two km towards Glen Huon from Judbury (Opposite Cane Rd) there is a stile and access signs leading down to the river. This is a deep backwater ideal for lure casting. Anglers can walk from here all the way to the Judbury Bridge meeting up with the location above.
- The new bridge over the Huon River at Southwood is an excellent location to access the middle reaches of the river.
- Through the cooperation of Forestry Tasmania road access is now available to the commencement of the Huon Track (upstream from Tahune). This walk provides access to the upper reaches of the Huon – truly a wilderness fishery experience.

Negotiations continue to further improve access to the Huon River. Updates on the progress of this project will be provided through Angler News and the IFS website.

For further information on Anglers Access contact the Project Manager, Neil Morrow on 0438 279 421.

## Stocking since April 2009

Water	Number	Species	Weight (grams)
Great Lake	22 000	rainbow trout	20
Bradys Lake	30 000	brown trout	25
Meadowbank Lake	280	Atlantic salmon	3 000
Lake Lynch	50	brown trout	1 000
Carter Lakes	350	brown trout	1 000
Lake Botsford	300	brown trout	1 000
Rocky Lagoon	100	brown trout	1 000
Second Lagoon	50	brown trout	1 000
Lake Duncan	50	brown trout	1 000
Camerons Lagoon	50	brown trout	1 000
Bruisers Lagoon	100	brown trout	1 000
Lake Paget	50	brown trout	1 000

### Brown trout spawning run activities

This time of year is always a busy one for IFS staff. The brown trout spawning period starts when water temperature and day length decrease and when creeks and rivers have sufficient flow for the fish to make their way up them.

This year trout numbers in the Liawenee canal started building during the last weeks of the angling season with good flows down the canal. The early start has meant staff have been busy doing adult brown trout transfers to the waters of the Nineteen Lagoons area as well as some of the smaller lagoons that rely on these transfers to sustain the fishery. The large number of fish that are presently in the Liawenee trap will provide a good display for Trout Weekend and afterwards will go a long way to fulfilling the transfer requirements to other waters.

The collection of ova at the earliest opportunity is important for efficient growth of the resulting fry at the New Norfolk hatchery. This years early run has meant the required amount of brown trout ova has been collected by mid-May. This is the head start needed to get the resulting fry to a good size for early release prior to the summer heat and low waters levels.

The side benefits of an early spawning run are that fish will regain better condition by the time the 2009/10 season opens.

**Free entry to Salmon Ponds for full season licence holders for 2008/09**

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