

INTRODUCTION TO RECREATIONAL FISHING

Fishing from banks as well as from boats is a popular pastime of locals and visitors within the Goulburn region. There are a number of ideal locations for you to explore, where you can go fishing for a variety of species (as listed in this brochure).

When fishing, be sure that, unless you are exempt, you have paid the NSW recreational fishing fee and have the receipt for current payment in your immediate possession. All money raised from NSW recreational fishing fees is placed into recreational fishing trusts and spent on a variety of programs such as improving recreational fishing facilities (eg. fishing platforms, cleaning tables, boat ramps, artificial reefs etc.), policing illegal fishing and stocking of fish in local dams and rivers (see back for details).



FURTHER INFORMATION

Before fishing in NSW waters it's always a good idea to check bag limits, protection laws and make sure your fishing fee receipt is current. For more information refer to details below.

NSW Recreational Fishing Licences can be obtained via Service NSW:

267 Auburn Street, Goulburn NSW 2580
Phone: 1300 369 365
or visit: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing>

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Marsden Weir (Access via Fitzroy Street)

Situated on the Wollondilly River at a site known as 'Rocky Falls'. The Weir holds 273ML and was the City's water supply from 1886 until 1977 when a new pumping station was built at Rossi Weir. Marsden Weir holds good numbers of Redfin (English Perch). Redfin are fantastic eating fish and shouldn't be discarded. Trout can also be caught in Marsden Weir.

Wollondilly River

From the October long weekend to the June long weekend, parts of this river are closed due to fish spawning. However Marsden Weir is fishable 12 months of the year. Fish species include Redfin and Trout. Much of the river is surrounded by private property so you may have to access it via bridge crossings. There are some campsites available.

Pejar Dam *26.3km

Pejar Dam is the 9000ML backup water supply for Goulburn on the upper reaches of the Wollondilly River. It is renowned for its fantastic Trout fishery with many record fish being produced over the years. In recent times Australian Bass have been added to the fishery and fish well in the summer months. Electric powered boats are permitted here, but keep in mind that Pejar Dam is considered an Alpine waterway and a Level 50S life jacket must be worn at all times in boats 4.8m and under in length. BBQs, picnic shelters, toilets and rubbish bins are provided.

SURROUNDS

Redground Dam *49.1km (Access via Laggan Road, left at Redground Road, left at Iron Mines Road, then follow signs to the Dam)

Redground Dam has long produced good numbers of Trout, Golden Perch, Silver Perch and Murray Cod. You can only fish from the bank as this is the main water supply for the township of Crookwell.

Lachlan River *60km

The whole of the Lachlan River, its creeks and tributaries upstream from the Cowra-Young Road Bridge are General Trout waters. This river also runs into Wyangala Dam. Fishing upstream from Wyangala has seen the emergence of great numbers of Carp (European Carp). Although a great sport fish on light gear, these are a noxious species and anglers are encouraged to retain and utilise any Carp caught. Trout are caught in the upper reaches of the Lachlan River.

Shoalhaven River *44km

General Trout waters: upstream from its junction with Mongarlowe River near Braidwood. The lower parts of the river around Oallen Ford provide good camping opportunities and are very popular with anglers.

Wyangala Dam *170km

2.5 times bigger than Sydney Harbour, Wyangala is a major water sport destination. An admission fee is payable if you wish to enter the National Parks at Grabine and Wyangala. This Dam is a fantastic fishery holding large numbers of Silver and Golden Perch, Catfish, Carp (European Carp), Murray Cod and Redfin.

Tarlo River *35km (Access via Taralga Road)

General Trout water (joined by Cowpers Creek), which is stocked annually. The River flows for a distance of 40km through the National Park in a scenic gorge and has rapids and good water quality. There is no vehicle access apart from a management trail which crosses the River at one location.

Abercrombie River *112km (Access via Abercrombie Road, where the road crosses the Abercrombie River or Retreat Fire Trail, off Arkstone Road and Tuena)

This river also runs into Wyangala Dam. Fishing upstream from Wyangala has seen the emergence of Carp (European Carp). Although a great sport fish on light gear, this is a noxious species. Trout can still be caught in the upper reaches. Toilet facilities are available.

Guineacor Creek *80km (Access via Wombeyan Caves or Goodman's Ford)

This River is joined by Woolshed Creek just outside of Taralga. It has always fished well for Trout and there are some ideal areas along these rivers for fly fishing.



Burrinjuck Dam *135km (Access via Yass or Hume Hwy)

An admission fee is payable if you wish to enter into the National Parks at Hume Park, Woolgarlo or Burrinjuck. This Dam is a fantastic fishery holding large numbers of Silver and Golden Perch, Carp (European Carp), Redfin and Murray Cod. Burrinjuck Dam is also a major water sport destination.

Tallowa Dam *130km (Access via Kangaroo Valley at two locations: Tallowa Dam Wall or Bendella Camping Park)

This is without doubt the most picturesque dam around the area. It dams the Shoalhaven and Fitzroy Rivers and is lined with steep sand and limestone cliffs. Tallowa is a bank or canoe (paddle) only fishery. There are good numbers of Australian Bass, Catfish, Trout and Carp (European Carp).

**approximate distance from Goulburn*

FINFISH SPECIES:

- Freshwater (Eel Tailed) Catfish ^
- Brown Trout
- Rainbow Trout
- Murray Cod
- Golden Perch
- Silver Perch
- Eel, Longfin
- Eel, Southern Shortfin
- Australian Grayling ^
- Macquarie Perch ^
- Australian Bass
- Carp (European Carp) #
- Redfin (English Perch) #



^ PROTECTED AND THREATENED SPECIES AND POPULATIONS

If caught these fish must be returned to water (except Freshwater Catfish if taken in listed dams, eastern dams and eastern rivers).

NOXIOUS SPECIES

It is illegal to be in possession of live Redfin in NSW. If you plan to keep Redfin for personal consumption, it must be stored dead (eg. on ice in an esky). It is an offence to use live or dead Redfin as bait. Anglers are encouraged to retain and utilise any Carp caught. It is illegal to use live Carp as bait. Fish retained should be dispatched humanely.

Rainbow and Brown Trout have been stocked in local waterways by volunteer members of the Goulburn Acclimatisation Society Inc. since the 1950s. The Trout are bred and supplied by the NSW Department of Primary Industries from Trout hatcheries located at Jindabyne and Ebor. For instance, in 2012, the Society released a total of 31,000 Trout into local rivers and streams, with most fish being released into the Wollondilly River and its tributaries above Marsden Weir.