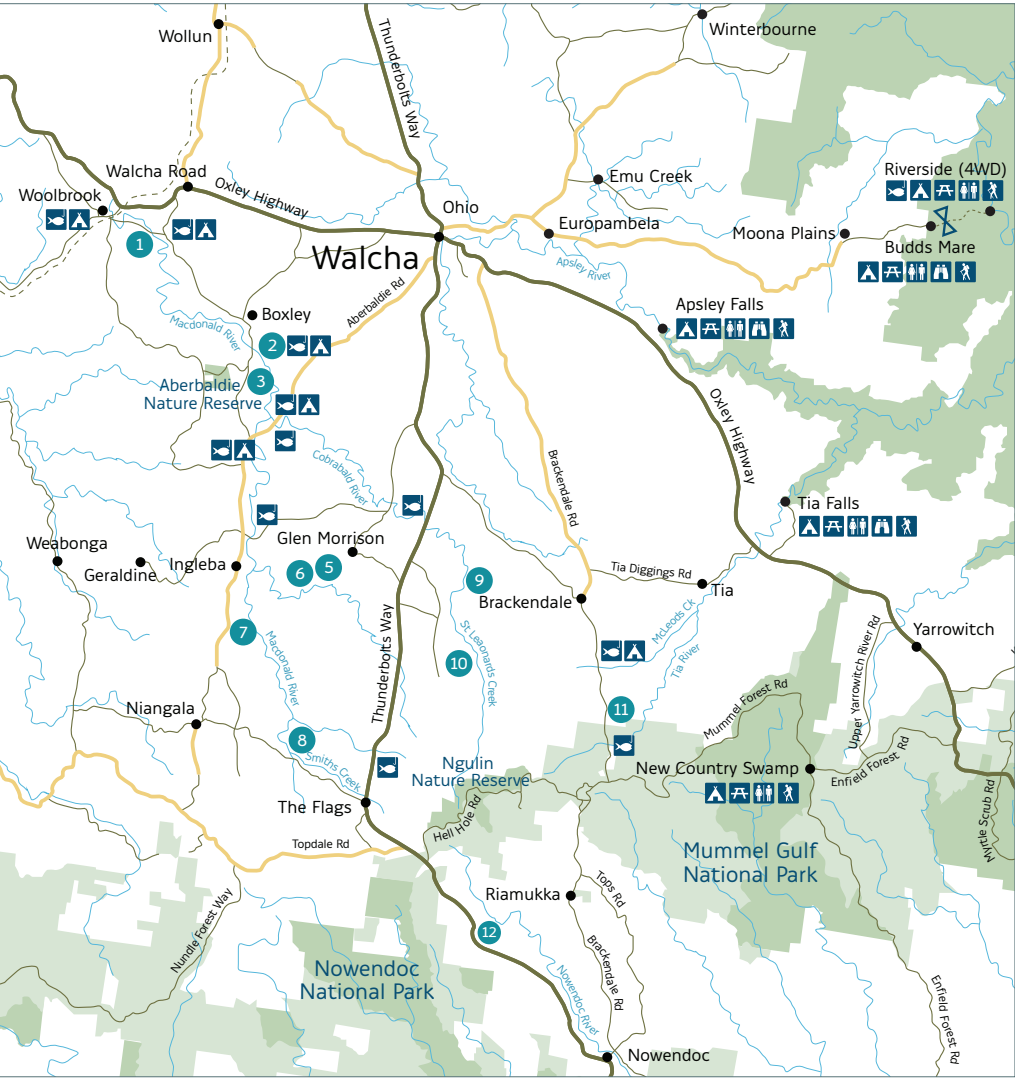


Rules to follow

- Please take all your rubbish with you when you leave
- If you go through private property, please leave the gates as you find them, and it's probably best to leave your pets at home. Pets are not permitted in National Parks.
- You may not use a net, gaff, spear guns, spears, bows and arrows, poison, explosives, firearms or a light.
- It is illegal for recreational anglers to sell their catch.
- You are only permitted one rod or line per person for Trout fishing, two attended lines are permitted for Bass.
- Rods and line must be attended – no more than 10m from you and in sight.
- No more than two hooks, lures or flies per rod
- You are permitted no more than five trout for your bag limit (or ten in possession). Bass have a limit of two per day or four in possession and only one of the four can be over 35cm.
- The legal length for trout is 25cm. If you catch smaller trout, carefully remove the hook and gently return the fish to the water.
- Frogs and live fish are not to be used as bait.

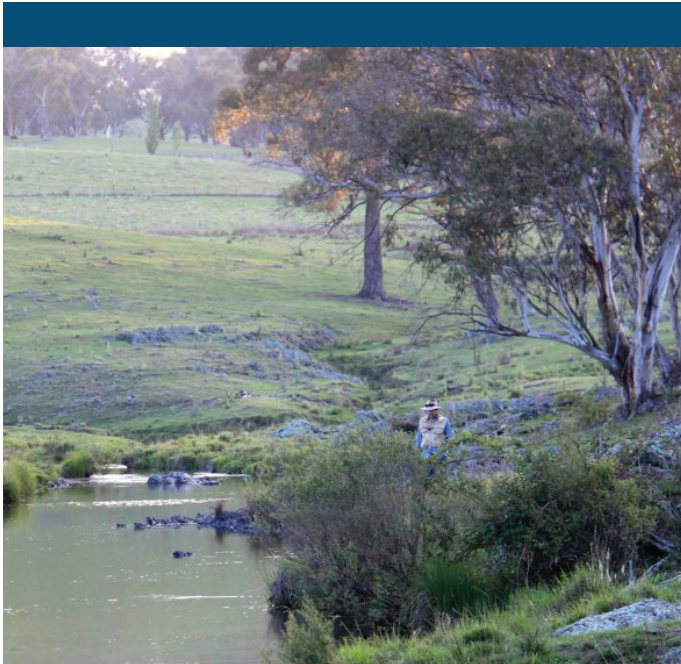
Information and map for fishing in walcha



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- Private property with access (permission must be sought prior)
- 🎣 Fishing
- 🏕️ Camping
- 🚐 Day use area
- 🚻 Toilets
- 🔭 Lookout
- 🥾 Bushwalking
- 🔒 Locked gate, limited access
- 🛣️ Highway or main road
- 🛤️ Sealed road
- 🛤️ Unsealed road
- 4WD access only



Fishing location map

Information provided by the Walcha Bowling Recreation and Fishing Club, showing most of the water gazetted by NSW Fisheries in the Walcha Shire.



Important information

- NSW Recreational Rules apply to all anglers in these waters.
- Property locations are approximate and errors or omissions are inadvertent.
- The map **does not** entitle entry to private property, owners permission must be sought.
- Please ensure that all gates are left as found and any rubbish is removed when leaving.
- Please note recreational fishers now require a licence to fish in NSW. Those under 18, holders of Commonwealth Pension Cards and Aboriginal people are exempt.

Fishing licences

You can purchase your NSW Freshwater Recreational Fishing licence at:
www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee
OR by calling 1300 369 365.

Three day licence	\$7.00
One month	\$14.00
One year	\$35.00
Three years	\$85.00

Tips for the first timer

- Always let someone know where you are going and when you intend to be back.
- You may fish in any stream from a boat or while walking on the stream bed, regardless of who owns the adjacent land. However, you **MUST** get the owner's permission to cross private land to get to a stream.
- Try and be as quiet as possible when approaching the water. Trout are very aware of any changes in the scenery and the skyline, and that includes a group of people standing on the edge of their water hole. If you are wearing bright clothing and making a lot of noise, this makes your task a little harder.
- Trout generally feed at dawn and on dusk. You will probably see them 'rising' at these times which will indicate how active the fish are and even what they are eating. However you don't have to limit your fishing to these times, but if you are fishing in the middle of the day, try to fish in cool spots; in shade, in deep pools and at the base of runs, or even in the runs where the water is more aerated, as trout like to stay cool.
- Have a look around the area where you intend to fish.
- Take note of any insects that are plentiful, as they could be what the trout are feeding on. If you are fly or lure fishing, try to choose the lure that is most similar to the insects that you find. If you don't have any bait with you, have a look around for a good spot to dig a few worms. An old fallen tree is usually a good supply of insect larvae and grubs.
- It may sound silly, but try and imagine where you would be hiding if you were a fish. They like to sit in under the bank or in a little nook or cranny during the day to get out of the hot sun. However, at feeding time, they are closer to the surface and moving around more.

- Trout hate being hooked just as much as any fish, so prepare yourself for a bit of a fight when you catch one. It is a good idea to have a landing net with you because a lot of fish are lost attempting to get them out of the water.
- Obviously if your bait is being ignored, try something different.
- There are a lot of Craybobs or Yabbies (small fresh water crayfish) and they will eat anything you put in the water, including your bait. There isn't anything you can do to stop them from stealing your bait. You may also catch a turtle or an eel, both of which will feel like a snag because they are so large.
- If there has been a lot of rain and the water is dirty and flooding, you may want to try again another day. In flood conditions the fish stay pretty quiet.
- If you are fishing small waters, try casting at the base of the 'runs' because there is food being washed into the water and your bait will easily be mistaken as a tasty morsel.
- Wear good shoes, as snakes are active during summer.

Trout Fishing

Cool running waters of the highlands

The cool, clear running waters of the highlands provide the perfect environment for trout populations to live and breed successfully and Walcha Bowling Recreation & Fishing Club ensures that there is always oncoming stocks by replenishing the streams annually.

Each season, tourists and keen anglers come from all parts of Australia and even from overseas to try their luck at catching one of these beautiful fish and you can join in the fun. The whole family can enjoy a day out fishing with trout waters easily accessible by car – some as close as 15 minutes from town.

With some basic fishing gear and a little patience, you could be hauling in a decent fish for dinner, as trout are an excellent table fish either whole or as fillets or cutlets. If you are camping out, it is recommended you have some foil and lemon handy. Nothing tastes better than fresh fish off the barbeque!



Eastern Bass

Riverside and Macleay Gorges Wilderness Areas

Bass are surface feeders and are caught most prolifically with lures or flies with a bit of persistence. They have been known to take a worm but it depends on the season as to what they will be biting on. If you are lucky enough to catch one – hang on for dear life – as they usually like a fight. Because of this, and being a larger sized fish, you will need to use a heavier line and hooks than what you would for trout. Catch and release methods are encouraged in the Macleay Gorges Wilderness due to stocks decreasing as access to fishing areas increases.



Riverside Campground and Picnic Area

50km East of Walcha on Moona Plains Road – 4WD access only

Bookings are essential. Please go to www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 072 757.

Eastern Australian Bass/Perch fishing comes to the fore at Riverside, which offers unique wilderness access at the Apsley River, approximately an hour east of Walcha. With 5.7km of steep, unsealed roads, your vehicle:

- **MUST HAVE LOW RANGE 4WD** and
- **NO CARAVANS, TRAILERS or MOTORBIKES** can be taken to Riverside.

Riverside	Details	Cost
Day Entry	Per vehicle	\$20.00
Camping	Two people	\$24.00
	Additional adults (16+ years)	\$12.00 each
	Additional child (5 – 15 years)	\$5.00 each

Things to take

- Bait (worms), lures, or both!
- Fishing rod, with line, sinkers and some hooks
- Landing net, pliers to remove hooks easily
- Sturdy footwear, hat and sunscreen
- Small knife or pocket knife to dress your catch
- Bag to put your fish in – ultimately an esky full of ice

Walcha Bowling Recreation and Fishing Club

The Walcha Bowling Recreation and Fishing Club is a non-profit body, all funds raised go to the restocking of our streams and rivers. The Club runs an annual competition for members.

Weigh-in of fish (gilled and gutted) can be done at the Walcha Bowling Club. Membership is also available here.

The Club would ask that you return any undersized fish to the water unharmed and wish you good fishing and an enjoyable time in Walcha.

