



Recreational freshwater angling guide 2016/17

South-west Western Australia

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Licence required

South-west freshwater open season **1 September – 30 June**

A Freshwater Angling Licence is required to fish for freshwater fish south of Greenough – details overleaf.

Please note:

- No freshwater fishing is permitted from 1 July – 31 August annually (except in the waters listed overleaf).
- **NEW** Anglers under 16 do not require a south-west Freshwater Angling Licence.



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Fishing licences

A Freshwater Angling Licence is required to fish for freshwater fish in waters south of Greenough (29°S) and above the tidal influence, including all lakes, dams, rivers and their tributaries.

The licence fee is \$40 per year or \$20 concession and covers a 12-month period from the date of issue. Anglers under the age of 16 do not require a Freshwater Angling Licence.

Fishers wishing to fish for marron need a marron licence.

Apply for a new licence, or renew an existing licence online at our website. Alternatively, application forms are available from our offices and the website at **www.fish.wa.gov.au**

Freshwater angling waters open all year

- Big Brook Dam
- Blackwood River
- Donnelly River
- Glen Mervyn Dam
- Logue Brook Dam
- Murray River
- Serpentine River – between the Serpentine Pipe-Head Dam and Serpentine Falls only (not stocked with trout)
- Warren River
- Wellington Dam (currently not stocked with trout)

Fishing in the streams, brooks and tributaries flowing into the rivers and dams above is also permitted during the closed freshwater angling season.

Closed waters

No fishing is permitted in the Shannon River at any time.

All drinking water supply dams managed by the Water Corporation are closed to fishing. Please contact the Water Corporation for details or visit www.watercorporation.com.au

Fishing methods

Anglers fishing for freshwater fish may only use a fishing rod and line or a hand-held line.

The use of both lures and bait is permitted.

Landing net restrictions apply. Anglers may possess only a short-handled (maximum 500 mm) net within 50 m of the waterline of most dams and rivers all year round. This is to protect marron, which may only be taken from 8 January to 5 February annually using specific gear. Refer to the recreational fishing for marron guide for permitted fishing methods.

Bag and size limits



Daily mixed species bag limit, per angler

You may take four fish (combined) of the following species:

- rainbow trout;
- brown trout; and
- freshwater cobbler.

‘Daily’ means from midnight to midnight.

Minimum size

- Trout, rainbow and brown: 300 mm
- Other species: no size limit

Fish smaller than the minimum size must be gently returned to the water immediately.

There are no bag or size limits for other freshwater fish.

Please note:

- Feral species such as redfin perch, carp, tilapia and goldfish destroy habitat and prey on juvenile marron and native freshwater fish. Don't return feral species to the water. Dispatch humanely and responsibly (do not leave dead fish on the shore).
- Some native freshwater fish species are protected and must not be taken for any reason, including for use as bait. Any protected species caught must be carefully returned to the water immediately.

For more information see our latest Statewide recreational fishing guide or visit our website at **www.fish.wa.gov.au**

Follow the rules

All fishing may be subject to surveillance by Fisheries and Marine Officers. If you break recreational fishing rules you may be given an infringement notice or have legal action taken against you. Fines may be as high as \$10,000 plus up to 10 times the prescribed value of the species.

About this guide

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