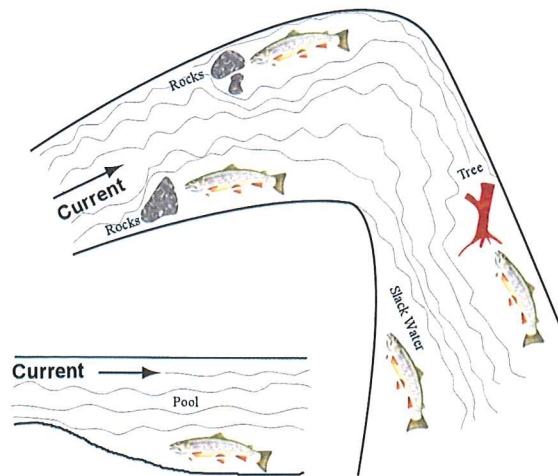


Fishing Big Water

The Clutha is New Zealand's largest river in terms of catchment and water volume. To successfully fish a river of this size it helps to break it down into smaller sections, identifying those areas most likely to hold trout.

Trout are lazy. As general rule trout seek the maximum amount of food for the minimum amount of effort. So initially search for holding water (where fish can sit without expending excessive energy).



Look for:

Boulders, rocks, trees etc.

These obstacles act as a barrier to the flow of the current and also provide cover for trout.

Slack Water.

Fish will often select a feeding position in slack water on the edge of faster current. The inside bend of a river is a typical example.

Deeper pools.

The current is much reduced at the bottom of deeper pools/runs. Again fish can use minimal energy to hold in a feeding lie.

Rules of Access

Access to river only - No access to neighbouring land.

Public enter at own risk - Beware of obstacles along track.

Don't Litter - Take all rubbish away with you.

Don't use our environment as your toilet.

Angler Etiquette

Respect other anglers. Remember they arrived at the river with the same expectations as you.

If you find another angler already fishing your chosen spot, take a moment to introduce yourself, find out where they're intending on fishing. You may develop a new angling friendship from the experience.

*Listen to the sound of the river
and you will get a trout.*

Irish Proverb

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Upper Clutha River Access Guide



Upper Clutha River



The Clutha River has **DIDYMO**



REMEMBER TO:

CHECK / CLEAN / DRY

- If you can avoid it, don't fish another river on the same day you have fished the Clutha River.
- Always clean your gear, that's all items that come in contact with the Clutha River, using a 5% detergent solution.
- The best way to effectively decontaminate felt sole wading boots is to freeze them.

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