



Australian Government  
Director of National Parks



# Park Note

## Fishing & Marine Activities

**Recreational fishing** is allowed in most of Booderee National Park waters. However, please note: a NSW Fishing Licence is required.

**Fishing equipment** is limited to one rod or one handline with a single hook or lure attached; plus a landing net.

**Bait:** No bait can be collected in the Park (with the exception of fin fish). No live bait is to be brought into the park.

**Size and Bag limits** for most species apply and are generally those that also apply within NSW waters (except squid which has a bag limit of 10 per person). A list of size and bag limits can be found on the reverse of this page. Where a species is not listed the NSW limits apply.

**Protected Species:** All aquatic invertebrates (for example beach worms, sea urchins, lobsters, crabs, scallops, cockles, mussels, turban snails, pipis and abalone) and all species on the **rock platforms** (including oysters and octopus) are protected and must not be taken in Booderee National Park.

Fish species that cannot be taken include: Grey Nurse Shark, Estuary Cod, Eastern Blue Devilfish, Elegant Wrasse and all species of Seahorses, Sea Dragons and Pipefishes.

**Spear Fishing:** The use and/or possession of spearguns or handspears anywhere in Booderee National Park is prohibited.

**Bowen Island** is a **Special Purpose Zone** set aside for the protection of seabirds. Landing on Bowen Island or coming within 30 metres of the Island is prohibited.

A **Sanctuary Zone** extends for 100 metres around Bowen Island. This is a no-take zone. Anchoring, fishing and the collecting of marine organisms in this area is prohibited.

**Anchoring:** Anchoring is prohibited within 200 metres of Bowen Island and in waters which are less than 10 metres deep at low tide.

**Mooring buoys** at Bowen Island and Murray's Beach are for commercial use only. Mooring buoys at Hole in the Wall can be used but conditions and restrictions apply.

**Jetskis** are not permitted in Booderee National Park waters.

**Waterskiing** or the towing of people behind boats is also prohibited in Booderee National Park waters.

**For more information contact:**

Visitor Centre - Phone (02) 4443 0977

Web site: [www.booderee.np.gov.au](http://www.booderee.np.gov.au)

## Booderee National Park Size & Bag Limits for Fishing

Fish	Bag Limits (Maximum number per day)	Size Limits (Max. or Min. size in cms)
Australian Bass and Estuary Perch	2	only 1 greater than 35 cms
Australian Salmon	5	-
Bream (Black/Southern/Yellowfin)	20 (in total)	25 cms (min)
Deep Sea Fish (including Hapuka, Blue-eye cod & Bar cod)	5	Note: (only 2 Gemfish allowed)
Eels (short & longfinned)	20 (in total)	30 cms (min)
Flathead – dusky/common	10	Only 1 greater than 70 cms All others a min. of 36 cms
Flathead – sand/tiger	20 (in total)	33 cms (min)
Groper (blue, red/brown)	2 (in total)	-
Hairtail	10	-
Kingfish - yellowtail	5	60 cms (min)
Luderick	20	25 cms (min)
Mackerel - Spanish or Spotted	5 (in total)	-
Mangrove Jack	5	-
Marlin (striped, black, blue)	2 of each species	-
Morwong - Banded	5	-
Morwong (Red/sea carp)	5	25 cms (min)
Morwong (jackass, rubberlip)	20	28 cms (min)
Mullet - poddy (for live bait)	20	Less than 15 cms
Mullet (Sea/bully)	20	30 cms (min)
Mulloy (or Jewfish)	5	70 cms (min) - 2 per day 45 cms (min) - all others
Pearl Perch	5	-
Rock Blackfish	10	30 cms (min)
Sailfish	2	-
Sharks and Rays	5 (in total) Max. 2 (Wobbegong)	91 cms (min) (for school shark only)
Snapper	10	30 cms (min)
Spearfish	2	-
<b>Squid</b> Southern Calamari & Arrow	10 (in total)	-
Swordfish	2	-
Surgeon fish - Sawtail	5	-
Tailor	20	30 cms (min)
Tarwhine	20	20 cms (min)
Teraglin	5	38 cms (min)
Trevally	20 (in total)	-
Tuna (southern Bluefin, Albacore, Yellowfin, Longtail, Big-eye)	2 (in total) 5 (in total)	only 2 greater than 90 cms only 5 less than 90 cms
Wahoo	5	-
Whiting	20 (in total)	Sand Whiting - 27 cms (min)