

Fishing is a great way to explore  
and enjoy the Falkland Islands



# Trout Fishing

## IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS



To ensure that you have an enjoyable experience, you should be familiar with what fish you can catch, where you can fish and when.

### Trout Fishing Regulations

- The trout fishing season runs from 1st September until 30th April.
- No licence is necessary.
- The daily bag limit is 6 trout per angler.
- Permission must be sought before entering private land.
- Practice catch and release by using a single barbless hook. Bring the fish quickly to the bank and carefully remove the hook.
- Do not transfer trout or eggs between waterways.
- Special legislated conditions apply to the Murrell River and some other rivers have additional limitations imposed by landowners.

### Trout Fishing at the Murrell River, Stanley

- Fishing is not permitted off the culverts or within 100m of the crossing on either side.
- The daily bag limit is 3 trout and each trout must weigh over 1.5lb or 0.5kg.
- Fishing is not permitted upstream from the area known as Drunken Rock.

### Be aware of the Falkland Islands Countryside Code

#### When you go fishing:

- ✓ Always ask permission before entering private land. Leave gates, open or shut, as you find them.
- ✓ Be aware of the high fire risk throughout the islands. Be extremely careful when smoking not to start fires. Take your cigarette butts away with you.
- ✓ Do not drop litter. Take your rubbish home with you.

### Brown Trout/Sea Trout



Brown trout were introduced into various rivers on East and West Falklands during the 1940 to 1960s. The trout has become well established in rivers and large specimens, up to and over 10lbs (4.5kg) are regularly caught during the season. The best months to fish for sea trout are September/October and February/March.

### Zebra Trout Up to 25cm



These fish are native to the Falkland Islands. The zebra trout is protected by law and CAN NOT be fished.

### Falklands Minnow Up to 8cm



### Mullet Up to 80cm



These native fish may be fished for year round.

### Biosecurity to Protect Our Rivers

The Falkland Islands is free of all invasive freshwater algae and fish diseases and we want to keep it that way! So, if you have brought fishing tackle, waders or boots into the Falkland Islands that has been used elsewhere, you must Check, Clean and Dry.

**CHECK:** Hopefully before you left the river or lake where you last used your fishing gear outside the Falklands, you checked it for contamination with debris (e.g. pieces of weed, dirt or other material). If you find any debris when you check your gear after arrival in the Falklands, please dispose of it in a rubbish bin. Do not wash it down the sink or wash it in a river.

**CLEAN:** Regardless of how clean your fishing gear looks, it should be disinfected before use in the Falklands. There are several ways to do this, including soaking or spraying all surfaces for at least one minute in 5% dishwashing detergent, 20% nappy cleaner or 2% household bleach.

**DRY:** The item must be completely dry to the touch, inside and out, and then left dry for a further 48 hours before use.

**REPORT:** Any dead/dying/diseased fish, new/unusual freshwater fish or algal sightings in Falkland Islands waterways. Most native algae are green or brown, slimy and easily fall apart when rubbed.

