

REISA RIVER

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Fishing rules valid for the 2023 sea trout fishing season

The sea trout season will last from 12th of August to 14th of September in zone 1 and 2. Reisa River is still closed for fishing after salmon and char.

Brief information about the Reisa River

Reisa River in Northern Troms County is a nationally protected salmon river located in one of Norway's most scenic valleys. The river runs through the Reisa National Park and is approximately 200 kilometres long, of which the salmon section is 85 kilometres. Reisa River flows into the Reisa Fjord, which is a national salmon fjord. It takes approximately 20 minutes by air or three hours by car from Tromsø. Visit www.reisaelva.no for more information.

The trustees of Reisa River are committed to carry out the fishery management in a proper and orderly form and that it is conducted in accordance with the adopted rules. The fishing must be carried out by moving gradually downstream to allow other anglers to follow on from behind. Prior to fishing starts, everyone participating in the fishing MUST read the fishing rules with notes and other important information that follows the fishing rules.

§ 1. Fishing Times, species and zones

The following fishing times apply:

Species	Fishing times	Zones
Salmon	CLOSED	WHOLE RIVER
Sea trout	12. August at 10:00 a.m. - 14. September at 12:00 p.m.	1 and 2
Arctic char	CLOSED	WHOLE RIVER

Notice: Fishing after salmon and char is not allowed.

§ 2. Daily Protection period

It is a no-fishing protection period each day from 02.00-10:00 a.m. in zones 1 and 2 through the sea trout season.

§ 3. Requirements for disinfection of equipment

All equipment - rods, reels, lines, flies, knives, nets, waders, coffee pots and other equipment that may have been in other rivers, etc., must be disinfected when buying a fishing permit, ref. § 45 of the regulations on sales of aquaculture animals and products of aquaculture animals, prevention and combating of infectious diseases in aquatic animals.

§ 4. Documentation when exercising fishing and additional provisions

The following documents must be brought and must be available for control:

- Valid permit
- Valid documentation for disinfection of equipment
- Mandatory Government license
- Personal ID

Other provisions:

- All day permits can only be used by the named person
- Re-registration of fishing permits is not allowed
- If closure of the river due to high-water temperatures, paid permits will not be refunded.

§ 5. Age at acquisition of fishing permits

All children under 12 years of age fish for free on the Reisa River. Children/adolescents from the age of 12 to the age of 16 can fish using parental permits but cannot fish simultaneously while guardians are using the same permit.

§ 6. Protection of all salmon and char

Fishing after salmon and char is not allowed in 2023. This is to build up the spawning stock of the salmon and the char. If you catch a salmon or a char, they must be released back to the river. Farmed salmon should be removed. Salmon or char that is badly damaged and presumably going to die should be culled and delivered to Reisa Elvelag.

§ 7. Protection of kelt

All kelt is protected on the Reisa River. Kelt must be treated carefully as described in § 1 of additional information. If in doubt that it is a kelt caught, the fish must be released (the best characteristics of a kelt is that the fish is very lean and is most likely to be caught early in the season. Kelt that is damaged and probably going to die should be culled. If this occurs, the fish should not be included in the daily or annual quota. A caught kelt should be reported.

§ 8. Permitted day quota

There are days' quota of 5 sea trout per angler per fishing day. Daily bag limit includes fish that are killed. The fishing day ends when the day quota is reached.

§ 9. Allowable annual quota

There are no annual quota on sea trout.

§ 10. Minimum sizes

It is prohibited to catch and keep sea trout under 30 centimetres. It not allowed to keep any salmon or arctic char.

§ 11. Permitted use of fishing gear

It can only be used fishing gear that is allowed in anadromous waterways by law/regulation. The aim is to fish after sea trout. The following permitted and prohibited methods and equipment mentioned particular in the table below:

Permitted fishing equipment and methods	NOT permitted equipment and methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly, fished with floating line or floating bobber. The fly must be tied on a single or double hook with maximum hook size 12. Tube flies up to 2 cm (includes the wing) is allowed. No extra weight attached to the fly. One rod per angler A net for netting a fish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoon, lure and wobbler Fishing from a boat if you are impeding other anglers More than 1 flies per line Gaff Fixed line Organic bate/lure (worm or similar)

§ 12. Requirements for mandatory reporting of catches

Reporting of catches is **mandatory** cf. Salmon fishing Act § 44.

Duty to report: Both killed and released salmon shall be reported. A catch report must be provided regardless of the catch result, also at zero (0) catch. If the fishing/catch result is not reported as soon as possible, the permit holder could be excluded from fishing immediately and for the rest of the 2023 season. Note: It is imperative that all catches are recorded and updated to final reporting prior to 20 September 2023.

§ 13. Zone arrangement and number of permits per zone

Anglers are required to abide by the zone arrangement. The zones are marked along all roads that run along the river, by signs near the riverbank and on maps. Number of rods relates to day permits.

From 12. August 2023 at 10.00 to 14. September 2023 at 24.00:

ZONE	BEAT FROM-TO	VISITOR PERMITS/DAY	LOCAL PERMITS/DAY
1	Sjøen-Røyeelva	21	14
2	Røyeelva-Moskodalselva (munningen)	6-7	4-5

The zones from 3-19 is closed.

§ 14. Violation of the fishing rules

Anyone can go fishing on the Reisa River to perform fishing in accordance with applicable regulations. Violations of fishing rules will be prosecuted when necessary. The Reisa River Board may also sanction against violations cf. § 13 of the Trust's Bylaws.

Additional Information

Must be read!

1. Catch and release

REMEMBER!

Freshly run salmon are more susceptible to damage scales with subsequent fungal infection. Be extra cautious. Don't release salmonid fish when water temperature is too high, when it is damaged or does not swim off on their own. In periods with high water temperature Reisa Elvelag will consider the need of closing the river.

Before you start fishing,

Do this:

- Have a strong enough leader/line
- Bring a hook releaser in your pocket
- Bring a large mesh and knotless net
- Decide early if the fish you catch are to be released again and take it in as quickly as possible
- Find a landing spot where twigs and stones cannot damage the fish
- Use hook pliers and remove the hook gently
- Keep the fish in the water with one hand around the tail and one under the belly till it swims off by itself
- Report your catch to be registered (legal requirement)

Don't do this:

- Do not lift the fish out of water unnecessarily
- Do not squeeze the fish
- Do not pull it back and forth to pump water over the gills, just keep it in the water hold the fish in the current
- Do not weigh the fish – check the length using a tape measure or a marker on the rod!

2. Gyrodactylus salaris

Reisa River has avoided to be infected by the salmon parasite *Gyrodactylus salaris* and Reisa Elvelag is on high alert to avoid this. Therefore, all equipment - rods, reels, lines, flies, knives, nets, waders, boats and other equipment for use in the river – MUST be disinfected before use. If such equipment is used without disinfection certificate can be shown, the angler will be removed from the river. On suspicion of such use, contact Reisa Elvelag. Any fishing equipment boats/canoes can be disinfected at Storslett. More info will come when the disinfection station is up and running (look at www.reisaelva.no).

3. Purchase of licenses

Day permits are being sold on reisaelva.no, Inatur.no, Scanatura.no or directly of landowners.

4. Guidance on the reporting of catch

Catch reporting is a very important part of the local management of the Reisa River and forms the basis for statutory mid-season assessment and end final reports to the administrative authorities.

5.1 Reporting of cards purchased from Reisa Elvelag –www.scanatura.no

Catch report must be submitted regardless of outcome, either over the Internet at www.scanatura.no (log in with your permit number). If this doesn't work the catch report can be send to post@reisaelva.no.

5. Approaches, behaviour and the use of fishing areas and backwoods

The use of in- and outfields

People have access rights to in- and outfields in Norway but have to be approached with care and respect. Use existing trails in the terrain - some of these are marked along the roads. Close gates and entrances and avoid trampling down fences. Ask the landowner for permission prior to entering farmland. Respect the owner's right to refuse motorised traffic on private roads, cf Countryside Act § 4

Camping

As a rule, camping should not take place closer than 150 meters from houses/cottages and a maximum of two days, cf Countryside Act § 9. Longer stays require the landowner's consent. Furthermore, the tent should be placed at a designated place to avoid camping on the landowner's infields.

Keep the nature clean

Garbage must be taken home or thrown in the trash bins. Everyone is committed to leave a camp in a state that cannot be unappealing or cause damage or inconvenience to anyone, cf Countryside Act § 11.

Fishing etiquette

Always start above an angler who is already in the same pool. This also applies if the angler is fishing on the opposite bank. **Never start fishing below an angler who already is fishing in the same area no matter which side he/she fishes from.** Always PRACTICE MOVING FISHING - no matter what type of equipment being used. **Don't 'root' to a spot!** Move 5 to 10 steps down the river between each cast. Where the possibility of movement is limited, change position every 15 minutes. Show good manners/behaviour. Behave in and near the river as you want others to behave towards you. Contact River supervision if situations arise where it is unwanted behaviour or fishing regulations are not complied with, so that supervision can report to Reisa Elvelag.

6. Travelling with motorised boat

Boat driver should reduce the speed and if possible, keep a good distance where the fishes from the river bank. A motorised boat driving ban is in place:

- All year, Bilto - Imo: Friday night and Saturday night from midnight to 06:00.
- 1.9. -31.12., Old Bridge (Storslett) - Bilto: Friday night and Saturday night from midnight to 06:00.
- Not allowed with use of water jets
- You are allowed to fish from the boat as long as it does not inconvenience others.

7. River Inspection

It is particularly important that the River Service Authority is contacted for suspected breaches of the regulations and by other unwanted behaviour, so that adverse events are documented and reported to Reisa Elvelag. Phone number: +47 481 17 248.

8. Other important phone numbers

Contact	Phone number (+47)	Internet	E-mail address
Catch reporting	38 10 80 40 / 952 23 070	www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg	aht@scanatura.no
Mountain service	922 43 096 / 922 41 426	-	-
Reindeer Police	957 50 664	-	-
Police	02 800	-	-
Reisa Elvelag	91 11 83 99	www.reisaelva.no	post@reisaelva.no
River inspection	481 17 248	-	-