

Reisa River

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- Fishing regulations 2009 -

Brief information about the Reisa River

Reisa River in Northern Troms is a nationally protected salmon river, running through one of the most scenic valleys in Norway. From its source by the Finnish border, through the Reisa National Park, to its outlet into the nationally protected Reisa fiord, the river is approximately 200 km long. Travelling by plane from Tromsø will take approx. 20 minutes, by car approx. 3 hrs.

Fishing regulations 2009

Before you start fishing, it is essential that you study the fishing regulations.

1. Fishing

- The fishing for salmon and sea trout in Reisa River starts at July 1st at 10.00 a.m.
- Salmon fishing lasts until August 20th at 12.00 p.m. Following this date, the wild salmon is preserved in the Reisa River.
- Daily fishing period is from 10.00 a.m. to 02.00 a.m.
- There is a preservation period each day from 02.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Zone 1 is excluded from the preservation period during fishing season.
- From August 21st at 12.00 p.m. including September 14th at 12:00 p.m., it is permitted to fish for sea trout – and farmed salmon – from sea to Bergmo bridge. During this period, there is no preservation period.
- Arctic char is protected in the Reisa River.

2. Disinfection

Disinfection of all equipment – rods, flies, knives, etc. – costs NOK 50,- and must be done at the purchase of fishing licenses (see Purchase of fishing license). Those who purchase the license using the Internet, must disinfect the equipment at either Joker Havna Handel in Sørkjosen or Halti Tourist Information at Storslett prior to fishing.

3. Documentation

The following documents must be brought along and be available for potential inspections:

- Receipt for payment of fish licensing fee
- Fishing license
- Documentation for disinfection of equipment
- ID papers

4. Protection of large female salmon and sea trout

All female salmon over 5 kg/80 cm, and all arctic char in the Reisa River, is protected due to build up the spawning population in the river. The fishing in the Reisa River should therefore be aimed to catch small salmon and sea trout. The equipment must for that reason be adapted to this type of capture. If you catch a large female salmon, you must bring the fish in quickly with steady pressure. Is it a female salmon, it must be treated with care and set out again, damaged or not damaged. Loosen the hook carefully, and avoid lifting the salmon over water. Keep the salmon with the head counter flow, and ventilate the gills by bringing the salmon back and forth carefully to see that it can manage itself. Are you in doubt whether it is a female or male salmon, the fish must be released again (best characteristics of the male salmon is a distinct hook at the jaw). Any male salmon and farmed salmon over the minimum allowed size can be caught.

5. Quota per day

You may catch maximum three salmon and five sea trouts per 24 hours.

6. Minimum allowed size

It is prohibited to catch salmon smaller than 35 cm and sea trout smaller than 30 cm.

7. Fishing equipment

The use of the wobbler is prohibited all through the year. It is prohibited using worm as bait. Otherwise, it may be used only fishing equipment which is allowed in anadromous waterways by law/regulation. It is not allowed to fish from an anchored boat, if you by so doing are an obstacle for other fishermen.

This equipment is allowed:

- Rod: 1 per fisherman
- Line with max 3 hooks, or equipment with a triple hook (not 3 flies).
- Fly, spinning bait, spoon/lures (cast weight by line or float)
- Landing net (for landing according to allowed procedures only)

8. Mandatory catch report

Reporting of catches is mandatory. If license purchaser does not submit catch reports by the following regulations, the purchaser will not have access to fishing licenses for the season of 2010.

Catch report

The catch must be reported by SMS or at www.laksefisk.no after fishing has ceased. This also applies in case of no catch. You also have to report released and catch of farmed salmon. Reports must be provided regardless of catch yield, either over the Internet on www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg (log in with your card number) or by SMS to:

- Norwegian mobile phones: 26112
- international mobile phones: +44 7624 802 831
- Password: Reisa

Example: Salmon of approx. 5.5 kg, the fish is released:

Syntax	Code	Card number	Weight (kg)	Species	Catched (c) or released (r)
SMS	Reisa	IN3333/123	5,5	L	r

Other codes for SMS:

Species code	Equipment code	Catch code
L = salmon	F = fly	c = catched
S = sea trout	S = lure	r = released
J = artic char		
P = humpback salmon		

See the license card for further information.

If the catch is not reported as soon as possible, the license purchaser will be banned from fishing immediately and for the entire 2010 season.

We encourage fishermen to send their catch reports in continuous by SMS or www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg if this is possible. Avoid reporting the same catch twice – check your reported catch on www.laksefisk.no.

9. Fishing zones

Fishermen are obliged to arrange matters according to the zonation. Zones are marked along all roads along the river, by signs along the riverbanks and on the map.

Zone no.	Stretch from–to	Number of rods
1	The river outlet–Røyeelva (Røyel River)	8
2	Røyeelva–Moskodalselva (Mosko River outlet)	4
3	Moskodalselva–Nybrua (the new bridge at Einevoll)	4
4	Nybrua at Einevoll–Geiraelva (Geira River)	4
5	Geiraelva–Vankaelva (Vanka River at Vinnelys sawmill)	4
6	Vankaelva–lower part of Veraniva	4
7	Lower part of Veraniva–Avtima pond	4
8	Avtima pond–Svartfoss bridge	4
9	Svartfoss bridge–the brook north of Bilto	4
10	The brook north of Bilto–Hedamukka	4
11	Hedamukka–southern part of Forraholmen (Forra island)	4

12	Southern part of Forraholmen–Hovenkivistryket (Hovinkivi rapids)	4
13	Hovenkivistryket–southern part of Sieimastilla	4
14	Southern part of Sieimastilla–Altaribekken (Altari brook)	4
15	Altaribekken–southern part of Rautosoantostilla	4
16	Southern part of Rautosoantostilla–Molliselv (the outlet of Mollis River)	4
17	Molliselv–lower end of the pond Vuomatakkastilla	4
18	Lower end of Vuomatakkastilla–Naustneset	4
19	Naustneset–Imofossen (The Imo water falls)	4

Other important information – must be read

Gyrodactylus salaris

Reisa River has avoided infection of the salmon parasite *Gyrodactylus salaris*. Reisa Elvelag has high state of readiness. It is therefore essential that all equipment – rods, flies, knives, etc. – is disinfected prior to fishing. This can be done at either Joker Havna Handel in Sørkjosen or Halti Tourist Information at Storslett. A potential inspection will claim documentation for disinfection of any equipment in use, along with a valid license and ID papers.

Purchase of fishing license

From March 1st at 12.00 a.m., fishing licenses are available on the Internet at www.laksefisk.no. Fishing licenses is also available at Joker Havna Handel in Sørkjosen (tel.: +47 77 76 47 00) from July 1st. Opening hours are from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. daily. Be aware that licenses are valid only if you can present documentation for prepaid fishing tax, valid ID papers and documentation for disinfection of any equipment.

License	Price NOK	Period of time	Number of cards and zones
Day pass salmon and sea trout	450	1.7.–21.7.	8 cards in zone 1 4 cards/zone in zones 1–10 28 cards/day for zones 11–19
Day pass salmon and sea trout	350	22.7.–20.8. ¹	8 cards in zone 1 4 cards/zone in zones 1–10 28 cards/day for zones 11–19
Day pass sea trout	150	21.8.–14.9. ²	Unlimited number of cards in zone 1 up to and including Bergmo Bridge

Alternating zones

In Reisa River there are 19 fishing zones. Property owners have exclusive rights to special zones at specific hours (see schedule below). In these zones, fishing is restricted to the property owners trading licence, that may be used by others by periodic sale or rent or the owner can use their own licence within their own riverside property. Property owner's property borders are marked at the riverside. For the period of September 3rd–30th, there is no zone alternating.

Date starting	Hour	Date ending	Hour	Zones lower half	Zones upper half
Wednesday, July 1 st	10.00 a.m.	Monday, July 6 th	02.00 a.m.	8 and 9	18 and 19
Monday, July 6 th	10.00 a.m.	Saturday, July 11 th	02.00 a.m.	1	10 and 11
Saturday, July 11 th	10.00 a.m.	Thursday, July 16 th	02.00 a.m.	2 and 3	12 and 13
Thursday, July 16 th	10.00 a.m.	Tuesday, July 21 st	02.00 a.m.	4 and 5	14 and 15
Tuesday, July 21 st	10.00 a.m.	Sunday, July 26 th	02.00 a.m.	6 and 7	16 and 17
Sunday, July 26 th	10.00 a.m.	Friday, July 31 st	02.00 a.m.	8 and 9	18 and 19
Friday, July 31 st	10.00 a.m.	Wednesday, August 5 th	02.00 a.m.	1	10 and 11
Wednesday, August 5 th	10.00 a.m.	Monday, August 10 th	02.00 a.m.	2 and 3	12 and 13
Monday, August 10 th	10.00 a.m.	Saturday, August 15 th	02.00 a.m.	4 and 5	14 and 15
Saturday, August 15 th	10.00 a.m.	Thursday, August 20 th	02.00 a.m.	6 and 7	16 and 17

¹ The fishing for salmon ends August 20th at 12.00 p.m.

² The fishing for sea trout ends September 14th at 12.00 p.m.

Access and use of fishing places and outlying fields

The right to access and trek nature must be handled with care and respect. Use existing trails in the terrain – some of these are marked along the roads. Close field gates and avoid trampling down fences. Ask the property owner prior to entering tilled land. Respect the owner's right to deny traffic on private roads. One should as a rule not camp close to houses/cottages, but this might be agreed with the owner. When leaving a site, you should always return it to the state it was originally. Waste is to be taken home or thrown in trash racks. You must always start your fishing above a fisherman which is present in the same pool. This also applies if the other fisherman is on the opposite riverbank. You must never start fishing below a fisherman who already is present in the same pool. Move 5 to 10 steps between each throw. Practise "gentlemanship"!

Scale samples

Fishermen are requested to take samples of the scale. One will be given bags for storage of samples, which must be delivered simultaneously with the catch report. Among the submitted scale samples, there will be drawn 5 winners who each receive NOK 2000 at the end of the season. Samples must be marked with the fishing license number.

Important phone numbers

Catch report: www.laksefisk.no, aht@laksefisk.no, or tel.: + 47 38 10 80 40 / 952 23 070

Police, Storslett, tel.: + 47 77 76 43 00

Inspection, tel.: + 47 920 44 993

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