

Trout

| Waters | Length | Daily bag limit |
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| Trout spawning | 50cm | 1 |
| Artificial fly & lure | 25cm | 2 |
| General trout streams & dams | 25cm | 5 |

Good baits - Yabbies, worms, crickets, artificial flies, lures and synthetic baits.

Closure - Fishing is prohibited in general trout streams and trout spawning streams from the June long weekend to October long weekend. Dams open all year.

Where - Dilgry river, Little Manning river, Polblue Creek, Moppy River, Kholwha Creek, Barrington River above Moppy, Gloucester River (above falls at Gloucester Tops), Cobark River, Moonan Brook, Nowendoc River.

Brook Trout



Rainbow Trout



Brown Trout



*Information courtesy of the NSW
Recreational Freshwater Fishing Guide*

General Do's and Don'ts

Fishing licences are required and must be on your person at all times, they can be purchased at the Gloucester Visitor Information Centre. Persons under the age of 18, indigenous persons and pensioners are not required to have a fishing licence. See the DPI freshwater fishing guide for the full list of exemptions.

It is illegal for recreational anglers to sell their catch.

You may fish any stream from a boat or while walking on the stream bed, regardless of who owns the adjacent land. However, you need the owner's permission to cross land to get to a stream.

You may not use spear guns. Bows and arrows, poison, explosives or firearms to catch fish.

All lines must be attended and you are allowed two - they must be no more than 10 metres from you and in your sight.

It is illegal to take trout by intentional jugging or foul hooking, or by using a light or by net (other than a landing net for a legally hooked fish) or by tickling or by gaff.

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Fishing

Barrington Tops Gloucester Region

The rivers in the Gloucester region come under the Peel District and are classed as general trout streams. These include the Barrington, Barnard, Cobark, Dilgry, Gloucester, Manning and Nowendoc rivers plus their creeks and tributaries including Gulf Creek, Moppy Creek, Carters Brook, Stewarts Brook & Moonan Brook.

The opening of the fishing season varies depending on the type of fish you're trying to catch, seasonal variations in the weather, which affects availability, and, "so we're told" whether the dollar birds are singing.

Trout Season

Opens | Midnight, Friday - October long weekend

Closes | Midnight, Monday - June long weekend.

Bass Season

Opens | 1st September

Closes | 30th April

Other Local fish

Mullet, catfish, eels and herring start arriving in the local rivers and streams towards the end of November (usually). The eels and the catfish are in the rivers during winter but are usually are not biting during the cooler months.

***Permission is required from landowners
before traversing private property.***

Australian Bass & Estuary Perch

Legal length - None

Bag limit - 2 in total (one or more species of Bass or Perch, only 1 over 35cm in rivers)

Possession limit - 4 in total (one or more species of Bass or Perch, only 1 over 35cm in rivers)

Good baits - Crickets, earthworms, surface lures and spinner baits.

Closure - No taking of Australian Bass and Estuary Perch from May to August other than by catch and release fishing, they must be returned to the river unharmed. Dams not affected by closure.

Where - *Barrington River* - Rocky Crossing and down stream, Barrington Reserve, Relf's Landing (Relf's Road) *Gloucester River* - Faulklands Crossing and downstream. *Barnard River* - Bretti Reserve, up stream & downstream.



Australian Bass



Estuary Perch

Catfish (Eel-Tailed)

Legal length - 30cm in eastern dams, listed western dams and eastern rivers.

Bag limit - 5 in eastern dams, 5 in listed western dams, 2 in eastern rivers.

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Possession limit - 10 in eastern dams and listed western dams, 4 in eastern rivers.

Good baits - Yabbies, snails, earthworms.

Where - *Barrington River* - Rocky Crossing and down stream, Barrington Reserve, Relf's Landing (Relf's Road) *Gloucester River* - Faulklands Crossing and downstream. *Barnard River* - Bretti Reserve, up stream & downstream.



Freshwater Catfish

Sea Mullet (Bully)

The Sea Mullet is known by several names including the Bully, Streamer Mullet and Freshwater Mullet. There is no size limit or bag limit listed for mullet in freshwater. As a general guide we use saltwater limits.

Legal length - 30cm

Bag limit - 20 in total

Good baits - Worms or dough

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Mullet

Eels Southern Shortfin

Legal length - 30cm

Bag limit - 10

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Possession limit - 10

Good baits - Fish pieces, earthworms.

Eels Longfin

Legal length - 58cm

Bag limit - 10

Possession limit - 10

Good baits - Fish pieces, earthworms.



Long finned eel

Crayfish Eastern Freshwater

Legal length - 9cm

Bag limit - 5 (only 1 over 12cm)

Possession limit - 10 (only 1 over 12cm)

Good baits - Fish heads, chicken gut

Closure - No taking from trout waters

Crayfish with eggs - It is illegal to keep Crayfish with eggs or to remove those eggs. Crayfish with eggs must be returned carefully to the water.



Bait & Tackle shops in Gloucester

Boydies Camping Fishing & Hunting

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