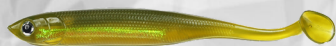


TROUT RELEASES

Fish & Game regularly stock Lake Argyle and the lower hydro canal with large rainbow trout (1-6kg).



The trout come from down the road at Wairau Valley township where around 4000 trout are grown annually and released into a number of local waterways. The hatchery is joint funded by Trustpower and Fish & Game for the benefit of anglers.



TAGGED FISH

Keep your eye out for tagged fish! They will either be part of our annual summer tag competition (a chance to win some great prizes!), or come from the Branch River which feeds water into the lake. Please report any tags to Fish & Game.



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Did you know?

Lake Argyle is fed by the Branch River so when it rains, the lake can become discoloured. Before you go - check the Marlborough District Council website for river flows: <http://hydro.marlborough.govt.nz/environmental>



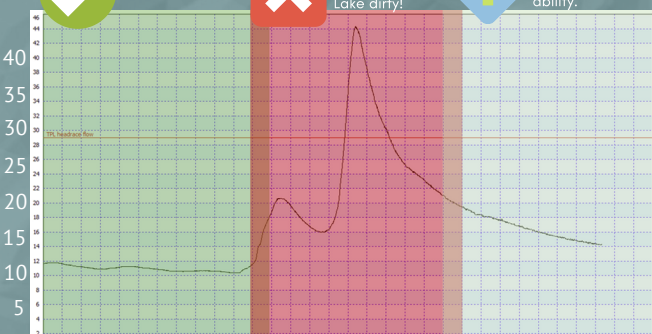
Good to go!
Lake is clear



Fish somewhere else
Lake dirty!



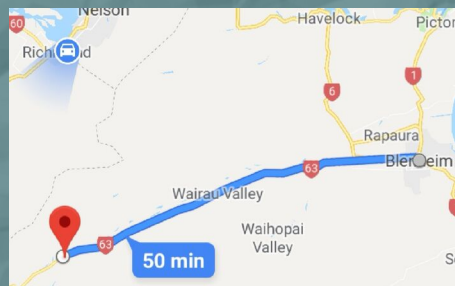
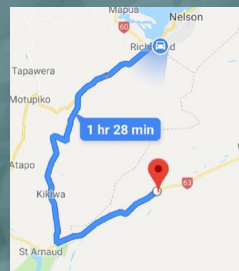
Lake clearing
Fishable - but limited spotting ability.



GETTING THERE

FROM NELSON: head towards Lake Rotoiti, then turn left at Tophouse Junction. Lake Argyle is approx. 20 mins from here. The drive takes roughly 90 minutes.

Camping is available at the South side of the lake.



FROM BLENHEIM: drive through Renwick towards Lake Rotoiti on SH63. The lake is approximately 50 mins drive.

If you want to try your luck on some great rivers nearby, try fishing the Branch or Wairau Rivers



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LAKE ARGYLE

All you need to know about catching trout at this popular fishery - what to use, where to look, plus other great tips



Brought to you by Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game

Lake Argyle is popular fishing location for both shore and boat anglers. It is a small man made hydro storage reservoir about 220m wide, 1300m long and 3.5m deep.

Access is excellent with a gravel road following most of the shoreline. Self contained camping and boat launching facilities are available at the south eastern end of the pond.

Lake Argyle is a focus fishery - regular releases of rainbow trout take place at the lake. Many of these are in the 1-2 kg

range, however Fish & Game frequently release monster trophy trout in the 10+ pound class - a fish of a lifetime!

Also keep your eye out for our annual lucky tag competition, which takes place over summer - a chance to win some great prizes!

All fishing methods work well but can depend upon wind and water conditions, avoid strong southerlies!



CANAL FISHING

Did you know - there are over 5kms of hydro canal that you can fish, both above and below the Lake?

The lower canal below the lake is open all year round and terminates at another dam - what we call the fish bowl (a great place to throw a lure).

The head-race canal (entering into the lake) holds a good population of trout - they move freely between here and the the lake. Remember though - the head-race canal is closed from May 1 - September 30 to allow trout to spawn.

It's a great place to go fly fishing, or try a bubble and fly - check out the you tube video below.

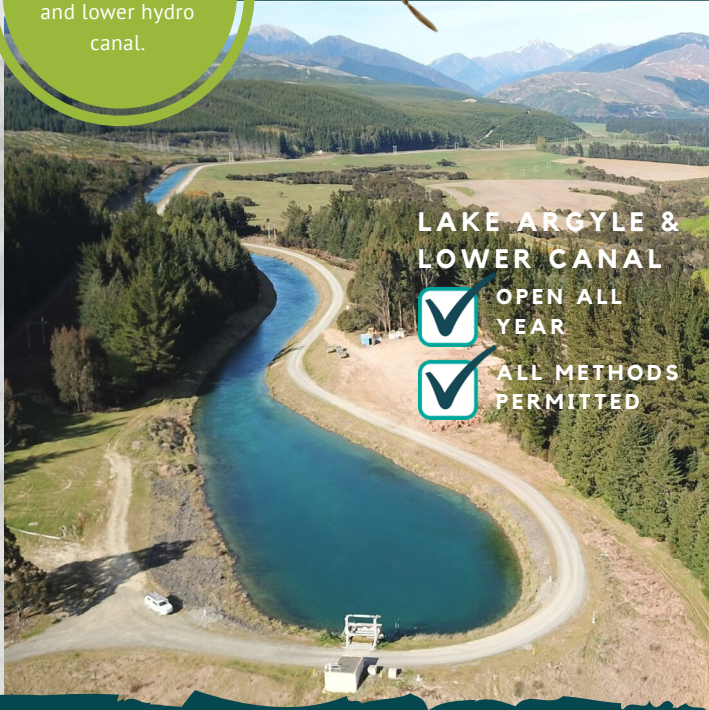


Lake Argyle: fishing the canal



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It is possible to also use bait in the lake and lower hydro canal.



LAKE ARGYLE & LOWER CANAL

- OPEN ALL YEAR
- ALL METHODS PERMITTED

Did you know?
You can catch both rainbow and brown trout in the lake. The rainbow trout are a mix of wild and hatchery raised fish, and the brown trout are all wild fish. Wild trout can slip through the dam intake from the Branch River and enter the lake via the headrace canal.



The rainbow trout in Lake Argyle are fantastic eating, and we highly recommend you take one home for tea, either to be smoked, baked, or filleted.

SPIN FISHING: Spinning is a popular and productive method. The trout will take any type of spinner, with a black and gold toby or pink enticer being a good first choice. Using a slow retrieve with the lure close to the bottom works best.

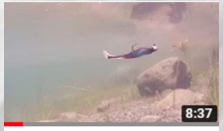
SOFT PLASTICS: simply deadly at the lake. Check out our two videos on using soft plastics that the region's best anglers use to catch their trout. Scan the QR code or visit our website to watch the videos.



Lake fishing tips at Lake Argyle



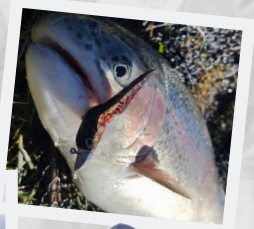
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Lake Argyle tips and tricks



FLY FISHING: If the fish are eating off the surface try a size 12 to 16 dry fly such as a Humpy, Irresistible or Royal Wulff. If the trout are on the bottom try a size 14 - 18 nymph such as a Pheasant Tail, Hares Ear, cased caddis, or Water Boatman. Larger wet fly lures such as a Mrs Simpson, or Woolly Bugger (black or olive) also work well.



A good bank to cast fly, spinners and softbaits!

An ideal place to fish with kids!

On a windy day the southern, inlet end is calmer and can be a good place to fish. Here there is a shallow shelf where good numbers of cruising trout can be spotted.

