



Fishing Rules for Walkersons Estate :

Fishing permits are available from Reception and can be issued on arrival or at any time during your stay. Permits must be in the possession of anglers when fishing. Hotel guests are not required to pay for fishing permits for the dams.

The bailiff, security and management reserves the right to check all fishing equipment and permits at any time. Any misconduct will be reported to management immediately. Your support in adhering to the estate rules is appreciated.

The bearer of a fishing permit agrees to abide by the following rules and regulations :

1. Only traditional English type fly fishing tackle may be used, i.e. Trout Rod, normal centre pin reel and tied fly, knotless landing net, barbless hooks.
2. The following are not allowed:
 - a. Fixed spools, spinning reels, baiting/lure casting reels.
 - b. Spoon and spinners.
 - c. Keep nets.
3. Try not to remove the fish from the water. Do not over exhaust the fish. If you catch a trophy size fish allow it to recover in the net for 5-10min before handling the fish. Always wet your hands before handling the fish.
4. Float tubing is only permitted on Long Final and Child's Play Dams.
5. Only Homeowners are permitted to keep fish. For all other guests / visitors fishing is strictly on a catch-and-release basis only.
6. Driving up to dams is not allowed. Please ensure that you park in appropriately designated parking areas or on the sides of the roads.
7. Children below the age of 10 may not fish unless they are accompanied by an adult.
8. No fishing is allowed after sunset.
9. Fishing is done entirely at your own risk.
10. Please respect your fellow fisherman's space and avoid over-crowding.
11. Please do not leave any litter at the dams.
12. A Walkersons Private Estate river licence is required to fish the rivers (Homeowners and hotel room guests only) and these can be obtained from Estate Management at a fee of R200 per licence. These permits are not transferable and valid for 1 year from date of issue.
13. It is an offence to fish in the rivers without a valid Walkersons Private Estate river licence.
14. Only Homeowners and their guests (provided the Homeowner is present on the estate) and guests checked into **hotel rooms** are permitted to fish the rivers, when in possession of the relevant river permit. Guests booked into self catering cottages are limited to fishing in dams.
15. River fishermen should stay well clear of others already fishing the river.
16. The river is closed for fishing from 1 June to 31 August annually.
17. Only 4 anglers per house are allowed to fish at any given time. Each house is provided with four Walkersons Private Estate dam fishing permits which should be carried by each individual angler at all times.
18. Any fish found in your possession on departure from the Estate will be deemed to have been poached and will be dealt with as a criminal offence.
19. There are 11 fishing dams on the Estate – all dams are catch and release unless the permit holder is a Homeowner.
20. All Bass caught can be kept or given to the Bailiff. Please DO NOT return Bass into dams or rivers.
21. No swimming is permitted in any of the dams or rivers.
22. Breaking ANY rules could result in a fine or suspension of a fishing permit.