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ANGLER NEWS

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Inland Fisheries Service

Trout Weekend

Liawenee, Great Lake
Sat 17 & Sun 18 May 2008
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



FISH4CASH

2007-08 Angling Season Promotion

Over the first six months of the season, six tagged fish were released into waters around the State. Each fish is worth \$1000 cash to the angler who returns the tag together with the whole fish and current licence details to the Service before the end of July 2008.

Three of the FISH4CASH fish remain uncaught. These fish are at Great Lake, Lake Barrington and Lake Burbury. The \$1000 prize for capture of these fish will be granted if any of these fish are caught before July 31 2008.

Thoughtful disposal of fish waste

Recently there have been a number of complaints regarding the waste from cleaned fish being left at boat ramps. Boat ramps are areas of high use and as such should not be sullied with fish waste. Disposing fish waste in this way is littering and a prosecutable offence. Please dispose of waste thoughtfully, ideally taking it with you in order to keep our angling environment as pristine as possible.

Stocking activities over winter

Each year with the spawning run of brown trout comes a surge of stocking activity. Many fisheries' stocks are supplemented with adult brown trout from the Liawenee spawning run and others would not exist as fisheries without them. Huntsman Lake (the Meander Dam) will receive 1 000 adult brown trout, this will be a good start for this new fishery. Early indications are that the fish in the Liawenee spawning run will be of high quality this year.

Juvenile rainbow trout, the progeny of wild stocks of Great Lake, will be stocked into a number of waters the next few months. These fish will be the first of the rainbows to leave the New Norfolk hatchery.

Stocking since February 2008

Water	Number	Species	Weight (grams)
Huntsman Lake	80	brown trout	1 200
Penstock Lagoon	80	brown trout	1 200
Meadowbank Lake	165	Atlantic salmon	3 000

Closure of 'brown trout waters' this weekend

On Sunday 28 April at Midnight the angling season will close for all 'brown trout waters'. This season applies to the majority of the States' inland waters. The following waters will remain open to angling but close June 1 2008: Dee Lagoon, lakes Junction, Meston, Rowallan, Macintosh, Rosebery, Youd and Skinner. There are however a number of waters open to angling all year and these are: Great Lake (excluding Canal Bay), Meadowbank Lake, Craighourne Dam, Brushy Lagoon, lakes Barrington, Burbury, Gordon and Pedder.

For anyone unsure of angling season closures or any other regulations please go to this address on the IFS website.

<http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au/ifs/IFSDatabaseManager/WatersDatabase>

Atlantic salmon stocked into Lake Meadowbank

On April 17 there were 165 Atlantic salmon stocked into Lake Meadowbank. These fish were kindly donated by SALTAS and average 3 kg with some fish in excess of 4 kg. These fish will provide angling opportunities for southern anglers over the winter months. On the day of stocking an 11 kg fish was reported to have been caught.

Anglers should be aware that there is a bag limit of 5 salmon per day for all waters in which they are stocked.

Liawenee Trout Weekend May 17th & 18th 2008

Each year the IFS has a weekend in May where its' Liawenee base facilities opens to the public. This is a popular event attracting thousands who brave the usually cool weather to come and see what the IFS is all about. Many come to see the 'stripping' of brown trout as they migrate up the Liawenee Canal from Great Lake to spawn but there are also recreational fisheries displays, native fish aquaria and carp management equipment.

This year the junior 'fish-out' pond (for children under 14) will again be a feature. Fishcare Volunteers will supervise the pond, kids can keep their catch and there will be prizes for those that catch a tagged fish.

A popular feature of last year's weekend, the bus tours to the Liawenee fish trap, will be on again. Hopefully the trap will be brimming with trout for all to see.

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