

Getting There

South Riana Dam is 20 km southwest of Penguin via the B17 and C115 South Riana Road. The only public access is from a car park at the southern end of the dam.

Background

Completed in 2015, South Riana Dam is storage for the Dial Blythe Irrigation Scheme operated by Tasmanian Irrigation. We ask that you help us maintain the site and access by following the access rules and code of conduct.

Recreational Fishery Management

South Riana Dam flooded two existing farm dams that contained trout. The IFS regularly stocks the dam with wild brown trout fry to supplement limited natural recruitment.

Angling Notes

Bait, lure and fly-fishing are all successfully practised at South Riana Dam. Try set rod bait fishing with worms and grubs early in the season and use mudeyes and grasshoppers under a bubble float during the warmer months. Lure casting around the deeper eastern and northeastern shores is recommended. Fly-fishing on dusk with mud eye patterns will produce fish and daytime spinner hatches are becoming more reliable. A canoe or kayak is a useful way to access the northern and western shores of the dam. Motorised boating (including electric motors) is not permitted.

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.

Pest Fish Management

Anglers can help reduce the spread of pests in Tasmanian waterways. It is an offence to use fish or fish products for bait or to transfer fish between waters. Significant penalties apply.

South Riana Dam Angling Regulations

To fish in any open 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 Fishing Code.

Note: Angling is permitted from 1 hour before sunrise to 3 hours after sunset.

Species	Minimum size	Bag limit
Brown trout	300 mm	5 *

* Combined daily bag limit of 5 fish can only include 2 fish exceeding 500 mm in length.

Method	Season
Fly fishing Artificial lures Bait fishing	From the first Saturday in August to the Sunday nearest the 30th April.

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.

Report any unusual fish captures or algal sightings immediately to the Inland Fisheries Service

Report illegal activities to Bushwatch 1800 333 000



Brown trout illustration Trevor Hawkins







