

Lake Leake and Tooms Lake Anglers Access



REGION: EAST



Tooms Lake Angling Regulations

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Brown trout, Rainbow trout	300 mm	5*

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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.

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LAKE LEAKE

Getting There

Lake Leake lies on the B34 approximately 34 km east of Campbell Town.

Background

Lake Leake was constructed in 1883 to supply Campbell Town with a permanent water supply. The lake is fed from the Snowy River and feeds the Elizabeth River that runs to Campbell Town.

Recreational Fishery Management

Lake Leake is managed by the Inland Fisheries Service (IFS) as a Premium Trout Fishery. Brown trout populations are maintained through natural recruitment. The IFS regularly stocks Lake Leake with brook and rainbow trout to maintain the quality of the angling.

Angling Notes

Milder weather due to the relatively low elevation (571m) and proximity to the east coast makes Lake Leake favourable as an early and late season destination for anglers. Lake Leake however, provides good sport throughout the season. Early season wet fly-fishing and lure casting around the weed beds is a highlight. Dry fly fishing peaks from November through to December with reliable rises to duns and spinners. Drift spinning can be productive throughout the season.

Pest Fish Management

Redfin perch (*Perca fluviatilis*) are present in Lake Leake. If this species is caught, anglers are asked to humanely kill the captured fish and dispose of appropriately. Anglers can help reduce the spread of pests in Tasmanian waterways by not transferring fish between waters. Offences may incur penalties up to \$10,000.

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Lake Leake Regulations:

- Waters flowing into Lake Leake and for a radius of 50 metres below the point where that water flows into the lake are closed to fishing at all times.

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Recreational Use

One formal campground exists between the boat ramp and the dam wall. Toilet and BBQ facilities are provided. A second launching area is located at Kalangadoo Bay. Vehicle access is restricted to the boat ramp, campground and carpark near the dam and at Kalangadoo Bay. Please respect private property and abide by the access rules and code of conduct to ensure the continued use of these areas.

Responsible Boating

Lake Leake is a sheltered water ideal for small boats. Use the designated launching areas only.

TOOMS LAKE

Getting There

Tooms Lake lies approximately 42 km east of Ross and can be accessed from Ross via the C305 or York Plains via the C307.

Background

Tooms Lake lies within the Tooms Lake Conservation area managed by the Parks and Wildlife Service. The Northern Midlands Council manages the shack village and camp ground. Tooms Lake provides a regulated water supply for irrigation alongside the Macquarie River and drinking water for Ross township.

Recreational Fishery Management

Tooms Lake is managed by the IFS as a Premium Trout Fishery. Due to limited opportunities for natural recruitment the IFS regularly stocks Tooms Lake to maintain populations of brown and rainbow trout.

Angling Notes

Tooms Lake has gained a reputation as an early season venue due to its low elevation (466m) although given favourable conditions and water levels angling can be rewarding throughout the season. Wet and dry fly fishing, trolling, lurecasting and set rod baitfishing are all popular methods.

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.

Native Fish Management

The Jollytail (*Galaxias maculatus*) has established a landlocked population in the Tooms Lake with juveniles often being observed swimming around in small schools. This scaleless fish grows to a maximum length of 180mm but is more commonly around 100mm.

The other native species potentially present is the short finned eel (*Anguilla australis*).

Recreational Use

One formal campground exists between the boat ramp and the dam wall. A composting toilet facility is provided.

Access Rules

- Keep to formed tracks.
- Do not litter.
- Respect private land – if in doubt ask permission.
- Shooting is prohibited.
- No fires on lakeshores.
- Do not fell trees.

Responsible Boating

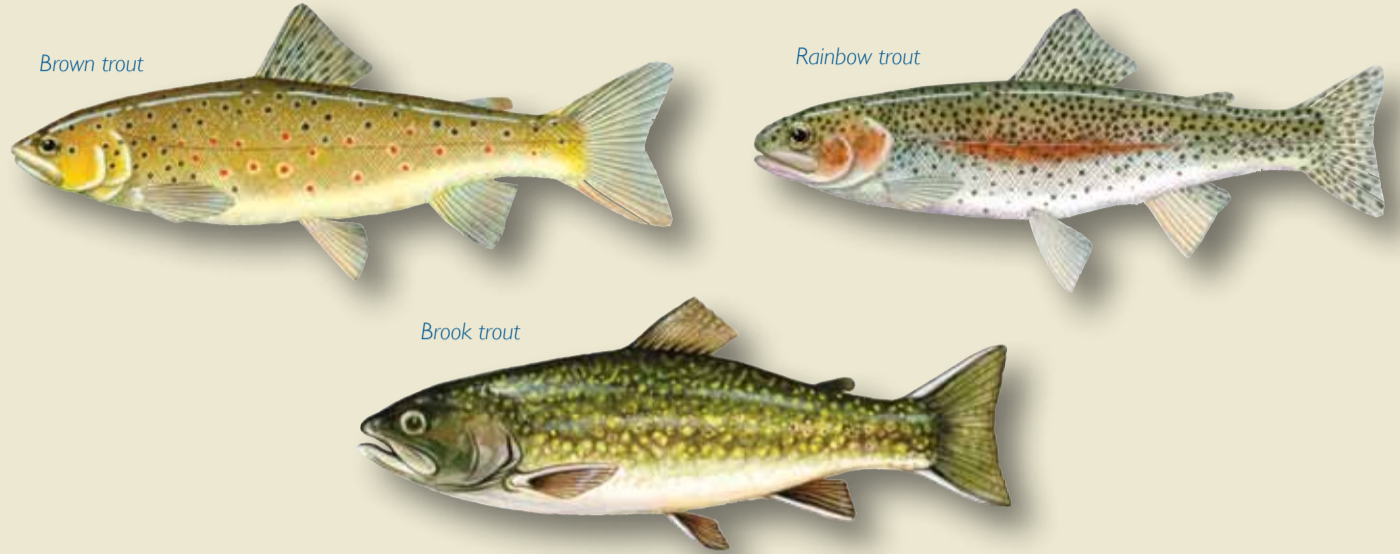
Tooms Lake is a shallow and sheltered water ideal for small boats. Use the designated launching area only. Practice minimal impact boating by accelerating gently in shallow water to avoid the underwater wash from the propeller jet stirring up silt and mud. This sediment clouds the water, disturbs sensitive weed beds, smothers aquatic plants and degrades fish habitat.

Remember

- Check your wash- if its 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.

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

- Report illegal activities to; Bushwatch 1800 333 000



Brown and Rainbow trout illustrations Kristii Melaine
Brook trout illustration Alexis Beckett

