



# Curries River Reservoir Anglers Access

REGION: NORTH



Brown trout



Rainbow trout

## Getting There

Curries River Reservoir is 5 km east of Bell Bay. Turn north off the B82 Bridport Road on to Curries Dam Road. The reservoir is a further 1.5km via gravel road.

## Background

Constructed in 1979, Curries River Reservoir is managed by TasWater as domestic water supply for nearby George Town. Covering an area of 182 Ha the reservoir is surrounded with forest and woodland with many sheltered shorelines ideal for small boats and kayaks (electric motors only are permitted) and shore-based angling.

## Recreational Fishery Management

Due to no evidence of natural recruitment the Inland Fisheries Service periodically stocks both brown and rainbow trout to maintain the fishery.

## Angling Notes

There is an informal boat launching area off Curries Dam Road. The causeway and western shoreline are easily accessible from here for shore-based angling. The eastern shore of the reservoir is private property. As most of the shore is open, there are ample opportunities for set rod bait fishing and fly or lure casting. Fishing with worms or artificial baits under a float is popular. A small boat or kayak provides access to the eastern and middle areas of the reservoir where trout can be found feeding over extensive weed beds and on schools of native galaxiids (small native fish). Fly fishing and lure casting are effective methods of targeting these fish.

## Pest Fish Management

Anglers can help reduce the spread of pests in Tasmanian waterways. The reservoir holds a population of introduced yabbies (*Cherax destructor*). Yabbies are a controlled fish under the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*. It is an offence to possess yabbies, use fish or fish products for bait, or to transfer fish between waters. Significant penalties apply.

## Native Fish Management

The common galaxias (*Galaxias maculatus*) and spotted galaxias (*Galaxias truttaceus*) have established landlocked populations with juveniles often being observed in small schools. Short finned eels are also present.

## Curries River Reservoir 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 Fishing Code.

Species	Minimum size	Bag limit
Brown trout, Rainbow trout	300 mm	5 *

- \* Combined daily bag limit of 5 fish can only include 2 fish over 500 mm in length.
- Angling is permitted from 1 hour before sunrise to 3 hours after sunset.
- The area within a radius of 400 metres of the dam intake structure is closed to fishing at all times.
- Only boats propelled manually or by an electric motor are permitted.

Method	Season
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly fishing</li> <li>• Artificial lures</li> <li>• Bait fishing</li> </ul>	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.

## 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.

Brown and Rainbow trout illustrations Trevor Hawkins

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## Access Rules

- Do not litter – take your rubbish home.
- Keep to formed tracks and roads.
- Respect private land.
- Shooting is prohibited.
- Do not light fires.
- Do not fell trees.
- No camping.

## Warning



ANGLING  
REGULATIONS  
APPLY



DEEP  
WATER



SNAKES



FALLING  
TREES AND  
LIMBS

## Responsible Boating

The reservoir is sheltered and ideal for small boats and kayaks. Only boats propelled manually or by an electric motor can be used when either fishing or travelling on this water. The area within a radius of 400 metres of the dam intake structure is closed to fishing and boating at all times. Fishing from a boat within 100 metres of an angler fishing from the shore is prohibited unless the boat is securely moored.

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

Report illegal activities to  
Bushwatch 1800 333 000

