

How And Where To Stay

The legal fishing requirements at the trout-isles are few and simple. Making your way around the isles will be easy and smooth if you also abide by these basic rules of conduct.

- It is advisable to park in the designated parking spaces and not park on private land.
- As an angler, you can make your way along almost all stretches of Danish coastline at any time of the day or night.
- If the beach is privately owned, and you want to stay there, you must be at least 50 metres from the nearest neighboring building.
- However, you are always welcome to fish from the shore and wade in the water – even off a privately owned beach.
- You are not allowed to put up a tent on the beach.
- In private woodlands, you may use the pathways from sunrise to sunset.
- If you want to spend the night in privately owned areas, you must always ask the owner's permission first.
- In areas owned by the public authorities, you may spend the night on the ground with an underlay and sleeping bag or in a hammock –and you are welcome to have a rain cape, but your 'shelter' must not resemble a tent.
- The website www.udinaturen.dk gives a list of places with basic facilities for spending the night, free tent sites and campsites.
- Be polite and keep good distance if you meet other anglers along the coastline. It is considered rude to intervene in other people's angling or to be fishing too close to others. Keep a respectful distance of at least some 100 meters.
- Remember to bring along your valid angling license at all time while fishing.
- Please remember to take your rubbish away with you and, if you see any litter strewn around, put it in the nearest waste bin.
- The Danish equivalent of greeting an angler with a well-meant "good luck" is the saying "knæk & bræk!" (pronunciation: 'knæg w 'bag) which is comparable with the ironic term 'break a leg!'



Bullet Point Reminder of rules

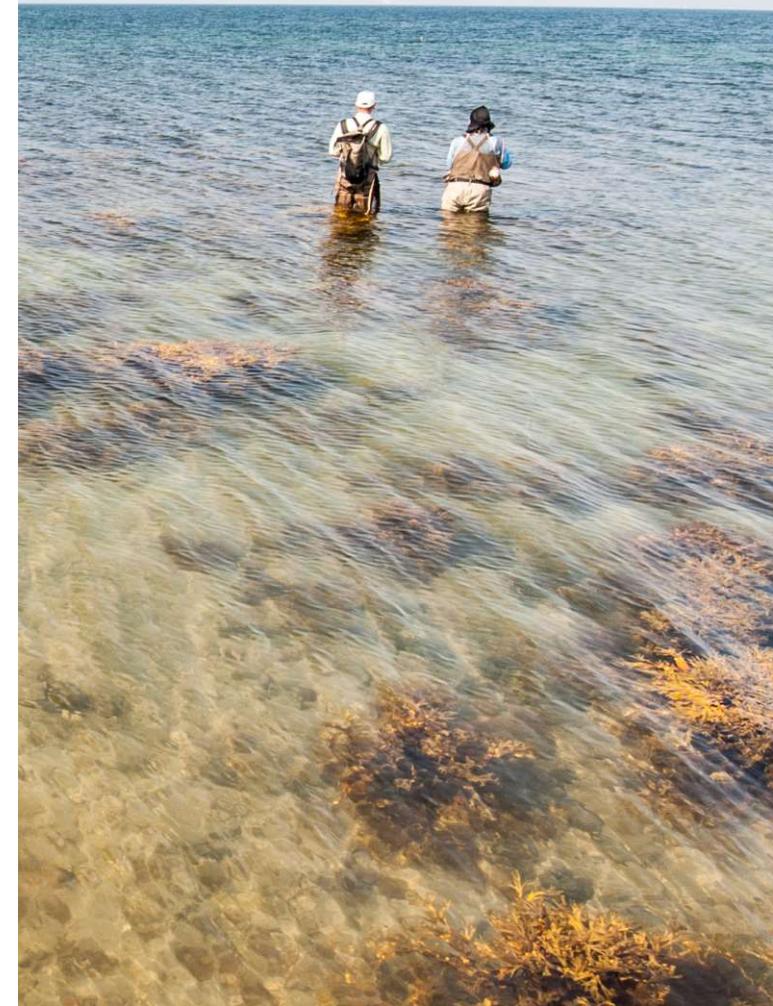
- Day license: DKK 40,-
- Week license: DKK 130,-
- A 1-year license: DKK 185,-
- Buy at www.fisketegn.dk.
- Seatrout under 40 centimetres must be returned, except in Odense Fjord, where the minimum size is 45 centimetres.
- Keep 500 meters from any river when fishing at any time of the year, except if the river is less than 2 meters wide, then you may fish between the 16th of March and the 15th of September.
- Coloured fish must be released carefully
- If the beach is private stay 50 metres from the nearest building.

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Angling for sea trout at Fyn Denmark



Danish Sea Trout

The Danish trout-isles of Fyn, Langeland and Ærø sport some 1100 km of prime coastland for chasing sea trout. The coastline is public and open to anglers for incredible game angling 365 days a year.

What Types Of Fishing

At the isles of Fyn, Aeroe and Langeland you'll find some of the best saltwater angling for sea trout (sea run brown trout) in Northern Europe. The local sea trout roam the shallow shores throughout the year, and they prefer quite shallow water depths of 1-4 feet. Here the angler can catch the trout while wading close to shore, fishing with either spin or flyfishing gear.

Throughout the year the trout hunt for scuds, shrimp, gobies, sandeels and sprat in the shallows, and the anglers can apply a wide range of lures and flies to imitate this prey. Spinning-rods of some 8-10 ft. and a casting weight of approx. 10-30 gr. will suffice, and the flyfishermen will need a #6-8 weight rod, a floating or intermediate line (WF or shooting head) to battle the windy conditions.

The trout hold a nice average size of 40-50 cm, and catches of up to several trout each day are well within your grasp.

Licenses

If you are aged between 18 and 65, you must have an angling license in order to go fishing. The fishing license fee goes towards research and release of reared smolt as well.

You can buy a fishing license – a 'fisketegn' in Danish – at the local post office, tourism agency or online: ww.fisketegn.dk.

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There are three categories of recreational angling licenses: A saltwater-license unlocks all 8.750 kilometres of the Danish coastline for your recreational angling:

- Day license: DKK 40,-
- Week license: DKK 130,-
- A 1-year license: DKK 185,-

It is an offence to practice angling without a valid license. If you are caught angling without a license, you will be prosecuted and fined accordingly.

Local rules

Generally speaking, the minimum size for a sea trout is 40 centimetres. Throughout Odense Fjord, however, the minimum size is 45 centimetres. All sea trout below the minimum size must be immediately released as gently as possible. Moisten your hands before you touch the fish so as not to damage its protective mucous membrane. It is useful to bring longnosed forceps, so you can unhook the fish quickly.

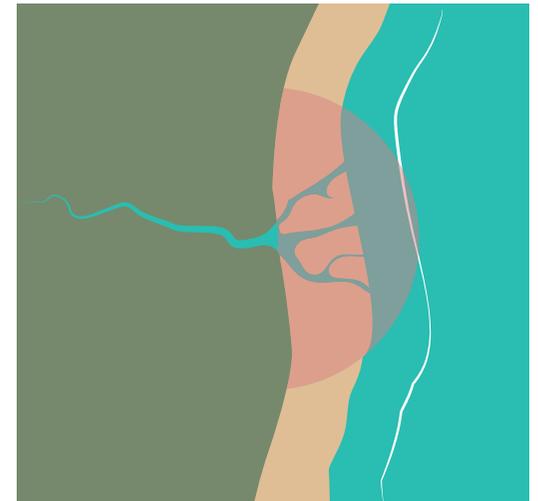
Closed season

You can fish for sea trout in the sea and from the coast all year round, but colored fish, i.e. fish in their spawning colors, must be released immediately, as gently as possible, in the period from 16th November to 16th January (both dates inclusive). During this period, you can only take home silvery sea trout with loose scales.

Conservation zones

There are protected conservation zones where creeks and rivers flow into the sea or an inlet or a fjord. Here, fishing with rods or nets is prohibited because the sea trout need to be able to migrate freely to and from the rivers in connection with their spawning. In most cases, you are not allowed to fish within 500 metres along the coast on either side of the mouth of the creek or river. If the river is more than 2 metres wide, this conservation measure applies all year round. If the mouth of the river is less than 2 metres wide, the conservation zone applies during the period 16th September to 15th March.

Please note, however, that more conservation zones may be added, as the population of the local trout evolves and expands. It is your duty as an angler to keep up to date with developments. Fortunately, this is easy, because you can see a map of these conservation zones at our isles on Sea Trout Fyn's website: www.en.seatroun.dk/map - do a mouse-over' on the specific location to see which rules that apply specifically.



An example of an applying conservation zone of 500 meters. The red marking indicates the zone prohibiting all angling.

Catch and Release

We would like all anglers to consider not only if, but also how they can practice catch and release. We recommend that anglers practice skilful catch and release to help preserve these valuable stocks and the quality of angling in the future.

