

# *Timber Lake*

## *Fish for a Legend*

### **Rules of the lake**

The rules of the lake have been developed to enhance the Angling experience of all patrons of the lake, to provide a safe and secure environment for patrons of the lake and to ensure that all appropriate government laws and regulations are adhered to.

Please abide by these rules at all times when at Timber Lake. If you feel a rule is wrong or cannot be abided by (discriminatory, stupid or just plain wrong), please speak with your guide. If you are not with a guide, please speak with Timber Lake Management (see below for details). We will address any concern that you have and will take appropriate action to remedy the situation where necessary.

Any breach of the rules will result in a written notice stating the breach and the actions taken by Timber Lake management to remedy this breach. If the breach continues to occur, termination of any Pass to the lake, Guided Tour or Unguided Tour may occur with no refund.

A serious breach of the rules (such as where it is determined that you have knowingly put yours or others well-being at jeopardy) will be dealt with immediately by termination of any Pass to the Lake, Guided Tour or Unguided Tour with no refund.

People who may report a breach to Timber Lake Management include: Guides employed to take tours of the lake, other patrons of the lake, the police and any member of the general public that have knowledge of the happenings at the Lake.

### **Attendance at the lake**

1. All people attending the lake must be 16 years of age or older. People under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian.
2. An Angler must take a guided tour of the lake before becoming eligible for a "Timber Lake Pass" or an unguided tour.
3. Only Guided, Unguided and Pass holding anglers and their fishing partner(s) may stay overnight at the lake. Family and friends are welcome to come down for a picnic lunch or just to say "Hi" during daylight hours.
4. It is essential that all Pass holders inform Timber Lake management of their intention to access to the lake.

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## **Access to the Lake**

1. Security on all items at the lake is provided by Timber Lake Management. Please contact Timber Lake Management for access to the lake.
2. In the case of early rainfalls and bad weather, the track to the camp site at Timber Lake may become inaccessible. In this case Timber Lake Management will do it's best to inform the parties concerned that a "walk in" or postponement may be necessary.

## **Conduct at the Lake**

1. All patrons of the lake shall respect each other as Anglers and as people. This means that you must not ridicule or harass other anglers as to their angling tactics, race, colour or creed and you will respect each Anglers privacy.
2. Alcohol is permitted at the lake, but must be consumed within the guidelines of the law and the rules of the lake.
3. Alcohol must not be consumed by any person aboard a Timber Lake vessel (boat or punt).
4. Alcohol is to be consumed in moderation.
5. Between 11:00PM and 8:00AM noise of any sort must be kept to a minimum so that other patrons and people living around the lake are not disturbed.

## **Angling Equipment**

Timber Lake Management takes no responsibility or liability for personal equipment that is broken in the cause of normal activities (angling) at the lake.

### ***Spin and Bait Caster Equipment***

1. The minimum line strength to be used on Spin and Bait Caster equipment is 30LB.
2. Rods and Reels should be suited to the minimum line capacity.

### ***Fly Fishing Equipment***

1. Leader and Tippet strength should be a minimum of 10LB.
2. A 7 weight rod is required as a minimum.

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## Boats and Boating

1. All boat operators must undergo a brief information and training class before operating a Hire and Drive boat on Timber Lake. All boat operators (using their own boat) must be the holder of a current Victorian General Boat Operator Licence or an equivalent licence. Please refer to the "Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook" for more information.
2. All boats are to be equipped in accordance with the "Minimum Safety Equipment Requirements" published in the "Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook".
3. Timber Lake provides extra safety equipment (such as radios and portable air horns) that may be used by Pass holders of the lake. Please see Timber Lake Management to access this equipment.
4. A maximum speed limit of 15 knots applies on open waters of the lake.
5. A maximum speed limit of 4 knots applies on timbered waters of the lake.
6. You must obtain special permission from Timber Lake Management to operate a petrol motor at Timber Lake.

## Fishing at Timber Lake

1. NO FISH CAN BE REMOVED FROM TIMBER LAKE. The only record of your catch will be photographic, on video and/or in your memories.
2. Landing a fish should be performed with the use of "Boga Grips" and the "Comfort Lift" or the "Thumb Grip" and "Comfort Lift". Alternatively an "Environet" may be used. This will be demonstrated during your first guided tour.
3. Fish should never be held up by their jaw only. If fish are to be weighed this must be performed using an approved weighing device - available from Timber Lake management.
4. The wellbeing of any fish landed should be considered paramount – they should be handled with wet hands and if needed be placed on a wet towel. Fish shall not be placed on hot surfaces or unduly stressed as a result of handling.
5. Once a fish has been caught (and landed), it must be returned to the water and revived (if necessary) as quickly as possible. No fish are to be transported around the lake by boat or by land.
6. No Bait or Berley is to be used at Timber Lake. Scents and chemical attractants are allowed to be used on lures and flies at the lake.
7. De-barbing of hooks is not mandatory, but is highly recommended for the health and safety of the Angler and any fish caught.

## Medical Records

1. All patrons of the lake must fill out the Medical Information Form. This is simply to provide information to medical staff in a medical emergency. All records are kept secure and are returned or destroyed upon request at the end of your attendance at the lake.

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## Changes to the Rules

Timber Lake management reserves the right to modify, add or delete any rule at any time.

## Agreement

I have read, understand and agree to all of "the Rules" as stated above.

<b>Client</b>	<b>Timber Lake authorised witness</b>
Please print your name:	Please print your name and position:
Please sign your name:	Please sign your name:
Date:	Date:

Please note:

1. A copy of the signed agreement shall be provided to the Client before any trip to the lake will commence.
2. If the rules are changed, each client will be issued with an addendum and may be required to re-sign the rules once re-printed.

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