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Director's Message

As Director of Inland Fisheries, I'm delighted to introduce the 2026–27 Tasmanian Inland Fishing Code. This Code is your go to pocket guide for the regulations that govern our inland recreational fishery and is essential reading for every freshwater angler heading out this season.

On behalf of the entire team at the Inland Fisheries Service (IFS), thank you for purchasing a freshwater angling licence for the 2026–27 season. Your decision to support the fishery is genuinely appreciated.

It was encouraging to see improved fishing reports last season, and we're optimistic that this positive trend will continue. I acknowledge that, in the current cost of living climate, purchasing a licence may not have been an easy decision. Please be assured that 100% of licence revenue is reinvested directly into the IFS, supporting our small, dedicated team in the ongoing management and protection of Tasmania's inland fishery.

Throughout the season, we work hard to keep you informed about the projects and activities happening across the fishery—work that simply wouldn't be possible without your support. Thank you for helping us look after this special resource.

The best ways to stay up to date with everything IFS are:

- Visit the news section of our website: www.ifs.tas.gov.au/news
- Follow us on Instagram: @troutfishtasmania
- Download the free Infish App

The Infish App is a powerful tool for anglers. It includes up to date rules and regulations, the latest fish stocking information, a digital version of the Angling Code, and access to the Angler

Diary. By recording when and where you fish, the methods you use, weather conditions, and details of your catch—including photos—you can identify patterns to improve your success. This information also provides the IFS with valuable real time data on fishing effort and catch rates, helping inform the ongoing management of *your* fishery.

You can download the Infish App by scanning the QR code on page 47 of this Code or by visiting www.ifs.tas.gov.au/infish. We're also excited to announce that Trout Weekend will return in 2026, with a slight twist.

The event will now be held on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October 2026, aligning perfectly with the rainbow trout spawning run. This new timing offers a great opportunity for anglers to reconnect with the IFS early in the season—so be sure to mark the dates in your calendar. We look forward to seeing you at Liawenee.

Enjoy the season, and tight lines!

Ryan Wilkinson
Director – Inland Fisheries Service

Disclaimer

This fishing code is not a comprehensive account or precise statement of the law. The legislation covering inland fisheries is contained within the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995* and subordinate legislation, which can be accessed at

www.legislation.tas.gov.au
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Biosecurity Tasmania 1300 368 550

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Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) 1300 827 727

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Tasmanian Forecasts..... 1300 754 389

Trout Guides and Lodges Tasmania

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Important dates

Saturday 1/8/26	Opening of most waters
Saturday 3/10/26	Opening of designated rainbow trout waters
Sat 10 and Sun 11/10/26	Trout Weekend, Liawenee
Sunday 18/10/26	Gone Fishing Day
Saturday 28/11/26	Opening of Canal Bay, Yingina / Great Lake
Sunday 28/3/27	Closure of Canal Bay, Yingina / Great Lake
Sunday 2/5/27	Closure of most waters
Sunday 30/5/27	Closure of • designated rainbow trout waters. • extended season waters of; - Lake Mackintosh - Lake Rosebery - lower section of Brumbys Creek - Tinamirakuna / Macquarie River - Meander River - South Esk River

Key Regulation changes

A summary of regulation changes for the 2026-27 season:

- Den Dam – a new public fishery has been established at Den Dam. This water will be open in line with the rainbow trout season. A zero-bag limit applies. Only artificial lures and flies with single barbless hooks permitted.
- Lake Waverley – bag limit has been reduced to one fish.

Report illegal fishing

If you suspect or see illegal fishing, report it to 1300 463 474 or 0438 338 530, Manager (Compliance) as soon as possible. Let us know:

- the location, date and time of activity
- description of activity and people involved
- car/boat registrations, and
- equipment being used.

You may remain anonymous and all information is confidential.

Licence information

When and where you need an angling licence

Each person from 14 years of age, must have a current angling licence to fish inland waters in Tasmania. This includes farm dams on private property.

Most inland waters have an angling (or 'open') season. You can only fish that water during the open season that applies to it. Open season dates are on page 8 and 26-36 of this fishing code.

You do not need an angling licence to fish:

- at a registered private fishery.
- for native fish including bream in the specified (indigenous fish) waters listed in the *Inland Fisheries Regulations 2019.*
- with a single rod at an open inland water if the person is under 14 years old.

You must have a separate licence for whitebait fishing.

No fee for junior angling licences

The Tasmanian Government is continuing to make junior angling licences free this season. Children from 14, up to and including, 17 years of age can fish Tasmania's inland lakes and waterways with a free angling licence available online and through agents.

Anglers under 14 years of age do not require an angling licence.

Young adult and 80+ years angling licence promotions

The Inland Fisheries Service is committed to making licences more affordable to young adults by again offering discounted licence fees for those anglers aged between 18 and 21 years.

A discounted licence is also now available for those anglers aged 80 years and over.

Anglers aged 80 years and over that have a current 5 season licence purchased prior to the 2026-27 season will receive a refund of the difference between the old licence cost and the discounted rate. A representative from the IFS will contact you shortly to arrange the refund.

For more information and full terms and conditions go to

www.ifs.tas.gov.au

Licence type and cost

Page 12 shows the angling licence types and costs for the 2026-27 licence period, which runs from 1/8/26 to 31/7/27.

Full-season adult angling licences are discounted for:

- Services Australia or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Pensioner Concession Card holders
- Seniors Card holders – issued by states and territories
- Anglers aged 80 years and over, and
- Young Adults aged between 18-21 at time of purchase.

You must show your Seniors Card or Pensioner Concession Card when you buy your licence.

Please note that a Health Care Card does not qualify a person as eligible for a Pensioner licence.

Buying or renewing an angling licence

You can buy or renew an angling licence online at

www.ifs.tas.gov.au

Licences are also available at all Service Tasmania shops, on board the Spirit of Tasmania ships and many tackle, outdoor and sports stores throughout Tasmania.

Angling licence conditions

When you go fishing, you must comply with the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*, *Inland Fisheries Regulations 2019*, and subsequent Orders.

We summarise these rules and regulations in this Tasmanian Inland Fishing Code. You can view complete versions of the legislation at www.legislation.tas.gov.au

Angling licence type	Cost $
One Adult - full season	96.00
One Young Adult (18-21 yrs) - full season	52.50
One Senior - full season	76.00
One Pensioner - full season	52.50
One Angler – 80 years and over	29.00
One Junior (14 -17 yrs) - full season	No fee
One Person 48 hours	29.00
One Person 7 days	49.00
One Person 28 days	76.00
Same Person 2nd Rod Upgrade - Adult	19.50
Same Person 2nd Rod Upgrade - Senior, 80+ Yrs, Pensioner, Young Adult, 28 Day, 7 Day & 48 hour	9.50
Same Person 2nd Rod Upgrade - Junior	No fee
5 Season Licence - One Adult 1 Rod	480.00
5 Season Licence - One Senior 1 Rod	382.00
5 Season Licence - One Pensioner 1 Rod	264.50
5 Season Licence – One Angler 80 years and over	145.00
Same Person 5 Season 2nd Rod Upgrade - Adult	98.00
Same Person 5 Season 2nd Rod Upgrade - Pensioner & Senior	49.00
Same Person 5 Season 2nd Rod Upgrade – Angler 80 years and over	47.50
Replacement Licence	3.50

Recreational species

The recreational fishing regulations focus on the following species:

- Salmonids (introduced/acclimatised fish)
  - brown trout (*Salmo trutta*)
  - rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)
  - brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)
  - Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)
- Native (indigenous)
  - black bream (*Acanthopagrus butcheri*)
  - river blackfish (*Gadopsis marmoratus*)
  - short finned eel (*Anguilla australis*)
  - long finned eel (*Anguilla reinhardtii*)

Separate regulations apply to the recreational whitebait fishery, which covers several species of small native fish.

Whitebait fishing licence

The run of whitebait occurs throughout the State between spring and early summer. The runs consist of several species of small transparent fish migrating from the sea into rivers and streams.

To fish for whitebait you need a separate whitebait licence. Whitebait licences are available online at www.ifs.tas.gov.au and from Service Tasmania shops, on board the Spirit of Tasmania ships and many tackle, outdoor and sports stores throughout Tasmania.

In 2026, the Duck River (except 50 metres above and below the weir), Great Forester River, Henty River, Huon River, Inglis River,

Mersey River, Montagu River, Pieman River, River Derwent, River Forth, Kanamaluka / River Tamar including Trevallyn Tailrace and the Rubicon River (except 50 metres above and below the weir) are open to whitebait fishing from 1 October 2026 to 11 November 2026.

All other waters are closed to whitebait fishing. Significant penalties apply for fishing in closed waters.

There is a daily catch limit of two (2) kg and total possession limit of ten (10) kg for the season.

Whitebait nets cannot have a circumference of greater than 120 cm and must not be used in conjunction with any devices or structures capable of diverting fish into the net or stopping their escape. 'Structures' include rocks, logs, or branches placed in the river to influence the movement of fish.

It is an offence to sell or buy whitebait. It is also an offence to possess whitebait without a whitebait licence.

Whitebait Licence Fees:

- Anglers aged between 10 and 79 years of age $39.00
- Anglers aged 80 years and over $29.00

Rules and regulations

Angling rules and regulations, including seasons, dates and times, bag and size limits, and angling methods apply to all Tasmanian inland waters. These can change from water to water.

We summarise these rules and regulations in this Tasmanian Inland Fishing Code. You can view complete versions of the legislation at www.legislation.tas.gov.au

A database of inland waters and their regulations is available at www.ifs.tas.gov.au or by downloading the Infish App 2.0.

Bag and size limits

The bag limit is the number of fish you can keep at a water in any one day. The size limit (length in mm) is how big, or small, the fish must be for you to be allowed to keep it.

Any fish in your possession at a water counts towards the limit for that water.

Bag limits for salmonids

- Atlantic salmon: a daily bag limit of five (5) fish.
- Brook trout: a daily bag limit of two (2) fish.
- Brown and rainbow trout: the daily bag limit can change from water to water; see pages 26-36.

Bag and size limits for native fish in inland waters

- Black bream: a daily bag limit of five (5) fish with a minimum length of 250 mm.
- Eels: a daily bag limit of 12 fish and a possession limit of 24 fish with a minimum length of 300 mm.
- River blackfish: a daily bag limit of 12 fish with a minimum length of 220 mm.
- Estuary perch: **PROTECTED**. Any estuary perch caught must be released immediately. Penalties apply for taking protected fish.

Bag and size limits for pest fish in inland waters

- Redfin perch and tench: there are no bag, possession or size limits.

Measuring fish

Measure fish, other than black bream, from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

Measure black bream from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail.

You should measure fish as soon as you catch them and immediately return them to the water if undersized or exceeding the upper size limit.

Closed waters

Waters always closed to fishing include:

- Waters in which fish are maintained by the Director or by any other person or body with the consent of the Director for the purposes of fish culture or public display, and
- Waters within 100 metres of a fish trap maintained by the Director.

All other waters closed to fishing can be found in the River and Lake Fishery Exceptions table on pages 27-36.

Waters reserved for anglers with a disability

Risdon Brook Reservoir is reserved for anglers with eligible disabilities for the purpose of the Transport Access Scheme.

Junior Angling Development Fisheries

Junior Angling Development Fisheries are waters reserved for junior anglers.

Only people under 18 years can fish at Junior Angling Development Fisheries.

The following rules apply:

- a daily bag limit of two (2) fish
- a minimum size limit of 300 mm
- only one (1) fish over 500 mm
- open to all fishing methods
- a season of 1/8/26 - 2/5/27

The list of waters regulated as Junior Angling Development waters can be found in the River and Lake Exceptions table (pages 27-36).

Inland waters and seaward limits

The 'seaward limit' is the boundary between marine and inland waters. The Inland Fisheries Service has jurisdiction over fish and fisheries in all inland waters in Tasmania. This means all waters on the inland side of the seaward limit. Seaward limits are defined in the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995.*

Some of the common seaward limits are:

- Arthur River - The mouth of that river at grid reference 303452E 5452424N.
- Great Forester River – the point where that river enters Anderson Bay delineated by a straight line between grid references 537659E 5461043N and 537000E 5460780N.
- Huon River – delineated by a straight line between grid references 498484E 5224284N and 500623E 5224284N next to the southern extremity of Castle Forbes Bay.
- River Leven – the downstream side of the bridge carrying the National Hwy 1 across that river at grid reference 428952E 5442853N.

- Mersey River – a straight line across that river between grid references 448089E 5435279N and 448507E 5436286N (intersection of the B19 Road and Tarleton Road on the western shore to the boat ramp on the eastern shore).
- Scamander River – the downstream side of the bridge carrying the A3 road across that river at grid reference 605469E 5409338N.
- Swan River – delineated by a straight line between grid references 592571E 5341270N and 592532E 5341134N, near where it enters King Bay.
- Kanamaluka / River Tamar – a straight line across that river between grid references 508939E 5416893N and 509631E 5416893N (extending from Haystack Point).
- River Derwent – a straight line across that river between grid references 523162E 5262466N and 523944E 5262466N (extending from the eastern extremity of Dogshear Point).

Please note that an 'excepted waters' boundary extends across the River Derwent from Dowsings Point to Store Point. Although this excepted water is defined as a marine water, you must have an inland fisheries licence to take trout upstream of this boundary.

Rods and lines

Legal angling methods are fishing with a rod, reel and line using either bait, artificial lure or fly.

There are inland waters where only one or two of the legal angling methods are allowed. Please see the River and Lake Fishery Exceptions table on pages 27-36.

A licenced angler can possess more than one rigged rod (or two if the holder of a 2 rod licence) as long as they only use the number of rods they are licenced for (except for lakes Mackenzie and Augusta, which are restricted to one handheld rod and line when bait fishing).

Anyone may use two rods at the same time while fishing for indigenous fish (including bream) in the specified indigenous fish waters listed in the *Inland Fisheries Regulations 2019.*

A single line must have no more than:

- two lures; or
- two baits; or
- one lure and one bait; or
- three artificial flies.

You must always be within eight metres of your set rod and able to see it.

It is illegal to look after another person's rod and line at any time, even if you have a current licence.

Use of a landing net

You may use a landing net to land a fish hooked on a rod and line. The landing net must have:

- a handle length of less than two metres
- an opening of not more than one metre in diameter.

Bait fishing

Bait fishing includes natural, artificial or manufactured baits (for example 'Powerbait') or similar.

It is an offence to use or possess bait in waters reserved for; artificial lure or fly fishing, National Parks and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) (except lakes Mackenzie and Augusta where a single, handheld rod is allowed).

It is an offence to use frogs, freshwater crayfish or ground bait (berley) at any inland water. You may not use fish or fish products as bait in any inland waters other than those sections of rivers subject to tidal movement.

Collecting bait

You may use a seine net to catch live bait, other than whitebait, in those sections of rivers subject to tidal movement from 25/7/26 to 2/5/27.

The seine net must:

- not be more than six metres long and one metre deep
- have a mesh size between 12 and 30 mm.

Strike indicators

Only a purpose-built strike indicator can be used to warn of movement in the rod or line while set rod fishing.

Plants such as willow, a noxious weed, should not be used as a strike indicator, as it can propagate. It is an offence to use bottles, jars, cans or similar objects made of plastic, glass, aluminium or any other metal as a strike indicator.

Illegal equipment

Includes:

- Use or possession of nets other than a whitebait, seine or landing net.
- Unattended set rods or deadlines.
- Use of spears or firearms.
- Use of electrical, electronic, sonic or ultrasonic devices capable of influencing fish movement.

Illegal activities not only affect fish populations but can also affect other wildlife.

We encourage you to please report any suspected cases of illegal activity to 1300 463 474 or 0438 338 530, Manager (Compliance) as soon as possible.

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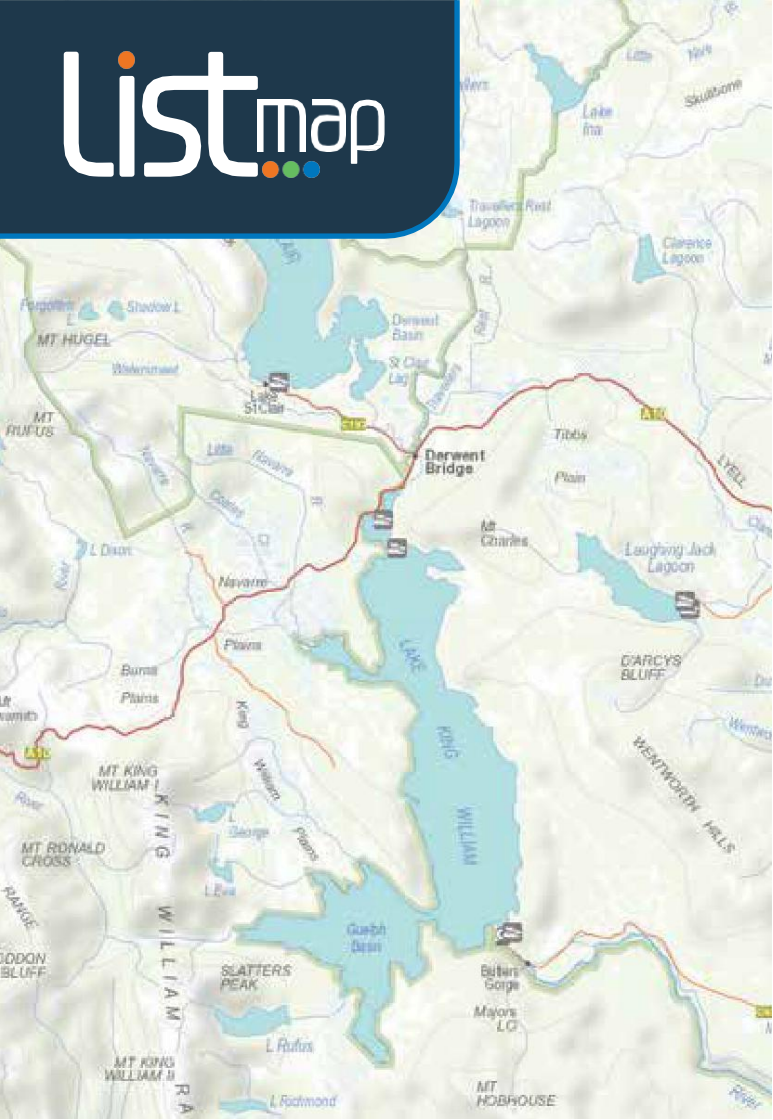

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River and lake fishery rules*

River fisheries rules

- a daily bag limit of five (5) fish.
- a minimum size limit of 220 mm.
- open to all fishing methods.
- a season of 1/8/26 - 2/5/27.

Unless the water is within the TWWHA or National Park, or listed in the table on pages 27-36.

Lake fisheries rules

- a daily bag limit of 12 fish.
- a minimum size limit of 300 mm.
- open to all fishing methods.
- a season of 1/8/26 - 2/5/27.

Unless the water is within the TWWHA or National Park, or listed in the table on pages 27-36.

Examples: Arthurs Lake, Lake Echo, Laughing Jack Lagoon, Pine Tier Lagoon, Wayatinah Lagoon.

**general rules - please check the specific rules / river and lake fishery exceptions (pages 27-36 or via Infish App) which may apply to each water before fishing.*

Remember:

- A daily bag limit of five (5) fish applies to Atlantic salmon.
- A daily bag limit of two (2) fish applies to brook trout.

Even if the total bag limit for the water you are fishing is 12, it can only include five (5) Atlantic salmon and two (2) brook trout.

River and lake fishery exceptions

KEY: Fishing method: A - Artificial lure, B - Bait, F - Fly, NL - Nineteen Lagoons, WL - Western Lakes. (Western Lakes is defined as the Central Plateau Conservation Area west of the A5 Highland Lakes Road and the Walls of Jerusalem National Park).

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Arthurs Lake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300	12
Arthurs Lake – waters flowing into Arthurs Lake and for a radius of 50 m below where that water flows into Arthurs Lake	Closed			
Big Waterhouse Lake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Blackmans Lagoon	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Bradys Lake	All year	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Bradys Lake – "whitewater" between the control gates on the Lyell Highway to Bradys Lake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Briseis Hole	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Bronte Canal	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	220	5
Bronte Lagoon	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	300	12
Bruisers Lagoon	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	F	400 (only 1 over 500)	2
Brumbys Creek - upstream from Weir 1	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	220	5
Brumbys Creek - downstream from Weir 1 to the junction with the Tinamirakuna / Macquarie River	1/8/26 - 30/5/27	A B F	220	5
Brushy Lagoon	All year From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Brushy Rivulet flowing into Brushy Lagoon	Closed			
Bushy Park Estate Dam (junior anglers 17 years and under)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 1 over 500)	2
Camden Lake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Camerons Lagoon	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	400 (only 1 over 500)	2
Carter Lakes (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
Clarence Lagoon (WL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	300	2
Craigbourne Lake	All year From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Craigbourne Lake	Fishing from the dam wall and associated infrastructure is prohibited			
Curries River Reservoir	1/8/26 - 2/5/27 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Curries River Reservoir - within a 400 m radius of the dam intake structure	Closed			
Dee Lagoon	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Dee Lagoon - waters flowing into Dee Lagoon and for a radius of 50 m below where that water flows into Dee Lagoon	Closed			
Den Dam	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A F *Single barbless hooks only	n/a	0
Double Lagoon (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
East Rocky Lagoon (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	F	n/a	0

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Emma Tarns (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
First Lagoon (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	500	1
Four Springs Lake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Yingina / Great Lake – except Canal Bay and Tods Corner	All year	A B F	300 brown trout/400 rainbow trout	12 (only 3 rainbow trout)
Yingina / Great Lake – Canal Bay enclosed by grid ref. 476050E 5362584N & 476072E 5361781N	28/11/26 - 28/3/27	A F	300 brown trout/400 rainbow trout	12 (only 3 rainbow trout)
Yingina / Great Lake – Tods Corner enclosed by grid ref. 481761E 5354650N & 481847E 5356012N	All year	A F	300 brown trout/400 rainbow trout	12 (only 3 rainbow trout)
Yingina / Great Lake - waters flowing into Yingina / Great Lake and for a radius of 50 m below where that water flows into Yingina / Great Lake	Closed			
Guide Reservoir	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Gunns Lake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Hiscutt Park Pond (Junior anglers 17 years and under)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 1 over 500)	2
Howes Lagoon Bay (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	F	420	2
Huntsman Lake	All year From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	220	20
Huon River, downstream of the Huonville Bridge	All year	A B F	220	5

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Huon River, upstream of the Huonville Bridge to the TWWHA boundary	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	220	5
Huon River, upstream of the TWWHA boundary	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	220	5
Junction Lake (WL)	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Ada (including Ada Lagoon) (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Agnes (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
Lake Augusta (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F Bait fishing 1 handheld rod only	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Baillie (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
Lake Barrington	All year	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Binney	All year	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Botsford (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	500	1
Lake Burbury	All year	A B F	220	20
Lake Chipman (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
Lake Crescent	1/8/26 - 2/5/27 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A F	500	1
Lake Crescent - all waters flowing into the lake, excluding that section of the canal connecting lakes Crescent and Sorell below Interlaken Road (C527).	Closed			
Lake Dudley (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	500	1
Lake Dulverton	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5

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Lake Duncan	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300	2
Lake Fenton and its tributaries	Closed			
Lake Flora (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
Lake Gordon	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	220	20
Lake Gordon - McPartlans Canal between lakes Gordon and Pedder	Closed			
Lake Isandula	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Kara	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Kay (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake King William	All year	A B F	220	20
Lake Leake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Leake - waters flowing into Lake Leake and for a radius of 50 m below where that water flows into Lake Leake	Closed			
Lake Lynch	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300	2
Lake Mackenzie (WL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F Bait fishing 1 handheld rod only	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Mackintosh	1/8/26 - 30/5/27	A B F	300	12
Lake Meston (WL)	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Mikany	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Paget (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2

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Lake Pedder	All year	A F	220	20
Lake Pedder - McPartlans Canal between lakes Gordon and Pedder	Closed			
Lake Plimsoll	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300	2
Lake Rolleston	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300	2
Lake Rosebery	1/8/26 - 30/5/27	A B F	300	12
Lake Rowallan	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A B F	300	12
Lake Selina	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300	2
Lake Skinner	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Sorell	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lake Sorell - Dogs Head Creek, Silver Plains Creek and Mountain Creek flowing into Lake Sorell and for a radius of 50 m below where that water flows into Lake Sorell	Closed			
Lake Waverley	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300	1
Lake Youd (WL)	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lamberts Dam	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Lauriston Reservoir	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Little Blue Lagoon (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
Little Lake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Little Pine Lagoon	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Little Pine Lagoon outlet canal	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	F	220	5
Little Waterhouse Lake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5

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Tinamirakuna / Macquarie River - downstream from its junction with Brumbys Creek to the South Esk River	1/8/26 - 30/5/27	A B F	220	5
Tinamirakuna / Macquarie River – upstream of Brumbys Creek junction	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	220	5
Meadowbank Lake	All year	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Meander River - downstream of Strath bridge on the C735 to the South Esk River	1/8/26 - 30/5/27	A B F	220	5
Meander River – upstream of Strath Bridge on the C735	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	220	5
Mersey River, upstream of Lake Rowallan	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A F	220	5
Mersey River, downstream of Lake Rowallan (unless within the Mole Creek Karst National Park)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	220	5
Mersey River – within the Mole Creek Karst National Park	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	220	5
Monpeelyata Canal	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	220	5
O'Dells Lake (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
Penstock Lagoon	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	F	400 (only 1 over 500)	2
Penstock Lagoon - numbers 1 and 2 canals above two white posts on opposite banks of those canals	Closed			

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Pet Reservoir	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Pioneer Lake	Closed until further notice. Check the IFS website or Infish app for updates			
Risdon Brook Reservoir, reserved for anglers with eligible disabilities	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
River Derwent, downstream of the New Norfolk Bridge	All year	A B F	220	5
River Derwent, upstream of the New Norfolk Bridge	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	220	5
River Leven, from National Hwy 1 (Bass Hwy) to Whisky Creek	All year	A B F	220	5
River Leven, upstream of the Loongana Road Bridge	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A B F	220	5
River Leven, between Whisky Creek & Loongana Road Bridge	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	220	5
Kanamaluka / River Tamar, downstream of the South Esk River (A7) and North Esk River (A8) road bridges	All year	A B F	220	5
Rocky Lagoon (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	F	420	2
Rossarden Dam	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Rostrevor Reservoir	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Sandy Lake (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
Second Lagoon (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	F	420	2
Shannon Lagoon	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5

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South Esk River - downstream from the bridge on Storys Creek Road at Avoca to Beams Hollow upstream of Lake Trevallyn, delineated by a straight line between grid reference 506358E 5406426N and 506467E 5406414N	1/8/26 - 30/5/27	A B F	220	5
South Esk River, upstream of the bridge on Storys Creek Road B42 at Avoca	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	220	5
South Riana Lake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
St Clair Lagoon	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Talbots Lagoon	1/8/26 - 2/5/27 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	A B F	300	5
Talbots Lagoon - all waters flowing into Talbots Lagoon	Closed			
Talinah Lagoon (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
Taylors Dam (Junior anglers 17 years and under)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 1 over 500)	2
Third Lagoon (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	420	2
Tin Hut Lake (NL)	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	500	1
Tooms Lake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Tungatinah Lagoon	All year	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5

Water	Open season	Fishing method	Size limit (mm)	Bag limit
Weld River – North, downstream of Harridge Falls	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	220	5
Weld River – North, upstream of Harridge Falls at grid reference 575755E 5443425N	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A B F	220	5
Weld River – South, upstream of grid reference 479959E 5233911N	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A F	220	5
Weld River – South, upstream of the confluence of the Huon River at grid reference 481046E 5232961N	3/10/26 - 30/5/27	A B F	220	5
Western Lakes – all Lakes not individually mentioned	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Woods Lake	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A B F	300 (only 2 over 500)	5
Woodwards Canal	1/8/26 - 2/5/27	A F	220	5

Boating information

A boat is a motorised boat or manually propelled vessel such as a kayak, canoe, sit-on-top or float-tube.

Boating in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA)

Motorised boating is only allowed on Pillans and Julian lakes, Double Lagoon, lakes Ada, Augusta, Fergus (electric only), Mackenzie, Pedder, St Clair and the Gordon River.

Fishing from a boat

The rules for fishing from a boat include the following:

- You cannot fish from a boat within 100 m of an angler wading or fishing from the shore unless the boat is securely moored.
- You may only fish from a non-motorised boat at lakes Camden, Lea and South Riana, and at Ada, Shannon and Talbots lagoons.
- You may not troll from a boat at Penstock and Little Pine lagoons.
- You may take fish from Weir No. 1 and Weir No. 3 on Brumbys Creek from a boat only propelled manually or by an electric motor.
- You may not fish from a boat in Den Dam, East Rocky Lagoon, Guide Reservoir, Howes Lagoon Bay, Lake Botsford, Carter Lakes, Lake Dudley, Pet Reservoir, Rocky Lagoon, and any tailrace, impoundment or tributary flowing into Weir 1 at Brumbys Creek.
- Only a boat propelled manually or by an electric motor can be used at Curries River Reservoir and Lake Mikany.

- At the request of the water manager, motorised boating is not permitted at Camden Lake, South Riana Lake, Shannon Lagoon and Talbots Lagoon.

Responsible boating

Anglers must:

- Make sure everyone in a vessel under six (6) metres is wearing a life jacket whilst underway.
- Have up-to-date safety and emergency equipment.
- Obey speed limits.
- Not obstruct access to a boat ramp.

Anglers should:

- Take care, particularly in shallow water.
- Check their wash and 'if it's white, it's all right – if it's brown, slow down'.
- Use an appropriate size boat and low emission motor.
- Avoid using a drogue in shallow weedy areas.
- Check for and remove weed, mud and other debris from your boat and trailer between waters.

Boating on Penstock Lagoon and Little Pine Lagoon

To protect the environment, please follow these regulations and recommendations.

Penstock Lagoon:

- A designated 25m wide boating corridor for petrol powered boats has been established on Penstock Lagoon. This corridor runs from the end of the boating channel at the northern (Boat ramp) end of the lagoon, towards Crisps point on the Eastern side, then down the centre of the lagoon towards the Lily Pond at the southern end. The corridor is marked by red and green (port and starboard) buoys.
- Transversing the lagoon under petrol power should be within the boating corridor.
- Adjust outboard trim and tilt to minimize wake.
- Allow sufficient time to transit and return to the ramp at reduced speed.
- A low wake speed of <5 knots applies to the whole lagoon. This is in place to avoid damage to the fragile weed bed habitats.
- Boating outside of the corridor should be by electric outboard or manual labour (With the exception of the existing non-motorised boating zone in Beginners Bay where manual labour only is permitted).
- If you do need to use your outboard motor outside of the boating corridor, please trim up and stay below the 5 knot speed limit.
- Avoid using a drogue in shallow weedy areas near shorelines. When using a drogue ensure proper buoyancy to avoid damage to aquatic vegetation.

- Anglers using petrol outboard motors on Penstock Lagoon please consider using 4 stroke or low emission 2 stroke motors.
- It is recommended that any petrol powered boats used on Penstock Lagoon be 5m or less in length.

Little Pine Lagoon:

- Stay within the five (5) knot speed limit regulation.
- Use electric motors, row, or paddle north of a line running from the northern end of Bertrams Island to the western shore of the lagoon.

Angling Safety

Fishing is not dangerous but safety around water is essential. Learn how to swim and practice wader safety. Fish with a friend and supervise junior anglers.

Check for emergency warnings.

Be prepared for the weather. Check the forecast at

www.bom.gov.au or phone 1300 754 389.
Check the lake levels and river flows by heading to;

- Hydro Tasmania at www.hydro.com.au/water
- Department of Natural Resources and Environment

  Tasmania at www.nre.tas.gov.au/water/water-data

Inland Fisheries Officers

Fisheries Officers (authorised under the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*) regularly patrol inland waters throughout Tasmania. Officers check that anglers are complying with the requirements of the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*. They also collect important information about your catch and angling effort that helps guide fisheries management and planning.

Protecting the fishery and the environment

We all have a responsibility to help protect the natural environment and the fishery through our actions, attitude and behaviour. Please:

- Respect other anglers and freshwater users.
- When wading, avoid soft sediments, weed beds and fragile plants.
- Do not use motorcycles, 4WD or ATV vehicles in wet, boggy or sensitive ecological areas.
- Do not litter – take your rubbish with you.
- Camp in designated camping areas.
- Light fires only in permitted areas. Make sure you completely extinguish all fires.
- Do not fell trees for firewood or destroy vegetation when making camp or collecting wattle grubs.
- Dispose of fish waste responsibly.
- Use toilets where provided. Otherwise, walk 100 m away from any water body, dig a 15 cm hole and bury your waste including the toilet paper.

Native fish species

Tasmania has 25 species of native freshwater fish. Twelve of these are wholly protected under the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*, including the Australian grayling and 11 species of galaxiid.

All species of freshwater crayfish including the giant freshwater crayfish (*Astacopsis gouldi*) are protected and fishing is prohibited.

Significant penalties apply for taking threatened or protected species.

General Biosecurity Duty

The General Biosecurity Duty (GBD) was introduced in March 2021 through the *Biosecurity Act 2019*. The GBD means all Tasmanian's have 'duty of care' to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent, eliminate, or minimise biosecurity risks. Biosecurity Tasmania has developed resources to help you understand GBD obligations. There is more

information available at: www.nre.tas.gov.au/GBD

Pest fish species

Pest fish have the potential to cause significant environmental harm. Pest fish include European carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), all species of mainland yabby (*Cherax* spp.) and Eastern gambusia (*Gambusia holbrooki*). You cannot have any of these fish in your possession.

Goldfish (*Carassius auratus*), redfin perch (*Perca fluviatilis*) and tench (*Tinca tinca*) are also unwanted introduced pests and it is important to prevent any further spread of these species.

It is an offence to transport and release live fish into any inland water in Tasmania without a permit.

Keep out didymo

To help prevent the introduction of the invasive algae didymo, commonly known as rock snot, we ask anglers visiting or returning to Tasmania not to bring used fishing equipment that is damp, wet or contains water into the State.

It takes only a single cell of didymo in a drop of water to transfer this highly invasive pest. 'Check, Clean, Disinfect and Dry' anything used in freshwater.

River Derwent seafood warning

Before eating fish caught from the River Derwent Estuary, including Browns River, check

www.derwentestuary.org.au/fishing-and-seafood-safety/

North Esk River PFAS

The Department of Health advises people not to eat any fish including eels caught in the North Esk River from the Corra Linn Gorge/Bridge to the Kanamaluka / River Tamar.

Commercial Eel Fishing

Commercial eel fishing periodically occurs in Tasmanian inland waters. Fyke nets and traps are used to take short and longfin eels. Nets are generally set in the shallow weedy margins of lakes. Fyke nets are a long cylindrical net featuring a net leader that extends from the opening and are often set in long strings of several nets.

Please be respectful and take care around commercial fishing equipment. It is an offence to interfere with commercial fishing equipment. There are strict rules and regulations around the commercial eel fishery and operations are routinely inspected by the Inland Fisheries Service.

Accessing waters across private land

An angling licence does not provide right of access to rivers and dams in Tasmania.

If in doubt, obtain the landholder's permission and observe all safety warnings and directions.

We have negotiated foot access to some rivers and dams with private landowners.

Anglers using these formal access points should not:

- light fires,
- climb fences,
- shoot,
- cut timber,
- camp,
- damage trees,
- litter,
- disturb stock,
- be accompanied by a dog,
- enter paddocks or trample crops,
- leave gates other than as they find them (open or closed),
- enter poppy crops, which are strictly enforced licensed areas. Anglers may only walk along the perimeter of crops.

Anglers Alliance Tasmania

Anglers Alliance Tasmania (AAT) is the peak body for freshwater anglers. AAT represent the interests of all Tasmanian and visiting licensed anglers.

Anglers should contact AAT with their thoughts and ideas. AAT also maintains a fantastic network of webcams that you can access for free to view many popular waters -

www.anglersalliance.org.au

Trout guides

The use of an experienced and accredited guide can make the difference between success and failure for the visiting or novice angler. Tasmania offers professional guiding services from one-day fly fishing lessons for beginners through to fully guided expeditions.

Trout Guides and Lodges Tasmania Inc. (TGALT) is the industry body whose members meet certified and audited accreditation standards, including the Tourism Council of Tasmania endorsement.

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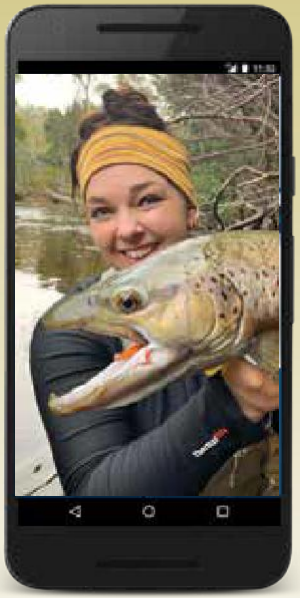

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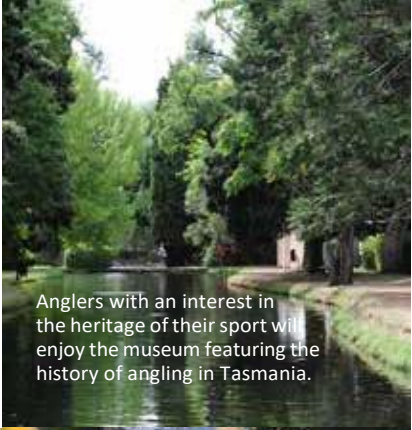

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