Getting There
Arthurs Lake can be reached via the B51, from either Pateina in the North or the A5 from the South.

Background
This is one of Tasmania’s most popular trout fisheries. Danning the upper Lake River and flooding the area that originally contained two lakes, Blue Lake and Sand Lake, and the Morasah Marsh made the modern day Arthurs Lake. The water in Arthurs Lake is used for hydro electricity generation with the water being pumped into Great Lake to feed the power station at Pateina. Brown trout are the only species of trout recorded at Arthurs Lake and this has been the case since the 1960’s. Arthurs Lake is known for its good catch rate of wild brown trout. There are three road accesses into Arthurs Lake and numerous shacks, with two formal camping areas. Boat ramps are available and the lake is popular with boat based fishers.

Recreational Fishery Management
Arthurs Lake is managed by the Inland Fisheries Service as a wild trout fishery. The brown trout population is maintained through natural recruitment. Spawning runs are monitored on an annual basis with the average size of trout generally between 400g and 1kg. The Angler Postal Survey that has been conducted each year for the last 20 years indicates the fishery is quite stable in terms of catch rate that averages 2 fish per angler per day.

Angling Notes
Arthurs Lake’s brown trout population is totally self-sustaining with ample recruitment coming from the creeks that flow into the northern and western shores. The condition of the fish caught by anglers throughout the season is high. Each year fish in excess 4.5 kilos are taken and fish of up to 7 kilos have been caught. Experienced anglers catch significantly more than the average 2 fish per day and during hatches in summer some people attain their bag limit. Artificial lures, bait fishing and fly fishing are permitted and each is equally popular and practiced.

Whilst having a boat can be an advantage and opens up more opportunities there are a number of good fishing spots accessible from the shore with roads (some 4wd) providing access to the majority of the lake’s western and southern shoreline.

Set rod bait fishing is popular and productive with 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
It is an offence to use fish or fish products for bait or to transfer fish between waters.

Recreational Use
There are four boat launching areas at Arthurs Lake: Jonah Bay, Pumphouse Bay, Arthurs Dam and the western end of Morasah Bay at Yangeena. Public camping areas are located at Pumphouse Bay and Jonah Bay. Fees apply.

Access Rules
- Keep to formed tracks.
- Do not litter.
- Respect Hydro land.
- Shooting is prohibited.
- Fires in formal fireplaces or firepits only.
- Do not fell trees.

Penalties apply.

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. Anglers are reminded that it is an offence to:
- Take fish in any water flowing into Arthurs Lake and within a radius of 50 metres where they flow into Arthurs Lake
- Disturb Spawning Fish

Native Fish Management
Two species of indigenous fish are endemic to Arthurs Lake and the nearby Woods Lake, the saddled galaxias (Galaxias tanycephalus) and Arthurs paragalaxias (Paragalaxias mesistes). Both species are threatened and listed as vulnerable and endangered under the Tasmanian Threatened Species Protection Act 1995, and are therefore wholly protected. These species commonly grow up to 120mm and 70mm in length respectively.
**Responsible Boating**

Arthurs Lake is exposed to extreme changes in weather and can become very rough. Hazardous conditions can occur at any time of the year with little warning. During periods of low water Arthurs Lake may be extremely shallow with many submerged navigation hazards.

Observe the 5-knot speed limit north of the transmission lines across Cowpaddock Bay and the areas prohibited for navigation within 30 metres of the Arthurs Lake Dam, the Pump House and within 50 metres of the Arthurs Lake spillway.

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 it’s 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 Level**


- Report any unusual fish captures or algal sightings immediately to the Inland Fisheries Service
- Report illegal activities to; Bushwatch 1800 333 000