

Pest Fish Management

Tench (*Tinca tinca*) have a population in Bronte Lagoon but redfin perch are not present. Redfin perch (*Perca fluviatilis*) have populations in nearby Bradys Lake, Lake Binney and Tungatinah Lagoon. If either of these species are caught, anglers are asked to humanely kill the captured fish and dispose of appropriately. It is an offence to transfer fish between waters. Please report any capture of redfin perch in Bronte Lagoon to the IFS.

Recreational Use

Informal lakeshore camping is permitted on the western shore near the boat ramp. No facilities are provided. Campers should bring a chemical or portable toilet.

Access Rules

- Keep to formed tracks.
- Do not litter.
- Respect Hydro land.
- Shooting is prohibited.
- Fires in formal fireplaces or firepots only.
- Do not fell trees.

Responsible Boating

One formal boat ramp is located on the western shore near the dam wall. An informal launching area is located near the Bronte Canal inflow but may not be useable when the lagoon is at low levels. Observe the areas prohibited for navigation in Woodward's Canal, within 60 metres of the spillway and Clarence pipeline outlet.

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.

Getting There

Bronte Lagoon is approximately 2 hours drive north west of Hobart via the A10.

Background

The Bronte system consists of four main waters, Bronte Lagoon, Bradys Lake, Lake Binney and Tungatinah Lagoon. These four waters were created between 1952-56 as storages to supply the near-by Tungatinah power station on the Nive River. Bronte Lagoon has developed as an excellent fishery rewarding fly and lure anglers with well conditioned trout.

Recreational Fishery Management

Bronte Lagoon is managed by the Inland Fisheries Service as a wild trout fishery. Natural recruitment of brown trout and rainbow trout maintains the quality of the angling.

Angling Notes

Bronte Lagoon is reserved for the use of artificial lures and fly-fishing. Trolling and spin fishing with cobra style lures is very popular. There are good opportunities for polaroiding, with tailing fish both early in the morning and in the evening a highlight at Bronte Lagoon. Good hatches of duns and beetles provide sport for the fly fisher during the summer months.

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.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Bronte Lagoon Anglers Access

REGION: CENTRAL



Inland Fisheries Service



Tasmanian Government

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 Recreational Fishing Code*.

Species	Minimum size	Bag limit
Brown trout, Rainbow trout	300 mm	12*

* Total daily bag limit of 12 is for both fish species combined.

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

Native Fish Management

The short-finned eel (*Anguilla australis*) is present in the lagoon.

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.



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.

Lake Level

Information on current lake level for Bronte Lagoon is available from www.hydro.com.au/water/lake-levels

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

Report illegal activities to Bushwatch 1800 333 000



Brown trout



Rainbow trout



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