



Clarence Lagoon Anglers Access

REGION: CENTRAL



Brook trout

Getting There

The Clarence Lagoon track is 3.1 km West of the Clarence River Bridge or 7.2 km East of Derwent Bridge off the A10 Lyell Highway. The 4 km high clearance 4WD track will take you to a parking area. From there it is a 450 m walk to the lagoon.

Recreational Fishery Management

Clarence Lagoon is within the Central Plateau Conservation Area, part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The Inland Fisheries Service periodically stocks the lagoon with low numbers of brook trout to maintain a recreational fishery.

Angling Notes

At times difficult to catch, brook trout represent a challenge for lure and fly anglers. The fish can 'turn on' at any time. Wet flies and hard body lures used during rough and cold weather are most likely to catch fish. The rocky eastern and southern shores are suitable for lure and fly casting. The marshy northern end is good habitat for trout but care is needed when wading due to soft sediments. Much of the lagoon is less than 1.5m deep.

Code of Conduct

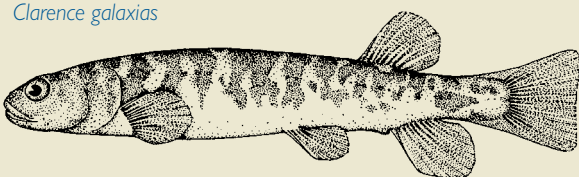
- Be aware of and comply with fishing regulations.
- Respect the rights of other anglers and users.
- Protect the environment.
- Carefully return undersized, protected or unwanted catch back to the water.
- Fish species and other organisms must not be relocated or transferred into other water bodies.

Native fish Management

Clarence Lagoon is one of only a few known sites of the State and Commonwealth listed threatened fish, the Clarence galaxias (*Galaxias johnstoni*). It only occurs in Tasmania and can co-exist with brook trout only. It is therefore important that no other fish species are introduced into this water.

Clarence galaxias is a small dark coloured fish with dark bars and patches extending down its side to its yellowish belly. It grows to about 120mm in length and spawns in spring. The IFS monitors this species looking for changes in population structure and any potential new threats.

Clarence galaxias



Clarence Lagoon Angling Regulations

To fish in any open 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 in the *Tasmanian Inland Fishing Code*.

| Species | Minimum size | Bag limit |
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| Brook trout | 300 mm | 2 |

| Method | Season |
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| Fly Artificial Lures Bait fishing is prohibited | From the first Saturday in August to the Sunday nearest the 30th April. |

Central Plateau Conservation Area Access Rules



• The CPCA is a fuel stove only area. "Fuel stove" means a device for cooking that does not –

1. Affect, or interact with, in any way, soil or vegetation; or
2. Use or burn coal, wood, plant material or any other solid fuel



• All fires are strictly prohibited.



• Four Wheel Drives and ATV's must keep to designated tracks and must be registered.

Follow Leave No Trace walking guidelines.

- Stay on tracks where ever possible. If off track, -use fan out technique.
- Recommended maximum party size of six.
- Carry out what you carry in.
- Minimise trampling of vegetation. Do not step on cushion plants.
- If fishing in an area where a toilet exists please use it! If there is no toilet, walk 100m away from any water, dig a 15 cm hole and bury your waste and the toilet paper as well.
- To minimise the spread of diseases and pests start your walk with clean gear, including boots, tent pegs, gaiters and tent floor, and wash your gear at the end of the trip.
- This alpine environment is subject to extreme weather conditions. Carry appropriate equipment.
- Observe and obey any signs providing direction regarding activities within the CPCA.
- Plan your route and ensure a responsible person knows trip details.
- By following these simple guidelines you will assist in ensuring the long-term viability of Tasmania's freshwater fisheries, and our unique natural heritage.

PWS boating regulations



- Motorised boating is prohibited on Clarence Lagoon.



- Non - motorised craft such as canoes, kayaks and float tubes are permitted.

Contacts



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Report any unusual fish captures or algal sightings immediately to the Inland Fisheries Service 1300 463 474

Report illegal activities to Bushwatch 1800 333 000

