

OUR INSTRUCTIONAL LESSONS WILL TEACH YOU BETTER FISHING TECHNIQUES FOR THE SNOWY LAKES, RIVERS & STREAMS.

Bait fishing & lure spinning are commonly used land based methods for catching trout in the Snowy Mountains. Bait fishing is only permitted in the lakes & some pondage areas while lure spinning is allowed in both lakes & rivers. Here at Lakeside Lures & Tackle we'll teach you these methods & how to effectively use your fishing tackle to increase your chances at catching trout.

WE CONDUCT ALL OUR LESSONS IN A CHILD SAFE & FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

All fishing tackle & rods for your lesson are supplied by us. We'll start your lesson with a safety brief, followed by a detailed step by step skills lesson.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Our lessons are conducted in private groups up to 4 family members or friends. Over 25 years combined experience in customer service, we believe this is the best learning environment for children & adults alike.

AGE LIMIT

Younger children are encouraged to cast lures & learn the correct techniques & skills needed to fish effectively. We recommend age 7+ for casting lures & age 10+ learning how bait-fish & learn stream-craft for river fishing.

BEST TIMES

Early morning & evening are ideal fish feeding times, however they can come on the bite during the day. Depending on weather, first light & the following few hours is recommended.

BE PREPARED

Weather conditions can change quickly in the Snowy Mountains, it's recommended to bring a broad brim hat or cap, sunblock, rain jacket or jumper depending on the forecast.

CATCH GUARANTEE

Please be mindful that Snowy Trout are wild animals, we'll never predict how they'll behave on the day. Our average catch rate is one fish per hour, you can be lucky & catch more or in some cases catch nothing.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SUPERVISION

For lessons where up to 4 children are participating only, please ensure a parent or guardian is present for the lesson duration for emergencies & point of contact if needed.

OUR SERVICE TO YOU

We supply all the gear you need, with water & our own organic fruit & nut trail mix snacks for the lesson, we even have polarised sunglasses so you can see the fish better!

- ✓ Fully experienced fishing instructor.
- ✓ Detailed explanation of fishing methods.
- ✓ Rod, Reel & Tackle supplied.
- ✓ No charge for lost tackle.
- ✓ Keep any fish you catch of legal size.
- ✓ You can release the fish to swim another day.
- ✓ Discounts on tackle & Smoked Trout products purchased same day.
- ✓ Healthy refreshments during the lesson.

TAILORED LESSONS

We can customise a lesson to suit your needs, just let us know what type of fishing you would like to do & how many people will be in attendance & we will aim to provide it.

LESSON LOCATION

Depending on lake levels, our lake locations are along the shore at Wollondibbly Inlet near Curiosity Rocks & accessible areas at Hatchery Bay. Our river location is Paddy's Corner on the Thredbo River near the Gaden Trout Hatchery. Toilets are at the Hatchery carpark entrance & BBQ facilities are located in the Hatchery grounds if you wish to explore the river. Hatchery Bay has toilet facilities & undercover tables.

LESSON PRICES

1 HOUR	2 HOUR	3 HOUR
1 Member : \$100	1 Member : \$150	1 Member : \$200
2 Members : \$60ea.	2 Members : \$80ea.	2 Members : \$120ea.
3 - 4 Members : \$50ea.	3 - 4 Members : \$60ea.	3 - 4 Members : \$80ea.

PAYMENT POLICY

A \$65 Deposit is required for all bookings. Full payment is required if your lesson is booked less than 7 days prior to lesson date. Cancellation fee of 20% applies if your lesson is cancelled within 7 days of lesson date. Lessons cancelled by us due to poor weather conditions will be issued a full refund of the lesson price.

IMPORTANT

**PLEASE ARRIVE AT LAKESIDE LURES & TACKLE 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR LESSON.
IF YOU TAKE MEDICATION PLEASE TELL YOUR INSTRUCTOR INCASE OF EMERGENCY.**

LESSON PLAN

SAFETY BRIEF

- Sharp Items
- Water Safety
- Wildlife

ROD

- Usage & Safety
- Rod Types
 - > Fibreglass
 - > Graphite
 - > Carbon Fibre

TACKLE

- Lures
- Hooks
- Sinkers
- Floats & Stoppers

KNOTS

- Clinch
- Surgeon
- Albright
- Alberto

LINE

- Monofilament
- Fluorocarbon
- Braid

BAIT RIGS

- Types of Bait
- Float
- Running Sinker

SPIN RIG

- Snap Swivels
- Changing Lures

CASTING

- Correct bail arm & finger technique
- 10, 12, 2 Method

DRAG SETTINGS

- Fish should feel minimal resistance
- Start $\frac{1}{3}$ of line weight, e.g. 6lb line = 2lb drag

LURE RETRIEVAL

- Spinners : Slow Retrieve with occasional pause
- Soft Plastics : Sink, Retrieve, Pause

STRIKE!

- Pause your lure, see if the fish has another go

HOOK UP!

- Lift your rod tip slightly to set your hook
- Increase your drag to stop line being pulled off

FIGHT 'EM FAST

- Fight the trout fast & get it into your net quickly
- Move away from structure to stop snags

LANDING YOUR CATCH

- Always use a net to land a trout out, not your rod
- Make sure the trout is in clear water while in your net
- Make sure the gills & fins are free from the side of the net

HOOK REMOVAL

- Use 'Best Practice' when handling trout: refer info sheet
- If the trout is hooked & you can see it, use a disgorger quickly
- If you can't see the hook, cut the line as close as possible
- Get the trout back into the water as quick as possible

FISH RELEASE

- Trout may be sluggish after a catch or a struggle
- Hold the trout gently beneath the water & let it swim free

PACKUP

- Leave only footprints!

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

Always check the weather before your fishing lesson as alpine weather can change quickly. Please wear suitable clothing for fishing & trail walking. We can advise you what else you may need when you ring to book your lesson.

SUMMER MONTHS

- Hat
- Polarised Sun Glasses (Can be supplied by us)
- Water Bottle
- Good pair of Sneakers or Boots (No thongs or sandals)

WINTER MONTHS

- Beanie
- Gloves
- Warm Jacket
- Polarised Sun Glasses (Can be supplied by us)
- Water Bottle
- Good pair of Sneakers or Boots (No thongs or sandals)