

RECREATIONAL FISHING GUIDE FRESHWATER ANGLING 2009/10

LICENSED FISHERY

**South-West
Western Australia**



Trout Open Season

1 September – 30 April

Waters are closed to fishing from 1 May – 31 August, with the exception of the waters listed below.

Trout Waters Open All Year

- Serpentine River (between the Serpentine Pipe-Head Dam and Serpentine Falls only)
- Murray River
- Blackwood River
- Donnelly River
- Warren River

Fishing on the streams, brooks and tributaries flowing into these rivers is prohibited during the closed trout fishing season.

Drinking water supply dams are managed by the Water Corporation and may be closed to fishing.

Bag Limits

Trout - rainbow & brown



- Daily combined limit of 4 except for Waroona Dam (see below).

Waroona Dam



- A daily bag limit for trout of two per angler.
- Only artificial lures to be used (no bait).
- No line fishing for any species during the closed trout season (1 May – 31 August).
- A minimum size limit for trout of 30 cm applies State-wide.



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Freshwater cobbler



- A daily bag limit of 40* per licensed fisher applies to freshwater cobbler.

*Bag limit currently under review - contact the Department of Fisheries for further information.

Redfin perch

- No size limit or daily bag limit for redfin perch.
- Redfin perch are major predators of juvenile marron and, if caught, should not be returned to the water.

Fishing licences

A licence is required for all freshwater fishing in waters south of Greenough (29°S. latitude) and above the tidal influence including all lakes, dams, rivers and their tributaries.

Licences are available online from the Department of Fisheries' website at www.fish.wa.gov.au, Department of Fisheries' offices and all Australia Post outlets.

To protect vulnerable marron stocks, anglers may only possess a short handled (0.5 metre) trout landing net within 50 metres of the water line of most dams and rivers in the South-West.

Fishing methods

Angling with a fishing rod and line, or hand line, only. Limit of one line per fisher. All other fishing methods are illegal.

The information in this guide is current at the time of the date of printing, but may change. For the most up-to-date information on fisheries and fishing rules in plain English, check the Department of Fisheries' website at www.fish.wa.gov.au or contact the Department before going fishing.

Further information

Visit the Department of Fisheries' website at www.fish.wa.gov.au or contact:

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