

Access Rules

Remember these simple rules and ensure ongoing access for all.

- Park vehicles away from tracks and gates.
- Do not litter.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Cross fences without damaging them.
- Stay within river margins.
- Do not stray into paddocks with stock.
- Avoid disturbing stock or trampling crops. Walk along fence lines where possible.
- Respect private land.
- Report any missing or damaged signs to Fish & Game.
- Refer to your refer to your South Island regulation booklet for angling regulations and bag limits.

Fishing Etiquette

- Respect other anglers already on the water.
- Do not fish ahead of them.
- A polite approach enquiring about fishing plans should avoid problems.

This will result in more productive angling, sharing of information and has begun many angling friendships.

River Crossing Tips

- The Buller River is deceptively deep and swift, care is required when crossing.
- Only cross where the current will push you to safety.
- Cross with the current.
- Two people linked up is safer and easier.
- If in doubt DON'T CROSS.

The Buller Fishery

The Buller River system now has a national water conservation order in recognition of its outstanding trout and native fisheries, water quality, largely undeveloped catchment, wild and scenic nature and unmodified flows. Resident brown trout of 2 to 6 lb inhabit most waters within the Buller water shed. Searun trout move freely throughout the Buller River system (except Maruia River above falls) in good numbers and size. All trout fishing experiences are available in the Buller system from trolling in the lakes to hiking into wilderness tributaries.

The lower Buller is little fished and awaits anglers keen to explore and discover its secrets. Major Buller tributaries like the Maruia, Mangles and Matakitaiki will feature in their own access pamphlet in the future. Small tributaries like the Little Deepdale, Station Creek and Speargrass Creek hold trout. Lake Matiri and upper Matiri River do not contain trout.

The Buller catchment can experience heavy rain falls that quickly increase flows and discolour the water, fortunately the reverse happens just as quickly. The Gowan River and the upper Buller above the Howard confluence are normally always clear. Anglers can choose from the many excellent services and facilities available in Murchison, Westport and St Arnaud with Nelson and Blenheim only 60 to 90 minutes drive away.

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