

# SOUTHERN RESERVOIR ANNUAL TAKE A KID FISHING DAY 2019

*Organised by Otago fish & Game Council with kind support from  
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- When: Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Where: Southern Reservoir, Reservoir Rd, Dunedin
- Time: 10am – 12noon

**Will be on - rain, hail or snow.**

Please remember, this is a kids fishing day. It is not a competition ie. no prizes will be given for the largest fish or biggest bag. It's all about getting kids into a healthy pastime. As such adults may assist but are **not permitted to fish.**

## Things to bring

- Caregivers or parents must be present to supervise their own children.
- Fishing tackle, rod and net. (strictly no bait) **Note:** There will be 40 rod/reel sets to loan on the day (first in first served)
- Plastic bag for fish.
- Camera
- Sun block.
- Warm clothes and if cold, a hat.

## When You Arrive

- Find a car park in the designated parking area (see map below). An official will direct you to a park (please note: there are limited number of parks, so car-pooling is advised)
- Bring your rod & tackle and make your way through the gate to the help tent to check in.
- Once checked in, find a spot around the reservoir to fish, not too close to the angler beside you. Set up your fishing tackle and wait for the 10am start hooter. No fishing before 10am please.  
(Any fenced off areas are **No Fishing Zones**)

## Important:

- All kids under 17yrs are covered by a free fishing licence issued by Fish & Game for **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Only**.
- The bag limit is one killed fish per child. If you want to kill a fish, it is best done by a swift blow to the top of the head. It should be cleaned immediately. This can be done for you at the registration/help tent. **Please note:** there is to be **no** gutting of fish on the banks of the reservoir.
- You may keep fishing after having taken a fish, but any further fish caught must be released unharmed. If releasing fish, please feel free to ask for assistance from an official.
- All fishing stops when the hooter sounds at 12noon.
- Toilets are located near the entrance gate.
- If you or your child would like to visit the Southern Reservoir or any other reservoir in Dunedin after this event you can obtain fishing licences and information online [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz) and at local sports stores.
- All rubbish is to be taken home and not left at the reservoir.
- A lucky prize draw will be conducted at the F&G office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October so please keep an eye on you emails for the winners.

## Safety

- Please ensure all kids take care with their fishing tackle. Hooks are difficult to remove from clothing and particularly skin! Sunglasses or safety goggles are great for protecting children's eyes. Care is required with casting and carrying rods with lures. Hook lures onto rod rings when carrying. Before you cast, check behind you. Ensure a good space between anglers.
- Official helpers will be wearing a coloured vest.

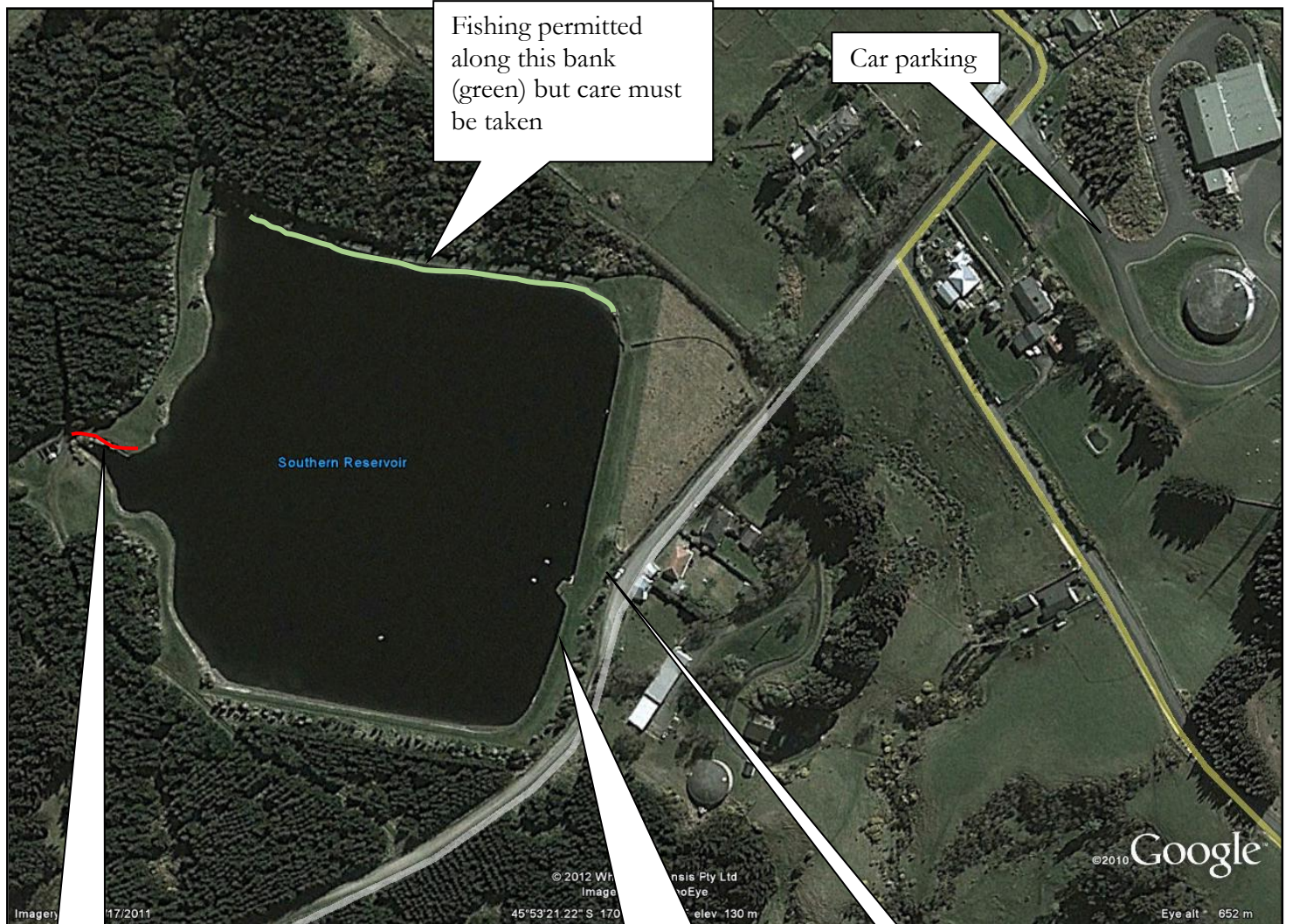
## Dos

- Do bring plenty of food for the kids to nibble on
- Do bring warm cloths, hat and wet weather gear.
- Do bring a plastic bag (for fish)
- Do ask - if you have any questions, ask an official.
- Do take your rubbish with you when you leave.

## Don'ts

- Don't bring bait of any sort. No worms or Bread etc.
- Don't litter.
- Don't fool around near the water.
- Don't stand too close to the angler beside you. (you need room to cast)
- Don't gut or clean any fish in or on the banks of the reservoir

# Site layout



Fishing permitted along this bank (green) but care must be taken

Car parking

No fishing Zone (red)

Registration/help tent

Toilets

## Tackle Not permitted

Bait assembly (hook, line and sinker rig)  
Bait (worms, bread, fish, shellfish)



## Tackle permitted

Artificial fly.  
Artificial spinner.



## Handy Tip

Using a lead weight attach a length of fishing line about 500mm long. At the end of the line tie on a small booby fly (see picture below) these come in many colours, pink, orange and green work well. Cast out and sit down still holding onto the rod. Carefully watch the tip of the rod. If it starts twitching, strike with an upward motion and wind in.



## For more information

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