

Macquarie and Lake Rivers Anglers Access

REGION: NORTH



Access Rules

Foot Access for anglers has been provided by the goodwill of landowners and is a privilege not a right. If access is not specifically identified then you must ask for permission or you may be trespassing which is a criminal offence. Please respect private property and abide by the access rules and code of conduct to ensure the continued use of these areas.

- Poppy crops are strictly enforced licensed areas. Anglers may walk around the perimeter of crops but must not enter into or interfere with poppy crops.
- Do not stray into paddocks or trample crops.
- Avoid disturbing stock.
- Do not climb on fences.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Report any unusual fish captures or algal sightings to the Inland Fisheries Service.
- Report illegal activities to Bushwatch 1800 333 000.

Warning



ANGLING
REGULATIONS
APPLY



DEEP
WATER



STRONG
CURRENTS



ELECTRIC
FENCE

CONTACT DETAILS

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Getting There

The areas of the Macquarie and Lake Rivers covered in this brochure can be accessed from both Longford and Cressy approximately 30 km south west of Launceston.

Background

The Macquarie River is respected as one of Tasmania's finest trout fisheries. Combined with the Lake River and Brumbys Creek the region boasts some of the most accessible and rewarding river fishing in the state.

Recreational Fishery Management

The Macquarie and Lake Rivers are managed as wild trout fisheries. Populations are dominated by brown trout however rainbow trout are also present in the lower reaches of Brumbys Creek and the Macquarie River.

Angling Notes

Many areas of both rivers where there is easy access are identified in this brochure. For the more adventurous foot access has been provided for considerable distances both up and downstream from some of these locations through the goodwill of private landowners. **Anglers must observe the access signs and where access is not specifically identified permission must be sought from the landowner.** The Macquarie and Lake Rivers are open to all methods of angling and all are equally successful. Early in the season when levels are high there is scope for bait fishing with worms, wet fly and lure fishing. As the season progresses dry fly fishing comes in to its own with hatches of the famous red spinner mayfly the feature during spring. Fishing early and late in the day through summer is recommended although polaroiding can be rewarding. Late in the season grasshopper fishing is a feature with both natural baits and fly fishing proving successful.

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.

Method	Season
Fly fishing Artificial lures Bait fishing	Macquarie River: Downstream from its junction with Brumbys Creek to the South Esk River: From the first Saturday in August to the Sunday nearest the 31st May. Upstream from its junction with Brumbys Creek: From the first Saturday in August to the Sunday nearest the 30th April. Lake River: From the first Saturday in August to the Sunday nearest the 30th April.

Bag and Size Limits:

Species	Minimum size	Bag limit
Brown trout, Rainbow trout	220 mm	5*

*Total daily bag limit of 5 fish is for all species combined.

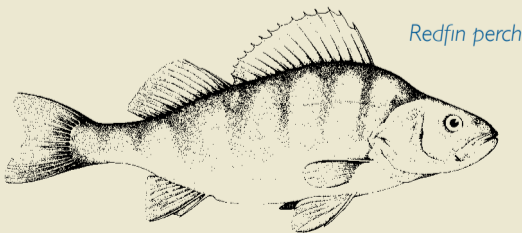
Protect our Waters

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

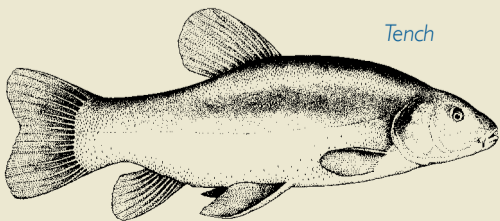
- Do not bring live or dead fish, fish products, animals or aquatic plants into Tasmania.
- Do not bring any used fishing gear or any other freshwater recreational equipment that may be damp, wet or contain water into Tasmania. **Check, clean and dry** your fishing equipment before entering Tasmania.
- 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

The pest fish, redfin perch (*Perca fluviatilis*) and tench (*Tinca tinca*) inhabit the Macquarie River system. If either of these species are caught, anglers are asked to humanely kill the captured fish and dispose of appropriately.



Redfin perch



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Brown trout

Rainbow trout

- Anglers Access
- No access beyond this point without prior permission
- Foot access only
- Sealed road
- Unsealed road

LOCATION

