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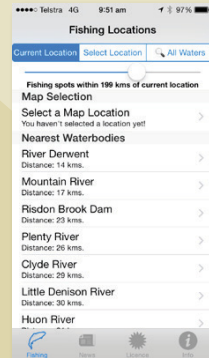
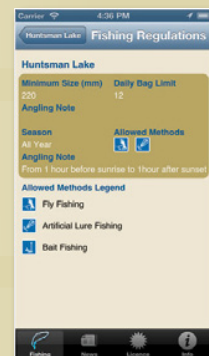
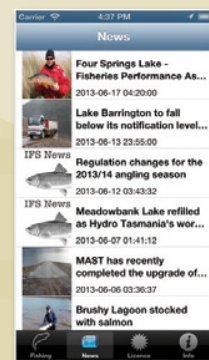
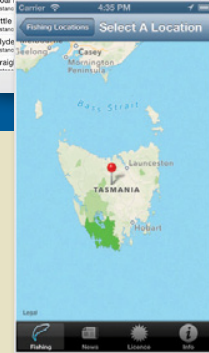
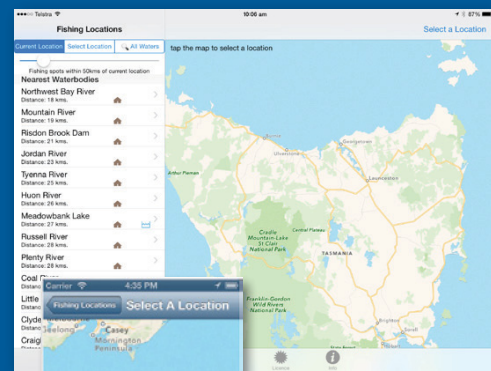
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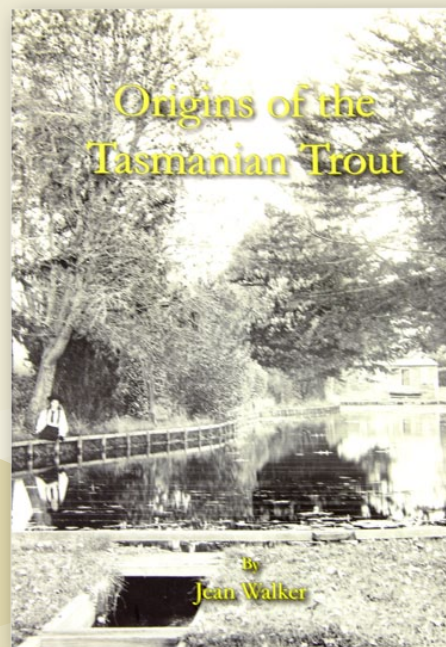
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## **Important season dates**

Saturday 5/8/17	Opening of most waters
Saturday 30/9/17	Opening of designated rainbow trout waters
Sunday 15/10/17	National Gone Fishing Day
Saturday 2/12/17	Opening of Canal Bay, yingina/Great Lake
Sunday 1/4/18	Closure of Canal Bay, yingina/Great Lake
Sunday 29/4/18	Closure of most waters
Saturday and Sunday 19-20/5/18	Trout Weekend, Liawenee
Sunday 3/6/18	Closure of designated rainbow trout waters and lakes Mackintosh and Rosebery

## **Regulation changes**

Special Closure: the small pond, commonly known as Lake Lynch, near Arthurs Lake, in the Central Highlands is closed until further notice due to an incursion of the mainland yabby (*Cherax destructor*).

## **Licence information**

### **Angling licence requirements**

Each person requires a current angling licence to fish with a rod, reel and line at any inland water in Tasmania. This includes farm dams on private property.

All inland waters have an angling (or open) season. You can only fish that water during the angling season that applies to it. Angling season dates are on page 22 of this booklet.



A separate licence is required for whitebait fishing and all commercial activities, including the sale of fish and possession of certain equipment such as nets and traps. Only a private fishery, registered under the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*, can charge a fee to fish and set rules for the fishery.

An angling licence is not required to fish:

- at a Registered Private Fishery
- for bream in the specified bream (indigenous fish) waters listed in the *Inland Fisheries (Recreational Fishing) Regulations 2009*
- with a single rod at an open inland water if the person is under the age of 14 years.

### **Licence type and cost**

Angling licence types and costs for the 2017-18 licence period, which runs from 1/8/17 to 31/7/18, are shown overleaf.

<b>Angling licence type</b>	<b>Cost \$</b>
5 Season Licence - One Adult 1 Rod	360.00
5 Season Licence - One Adult 2 Rod	435.00
5 Season Licence - One Pensioner 1 Rod	200.00
5 Season Licence - One Pensioner 2 Rod	237.00
5 Season Licence - One Senior 1 Rod	290.00
5 Season Licence - One Senior 2 Rod	327.00
One Adult full season	75.50
One Pensioner full season	41.50
One Senior full season	60.00
One Junior (14-17 yrs) full season	12.00
One Person 28 days	60.00
One Person 7 days	38.50
One Person 48 hours	23.00
Same Person 2nd Rod (Adult)	15.50
Same Person 2nd Rod (Pens/Sen/Jnr)	7.70
Replacement licence	3.10

For a Junior licence, a person must be at least 14 years of age and under 18 years of age.

To purchase a Senior or Pensioner licence, you must show your Senior Card or Pensioner Concession Card at the time of purchase and record the number on the licence.

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

### **Purchasing or renewing a licence**

Angling licences can be purchased or renewed online at [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au)

They are also available at all Service Tasmania shops and many tackle, outdoor and sports stores throughout Tasmania. Our list of stores can be found on our website at [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au)

### **Angling licence conditions**

When you buy a licence you are required to comply with the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*, *Inland Fisheries (Recreational Fishing) Regulations 2009* and subsequent Orders.

These rules and regulations are summarised in this Inland Fishing Code but complete versions of the legislation can be viewed online at; [www.thelaw.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au)



## Recreational species

The recreational fishing regulations are focused on the following species:

- Salmonids (introduced)
  - 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*)
  - estuary perch (*Macquaria colonorum*)
  - 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 small transparent fish migrating from the sea into rivers and streams. Several species are involved in this phenomenon and most are similar in appearance.

To fish for whitebait you need a separate whitebait licence. Whitebait licences are available on line at [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au) and from Service Tasmania shops and selected tackle, outdoor and sports stores.

In 2017 the rivers Derwent, Forth, Leven and kanamaluka/Tamar and the Black, Brid, Don, Duck, Henty, Huon, Inglis, Little Forester, Pieman, and Rubicon rivers are open for recreational whitebait fishing from 1 October 2017 to 11 November 2017. Fishing is not permitted in the Duck or Rubicon rivers 50 metres above and below the water gauging weir.

All other waters are closed to whitebait fishing at all times. Serious penalties apply for fishing in closed waters.

There is a daily catch limit of 2 kg and total catch limit of 10 kg for the season. Whitebait nets cannot have a circumference of greater than 120 cm and must not be used with any devices capable of diverting fish into the net or stopping their escape.

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

The cost of a whitebait licence is \$31.00.

## Rules and regulations

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

### The General Angling Rules

The General Angling Rules that apply to salmonids and river blackfish in most inland waters are:

- an open season from 5/8/17 to 29/4/18
- open to all methods of angling (bait fishing, artificial lure and fly)
- a daily bag limit of 12 fish
- a minimum fish size of 220 mm in length.

The General Angling Rules apply **UNLESS** a river, lake or lagoon is listed in the '**Exceptions to the General Angling Rules chart**' (pages 27-32) or as a '**Closed waters**' (this page) or has special regulations relating to the Western Lakes area (see page 22), National Parks or the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) (see page 19 & 33).

A database of inland waters and corresponding regulations that can be searched by water, region, species or fishing method, is available at [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au)

### Closed waters

Waters closed to fishing at all times include:

- All waters flowing into Lake Crescent excluding that section of the canal connecting lakes Crescent and Sorell below Interlaken Road (C527).



- 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.
- Curries River Reservoir, within a 400 m radius of the dam intake structure.
- Lake Fenton and its tributaries.
- Waters flowing into yingina/Great Lake, Lake Leake, Arthurs Lake and Dee Lagoon.
- Waters within a radius of 50 m below where that water flows into yingina/Great Lake, Lake Leake, Arthurs Lake and Dee Lagoon.
- Penstock Lagoon Numbers 1 and 2 canals above two white posts on opposite banks of those canals.
- Brushy Rivulet, flowing into Brushy Lagoon.
- All waters flowing into Talbots Lagoon.
- McPartlans Canal between lakes Pedder and Gordon.
- Craigbourne Dam, from the dam wall and associated infrastructure.
- All ponds, raceways and fish culture ponds maintained by, or operated under, the consent of the Service (the exception being the Plenty River adjacent to the Salmon Ponds that is reserved for anglers with a disability)
- Within 100 m of a fish trap maintained by the Service.
- Specific exclusion zones applied to lakes and canals by water managers must be observed.

## **Special closures**

- Lake Sorell is closed to the public until further notice due to the Carp Management Program.
- The small pond, commonly known as Lake Lynch, near Arthurs Lake, in the Central Highlands is closed until further notice due to an incursion of the mainland yabby (*Cherax destructor*).

## **Waters reserved for juniors or anglers with a disability**

- Risdon Brook Dam and the Plenty River adjacent to the Salmon Ponds, are reserved for anglers with eligible disabilities for the purpose of the Transport Access Scheme.
- Lake Waverley is reserved for junior anglers who must be under 16 years of age and accompanied by an adult.

## **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 is; all waters on the inland side of the Seaward Limit.

Seaward limits are marked by ADG 94 map coordinates and are defined in the *Inland Fisheries (Seaward Limits) Order 2004*.

Some of the common seaward limits are:

- Great Forester River – the point where that river enters Anderson Bay delineated by a straight line

between grid references E 537659 N 5461043 and E 537000 N 5460780.

- Huon River – delineated by a straight line between grid references E 498484 N 5224284 and E 500623 N 5224284 adjacent 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 E 428952 N 5442853.
- Mersey River – a straight line across that river between grid references E 448089 N 5435279 and E 448507 N 5436286 (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 E 605469 N 5409338.
- Swan River – delineated by a straight line between grid references E 592571 N 5341270 and E 592532 N 5341134, near where it enters King Bay.
- kanamaluka/River Tamar – a straight line across that river between grid references E 508939 N 5416893 and E 509631 N 5416893 (extending from Haystack Point).
- River Derwent – a straight line across that river between grid references E 523162 N 5262466 and E 523944 N 5262466 (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 Exception Area is defined as a marine water, an inland fisheries licence is required if trout are taken upstream of this boundary.

## **Rods and lines**

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

Although many inland waters allow all three methods, there are waters where only one or two of the legal angling methods are allowed. These restrictions are listed in the Exceptions to the General Angling Rules chart on pages 27-32

Only one rod and line is allowed per person - unless that person is licensed to fish with two rods at the same time (except for lakes Mackenzie and Augusta which are restricted to one hand held rod and line when bait fishing).

Anyone may use two rods at the same time fishing for bream in specified bream (indigenous fish) waters (found in schedule 1 of the *Inland Fisheries (Recreational Fishing) Regulations 2009*).

A single line must have no more than

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

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

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

### **Bait fishing**

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

It is also an offence to use or possess bait in waters reserved for artificial lure or fly fishing (as listed in the Exceptions to the General Angling Rules Chart (page 27-32), National Parks and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) (except lakes Mackenzie and Augusta where a single hand held rod is permitted).

It is an offence to use frogs, freshwater crayfish or ground bait (berley) at any inland water.

The use of fish and fish products as bait is prohibited in all inland waters other than those sections of rivers subject to tidal movement.

### **Collecting bait**

You may use either a hand held landing net or a seine net to catch live bait, other than whitebait, in those sections of rivers subject to tidal movement from 29/7/17 to 29/4/18.

The landing net must have

- a handle length of less than two metres.
- a mesh size of greater than or equal to 12 mm.
- an opening of not more than one metre in diameter.

The seine net must

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

### **Bag and size limits**

The bag limit is the number of fish you can keep in a single day fishing.

The size limits are how big, or small, the fish must be to be kept.

Bag and size limits can change from water to water.

Limits are (unless listed in the Exceptions to the General Angling Rules chart or a water in the Western Lakes area):

- For salmonids and river blackfish the daily bag limit is 12 fish with a minimum length of 220 mm.
- For bream the daily bag is 10 fish with a minimum length of 250 mm.
- For eels the daily bag limit is 12 fish with a minimum length of 300 mm.
- Estuary perch have a zero bag limit.

Any fish in your possession at a water count toward the limit for that water.

### **Measuring fish**

Fish, other than bream, should be measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

Bream are measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail.

The fish should be measured when first caught and immediately returned to the water if undersize.

### **Strike indicators**

Only a purpose-built strike indicator is allowed to warn of movement in the rod or line whilst set rod fishing.

Plants such as willow, which is a noxious weed, should not be used as it has the ability to propagate from a strike.

Bottles, jars, cans or similar objects made of plastic, glass, aluminium or any other metal are not permitted.

### **Illegal equipment**

The following equipment and activities are prohibited:

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

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

We encourage you to please report any suspected cases of illegal activity to 1300INFISH as soon as possible.

## **The Western Lakes area rules**

The Western Lakes area is defined as the Central Plateau Conservation Area west of the A5 Lakes Road and the Walls of Jerusalem National Park and includes all lakes, rivers and lagoons within this area. The rules that apply to most waters in the Western Lakes area are:

- an open season from 5/8/17 to 29/4/18
- restricted to artificial lure and fly fishing
- a minimum fish length of 220 mm
- a combined daily bag limit of five fish with only two greater than 500 mm in length

There are exceptions to these rules which are shown in the Exceptions to the General Angling Rules chart below and denoted by (WL).

Please note vehicle access via the Lake Augusta road into the Western Lakes area is controlled by the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS). Track conditions (including open/closed status) can be checked by contacting PWS Great Western Tiers Field Centre (03) 6701 2104.

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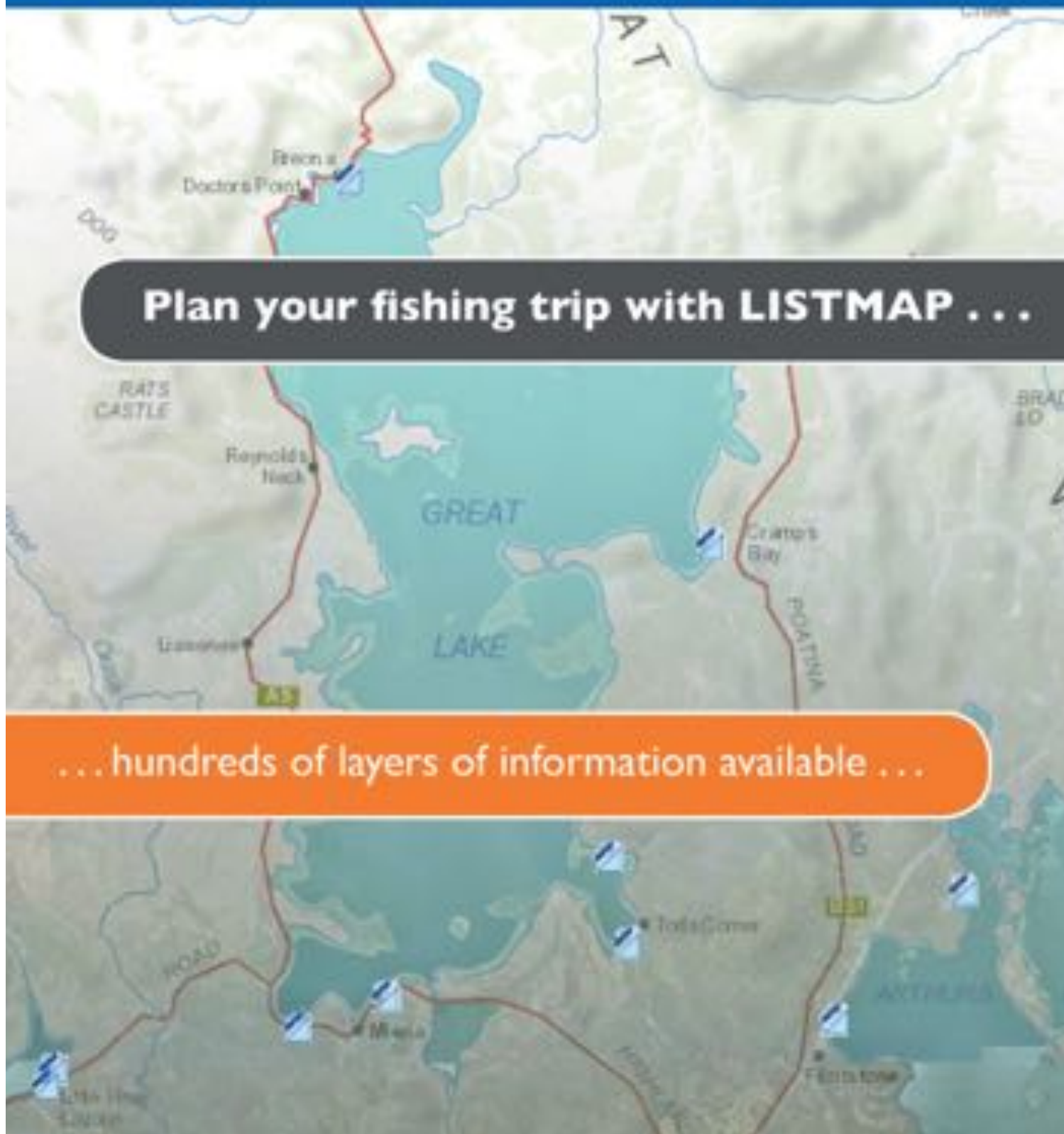




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## Exceptions to the General Angling Rules chart

Waters found in the following places do not follow the General Angling Rules (see page 14).

- The Western Lakes area (see page 22).
- Tasmanian National Parks (bait fishing prohibited).
- The Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) (in relation to methods of angling only see page 19 & 33).
- Closed waters Special Closures (see page 14-16).
- The Exceptions to the General Angling Rules chart below

### Fishing Method: A – Artificial Lure, B – Bait, F – Fly

Water name	Open season	Fishing method	Minimum size limit (mm)	Maximum daily bag limit
Ada Lagoon (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	300/500	5 fish combined for Western Lakes with only 2 over 500 mm
Big Waterhouse Lake	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Blackmans Lagoon	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Bradys Lake	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Bradys “whitewater” between control gates on the Lyell Highway to Bradys Lake	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Break O’Day River	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	5 fish
Bronte Lagoon including Bronte Canal (from Pine Tier Lagoon) and Woodward’s Canal (to the Lyell Highway)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	220	12 fish including 5 brook trout only
Bruisers Lagoon	5/8/17–29/4/18	F	220	2 fish
Brumbys Creek Weir 1 (Top Weir)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	220	12 fish
Brushy Lagoon	All Year. From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm

Camerons Lagoon	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	2 fish
Carter Lakes (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
Clarence Lagoon (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	220/500	5 fish combined for Western Lakes with only 2 over 500 mm
Clyde River	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	5 fish
Coal River	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	5 fish
Craigbourne Dam No fishing from dam wall or assoc. infrastructure	All Year. From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Curries River Reservoir No fishing within 400m of the dam tower	5/8/17–29/4/18 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Dee Lagoon	30/9/17–3/6/18	AF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Double Lagoon (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
East Rocky Lagoon (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	F	Catch & release	0 fish
Edgar Pond	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	220	12 fish
Emma Tarns (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
First Lagoon (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	500	1 fish
Flowerdale River	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	5 fish
Four Springs Lake	5/8/17–29/4/18 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
yingina/Great Lake-Tods Corner enclosed by grid ref. E 481761 N 5354650 & E 481847 N 5356012	All Year	AF	300 brown trout 400 rainbow trout	12 fish including 3 rainbow trout only
yingina/Great Lake-Canal Bay enclosed by grid ref. E 476050 N 5362584 & E 476072 N 5361781	2/12/17–1/4/18	AF	300 brown trout 400 rainbow trout	12 fish including 3 rainbow trout only
yingina/Great Lake (excluding Canal Bay and Tods Corner)	All Year	ABF	300 brown trout 400 rainbow trout	12 fish including 3 rainbow trout only

Guide Reservoir	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	300	5 fish
Howes Lagoon Bay (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	F	420	2 fish
Huntsman Lake	All Year. From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	AF	220	12 fish
Huon River downstream of Huonville Bridge	All Year	ABF	220	12 fish
Junction Lake (WL)	30/9/17–3/6/18	AF	220/500	5 fish combined for Western Lakes with only 2 over 500 mm
Lake Ada (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	300/500	5 fish combined for Western Lakes with only 2 over 500 mm
Lake Agnes (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
Lake Augusta (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF Baitfishing 1 hand held rod only	300/500	5 fish combined for Western Lakes with only 2 over 500 mm
Lake Baillie (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
Lake Barrington	All Year	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Lake Binney	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Lake Botsford (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	500	1 fish
Lake Burbury	All Year	ABF	220	20 fish
Lake Chipman (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
Lake Crescent	5/8/17–29/4/18 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	AF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Lake Dudley (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	500	1 fish
Lake Flora (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
Lake Gordon	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	220	20 fish



Lake Kara	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Lake Kay (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	F	300/500	5 fish combined for Western Lakes with only 2 over 500 mm
Lake King William	All Year	ABF	220	20 fish
Lake Leake	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Lake Mackenzie (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF Baitfishing 1 hand held rod only	220/500	5 fish combined for Western Lakes with only 2 over 500 mm
Lake Mackintosh	5/8/17–3/6/18	ABF	220	12 fish
Lake Meston (WL)	30/9/17–3/6/18	AF	220/500	5 fish combined for Western Lakes with only 2 over 500 mm
Lake Paget (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
Lake Pedder (WL)	All Year	AF	220	20 fish
Lake Plimsoll	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	5 fish
Lake Rolleston	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	5 fish
Lake Rosebery	5/8/17–3/6/18	ABF	220	12 fish
Lake Rowallan	30/9/17–3/6/18	ABF	220	12 fish
Lake Selina	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	5 fish
Lake Skinner	30/9/17–3/6/18	AF	220	12 fish
Lake Sorell	Special closure			
Lake Waverley Reserved for junior anglers 16 years and under	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	12 fish
Lake Youd (WL)	30/9/17–3/6/18	AF	220/500	5 fish combined for Western Lakes with only 2 over 500 mm

Little Blue Lagoon (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
Little Pine Lagoon	5/8/17–29/4/18	F	220	5 fish
Little Pine Lagoon to Ouse River known as Monpeelyata Canal	5/8/17–29/4/18	F	220	5 fish
Little Swanport River	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	5 fish
Little Waterhouse Lake	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Macquarie River	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	5 fish
Meadowbank Lake	All Year	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Mersey River upstream of Lake Rowallan	30/9/17–3/6/18	ABF	220	12 fish
O'Dells Lake (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
Penstock Lagoon	5/8/17–29/4/18	F	420	3 fish
Pet Reservoir	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	300	5 fish
Pioneer Lake	All Year	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Plenty River adjacent to the Salmon Ponds Reserved for anglers with a disability	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	1 fish
Risdon Brook Reservoir Reserved for anglers with a disability	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	220	12 fish
River Derwent downstream of Bridgewater Bridge	All Year	ABF	220	12 fish
River Leven downstream of Allison Bridge at Golf Club Rd	All Year	ABF	220	12 fish
River Leven upstream of Loongana Road Bridge	30/9/17–3/6/18	ABF	220	12 fish

kanamaluka/River Tamar downstream of the South Esk (A7) and North Esk (A8) road bridges	All Year	ABF	220	12 fish
Rocky Lagoon (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	F	420	2 fish
Rubicon River	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	5 fish
Sandy Lake (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
Second Lagoon (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	F	420	2 fish
South Esk River	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	220	5 fish
South Riana Dam	5/8/17–29/4/18 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Talbots Lagoon	5/8/17–29/4/18 From 1hr before sunrise to 3hrs after sunset	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Talinah Lagoon (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
Third Lagoon (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	420	2 fish
Tin Hut Lake (WL)	5/8/17–29/4/18	AF	500	1 fish
Tooms Lake	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Tungatinah Lagoon	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm
Weld River (North) upstream of grid reference E 575769 N 5443349	30/9/17–3/6/18	ABF	220	12 fish
Weld River (South) upstream of grid reference E 479455 N 5234171	30/9/17–3/6/18	ABF	220	12 fish
Woods Lake	5/8/17–29/4/18	ABF	300/500	5 fish with only 2 over 500 mm

## **Boating information**

### **Boating regulations**

Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) regulates boating throughout the State. We regulate fishing from a boat in some waters, and Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) regulates boating in National Parks and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

### **Boating in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and National Parks**

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

### **Fishing from a boat**

A boat not only includes a motorised boat but a range of vessels such as: kayaks, canoes, sit on tops and float-tubes.

The rules around fishing from a boat includes the following:

- You cannot fish from a boat within 100 m of an angler fishing from the shore unless the boat is securely moored.
- You cannot use a boat to drop a lure or bait offshore and then return to shore to fish with that lure or bait.

- You may only fish from a non-motorised boat at; lakes Ashford, Bantic, Bellinger, Garcia, Lea, and Ada and Talbots lagoons.
- At Penstock and Little Pine lagoons, trolling of flies from a boat is not permitted.
- Fishing from a boat is not allowed at weirs 1 and 3, Brumbys Creek whilst using a petrol outboard motor.
- Fishing from a boat is prohibited in lakes Botsford, Carter and Dudley, Howes Lagoon Bay, East Rocky and Rocky lagoons, Pet Reservoir, Guide Reservoir, and above Weir 2 at Brumbys Creek and any tailrace, impoundment or tributary flowing into Weir 1 at Brumbys Creek.
- Only a boat rowed/paddled or powered by an electric outboard motor can be used at Curries River Reservoir.

## **Responsible boating**

Boating on inland waters may impact the environment and the overall experience for other anglers. Here are some rules and some suggestions for boating anglers:

- Make sure everyone is wearing a life jacket.
- Have up to date safety and emergency equipment.
- Do not speed, particularly in shallow water.
- A general tip is to check your wash and 'if it's white, it's all right – if it's brown, slow down'. Obey the 5 knots speed limit where signposted.

- You must not exceed a maximum speed of 5 knots within 60 metres of the shoreline or other boat and within 120 metres of a person swimming, diving or wading in the water.
- Use an appropriate size of boat and motor for the water you're fishing in.
  - Electric motors in shallow lakes and weedy margins.
  - 4 stroke or low emission 2 stroke motors to reduce the amount of petrochemicals released.
- Avoid using a drogue in shallow areas with soft sediments or fragile plants and weed beds.
- Drive at a slow speed on unsealed roads when towing boats. Observe the 40 km/h recommended maximum speed on Woods Lake Road.
- It is an offence to obstruct access to a boat ramp at any inland water.

## **Boating on Penstock and Little Pine Lagoons**

To protect the fragile aquatic habitat and limit bottom sediment and plant disturbance, the recommended boating practice for these waters is:

- Penstock Lagoon-
  - Stay within the 5 knot speed limit.
  - Use outboard motors only in the designated central corridor.



- Use rowed/paddled or boats powered by electric motors outside of the central corridor.
- Observe the non-motorised boating zone in Beginners Bay.
- Little Pine Lagoon-
  - Stay within the 5 knot speed limit.
  - Use rowed/paddled or boats powered by electric motors only north of the line of buoys running from the northern end of Bertrams Island to the western shore of the lagoon.

For more information, see signage at the launching areas or refer to the Angler Access brochure for each lagoon, available from [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au).

## **Inland fisheries officers**

We have a number of Officers authorised under the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*, who regularly patrol inland waters throughout Tasmania. Officers check that anglers are complying with the requirements of the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995* and protect native and sports fisheries. They might also collect important information about creel data and angling effort that helps guide fisheries management and planning.

Joint patrols are regularly conducted with other agencies including Tasmania Police and Parks and Wildlife Service.

Penalties apply for not observing the rules and regulations of the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995* and our Officers are able to issue on the spot infringement notices for certain offences.

Our Officers are also authorised under the *Marine and Safety Authority Act 1997* and the *Litter Act 2007*.

Please do the right thing and enjoy your fishing – the future of this great resource is in your hands.

### **Report illegal fishing**

**Call 1300 INFISH (1300 463474) or 0438 338 530 (Manager, Compliance and Operations)**

If you suspect or witness illegal fishing, report it on 1300 INFISH (1300 463474).

Let us know:

- The location, date and time of activity.
- Description of activity and people involved.
- Car/boat registrations.
- Equipment being used.

You may remain anonymous and all information is treated as confidential.

### **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 from fishing.

Heavy penalties apply for taking threatened or protected species.

## **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:

- Be aware of and comply with fishing regulations. Ignorance is not a legal excuse.
- Respect the rights of other anglers and freshwater users.
- Return unharmed; undersized, protected or unwanted fish back to the water.
- When wading, avoid sensitive areas including 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 and respect the rights of other campers.
- Light fires in designated areas and in constructed fireplaces or fire-pots only. Make sure you completely extinguish all fires. Do not light fires in fuel stove

only areas such as the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and National Parks.

- Do not fell trees for firewood or destroy vegetation when making camp or collecting wattle grubs.
- Dispose of fish waste responsibly. Do not clean fish and leave remains in public amenity areas.
- Use public toilets where they exist at fishing locations. Otherwise, walk 100 m away from any water body, dig a 15 cm hole and bury your waste including the toilet paper.
- Report any unusual fish captures or algae sightings, or any suspicious or illegal activities.

## **Preventing pests and diseases**

It is a serious offence to transfer any fish, including trout, pest fish or native species, between inland waters in Tasmania. It is also an offence to bring live fish, fish products, animals or aquatic plants into the State. Transfer includes not releasing into drains or sewers any freshwater fish, frogs, tadpoles, invertebrates, plants or aquarium water. Both the fish and the water in which they are transported may harbour diseases, parasites and pests.

It is now a legal requirement to declare all used fishing equipment at quarantine entry points to Australia.

This is because of the threat posed by the pest algae, didymo, which has invaded fishing waters in New Zealand.

Locally, it is also an offence to use willow as a rod support

or strike indicator as it has the ability to propagate from a strike

## **Pest fish species**

Pest fish have the potential to cause significant environmental harm. Pest fish include European carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), all species of mainland yabbies (*Cherax spp.*) and Eastern gambusia (*Gambusia holbrooki*). You cannot possess or release into any inland water in Tasmania, including an aquarium, pest fish that are listed in the Controlled Fish Order under the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*.

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

A full list of the Controlled Fish can be found on our website [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au).

## **Keep out didymo**

To help prevent the introduction of the invasive algae, didymo, commonly known as rock snot, anglers travelling to Tasmania are requested 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 between waterways.

‘Check, Clean, Disinfect and Dry’ anything used in

freshwater to prevent the spread of didymo and other pests or pathogens.

### **River Derwent seafood advice**

Advice provided by the Derwent Estuary Program and the Director of Public Health recommends limiting the consumption of some fish and avoiding others harvested from the River Derwent Estuary, including Ralphs Bay and Browns River. For further details, refer to [www.derwentestuary.org.au/recreational-fishing](http://www.derwentestuary.org.au/recreational-fishing).

### **Accessing waters across private land**

An Inland Angling Licence does not provide right of access to rivers and dams in Tasmania. Access across private property should be viewed as a privilege.

If in doubt, obtain the landholder's permission before attempting access. Be aware that you are responsible for your own safety on private property and should observe all safety warning signs.

We have negotiated foot access to some rivers and dams with private landowners. A list of rules applies to these agreed Angler Access areas. These are aimed at minimising the impact of anglers and ensuring their ongoing access.

Anglers using these formal access points should not:

- light fires
- shoot
- camp



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

These rules are for foot access only; motor vehicles should only be used on designated public roads.

## **Anglers Alliance Tasmania**

Anglers Alliance Tasmania (AAT) is the peak body for freshwater anglers. They seek to represent the interests of all Tasmanian and visiting licensed anglers. AAT works with State and Local Authorities to ensure the sustainability of Tasmania's recreational freshwater fishery.

Affiliated angling clubs, professional and industry associations and independent angler representatives make up the committee of AAT that meets quarterly.

AAT welcomes input from all anglers through its committee structure and via the website, that provides the latest news on projects together with committee

minutes. Anglers are urged to visit the AAT website at [www.anglersalliance.org.au](http://www.anglersalliance.org.au) for more information or to view their webcams located at many popular waters.

## **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 a full range of professional guiding services including 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 have met certified and audited accreditation standards, including the Tourism Council of Tasmania endorsement. TGALT guides invest heavily in reaching and maintaining these nationally recognised tourism accreditation standards and operators must have reached specified trout fishing experience levels to be accepted as members.

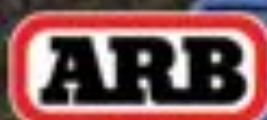
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## Disclaimer

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 online at [www.thelaw.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au)

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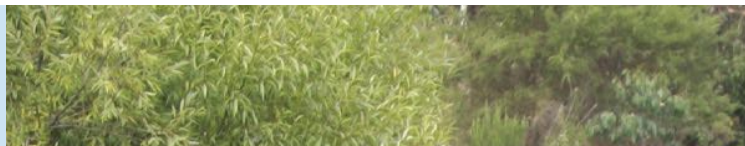
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