

FISHING REGULATIONS VÄTTERN

We hope you enjoy your fishing trip to Lake Vättern and its unique surroundings. This leaflet contains the most important rules for sport fishing and crayfish fishing carried out without individual fishing rights.

SPORT FISHING RULES

You are welcome to fish from the shore or a boat. Legal methods are handheld forms of fishing using rod and line such as coarse fishing, jigging, ice fishing, spin or flyfishing. This type of handheld fishing is permitted throughout Lake Vättern. Lake Vättern is bounded in Motala by the Storbron bridge and in Karlsborg by the Kanalbron bridge, and otherwise by straight lines between the two outermost mouths of the inflowing watercourses. These free fishing rights apply to both Swedish and foreign citizens.

Trolling and trolling using oars are permitted in public waters and in private waters outside the so-called open beach. A **maximum of 10 lures/baits** may be used at the same time when fishing from a boat. It is not permitted to empty nets during a trolling or planer board fishing trip.

When fishing with handheld gear, trolling or planer board fishing south of the restriction line (see [MAP](#)), you may only use **one hook per lure/bait**. The hook may be single, double or triple. For these fishing methods, there is also a **bag limit per person per day of three fish of the species char, trout or salmon, of which a maximum of two fish may be char**.

It is prohibited to fish with hook gear with the intention of cutting or pulling the hook or hooks into the fish. Hook gear specially adapted for this kind of snagging may also not be used when fishing.

Please note that all fishing within 100 meters of fixed fishing gear is prohibited.

OPEN BEACH

The concept of open beach is of ancient origin and unique to Lake Vättern. The rule means that you may engage in trolling (motor or rowing) in private waters outside open beaches. **Please note that this right is restricted by the rules for conservation areas/times in certain areas, see separate heading.** Areas that do not have open beaches are the northern Vättern archipelago and narrower bays and straits. There are also no open beaches in the Harge and Forsavik bays, or in any private waters in Motalaviken and Gopöfjärden east of Gopön and Sjöholmen.

In private waters in areas without open beaches, the fishing rights owners decide how trolling, drag rowing and otter fishing may be conducted. Trolling fishing licenses with special provisions are sold for certain areas in the northern archipelago.

PRIVATE – PUBLIC WATERS

All waters within a distance of 300 meters from land and around islands of at least 100 meters in length are private. In cases where the 3-metre depth curve extends further than 300 meters, all waters within the curve are private. This means that the entire water area in the northern Vättern archipelago is private. In addition, the so-called kilometer rule and enclave rule mean that Hargeviken, Motalaviken and part of Röknasundet are private. All other waters are public. [HERE](#) is a map showing where the county administrative boards have interpreted the boundary between private and public waters. The map has no legal effect.

MINIMUM MEASUREMENTS

According to the law, the following applies: crayfish 10 cm, trout 50 cm, char 50 cm, pikeperch 45 cm, salmon 60 cm and eel 70 cm.

MARKING OF NETS AND FIXED GEAR

Below you can see how nets and fixed gear should be marked. Do not approach fishing gear with your boat if you are unsure about the markings.

Fishing gear shorter than 300 meters can be marked with red, orange, yellow or white fishing balls.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU BREAK THE FISHING RULES?

First and foremost, you are damaging future fishing opportunities for yourself and others! You may be fined or imprisoned for up to two years, and your boat and fishing gear may be confiscated and taken away from you.

- Fish are measured from the tip of the snout to the outer tip of the tail fin. When measuring, the tail fin should be natural and not pressed together.
- Crayfish are measured from the forehead to the outer end of the extended tail.
- Fish caught that meet the minimum size requirements must be brought ashore whole.
- All fish below the minimum size must be released immediately!

We assume that you handle fish that are to be released in such a way as to avoid damage. Among other things, the time spent in the air should be minimized.

PROTECTED SPECIES

Fishing for grayling in Lake Vättern is prohibited throughout the year. Grayling caught while fishing for other species must be released immediately, regardless of condition.

PROHIBITED AND PROTECTED AREAS

The following description and GPS positions (WGS 84) indicate the boundaries of the prohibited and protected fishing areas in Lake Vättern.

Further down in the document, there is an overview map of all prohibited and protected areas.

Prohibited areas

Within the three fishing prohibited areas of Tängan, Norrgrundet and Fingals, all fishing is prohibited year-round, except for crayfish fishing with traps. The purpose of these areas is to reduce fishing pressure on char.

TÄNGAN

Fishing prohibition area located south of St. Röknen, see [MAP](#), bounded by straight lines between the following positions.

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 31,90 14 40,00

2 58 38,35 14 44,00

3 58 38,35 14 50,00

4 58 31,90 14 46,75

NORRGRUNDET

Fishing prohibited area located north of Visingsö, see [MAP](#), bounded by straight lines between the following positions.

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 07,50 14 22,00

2 58 20,00 14 28,30

3 58 20,00 14 32,00

4 58 07,50 14 32,00

FINGALS

The restricted area is located west of Fingalshamn, see [MAP](#), and is bounded on the east by the boundary between private and public waters, on the south by latitude 57 52.00 N, on the west by straight lines between the points at positions 57 52.00 N, 14 13.50 E and 57 58.50 N, 14 18.50 E, and to the north by latitude 57 58.50 N.

Conservation areas

Within conservation areas 1–7 and all private waters south of the boundary line (see [MAP](#)), fishing is prohibited from 15 September to 31 December. However, hand gear fishing may be carried out within conservation areas and protected private waters **if the method as such does not require the use of a boat**. Fishing may also be carried out with traps and cages for crayfish. Trolling, trolling using oars and planer board fishing are not permitted, except for 1-31 December. The purpose of the conservation area is primarily to protect whitefish, trout and char during the spawning season, and these species must be immediately released during the conservation period, regardless of the method of capture.

In all watercourses that flow into Lake Vättern, all fishing for salmon and trout is prohibited from 15 September to 31 December.

1. HUSKVARNA

The area is bounded to the east and south by land, and to the west and north by straight lines between the following positions (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 47,00 14 12,63

2 57 49,18 14 12,63

3 57 49,18 14 16,13

2. WESTERN VÄTTERN

The area is bounded on the west by land, on the north by the southern boundary of area 5, on the southeast by the western boundary of area 1, and on the east by a line 1,000 meters from land. (see [MAP](#))

3. VISINGSÖ

The area is bounded to the north by the Norrgrundet fishing prohibition area and to the south, west and east by straight lines between the following positions (see [MAP](#))

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 59,86 14 16,53

2 57 59,64 14 16,43

3 57 59,64 14 15,93

4 58 04,08 14 18,83

5 58 07,50 14 22,00

6 58 07,50 14 27,20

7 58 05,53 14 25,83

8 58 05,53 14 24,90

4. BORGHAMN - BÖLAGRUND

The area is bounded to the south, west and north by straight lines between the following positions (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 22,57 14 39,85

2 58 29,06 14 47,12

3 58 29,23 14 50,27

4 58 28,62 14 49,72

5. FLISAN – KARLSBORG – OMBO ISLANDS

The area is bounded to the south, west and east by straight lines between the following positions (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 22,38 14 23,03

2 58 22,38 14 29,93

3 58 34,97 14 35,42

4 58 36,07 14 33,37

5 58 37,24 14 33,57

6 58 37,10 14 34,20

7 58 37,25 14 34,20

8 58 37,58 14 33,80

6. NORTHERN VÄTTERN

The area is bounded in the south, west and east by straight lines between the following positions (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 39,49 14 38,26

2 58 39,07 14 38,67

3 58 41,20 14 47,45

4 58 38,35 14 45,40

5 58 38,35 14 48,90

6 58 41,47 14 51,17

7 58 43,20 14 48,07

8 58 45,42 14 52,02

9 58 44,97 14 57,54

10 58 39,42 14 53,04

11 58 37,57 14 53,67

12 58 35,73 14 51,49

13 58 34,97 14 49,05

14 58 33,61 14 47,64

15 58 31,90 14 46,75

16 58 31,90 14 45,84

17 58 30,65 14 44,57

18 58 28,63 14 41,17

19 58 28,63 14 44,27

20 58 31,97 14 47,10

21 58 31,97 14 52,82

22 58 34,12 14 54,80

7. EASTERN VÄTTERN

The area is bounded on the east by land, on the south by the northern boundary of conservation area 1 Huskvarna, on the north by the latitude of the ferry terminal in Gränna (58 01.80 N) and on the west by a line 1,000 meters from the shoreline (see [MAP](#)). However, the area does not include the part covered by the Fingals fishing prohibition area.

MOTALAVIKEN

Conservation area for whitefish where net fishing is prohibited between 15 October and 15 December. The area includes all waters out to a depth of 6 meters (see [MAP](#)).

Protected grayling waters and grayling spawning areas.

In 21 watercourses and in the mouths of rivers in Lake Vättern, fishing is prohibited from 15 March to 31 May. The purpose is to protect grayling during the spawning season.

H1 HJOÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 18,241 14 17,685

2 58 18,162 14 17,934

3 58 17,890 14 17,591

4 58 17,980 14 17,289

H2 HJÄLLÖBÄCKEN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 10,748 14 13,893

2 58 10,636 14 14,098

3 58 10,412 14 13,637

4 58 10,525 14 13,429

H3 SKÄMNINGSFORSÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 06,462 14 12,737

2 58 06,460 14 13,031

3 58 06,129 14 13,027

4 58 06,130 14 12,709

H4 HOLMÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 04,983 14 12,264

2 58 04,984 14 12,546

3 58 04,657 14 12,546

4 58 04,657 14 12,289

H5 RÖDÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 02,956 14 11,286

2 58 02,956 14 11,541

3 58 02,628 14 11,561

4 58 02,629 14 11,378

H6 SVEDÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 01,470 14 10,459

2 58 01,560 14 10,816

3 58 01,261 14 11,093

4 58 01,175 14 10,770

H7 GAGNÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 59,547 14 08,953

2 57 59,492 14 09,224

3 57 59,181 14 09,004

4 57 59,237 14 08,723

H8 HORNÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 57,998 14 07,513

2 57 57,949 14 07,694

3 57 57,655 14 07,423

4 57 57,727 14 07,139

H9 KNIPÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 56,543 14 07,221

2 57 56,587 14 07,585

3 57 56,262 14 07,733

4 57 56,217 14 07,313

H10 HÖKESÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 55,824 14 07,358

2 57 55,850 14 07,642

3 57 55,536 14 07,789

4 57 55,504 14 07,505

H11 DOMNEÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 52,754 14 06,934

2 57 52,897 14 07,176

3 57 52,691 14 07,650

4 57 52,526 14 07,395

H12 DUNKEHALLÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 47,544 14 08,955

2 57 47,578 14 09,210

3 57 47,289 14 09,410

4 57 47,239 14 09,205

H13 RÖTTLEÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 59,836 14 25,628

2 57 59,955 14 25,440

3 58 00,151 14 25,926

4 58 00,043 14 26,111

H14 ALMNÄSBÄCKEN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 14,993 14 16,264

2 58 14,933 14 16,432

3 58 14,720 14 16,108

4 58 14,804 14 15,888

H15 GRANVIKSÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–2 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 37,725 14 32,952

2 58 37,715 14 32,625

H16 KÄRSBYÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 33,839 14 59,147

2 58 33,728 14 58,966

3 58 33,916 14 58,480

4 58 34,000 14 58,607

H17 SKRÄMMABÄCKEN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–3 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 47,743 14 14,459

2 57 47,745 14 14,807

3 57 47,570 14 14,810

H18 ÅLEBÄCKEN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 17,181 14 38,384

2 58 17,181 14 38,275

3 58 17,462 14 38,273

4 58 17,463 14 38,560

H19 SJÖHAMRABÄCKEN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–2 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 30,803 15 00,135

2 58 30,804 15 00,668

H20 TABERGSÅN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–5 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 46,093 14 09,304

2 57 46,095 14 09,480

3 57 45,976 14 09,483

4 57 45,975 14 09,286

5 57 46,004 14 09,285

H21 LILLÅN-BANKERYD

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 57 52,321 14 08,022

2 57 52,444 14 08,249

3 57 52,201 14 08,727

4 57 52,085 14 08,512

H22 RINKEN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 40,965 14 55,516

2 58 40,965 14 54,769

3 58 41,353 14 54,768

4 58 41,352 14 55,384

H23 VISINGSÖ HAMN

The water area within straight lines between points 1–4 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 02,079 14 21,293

2 58 02,042 14 21,491

3 58 01,760 14 21,274

4 58 01,816 14 20,986

H24 MOTALA STRÖM

The water area within straight lines between points 1–5 (see [MAP](#)).

Pkt Lat. N Long. O

1 58 31,999 15 02,691

2 58 31,891 15 02,355

3 58 31,970 15 02,277

4 58 31,993 15 02,367

5 58 32,053 15 02,721

H25 LILLÅN HUSKVARNA

The water area from the outlet to Huskvarnaån and upstream to the first fish barrier.

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FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY

Make sure that distress flares and other safety equipment are on board the boat. ALWAYS wear a flotation suit or life jacket on Lake Vättern.

In the event of an accident: call 112 and request sea rescue. VHF radio: Call Sweden Rescue on channel 16.

For information about military firing exercises in Lake Vättern, call 020-764 000 or use VHF channel 14 'Sjöbevakning Karlsborg' (Karlsborg Coast Guard).

For more information about fishing and fishing regulations, see [Swedish fishing regulations](#), the information boards around the lake, visit www.vattern.org/ or contact the county administrative boards' fishing departments

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