



Lake Crescent Anglers Access

REGION: CENTRAL



Brown trout



Rainbow trout

Background

Lake Crescent is a large shallow storage (Average depth 1.5m and maximum depth 2.4m) surrounded by grassy woodland and pasture. Marshlands extend around the northern and western shores. The water in Lake Crescent is naturally turbid. Water enters the lake via a canal from Lake Sorell and flows out into the Clyde River. Lake Crescent has a reputation for a small population of large trout.

Recreational Fishery Management

Lake Crescent is managed by the Inland Fisheries Service as a trophy trout fishery. Low level stocking of both brown and rainbow trout maintains populations at levels where the golden galaxias can co-exist with trout.

Carp and Pest Fish Management

Considerable effort has been undertaken to eradicate European carp from this water. Lake Crescent is now carp free. It is an offence to transfer fish between waters. Significant penalties apply.

Angling Notes

Lake Crescent is reserved for artificial lures and fly fishing only. Persistent anglers fishing with hard bodied lures, soft plastics and large wet flies can be rewarded with above average size brown and rainbow trout. Wading can be difficult and a boat is an advantage. Early season provides the best sport when high water levels flood into the marshes.

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.

Access Rules

- Keep to formed tracks.
- Do not litter.
- Respect private land.
- Shooting is prohibited.
- Fires in formal fire places or fire pots only.
- Do not fell trees.

Brown and Rainbow trout illustrations Trevor Hawkins

Lake Crescent 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*.

Note: Angling is permitted from 1 hour before sunrise to 3 hours after sunset.

Waters always closed to fishing: All waters flowing into Lake Crescent excluding that section of the canal connecting lakes Crescent and Sorell below Interlaken Road (C527).

Species	Minimum size	Bag limit
Brown trout, Rainbow trout	400 mm	2 *

* Combined daily bag limit of 2 fish can only include 1 fish exceeding 500 mm in length.

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

Responsible Boating

Lake Crescent is exposed to extreme changes in weather and can become very rough. Due to its shallow nature there are many submerged hazards and reefs. Boat operators should take extreme care. Please 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.

Ramsar reserve

The Interlaken Lakeside Reserve at the northern end of the lake is listed as a Ramsar wetlands site, it has been identified as a wetland of international significance.

Native Fish Management

The Golden galaxias (*Galaxias auratus*) is endemic to lakes Crescent and Sorell. This species is listed as rare under the *Tasmanian Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*.



Recreational Use

There is one boat launching area at Lake Crescent. Camping is not permitted on Crown Land adjacent to Lake Crescent including the lakeside Island Reserve area. Campgrounds are provided at Dago Point, Lake Sorell.

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.

Lake Level

Information on current lake level for Lake Crescent is available at www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/water/water-data

Remember

- Check your wash - if it's 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.
- A 5 knot speed limit applies within 60 metres of any shoreline, marine facility, buoy or boat that is underway, moored or engaged in fishing or rowing or within 120 metres of a person swimming or wading.

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

Report illegal activities to Bushwatch 1800 333 000

