



Lake Mikany Anglers Access

REGION: NORTH WEST



Brown trout

Getting There

Lake Mikany is approximately 7km southeast of Smithton. To access to the dam wall and boat ramp turn south off the A2 on to C221 Back Line Road and Reservoir Road. To access the southern shore, take the B22 south of Smithton then Faheys Lane and Hilders Road.

Background

Lake Mikany is managed by Taswater. This small (90Ha) lake was built in 1972 to provide domestic water for Smithton, Stanley and Irishtown and is fed by Deep and Muckeye Creeks.

Recreational Fishery Management

Lake Mikany is managed as a wild brown trout fishery. Natural recruitment sustains trout populations.

Angling Notes

Lake Mikany is an excellent early season water, fishing well with bait, lure and fly. Populations of wild brown trout exist in the lake. The dam wall is a popular location for lure casting and bait fishing. In the early season worms work well for bait, and as the water warms heading into summer mudeyes account for good catches.

Early morning midge hatches occur in calm conditions along the eastern shore where a kayak or small boat is advantageous owing to the thick vegetation along the shoreline. After Christmas each year the angling can become more difficult due to aquatic weed growth.

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.

Pest Fish Management

Anglers can help reduce the spread of pests in Tasmanian waterways. It is an offence to use fish or fish products for bait or to transfer fish between waters. Significant penalties apply.

Boating

Only a boat propelled manually or by an electric motor can be used at Lake Mikany. The boat ramp is located at the northern end of the lake off Reservoir Road and may be closed if the lake level is too low to safely launch boats.

Brown trout illustration Trevor Hawkins

Lake Mikany 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	300 mm	5 *

* Daily bag limit of 5 fish can only include 2 fish exceeding 500 mm in length. Only boats propelled manually or by an electric motor are permitted.

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

Please Observe

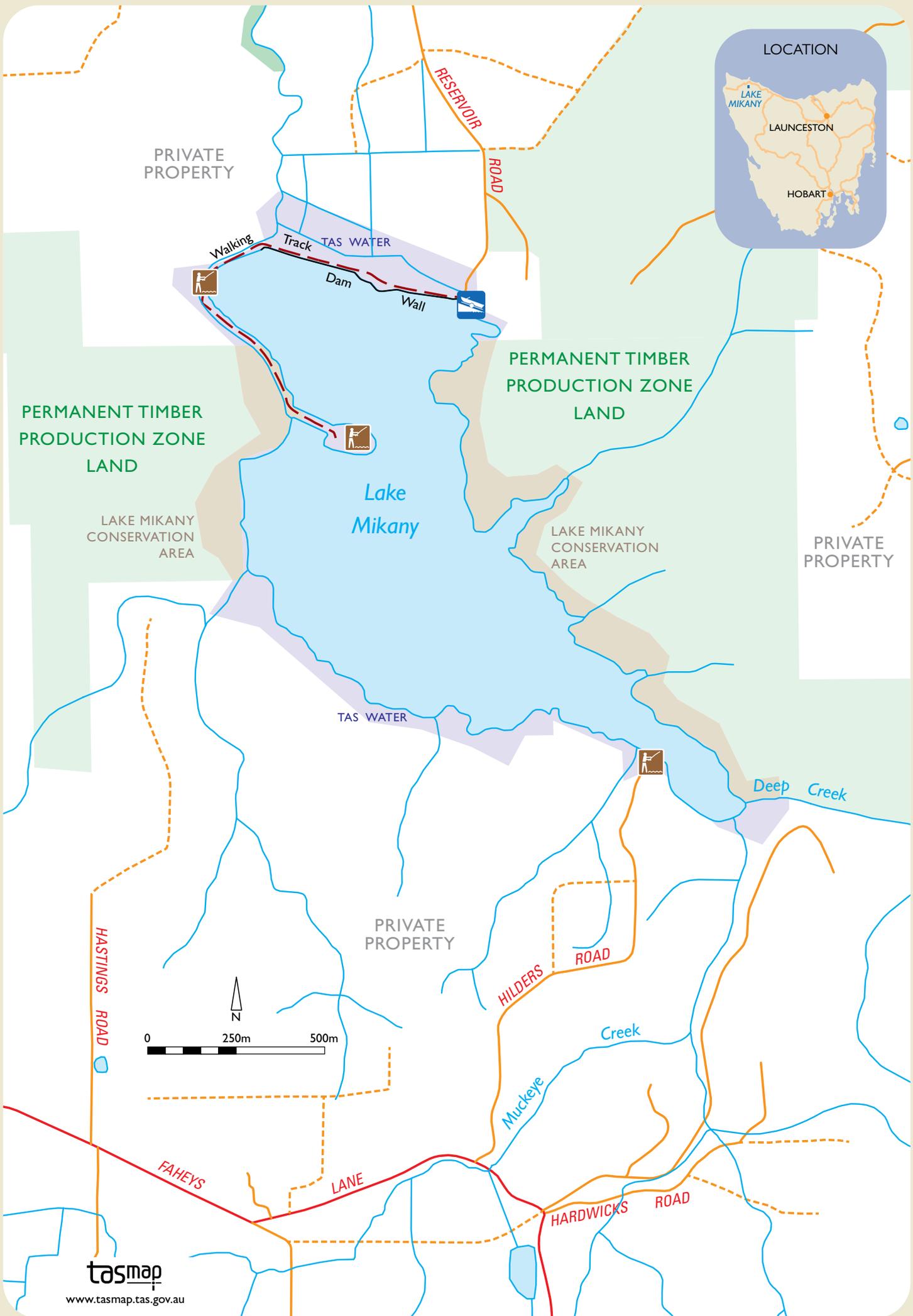


Warning



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

Report illegal activities to Bushwatch 1800 333 000



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