

TOURISM VICTORIA • FAST FACTS

FISHING IN VICTORIA



Victoria offers diverse recreational fishing opportunities from freshwater river and lake, to estuary, inlet, bay, beach and offshore fishing. The state's compactness, well-developed tourism infrastructure and the proximity of fishing attractions to parks and reserves, makes recreational fishing readily accessible.

Freshwater streams, lakes and reservoirs provide good catches from the bank, shoreline or boat, with the most commonly caught species being trout, Chinook salmon, Murray cod and golden perch. The bays, beaches and offshore fishing grounds give anglers good opportunities to target snapper, tuna and kingfish. In inland waters, the most popular and widely distributed angling species are brown trout, rainbow trout and redfin. In the eastern part of the state, most inland fishing is based on self-sustaining stocks of native fish and trout in mountain rivers and streams. In the western half of the state, most inland fishing is for trout and Chinook salmon, Murray cod and golden perch in lakes and impoundments; self-sustaining trout and native fish stocks in streams; and the abundant and widely-distributed redfin and yabbies.

In marine and estuarine waters, sand flathead, black bream and Australian salmon (two species) are the most widely distributed and widely fished species. King George whiting is the main target species common to Port Phillip Bay, Westernport and Corner Inlet, while snapper is a very popular angling species in Port Phillip Bay and on inshore reefs off eastern Victoria. Details on what fish can be caught where and how – at either a local or state level – are described in many publications available at fishing tackle stores and newsagents in Melbourne and throughout Victoria.

The Department of Primary Industries publication ***A Guide to the Inland Angling Waters of Victoria*** gives a comprehensive description of streams and impoundments and their main fishing characteristics.

VICTORIAN RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCE

A Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) covers all forms of recreational fishing in all of Victoria's marine, estuarine and fresh waters. Unless you are exempt, an RFL is required when taking, or attempting to take, any species of fish by any method, including line fishing, bait collection, gathering shellfish, yabby fishing, prawning and spear fishing. An RFL can be purchased for periods of 48 hours, 28 days and one year. The RFL is available from over 900 outlets including tackle stores throughout Victoria, as well as www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing

FRESH WATER FISHING

VICTORIA'S HIGH COUNTRY

Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Centre

Goulburn Valley Highway, Thornton VIC 3712

Tel: +61 3 5773 2513 Fax: +61 3 5773 2514

info@goulburnvlyflyfishing.com.au

www.goulburnvlyflyfishing.com.au

Geoff Hall is an experienced teacher with professional qualifications and has 30 years of fly fishing expertise behind him. Geoff operates a quality fly fishing school less than two hours from Melbourne, with onsite accommodation, fly fishing shop and utilises the nearby streams for float fishing providing excellent fly fishing for both the novice and experienced fly fishers.

Flytrek Australia

53 Walton Street, Cowes VIC 3922

Tel: +61 3 5952 5300 or +61 418 591 475

rod@flytrek.com

www.fishnet.com.au/flytrek

Personalised guided fly fishing tours and instruction. An all-inclusive package to Victoria's best fishing destinations with professional guide Rod Barford.

Peter Panozzo Guided Fishing Tours and Lessons

18 Nelse Street, Mount Beauty VIC 3699

Tel: +61 3 5754 4522

Peter has lived and fished in the Kiewa Valley for over 30 years and knows the area intimately. He offers trout fishing tours to the Kiewa and Mitta rivers.

Angling Expeditions Victoria

85 Kiewa Valley Highway, Tawonga VIC 3697

Tel: +61 3 5754 1466

www.fishvictoria.com/expeditions

Learn to fly fish with a professional fishing instructor and guide. Catering for beginners as well as practised anglers and offer the choice of comfortable lodge accommodation or summer campouts in wilderness areas of the Alpine High Country.

Silverstream Backcountry Tours

Great Alpine Road, Harrierville VIC 3741

Tel: +61 3 5759 2666

Silverstream backcountry Tours offers a wide range of guided fishing tours around Victoria's alpine region including fully catered camping options and access to some of Victoria's remote country.

Blackridge Flyfishing

785 Back Eildon Road, Eildon VIC 3713

Tel: +61 3 5774 2825

www.flyflickers.com/

Complete range of exclusive interlocking fly fishing programs.

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Gardam's Riverina Fishing Adventures

Albury Wodonga VIC

Tel: +61 2 6040 7837 or +61 428 404 837

Learn the best spots and best tricks on a fishing tour of Lake Hume. Gardam's Riverina Fishing Adventures will help keen fishermen to catch trout, yellowbelly, redfin or Murray Cod.

Indulgence Fly Fishing

1 Thomas Place, Wodonga VIC 3690

Tel: +61 2 6059 6040 or +61 412 690 696

www.indulgenceflyfishing.com

The host, Scott, is a chef by trade and combines fly fishing with great food and wine. Fish all day and then indulge in gourmet fare. Choose from a range of tours.

THE GOLDFIELDS

Millbrook Lakes

Mark and Phil Weigall are your hosts and expert guides.

RMB E418, Old Melbourne Road, Millbrook VIC 3352

Tel: +61 3 5334 0404 or +61 419 101 636

mweigall@netconnect.com.au

www.fishnet.com.au/millbrook

Millbrook Lakes is less than one hour's drive from Melbourne and features up market log cabin accommodation with exclusive access to a number of quality catch and release lakes containing wild Brown and Rainbow trout up to six kilograms. The lodge is open throughout the year with guiding and/or equipment available on request.

Ultimate Fishing at Sherwood Grange

1055 Portarlington Road, Moolap VIC 3221

Tel: +61 3 5222 2026 or +61 408 511 715

An exclusive fly fishing retreat set in unspoilt bushland and surrounded by 12 picturesque lakes.

Tuki Retreat

'Stoney Rises', Smeaton VIC 3364

Tel: +61 3 5345 6233

info@tuki.com.au

www.tuki.com.au

A trout fishing complex set on an historic sheep station in the heart of Victoria's Goldfields and Spa country. Features beautiful cottage accommodation, restaurant and access to well stocked trout impoundments.

Sash Charters Lake Eppalock

Lake Eppalock

Tel: +61 407 843 998

Steve Muller runs guided trips on Lake Eppalock and can help put you in touch with some of the fish that lurk within the lake's depths.

Wildfly Bendigo

Bendigo

Tel: +61 418 149 577

David Mapleson can give you all the instruction you need to effectively fish the entire area.

THE GRAMPIANS

Grampians Fishing Experience

RMB 7412, Grampians Road, Laharum VIC 3402

Tel: +61 3 5383 6377 or +61 419 155 279

karenoriley@fishvictoria.com

www.fishvictoria.com/karenoriley

All equipment supplied for a successful fishing experience in the Grampians including Green Lake, Lake Toolondo, Lake Fyans, Lake Wartook and the Rocklands Reservoir.

THE MURRAY

Murray River Fishing Tours

Echuca VIC 3564

Tel: +61 418 576 526

fishforcod@bigpond.com

Fish with the experts – half day tours and camping

Ash's Fishing & River Adventures

Barham VIC 2732

Tel: +61 3 5453 1407

Cruise along the Murray River, departing from Barham boat ramp.

Suntracker vessel caters for 4 – 12 people. Cruise, fish or BYO barbecue.

SALT WATER FISHING

LAKES & WILDERNESS

Mako Fishing Charters

Lakes Entrance VIC 3909

Tel: +61 3 5155 2219

brickcarstairs@vic.australia.com.au

Mulloway Fishing Charters

Marine Parade, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909

Tel: +61 3 5155 3304

Sea Myth Boat and Fishing Charter

36 Ocean View Parade, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909

Tel: +61 3 5155 2849

Wilderness Coast Charters

Mallacoota VIC 3892

Tel: +61 3 5158 0701

GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Apollo Bay Fishing and Adventure Tours

Apollo Bay VIC 3233

Tel: +61 3 5237 7888 or +61 418 121 784

www.apollobayfishing.com.au

Catering for beginners to professional fishermen, Apollo Bay Fishing and Adventure Tours offer a range of tours including deep sea shark fishing tours. All fishing gear is supplied.

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Port Campbell Boat Charters

32 Lord Street, Port Campbell VIC 3269

Tel: +61 3 5598 6411

Fishing charters, commercial charters, scenic and diving charters.

Departs Port Campbell Jetty daily.

Southern Right Charters and Diving

Warrnambool VIC 3280

Tel: +61 3 5562 5044 or +61 419 349 058

charters@southernrightcharters.com.au

www.southernrightcharters.com.au

Fishing for the novice or advanced fisherman on the south-west coast.

Whale-watching tours, scenic flights and diving charters are also available.

Shipwreck Coast Diving & Charter

57 Raglan Parade, Warrnambool VIC 3280

Tel: +61 3 5561 6108

As well as catering for all your scuba diving and snorkelling needs, Shipwreck Coast offers fishing trips and scenic cruises.

Port Fairy Boat Charters

Port Fairy Wharf VIC 3284

Tel: +61 3 5568 1480 or +61 409 807 054

www.myportfairy.com/boatcharter

Port Fairy Charters make trips to the Lady Julia Percy Island most weekends, numbers and weather permitting. Choose from a variety of other cruises, including bay cruises, whale watching, dolphin watching or fishing trips.

Michael J IV Charters

Port Fairy VIC 3284

Tel: +61 3 5568 2816

Michael J IV offer charters to Lady Julia Percy Island Seal nursery as well as fishing and boating trips.

South West Charters

Portland VIC 3305

Tel: +61 3 5523 3202 or +61 418 306 714

South West Charters operate one-hour harbour cruises or fishing trips out of Portland.

RA Charters

Portland VIC 3305

Tel: +61 3 5529 2342 or +61 428 514 304

Fishing trips out of Portland with gear and bait supplied.

BAYS AND PENINSULAS

Game & Recreational Fishing Charters

PO Box 113, Queenscliff VIC 3225

Tel: +61 3 5258 2802 Fax: +61 3 5258 3770

catchafish@gamerec.com

www.gamerec.com

Game fishing around Queenscliff and the Bass Strait, as well as the usual fishing activities, Andrew Malouf will also take you fly fishing for shark! An exciting fishing adventure which can accommodate for groups of up to 50.

Ace Fishing Charters

PO Box 251, Crib Point VIC 3919

Tel: +61 3 5983 6555 or +61 412 345 110

acefishn@tpg.com.au

www.acefishing.com.au

Ace fishing charters operate half and full day fishing charter trips out of Westernport Marina, Hastings on the eastern side of the Mornington Peninsula.

Relax, Go Fishing

Mornington Pier, Schnapper Point Drive, Mornington VIC 3931

Tel: +61 3 5976 3070

relaxgofishing@iprimus.com.au

www.relaxgofishing.com.au

Melbourne's only multi-award winning and accredited fishing charter

– committed to ensuring quality customer service and value for money.

PHILLIP ISLAND & GIPPSLAND

Haven Boat Charters

10 Chatsworth Ave, Ventnor VIC 3922

Tel: +61 407 813 412

Fishing charters out into Western Port.

San Remo Fishing & Dive Charter Service

10 Boat Haven Gr, San Remo VIC 3925

Tel: +61 418 587 809

Fishing charters out into Western Port Bay.

Island Charters

Rhyll VIC 3923

Tel: +61 407 817 020

Five and eight hour charters out into Western Port.

A 10-hour offshore charter is also available.

T-Cat Boat Charters

Beach Rd, Rhyll VIC 3922

Tel: +61 409 504 974

Fishing charters out into Western Port Bay.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information go to visitmelbourne.com/fishing

Keep an eye out for the distinctive yellow 'i' on a blue background sign to locate the nearest accredited Visitor Information Centre, which offers comprehensive information and advice on travel in Victoria. Upon arrival into Melbourne, make the Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square, corner of Flinders St and Swanston St, your first stop or check out visitmelbourne.com to discover everything you need to get the best out of your stay.

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