

SURF COAST

FISHING GUIDE

There are plenty of fishing spots along the Surf Coast. Whether it be surf fishing off one of the many beaches and rock platforms or fly fishing in the rivers, lakes and estuaries. A Recreation Fishing Licence can be obtained from the Lorne Visitor Information Centre, local hardware shops and newsagents in various locations. The licence covers all forms of recreation fishing in all of Victoria's marine, estuarine and fresh waters.

TORQUAY

Fishermans Beach

Fish: Whiting, Snapper, Gummy Sharks, Mulloway

Tips: Best fishing found at the bottom of Horseshoe Bend Rd approximately halfway back to Torquay tip. Best time to fish is at low tide particularly in the evening. Whiting and Snapper in September/October. Occasional Big Snapper, Mulloway. Gummy Shark fishing at night.

Zeally Bay

Fish: Mainly Whiting

Tips: Best fishing off Zeally Bay Boat Ramp. Some beach fishing at high tide, however morning and the evening is the best time to fish.

Spring Creek

Fish: Bream, Mullet, Silver Trevally, Salmon Trout

Tips: Bait is available at Point Danger on low tide with a yappy pump.

Jan Juc Front Beach

Fish: Salmon, Gummy Sharks

Tips: Best fishing between Life Saving Club house and Bluff. Gummy Shark best fished after dark.

Marine National Park – No Fishing Permitted

Includes Point Danger, Torquay. Winki Pop through to Ingoldsby Reef, including Bells Beach, Southside and Point Addis for a distance of seven kilometres directly south.

ANGLESEA

Anglesea River Mouth

Fish: Whiting occasionally, Mainly small Snapper

Tips: Mainly small fish caught here, however, big fish are occasionally reported. Don't use hook larger than No. 2. and bait with pipis, sandworms, squid, white bait.

Anglesea River

Fish: Black Bream & other Bream

Tips: Black Bream have been caught up to 4lb, but mainly small fish. Enormous quantities of small Bream continually take bait. Best fishing further upstream. Access only on North Bank to Bingley Parade. Platforms and piers available to fish from.

Point Roadknight

Fish: Mullet, Flounder, Garfish, Salmon, Snapper, Shark, Sweep

Tips: Boat ramp to be used with discretion. Anchor rings for launch and retrieval available. Excellent yabby beds between boat ramp and Point Roadknight headland. Access to deep water available. On the tip of Point Roadknight a ledge provides excellent fishing on calm days but only at low tide.

Point Roadknight South

Fish: Small Snapper

Tips: Very reefy and usually rough due to prevailing South wind. Fishes best off a low tide. Squid is recommended for bait.

Hutt Gully

Fish: Snapper, Salmon, King George Whiting

Tips: Best fishing on a low tide.

Urqharts Bluff

Fish: Wide variety of fish but mainly small Salmon

AIREYS INLET

Marine National Park – No Fishing Permitted

Includes Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary which extends from Castle Rock through to Sentinal Rock for a distance of 200 metres.

Painkalac Creek

Fish: Bream, Estuary Perch

Tips: Them Bambra Road area is a popular place and very accessible. Estuary Perch, a specialist fish, can be caught by working a long tailed fly with severe small split shot ahead of the fly. More Estuary Perch is available upstream amongst the heavy timber and snags and along the edge of the bank. The best bait for Bream is Sandworms, Bass Yabbies and Prawns.

Fairhaven Beach

Fish: Salmon

Tips: Good quantities of Salmon available here. Use White Bait for bait.

Moggs Creek (Creek Mouth)

Fish: Mullet, Salmon

Tips: A very popular fishing spot for Salmon

Moggs Creek/Eastern View

Fish: Salmon, Snapper

Tips: Best fishing is on the rising tide, particularly of an evening and after dark. The bottom of tide produces Snapper, however only when tide is far enough out to give access to deep water.

Spout Creek

Fish: Sweep and various rock fish

Tips: Come around headland to Grassy Creek and deep gutter through main reef. A Wide variety of fish caught here. Bait, such as Limpets and Cunjevoi can be found on the rocks in this area.

Grassy Creek Mouth

Fish: Mullet

Tips: Across Grassy Creek there are several rock platforms that enable you to fish on the ocean. From the car park there is a steep, but safe access to Grassy Creek. From here, walking south for 20 minutes, you will pass the car yard then a large cave, where you will then reach the best rock platforms to fish off. This rock platform is characterised by a gutter type pool on the left. Rock access is available all the way along for agile people. No snags or kelp in this area. Best fished on high tide.



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LORNE

Reedy Creek

Fish: Whiting, Snapper, Salmon

Tips: A series of good ledges provide good fishing for experienced anglers only. Fishing is generally best of an evening particularly in choppy conditions.

Loutit Bay

Fish: Blue Sharks, Gummy Sharks and occasional Salmon

Tips: Best fishing at night.

Lorne Pier

Fish: Garfish, Salmon, Barracouta, Trevally.

Tips: Especially popular. Attracts fish and salmon run best after a strong blow from the south-east.

Lorne Beach

Tips: Boat Ramp available, however it can be unsafe if there is a swell running. Very small craft can be launched off the right hand side of the pier, off the sand.

MODEWARRE

Lake Modewarre

Fish: Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout

Tips: No recreational fishing presently allowed.

WINCHELSEA

Barwon River

Fish: Brown Trout, Redfin, Blackfish, Eels, Carp & Tench

Tips: Provides good fishing for both the experienced angler and family day tripper. With abundant parklands adjacent to the Visitor Centre some good fishing is to be had by simply wandering down to either of the Reserve's below the Highway Bridges on the Barwon Hotel or alternatively the Tea Rooms side and throwing in a line.

Lake Murdeduke (1130 hectares)

Fish: Rainbow Trout

Tips: No recreational fishing presently allowed.

WURDIBOLUC

Wurdiboluc Reservoir

Fish: Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, RedFin

Tips: Unrestricted angling from south-western bank of reservoir. Good spinning, baitfishing, and fly fishing.

BOAT RAMPS

Boat Launching Ramps are available in the following locations:

- Torquay – Zeally Bay
- Point Roadknight
- Aireys Inlet
- Lorne
- Lake Modewarre

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