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## Fishing licences

Angling as well as ice fishing are allowed by the everyman's rights for all in Finland. The licences required in other fishing techniques depend on the method of catching fish and on the equipment used, as well as on the fisherman's age and on the fishing waters.

When fishing with a lure, persons between the ages 18-64 must pay the national fishing management fee and the lure fishing fee which may be a provincial fee or a local water area lure fishing licence fee.

The provincial lure fishing licence gives the right to fish using a single rod, reel and lure.

Fishing with several rods and fishing in rivers rich in salmon, however, always require a local fishing licence.

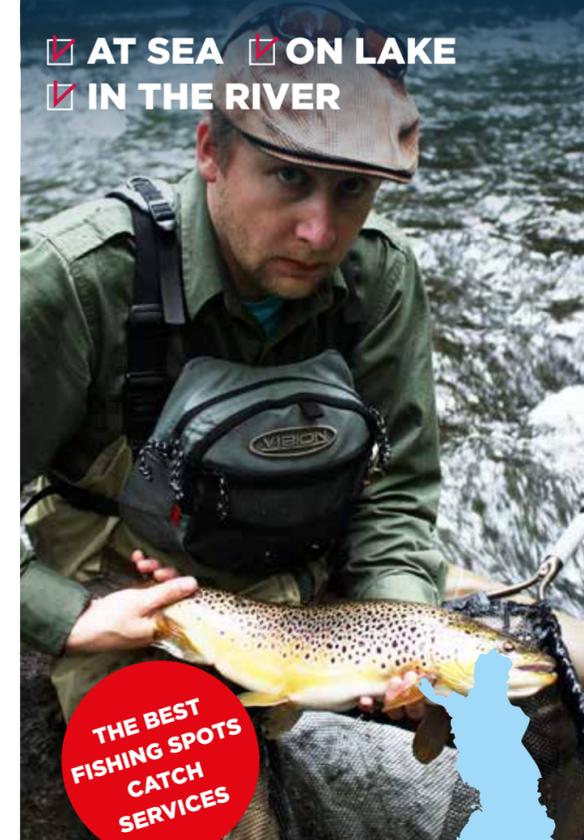
Trapping, crayfishing and jack-lighting is usually allowed only with a local water area fishing licence of permission.

More information on fishing licences can be found at [www.mmm.fi/en](http://www.mmm.fi/en).



# GO FISH IN FINLAND

AT SEA  ON LAKE  
 IN THE RIVER



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BOTHNIAN SEA  
LAKE PYHÄJÄRVI AREA  
RIVER KOKEMÄENJOKI VALLEY

## From the rivers to the lakes and the sea

South-West Finland offers opportunities for all kinds of fishing. The versatile waters - rivers, lakes and the sea - surprise with interesting fishing spots that are easy to access. The range of fishing offers something for everyone. In addition to the usual species, you may catch asp, chub or crayfish. And you won't have to stop fishing even because of the cold winter.

We gathered some tips on good fisheries for you. We're not going to give up all our secrets, though. The best spots and catches are always found by the fisherman. The companies on this brochure offer a wide variety of services to make your stay comfortable and care free. Remember to ask for full service fishing trips!

Apart from angling and ice fishing all fishing requires a licence. The companies and the contact information on this brochure provide more information on the licences.

Clean nature, versatile fishing waters and friendly services welcome you to South-West Finland.

Gone fishing?

Angling is relaxing fishing that can be enjoyed almost anywhere for free, as it is allowed by the everyman's rights in Finland. Angling is prohibited only in flowing and rapid portions of rivers and streams rich in salmon. Perches and breams are some of the fish that may be caught by angling. You may dig for the worms in the ground and inexpensive rods are sold in most stores. You should remember to take a picnic basket, so you won't get too hungry!



**TIP:** The best places to go ice fishing are the underwater hills and slopes, where the depth differs from the surrounding areas. You should remember that even during the coldest period, the ice in the flowing straits and narrows may be weak. Don't forget your ice picks!



If you are lucky, you might meet an elk in the forest.

Every lake and river has different fish to offer. In addition to them, the offers of the sea are nearby. Many of the species are familiar, but did you know that Lake Pyhäjärvi is known for its large perch and vendace as well as crayfish?



**Wobbler** is a fish-like lure that is great for catching pike, perch, pikeperch and salmon. Wobblers come in different colours and sizes. The swimming depth of the wobbler depends on the angle of the lip. Metal balls may be inserted in some wobblers to make a rattle to draw the fishes' attention.

**Jig** is a specific type of lure. The material and hook are completely different from, for example, a wobbler.

Jig is made of a soft and rubbery material, and the hook points upwards, which prevents it from getting stuck in the bottom. When fishing with a jig, the rod and reel are used to move the jig seductively near the bottom. The fish cannot resist it!

**Trout** and salmon look alike, but the most distinctive difference are the more plentiful dots trout have underneath the lateral line. Trout are also usually a bit smaller than salmon. They are usually 40-70 cm long. The largest sea trout caught since 2000 weighed 12.4 kilograms. It was caught in the Halistenkoski rapids in the river Aurajoki.

**Pike** is one of the fastest fish in Finland. It is greenish in colour and the sides feature yellow stripes and dots. Pikes are easy to identify by the large head and big mouth that is full of sharp teeth. Pikes are long and lean in structure. They may grow to weight as much as 20 kilograms.

**Salmon** is a known and very sought after fish in Finland. The sides of the fish are silvery and the back is dark gray. They may weigh as much as 30 kilograms. The salmon in Finland are divided into salt water and fresh water salmon as per their living environment.



The colour of perch vary from almost black to light greyish green. The colour of the fish depends on its living environment. Perch are best identified by the striped sides, large and spiky dorsal fin and red pelvic and anal fins. Perch is one of the most common species of fish in Finland.



The taste of fish isn't only dependent on its living environment, but also on how its handled. When the fish is tired out, lactic acid forms in its muscles, which worsens the taste. The fish starts its journey to the table, when it's lifted from the water. The fish is killed by giving it a sharp blow to the back of the neck. After this the fish is bled by lifting the gill plate and severing the gill cluster. The fish must be stored in cold until it is prepared for eating.



### DID YOU KNOW?

The best lure depends on the time of the year, the fishery, weather and time of day.

The variation in conditions may be great in Finland, so the same lure may not work as well in all locations.



**Fly-fishing** is a specific form of fishing, in which the equipment and technic differ quite a lot from other forms of fishing. While in spinning lure fishing, the lure is cast with the aid of a weighted fly, fly-fishing is based on casting a weighted line.

Fly rods are used to cast the line and get the fly into the desired location. Fly-fishing is a method used mostly in flowing waters and rapids, but also in stagnant waters.

Making your own flies is an important part of fly-fishing. It makes the long winter nights just fly by.



### MINIMUM FISH SIZES

The fish caught in natural waters must measure at least as stated below from the tip of the jaw (mouth closed) to the tip of the caudal fin:

Salmon at sea 60 cm  
Sea trout 60 cm  
Brown trout 60 cm  
Pikeperch 37 cm  
Grayling 35 cm

### SEASONAL LIMITS

Salmon, Sea trout, Brown trout as well as Whitefish in rivers descending to the sea: Sept, Oct, Nov (Fishing with rod allowed 1 - 10 Sept and after 15 Nov)

Crayfish: 1 Nov - 21 Jul, 12 am

More information on minimum fish sizes and seasonal limits can be found in Finnish at [www.ahven.net/alamitat](http://www.ahven.net/alamitat).



### CRAYFISHING

About half a million crayfish are caught in Lake Pyhäjärvi every year. To crayfish, you must pay the fishing management fee and have the permission of the owner of the water area. Different pots are used to catch crayfish. The pots may not be moved from one water system to another without disinfection to prevent the spread of crayfish pest.



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## More information on the regions tourist services

[www.satakunta.fi/en](http://www.satakunta.fi/en)  
[www.visitrauma.fi](http://www.visitrauma.fi)  
[www.pyhajarviseutu.fi/tourism](http://www.pyhajarviseutu.fi/tourism)  
[www.uusikaupunki.fi/matkailu](http://www.uusikaupunki.fi/matkailu)  
[www.fishinginfinland.fi](http://www.fishinginfinland.fi)

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**BOTHNIAN SEA**  
The maze-like fishing waters of the Finnish Archipelago Sea turn into open sea in the Bothnian sea.

**LAKE PYHÄJÄRVI AREA**  
The versatile lakes and rivers yield a rich catch even in the winter. The rich cultural history of the region spices up the fishing experience.

**RIVER KOEMÄENJOKI VALLEY**  
The rivers running in historical landscape pamper the fishers. The 150 kilometre long river Kokemäenjoki can also be experienced by canoeing and swimming.



**1 LAKE PYHÄJÄRVI**  
**Species of fish:** Pike, perch, whitefish, vendace, trout and signal crayfish  
**Fishing:** Spinning, trolling, angling, ice fishing and crayfishing  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee and [www.sakylanpyhajarvi.fi](http://www.sakylanpyhajarvi.fi)

Lake Pyhäjärvi is rich in fish. About 20 professional fishers work at the lake, so you have a chance to learn about the tricks of the trade. Lake Pyhäjärvi is the biggest lake in Southwest Finland and famous for its big pikes.



**2 LAKE KOSKELJÄRVI**  
**Species of fish:** Pike, perch and bream  
**Fishing:** Spinning, trolling, angling and ice fishing  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee and Lake Koskeljärvi fishing society

Koskeljärvi wilderness lake offers peace and quiet. The lake is an excellent place for canoeing and the hiking routes around it are versatile. The lake is known for its birdlife, as even rare species nest in its surroundings.



**3 LAKE KÖYLIÖNJÄRVI**  
**Species of fish:** Pike, perch and pikeperch  
**Fishing:** Spinning, trolling, angling and ice fishing  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee and [www.koylio.fi](http://www.koylio.fi)

Lake Köyliönjärvi is small, shallow and eutrophic lake. The shores are mainly without coves or points. There are five islands in the lake. In addition to rich fish stock, the lake is an internationally known bird habitat and a nationally valuable nature park.



**4 RIVER LOIMIJOKI**  
**Species of fish:** Asp, pike, chub and rainbow trout  
**Fishing:** Spinning, fly fishing and angling  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee and fishing area licence. Sold at, for example, Kokemäenjoki-Loimijoki fishing region

River Loimijoki is the largest tributary of river Kokemäenjoki. It begins from Lake Pyhäjärvi in Tammela. The water is cloudy due to the muddy soil around it. The river is a popular spot for recreational fishing.



**8 LAKE PINKJÄRVI**  
**Species of fish:** Pike and perch  
**Fishing:** Spinning, trolling, angling and ice fishing  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee

Lake Pinkjärvi is a small lake in the area between river Kokemäenjoki and river Eurajoki. The lake is now near to its natural state. In addition to fishing activities, there are rental cottages in the area.



**9 RIVER KOEMÄENJOKI DELTA**  
**Species of fish:** Pikeperch, pike and perch  
**Fishing:** Spinning lure and angling  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee

River Kokemäenjoki runs into the Bothnian sea near Pori through a delta. The delta area is culturally full of things to see and to enjoy while catching fish.



**10 KUUSKAJASKARI**  
Rauma  
**Species of fish:** Perch, pike and sea trout  
**Fishing:** Spinning, angling and fly fishing  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee and [www.rauma.fi](http://www.rauma.fi)

In Rauma town water areas, the pike are plentiful, but sea trout can also be found. Good shore fishing opportunities on the city-owned islands enable even those without boats to catch fish by spinning.



**11 PYHÄMAA**  
**Species of fish:** Perch, salmon, sea trout and whitefish  
**Fishing:** Spinning, ice fishing, trolling and fly fishing  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee

On the shores of Pyhämaa, near the open seas, fishers have a good chance of catching sea trout. The fish port of Pitkäluohto is a popular landing spot for those trolling for salmon. The place is also very suitable for perch fishing and whitefish angling in the spring.



**12 THE WATERS OF CITY OF UUSIKAUPUNKI**  
**Species of fish:** Pikeperch, perch and sea trout  
**Fishing:** Spinning, traditional Baltic herring angling, ice fishing and angling  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee and [www.uusikaupunki.fi](http://www.uusikaupunki.fi)

The Uusikaupunki water areas have versatile fishing waters from inner archipelago to the edge of the open sea. You can catch pikeperch, perch as well as sea trout. In the spring it is possible to try the traditional Baltic herring fishing with a "silakkalitka".



**13 LAUTVESI BAY**  
**Species of fish:** Pikeperch, pike and perch  
**Fishing:** Spinning, ice fishing and angling  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee

Lautvesi is an inland bay. It is rich in pikeperch, perch and pike. Jigging for pikeperch and perch is especially popular in the straits leading to Lautvesi.



**14 LAKE JOUTSIJÄRVI**  
**Species of fish:** Pike, perch, bream, pikeperch and whitefish  
**Fishing:** Spinning, trolling, angling and ice fishing  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee. Café Unasca, Harjulantie 6, Kullaa and Café Vapukka, Teollisuustie 12, Kullaa

Joutsijärvi is the sixth largest lake in Satakunta. The barren lake is typical to Northern Satakunta and has remained in its natural state. The wild nature of the area is emphasized by its rich bird life. The area around the lake features a 27 kilometer hiking route network.



**15 LAKE ELIJÄRVI**  
**Species of fish:** Perch, pike and eel  
**Fishing:** Spinning, trolling, angling and ice fishing  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee and association [elijarviyhdistys.net/kalastus.htm](http://elijarviyhdistys.net/kalastus.htm)

Elijärvi in Pöytyä, Yläne near the south-west corner of lake Pyhäjärvi is a shallow and humic lake. It covers an area of approximately 495 hectares and its depth varies from 1.4 to 2.4 metres. Elijärvi belongs to the Laajoki river basin and is its headwater lake.



Design of the map: Kari Kekki



**5 RIVER KOEMÄENJOKI from Harjavalta to Huittinen**  
**Species of fish:** Pikeperch, pike, perch, rainbow trout, trout and asp  
**Fishing:** Spinning lure, fly fishing and angling  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee

River Kokemäenjoki from Harjavalta to Huittinen consists of reservoirs created by hydro-electric power plants and slowly flowing currents. The slacks and flows offer different fishing opportunities. The whirls of the river yield asp, pikeperch and planted rainbow trout.



**6 RIVER KOEMÄENJOKI Nakkila rapids**  
**Species of fish:** Salmon, sea trout, whitefish, river lamprey, rainbow trout, asp and chub  
**Fishing:** Spinning lure, fly fishing, row trolling and angling (above the rapids)  
**Fishing licences:** In Nakkila, for example R-kioski and Kaffeli

Nakkila rapids (Ruskila, Arantila, Pämppi, Tyni, Korte and Kistu) are located below the Harjavalta power plant. Because of this, the flow varies quite a lot. The place is interesting for fishers, as the islands in the rapids may be accessible by foot in the morning and be surrounded by raging torrents in the afternoon. Read more at [www.nskk.net](http://www.nskk.net)



**7 LAKE SÄÄKSJÄRVI**  
**Species of fish:** Pike, pikeperch, perch  
**Fishing:** Spinning, trolling, angling and ice fishing  
**Fishing licences:** Provincial lure fishing fee and fishing area licence, sold in, for example, Gulf Kauvatasa and Salosen Pyörä

Sääksjärvi is the lowest notable lake in the river Kokemäenjoki water way at Kokemäki. The lake is round in shape and the small islands lay near the shores. The lake was created when a meteorite crashed into the Earth 550 million years ago.