

SANTA FISHING ESTATE ANGLING CODE OF CONDUCT AND GENERAL ESTATE RULES

A. Santa Waters

The Santa waters are owned by Santa Estates (Pty.) Limited, Lunsklip Estates (Pty.) Limited, and Capricorn 10 (Pty.) Limited. The waters cover approximately six kilometers of the Lunsklip River (both banks) with numerous weirs and dams. Both upstream and downstream boundaries of the fishery are marked by signposts "End of Santa Waters" and there is a pictorial map of the Estate in each cottage, with names of all the weirs, etc.

Fishing the Santa waters is restricted to members of the Santa Fly Fishing Syndicate, their guests, and visitors who have paid the requisite daily rod rate. The fishing (and syndicate) season runs on an annual basis, from 1 January to 31 December of each year.

Fishing on Santa Fishing Estate is governed by the "*Angling Code of Conduct*" outlined in the relevant section below.

In addition to the "*Angling Code of Conduct*", the following rules and guidelines apply to members of the Santa Fly Fishing Syndicate, their guests, and any other paying guests/visitors on Santa Fishing Estate. We request that all visitors to Santa respect not only the beauty of the Estate itself, but also each persons' experience of the Estate and what it has to offer.

B. Angling Code of Conduct

These angling rules apply to everyone fishing the Santa waters. Syndicate members are asked to ensure that any guest rods are informed of these rules. A copy of the rules is available in each cottage.

a. Number of rods

Only four rods from each cottage may fish the Santa waters at any one time. Exceptions include Lake Lunsklip, The Glen, and Loch Lindsay, where 6 rods are permitted. Extra rods may be purchased **before** a visit at a daily rod rate. Please contact the Estate Management regarding this.

Persons not fishing are kindly requested to keep away from the riverbanks and dam edges to avoid disturbing the anglers and trout.

b. Keep limits

A bag limit of 12 fish (i.e., rainbow and/or brown trout) per party per weekend (or midweek) applies.

Only one fish per rod per day may be taken out of any one river pool, weir, or bankside dam, but two fish may be taken per day from Lake Lunsklip, The Glen and Loch Lindsay.

c. Release limits

- *Lake Lunsklip and The Glen dam*

A release limit of **6** fish per angler caught and released per day applies to each of these waters. Once the daily limit has been reached, the angler must cease fishing and move to another water.

- *Other dams, Waterfall and Cascade Weirs*

A release limit of **2** fish per angler caught and released per day applies to the medium-sized waters, e.g., Fish Eagle, Lake Chobe, and Loch Lindsay.

- *Other weirs, river pools, and smaller dams*

Once an angler has landed a single fish, irrespective of whether he returns the fish to the water, he must move on.

d. Catch and release policy

Releasing fish comes with a concomitant responsibility to oneself, the fish, and the fishery. The following factors are important/need to be considered when releasing fish, to lessen mortality rates:

- ~ The anglers' experience in releasing fish properly
- ~ The anglers' ability to assess the survivability of a fish exhausted by the fight
- ~ Any injury to the fish through deep or poor hooking
- ~ The ability to release the fish into open water without removing it from the water or handling it excessively

e. Catch returns

A record of the number of fish caught and returned should be made in the fishing register in each cottage. This allows the Management to accurately restock the Santa waters. Please include the following information:

- ~ Where the fish was caught
- ~ The weight and length of each fish killed (to allow for the assessment of the Condition Factor of the fish).
- ~ The names of the anglers

f. Fishing equipment

Only fly fishing is permitted on Santa Fishing Estate. The fly hook used may not be larger than a Size 6. The hook should be barbless or the barb should be depressed with pliers or in a vice. This ensures easy release. Only approved trout flies are permitted, but an angler may fish more than one fly on his cast (or leader) if he wishes.

Float Tubes are permitted on Lake Lunsklip, Fish Eagle, and The Glen, provided they are more than 50m from any other angler especially bank anglers. Three float tubes are allowed at each dam at one time.

Boats are permitted on Lake Lunsklip and The Glen provided that, as a matter of courtesy, they remain more than 50m from any other angler, especially bank anglers. Additionally:

~ The use of outboard motors is not permitted

~ The trolling of flies behind boats is forbidden

Boats may be arranged with the Estate Management or members may bring their own. Kindly ensure that the boats are returned to their designated mooring after use. Please moor the boats securely. Whether a Santa boat is used or not, all boating is done entirely at the occupants' own risk.

g. Restrictions on use

As some of Santa's fishing waters are near the cottages (specifically Cascades Cottage and Lunsklip Lodge), we request that when these cottages are occupied, other Santa guests refrain from fishing Cascade Pool and Boomerang Dam.

Cars should be parked in the places provided or sufficiently off the road so as to permit other vehicles to pass. Parking is not allowed on the private road to Santa Lodge. Members are advised to lock their cars when not in use. Members are requested not to park vehicles on any of the dam walls (specifically Loch Lindsay).

C. Santa Accommodation

Accommodation on Santa Fishing Estate consists of four, self-catering cottages: The Glen, Lunsklip Lodge, Cascades Cottage, and Santa Lodge. The latter two cottages are reserved for the exclusive use of the Santa Fly Fishing Syndicate. The remaining cottages can be booked on an ad hoc basis.

The cottages, bookings, and the Santa Fly Fishing Syndicate are managed by Riette and Alan O' Grady. Riette and Alan are resident at Santa (in Nel Brae cottage). Riette's contact details are:

Cell: 082 823 8289

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Six persons can be accommodated at each cottage. Allowances can be made for small children in excess of this number, with additional beds being provided. These include bunk beds in certain cottages. Please ask for specific details when you make your enquiry/booking.

All the cottages are fully furnished, with crockery, cutlery, and bed linen supplied for a maximum of 6 adults and 2 children. Exceptions include Cascades Cottage and Santa Lodge. Cascades Cottage can accommodate a further 4 children/teenagers in an outside dorm room with an en-suite shower. Santa Lodge has an en suite dorm room with 3 beds. Both Cascades Cottage and Santa Lodge are reserved for the exclusive use of members of the Santa Fly Fishing Syndicate.

When booking, please indicate your preferred arrival and departure times. Unless prior arrangements are made, the cottages will be ready for occupation at 14h00. Departure time is 10h00. For members of the Santa Fly Fishing Syndicate, the standard "weekend" runs from Thursday afternoons to Tuesday mornings.

Guests of Santa's syndicate members may only stay in a cottage and fish the waters when accompanied by a member, although they may start fishing before the arrival of a member, provided this is on the same day.

Other paying guests may fish on arrival as long as they have paid the daily rod rate.

Please refer to the *Angling Code of Conduct* for details on the number of rods allowed.

Please treat the cottages as you would your own home.

a. Serviced cottages

Guests have the option of having their cottage serviced during their stay. Each cottage has a designated housekeeper who can assist with bed-making, cooking, fire-lighting, etc. If you would like to have the cottage service, please notify the Estate Management when you make your booking

Guests are asked to give the housekeepers a reasonable amount of time off daily for rest and meals. Please ask the Estate Management for the recommended gratuity rate per party per night.

b. Pet policy

No pets are permitted on Santa Fishing Estate without prior arrangement. Where pets are permitted, we request that, as a consideration to other guests and our staff, dogs are kept outside during the day and in the kitchen at night. Please treat the cottages like your own home and keep muddy/messy dogs outside. We retain the right to leverage an additional cleaning fee in the event of any mess/damage created by your pets.

Where pets are permitted, we request that pet-owners keep their dogs on leads around the cattle.

c. Cottage privacy

Syndicate members and any other guests on Santa Fishing Estate should respect the privacy of other guests who are in residence in the various cottages.

d. Feedback on your stay

A "Comments' Book" has been left in each cottage. Please provide any pertinent feedback that would assist us improve the cottages and make any necessary repairs.

Should you face any problems during your stay, please contact the Estate Management.

D. Santa Fly Fishing Syndicate

Members of the Santa Fly Fishing Syndicate are entitled to between two and five visits a season depending on their membership option. A list requesting members' preferred weekends will be circulated in December each year for the whole of the season.

These weekend allocations are handled by the Estate Management (i.e. Riette O'Grady). When making their requests, members are asked to give alternative dates in case there is a clash. If necessary, bookings will be decided by ballot. Weekends are allocated on a use it or lose it basis and those not taken up during a calendar year will be forfeited.

Syndicate members have first option on the cottage bookings. They are given December and January to lodge their bookings, thereafter, Lunsklip Lodge and The Glen cottages are marketed to the public at large. Members may exchange their bookings with one another but, for the record, they are asked to advise Management of any changes. Only in exceptional circumstances, such as the anticipated visit of overseas guests, can members pre-book a weekend, before the season commences.

Members must advise the Estate Management as far in advance as possible if they are unable to take up a booking. Should there be any late changes in their arrangements, members should endeavor to advise Management. Cancellations less than 14 days before occupation will result in that booking being forfeited. If a member is unable, due to illness or business commitments, to visit Santa, they may allow their guests to proceed without them, provided that their partner or another responsible family member, aged over 25, accompanies them. This, however, should only occur if necessary.

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Ad hoc booking can also be made through the Estate Management. Syndicate members can also book additional nights at the commercial rate for that cottage. Members wishing to extend their stays should advise the Management prior to their arrival at Santa.

E. General

Syndicate members and other Santa guests are asked to report any unusual movement or event which may affect the fishery or farm to the manager.

The lighting of fires, particularly during the dry season (i.e., between 1 June and the end of November each year), outside of the designated areas at the cottages, is prohibited by Forestry Department regulations.

Motorbikes are prohibited on the farm. Only drivers with a valid car license are permitted to drive on Santa Fishing Estate roads.

There is livestock on the farm. Please close all gates behind you and please don't let any dogs chase the livestock.

No shooting of firearms is permitted on the property.

Guests with young children who have not been taught to swim are alerted to the proximity of Cascades Cottage to the river. In general, people who swim at Santa do so at their own risk.