

Wilderness Lodge Lake Moeraki Day Fishing Hire Package

What you can catch around here:

Brown Trout and Pacific Salmon

What we supply for the day :

A Day Licence for Fishing – you will receive a fishing regulations information booklet with this. You **must** have a licence to fish in this region of New Zealand.

Spinning Rod and Reel

Landing Net

Tackle Box and 2 Lures

Cost:

\$49 per day – all equipment to be returned to reception upon completion of your expedition

Fishing Seasons and where can you fish:

Summer Season	1/10/2007- 31/3/2008
Winter Season	1/04/2008- 30/9/2008

- You can fish for trout all year in the Lake (Salmon only 1st Oct -31st March)
- The headwaters of Lake Moeraki are closed to fishing in the winter season (between 1st April to 30th September). Between 1st April to 30th September (the winter season) **only** the Moeraki River downstream from the State Highway 6 bridge can be fished for trout.
- You can fish for trout downstream of the State Highway 6 bridge all year
- See reverse for more details on where else you can fish

Please do not fish in front of the Lodge Buildings or at the Giant Rimu Lookout as we have some trout here for everyone to see and feed.

We encourage the catch and release of any fish you may catch.

Fishing in the area

Lake Moeraki (open for trout fishing all year but salmon season is only 1st Oct to 31 March)

“Anywhere” – what more can one say except that fish are found throughout the lake. Popular bays to spot trout are around the eastern and southern side of the lake (Left hand side going up the lake). Trout can be spotted along the roadside edge of the lake, but there are many tree snags in the water which make catching difficult.

At both the inlet and outlet of the lake, trout may be found. The inlet is one of few places where fly-fishing can be undertaken from the shore – but you will need a kayak to get there. Otherwise fly-fishing is either by boat or people opt for spinning gear.

Lower Moeraki River (open for trout fishing below the Bridge all year)

From the Lodge, follow the walking track to the Giant Rimu Lookout, then continue down the Lower Moeraki River track (this track can be muddy – boots are useful) to a whitebaiters cottage, follow a short side track to the river where you can fish a few pools either side of small rapids or amongst giant trees trunks in the river.

Upper Moeraki River (fish only from 1st October- 30th April)

Turn left out of the Lodge gates and travel along State Highway 6 for 8.5 km passing Kaka Creek and onto Boulder Creek. From here you can rock scramble down to the river to some pools. You can either travel upstream, (some bush navigating is required) to the Moeraki Bluff pools, or head down stream to a few other pools. There is also some limited access to the river at Kaka Creek.

Windbag Stream – 13 - 18 km north of the Lodge (salmon season only 1st Oct to 31 March)

Travel by vehicle and turn left out of the Lodge gates towards Fox Glacier. Follow State Highway 6 past Lake Moeraki and then Boulder Creek and continue heading out of the Moeraki valley towards Paringa. The “Windbag” Stream bridge (one lane) is reached after 13 km, and then the road follows beside this stream for the next 5 km. There are many places to try spinning or fly fishing along the fringes of this stream as it runs into Lake Paringa, but the stream is small and enclosed by forest.

Lake Paringa (open for trout fishing all year but salmon season is only 1st Oct - 31 March)

Situated 20 km north of the Lodge is Lake Paringa with its recreation reserve. There is a small beach from which you can either fly or spin fish, otherwise a boat or canoe is the best mode of travel on this lake.